

THE CROWN ICLE

A Monthly Newsletter of Christ the King Lutheran Church

THE KING'S FINGER (ON BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF GOD)

It may seem like things have changed a great deal, but in many ways our world is just the same as it has always been. While the "furniture" and the population of our world may seem to be changing, really, things in our world haven't changed all that much.

We would be hard pressed to show that we live in a more violent or dangerous time than when the Huns ruled most of the known world. And one of the great wonders of the world, China's Great Wall, should cause us to ponder if our way of dealing with others has really changed all that much. Especially considering the walls that are currently being planned or erected in our world, from the Rio Grande to the Gaza Strip! Our world has experienced genocide before the current reality in Darfur, but we know far more about it now because of our highly developed electronic media (which I also refer to as 'furniture').

There have also always been reasons to doubt the basics of the Christian faith. The "gospel of Judas," or questions raised by "The Da Vinci Code" aren't all that groundbreaking. There are far better reasons than this "new gospel" to doubt the basics of our faith. Our world hasn't changed all that much, and neither have our questions or doubts. While it may be easy to fall back on "2000 years of tradition," or to hold to the conviction that "infallibility" can exist with ink on paper, we may not have to go that far.

Our faith is not in a book; that would be idolatry. Our faith is not in our tradition; no Christian tradition can claim perfection or even holiness. Our faith is in God. God is surely revealed in scripture, and even in our tradition, but our faith is still in God, not these other things. Scripture itself even says in Hebrews 11:1, ***"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."*** Our faith is not in the things that we can see, quantify, copy, systematize or control. Our faith is in God.

This isn't that foreign a concept; we believe in the unseen in many parts of our lives. For example, the Rev. Dr. Billy Graham has used wind as a good example of faith. No one can prove that wind really exists. "I can see the affects of the wind, but I can't see the wind." Likewise, we believe because we can see the effects of God in our lives, and the lives of others, even though we are not able to see God.

In the movie from a few years ago called *Contact*, the scientific mind of Jody Foster's character is stumped by the challenge, "prove that you loved your father!" We live with the belief that 'love' exists, even though we can't see it.

This is our faith. Our faith is in God. There will always be things that cause us to doubt, and there will always be questions that cause us struggle. Our faith is still in God. ***"For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see we wait for it with patience."*** Romans 8:24-25

Peace in all places,<><
Pastor Jeff

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Romans 8:25



SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS TO SING

The Sunday school children are going to sing in church on the 14th of May—Mother's Day. Please come and enjoy!

COUNCIL COMMENTS



At the April meeting we continued the discussion about long-term solutions to our financial situation. Specifically, we had a lively exchange of ideas on ways to save money. Although 85% of our budget are fixed costs—salaries, mortgage, utilities, benevolence, and insurance, etc.—we concluded that we may be able to realize savings in some areas. For example, our rental property is very poorly insulated thus generating high-energy bills in the winter for heat and in the summer for air conditioning. We agreed to call PGE and ask for a no cost audit with recommendations to reduce this expense. Also, we will continue to look at ways to reduce/pay off the mortgage. Other possible savings will be investigated further. Next month we will discuss recommendations for increasing our income. Stay tuned.

In other business, we started the conversation on creating a structure for hosting our monthly Fellowship Events. Del Metcalf and Marge Papke presented a format that will rotate the responsibility for these gatherings thus getting more congregational members involved and sharing the workload. The final plan will be voted on in May.

Thanks to George Klein, the Facility and Maintenance Committee, and many others. The church lawn is mowed and edged, weeds are pulled and our property was ready for Easter week. Also, as you enter the church, notice that the porch roof is done and looks great!!

As always, if you have questions on anything that was discussed or would like to have the Council address a specific issue, please contact any Council member.

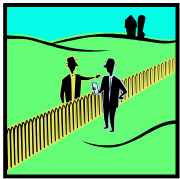
MAY



FELLOWSHIP EVENT PLANNED

The May Fellowship will be May 21 following the church service. The Sunrisers are the hosts and will provide the meal along with donations from The Hometown Buffet. We will be recognizing those members whose birthdays are in May and also the couples who are celebrating wedding anniversaries. (Those names are listed elsewhere in this Crownicle issue.) Come, celebrate with them and enjoy fellowship with our CTK family!

This will also be a raffle fund raiser to financially support the CTK volunteers who are making plans to travel to last year's hurricane area to assist with their rebuilding effort. The raffle tickets will be \$2 for special prizes donated by local businesses.



GOOD NEIGHBOR CENTER DINNERS

Christ the King now has a set date monthly to provide dinner for the residents of the Good Neighbor Center, a ministry we have provided for many years. We will provide dinner the fourth Friday of each month for approximately 25 residents.

If you would like to serve in this ministry, please sign up on the form on the kiosk in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call Mary Case at 503-246-5202. Dates dinners are needed are:

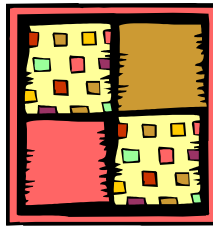
May 26, June 23, July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 22.

Thank you to all who have participated in this ministry in the past.



RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The next Reception of New Members will be Sunday, June 4, 2006. If you are in-

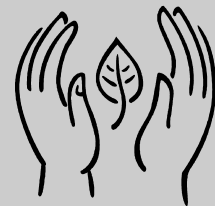


SENIOR QUILT PRESENTATION

On Mother's Day, May 14, CTK will present handmade quilts to the following students graduating from High School:

- † Jennifer Conner
- † Emilie Cunningham
- † Christina Heikens
- † Collin Krieg
- † Shannon Rieke

May each quilt be a reminder to them of the love and prayers with which it is given from their church family as they begin a new chapter in their lives.



HELPING HANDS!

Would you be willing to transport someone from CTK to a doctor's appointment, do occasional grocery shopping, help with a minor home repair, or just provide a listening ear? Every so often our church office receives these kinds of requests from our members and it would be helpful to have a list of people who are interested and willing to help.

This ministry is a way for members of our congregation to help one another. If you are interested in signing up to help, please give your name to Linda in the church office, 503-639-2789.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 26 – 29, 2006

COME ABOARD THE "GOSPEL EXPRESS"

We could use some supplies to make our ride aboard the **GOSPEL EXPRESS** a success this summer.

Below is a list of craft and snack supplies we would like to have donated. Watch for the sign-up sheet to go up on the kiosk later this month with more details and the quantities needed. And thanks for your help!



FUNDRAISER UPDATE

A big *Hershey Kiss Thank You* to church members and preschool parents who helped raise \$364 for the Kisses for Kids Fundraiser. Half of the funds will go to the Good Neighbor Center for shoes and socks for needy children and the other half will go towards new preschool equipment.

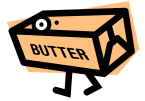
CRAFT SUPPLIES

- ✦ Assorted buttons
- ✦ Small bells
- ✦ Chenille craft stems
- ✦ Metallic rick-rack
- ✦ Ribbon
- ✦ Assorted colors of polymer clay (Sculpy)
- ✦ Parchment paper
- ✦ Painter hats
- ✦ Fabric paints
- ✦ Paint brushes
- ✦ Bandanas
- ✦ Thin cord
- ✦ Pony beads
- ✦ Block letter beads
- ✦ Plastic eyeglass holders



SNACK SUPPLIES

- ✦ Bananas
- ✦ Cinnamon sugar
- ✦ Cake sprinkles
- ✦ Colored sugars
- ✦ Coconut
- ✦ Crushed Oreos
- ✦ Chocolate chips
- ✦ Large round crackers
- ✦ Mozzarella cheese sticks
- ✦ Cheese Whiz
- ✦ Cupcakes
- ✦ Frosting
- ✦ Pretzel sticks
- ✦ Animal crackers
- ✦ Baking cocoa
- ✦ Oatmeal
- ✦ Butter
- ✦ Sugar
- ✦ Vanilla
- ✦ Powdered sugar
- ✦ Cups
- ✦ Napkins
- ✦ Plates
- ✦ Forks
- ✦ Powdered juice mix



LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Just a reminder that the last day of Sunday



FOOD

SHORTAGE

Due to the many natural disasters in the United States and other parts of the world, the Northwest faces a food shortage for the needy.

Two food pantries in the area are asking for help in feeding our hungry neighbors. **Saint Vincent DePaul Tigard Conference** operates a pantry at St. Anthony's Church on 99W in Tigard. Hours are Monday through Friday from noon until 3:00 p.m., and Thursday evening from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

The Tualatin School House Food Panty is located in the old Tualatin Elementary School on SW Boones Ferry Road and Sagert in Tualatin. It is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and Mondays from 3:00-6:30 p.m.

If you know of someone who needs food, send them to the pantry in their city. Identification with their home address is required. No appointments are necessary at either location. In addition, CTK provides a supplemental food program on the third Thursday of each month. Customers need to pay a \$10.00 annual fee and can receive food each month.

FOOD



COLLECTION DATE

CTK is setting the second Sunday of each month to be our food collection date. If you can provide any non-perishable food, take it to either location or leave it in the barrel in the Narthex at CTK. Your participation in this cause is greatly needed and appreciated.



LUTHERAN WORLD

RELIEF KITS READY

The spring shipment of quilts and kits will be sent May 5. Donations to help with the increase in shipping expenses would be appreciated.

Thank you for all the donations of fabric and sheets for the quilts and for the items included in the health, layette and school kits.



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Signs of Spring are everywhere! That means only a few weeks until we celebrate our Annual May Friendship Salad Luncheon.

The event will be held at Calvin Presbyterian Church, SW Canterbury Lane, Tigard, on Friday, May 5th, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. The program theme is "Signs of Growth: The Leaf of the Fig Tree". Bring a salad to share and come join in the time of fellowship.



- 3 Cathy Baedor
- 3 Warren Jones
- 5 Hal Schmidt
- 7 Victor Trejo IV
- 8 Kris Westersund
- 8 Matthew Conrad
- 8 Garth Lof
- 9 Jeff Cornutt
- 9 Martin Forbes
- 10 Chris Bosak
- 11 Mavis Randall
- 11 Traci Sorensen
- 12 Marvin Johnson
- 12 Everett Pearson
- 13 Cindy Heikens
- 13 Jean Stanley
- 14 Ryan Conrad
- 15 Teresa Conrad
- 15 John Lambie
- 17 Yvonne Larson
- 20 Tami Shay
- 21 Kris Andeen
- 22 Bill Winthers
- 22 Jeff Kallevig
- 23 Grace Ulin
- 24 Fred Field-Eaton
- 24 Gail Barzee
- 25 Marianne McCabe
- 25 Christine Ause
- 28 Cameron Field-Eaton
- 29 Nick Martin
- 30 Jennifer Meier



- 2 Jean & Bob Bower
- 21 Alan & Cathie Sorensen

CTK OFFICE HOURS:
 Monday—Friday
 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

BULLETIN DEADLINE:
 10:00 am Wed. each week

**JUNE NEWSLETTER
 DEADLINE:**
 Sunday, May 21

Special Note: If you have any photos relating to newsletter articles, please submit them for inclusion in the newsletter. Photos can be digital or printed and will be returned, if needed.



OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Laurel Aszman and family on the death of her mother, Mabel Singer, and to Jean Stanley and family on the death of her mother, Beatrice Leonhardt. May God give them comfort and peace knowing that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

10:00 AM Worship
8:45 Sunday School & Adult Ed.
Nursery Provided

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Christ the King Lutheran Church is to:

WELCOME

All people with God's unconditional love

CELEBRATE

Jesus Christ and each other

GROW

In faith through the Holy Spirit

SERVE

Human and community needs

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