

# THE CROWN ICLE

A Monthly Newsletter of Christ the King Lutheran Church

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

Three years ago, this month, I began my ministry here at Christ the King. That first month as I was writing my newsletter article, looking for a theme, I was drawn to 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, chapter 12. This chapter is about us all having different gifts, and all being part of "the body of Christ."

Paul says in verse 27, "**Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.**" As parts of that body, we all have a role and a place in the working of the body. It is not hard to see that the way the world most dramatically experiences God is through the working of "the body." Each of us, as "members," are contact points for the people in our world. In the same way that you shake a person's hand when you meet him or her, you are the way in which those who don't know God are introduced. You are the hands of God. And more than just being friendly, more than just being nice to the world around us, we are called to be active in our world.

In serving our neighbors, locally and globally, in working for justice, locally and globally, and in caring for others, locally and globally, we are helping bear the burdens and carry the load of others. We could look at it this way. In being present and engaging our world, for Christ's sake, we are God's hands. In serving and working in our world, for Christ's sake, we are God's feet. We are called to be both.

This summer I have been reflecting on the (almost) three years that we have been together and the great things that we have done and continue to do, for Christ's sake. The programs we run and are committed to are one way in which we engage our world (Hands); and the many ways that we reach out to care for those in our community and beyond are our service (Feet). And we are growing and learning and changing and working in all of these areas.

It may be easy to get discouraged or distracted from the things that God calls us to—it happens to all of us. But "the body" is still working and moving and engaging the world, and that body is Jesus doing all this through us. The apostle Paul puts it like this, "**It is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.**" (Philippians 2:13)

As we live out our lives together as the congregation of Christ The King Lutheran Church, we are living out our lives as the hands and feet of the King, Jesus. And, whether you feel like the ring finger, or the little toe, we are all part of "the body" and God is working in and through us. Thanks be to God.

Peace in all places,<><  
Pastor Jeff

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Phil. 2:13





## COME TO RALLY DAY!

Come join us for “Building a Parish Family,” our Rally Day celebration to begin the fall Sunday School program. This is an intergenerational event and we hope those of ALL ages will join in the fun.

 There will be crafts, games, food, and an opportunity to share the Good News with each other and those who visit our building during the week.

Please bring a donation of school supplies to be used in the Lutheran World Relief School bags. Items to bring: ruler, blunt scissors, wide ruled paper, pencil sharpener, pencils, pink eraser, construction paper and 16 count crayons.



Hope to see you there!

## COUNCIL COMMENTS



The Council said thank you and goodbye to John and Roberta Avery. John has been on the Council for 2 ½ years and Roberta has served as the Congregational Secretary for over 3 years. John recently retired and they are relocating to the coast. Valerie Briggs has agreed to fill the Secretary position. The Council will fill John’s position for the remaining 5 months of his term. The Council also thanked Kris Andeen for his long-time work with the youth. The Youth and Family Committee are searching for Kris’ replacement.

Jim Bernklau and Dick Renken have agreed to co-chair the Finance Committee.

The Small Group Ministry will begin in September. Membership lists for each group have been mailed to you and the group facilitator will contact each of you with the time for an

initial organizational meeting. We anticipate that these groups will be a positive addition to our CTK family and complement our other activities.

The Council continued their discussion of Financial Stewardship and drafted a list of priorities, shown in the table below.

Among the ideas were hosting a Mission Sunday each month with tin can/loose change collections targeted to areas of service provided by the Synod or specific areas of need in our own congregation (i.e. retiring the mortgage), or hosting fun and fellowship events such as auctions, spaghetti and salmon feeds to raise money for programs. This item will remain on the agenda, and thought, prayer and discussion will continue.

Please feel free to seek out any Council member if you have questions on anything that was discussed or would like to have the Council address a specific issue.

Item	Responsibility
Annual Giving Drive	Stewardship Committee
Education re giving out of thankfulness vs. need of church	Stewardship Committee/ Church leadership
Review building use policy and fee structure	Council Task Force
Automated Giving	Pastor Jeff
Education re Synod Benevolence Programs	Stewardship Committee/ Marge Papke and Sarah Kruger
Fundraising activities ear-marking funds for specific areas	Small groups



**FUN HAD BY  
ALL AT  
CTK PICNIC**

What a beautiful day for a picnic! Sunday after church service more than 35 people gathered at Cook Park for great food, fellowship and fun. Thanks to the Home Town Buffet we had hamburgers and potato salad. Remember to thank them when you dine out at their restaurant on 99W next to BiMart.

Our menu consisted of delicious salads, fresh fruit and vegetables, pie, and, of course, Jello. Is any Lutheran potluck complete without Jello???

Thanks to Chef Dick Renken for manning the BBQs and thee Outreach Committee for organizing the event. Mark your calendars for next year's picnic so you will be sure to be in town for this great occasion.



**MAKE A NEW  
SONG TO THE LORD!!!**

Here's an open invitation to join our great choir!

You will be blessed!!

**Choir rehearsal starts:**  
September 13, 2006  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Choir Retreat:**  
Cannon Beach  
Conference Center

**BROWN BAG  
PROGRAM  
SERVES LOW-  
INCOME  
FAMILIES**



CTK has been running the "Brown Bag" Food Program since January of this year. This program provides supplemental food for low-income families in Tualatin, Tigard and Sherwood. Families pay \$15.00 a year and can receive food once a month. The food comes from the Oregon Food Bank.

I thought you might be interested in seeing some data for the first 8 months: A total of 229 customers have come to the program. We served an average of 29 people per month. Thirteen people have renewed their "membership" and 14 new people have signed up for food.

Volunteers from CTK receive the food, check-in customers, and help them shop. They deliver leftover food to one of the Food Pantries in Tigard or Tualatin. Thus far, an average of 6 volunteers per month have volunteered 182 hours.

If you know of anyone who needs food and is on a limited income, please tell them about this community resource. If you need more information, contact Cathy Renken or Marge Papke.



**SEPTEMBER  
FELLOWSHIP  
POTLUCK**

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

Following Worship

Come celebrate September birthdays and anniversaries.

Bring a dish to share.





## CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation classes are for youth in 7th and 8th grade. We will begin our program year with a brief parent's meeting following worship on 9/10.

Confirmation classes will begin Wednesday, Sept. 13th @ 6:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jeff.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### The Grace

#### Johnson Library

Look for the plaque with Grace's photo and name which will soon be adorning the entry to the library. Grace gave us a well stocked and versatile library! We continue to add books, and we welcome your requests. See forms on the kiosk in the narthex. The following are books that members have requested and are now available for check out.

#### The Compassionate Congregation: A Handbook for People Who Care

by Karen Mulder and Ginger Jurries  
Have you ever wondered how you can respond to the needs of those with Alzheimer's? How do you respond to the needs of those in the care giver position? More than 70 percent of Alzheimer's victims live at home. This book explains how God's presence works in and through God's people. We are called to live a lifestyle that imitates the way Jesus granted love, compassion, and dignity to all people, regardless of condition.

#### Whose Bible Is It? A history of the Scriptures Through the Ages

by Jaroslav Pelikan  
This gives an introduction to the concept of scripture from a multi-faith and historical perspective. It shows the stages of the history of the Bible for

#### The Power of Intention by Wayne Dyer

This book is for those who are ready to let go of an ego-driven life filled with quick fixes of happiness to a deeper and more spiritually fulfilling life. Dyer speaks of the "seven faces of intention"—creativity, kindness, love, beauty, expansion, abundance and receptivity. Throughout the book he gives tips on how to monitor one's inner speech and how to shift out of erroneous beliefs.

#### Terrorist Stalking In America by David Lawson

Katherine Smith requested this book and encourages church members to read it. As a resource for victims of citizen gangs of group stalking and harassment, she says it's an informative book and describes what has happened to her.

#### Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust by Immaculee Ilibagiza

Ilibagiza, a Rwandan native, was 22 years old and home from college for Easter when Rwanda descended into a bloody genocide. She survived by hiding in a tiny bathroom with seven other women for 91 days. This story of a young woman's journey through the evil of genocide can inspire anyone's life who has been touched by fear, suffering, and loss.

Don't Know Much About the Bible: Everything You Need to Know About the Good Book but Never Learned by Kenneth Davis

Davis paints the larger historical context in which the Bible was written. He provides background information to make familiar stories come to life.

Our Endangered Values by Jimmy Carter

Jimmy Carter writes about the moral issues facing our world today. The war, environmental negligence, civil liberties, the rich-poor divide, and the separation of church and state are some of the key problems in the 21<sup>st</sup> century that are addressed in this book.

## An Atheist's Story



An atheist was taking a walk through the woods, admiring all that the accident of evolution had created. "What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!" he said to himself.

As he walked alongside the river he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look, just in time to see a 7-foot grizzly charge towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder & saw the bear closing in on him. He tried to run even faster, so scared

that tears were coming to his eyes. He looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer.

His heart was pumping frantically as he tried to run even faster, but he tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up and saw the bear right on top of him raising his paw to kill him. At that instant, he cried out, "Oh my God!"

Just then, time stopped... The bear froze; the forest was silent; even the river stopped moving. A bright light shone upon the man, and a voice came out of the sky, saying, "**You deny My existence all of these years; teach others I don't exist; even credit My creation to a cosmic accident, and now do you expect Me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?**"

The atheist, ever so proud, looked into the light and said, "It would be rather hypocritical to ask to be a Christian after all these years. But could you make the bear a Christian?"

"Very well," said the voice.

As the light went out, the river ran, the sounds of the forest continued, and the bear put his paw down. The man breathed a sigh of relief. Then the bear brought both paws together, bowed his head and said: "Lord, I thank you for this food, which I am about to receive."



## COOKIE SALES HELP WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

Thank you to all who supported the World Hunger Appeal by purchasing cookies last month. We will have cookies available again following the worship service on Rally Day Sunday, Sept. 10th. All the proceeds from this event will go to World Hunger, so bring your wallet and your sweet tooth and help feed the hungry!



- 1 Conrad Pearson
- 1 Susan Hellstedt
- 1 Patti Risdal
- 2 Gene Boschee
- 2 Joel Stollberg
- 4 Jeff Conner
- 6 Sydney Clifton
- 6 Dianna Bernklau
- 8 Dorothy Tague
- 9 Steve Conrad
- 10 Peggy Noles
- 11 Sonja Terry
- 13 Chris Frazee
- 14 Ingrid Meyer
- 15 John Van Dyke
- 16 Morgan Pearson
- 16 Sherie Knutsen
- 17 Molly Trejo
- 18 Joan Schouweiler
- 20 Hilde Konarzewski
- 21 Velma Liebenstein
- 23 Ed Maggio
- 23 Kasey Kallevig
- 24 Bill McCabe
- 25 Jim Shallman
- 25 Leanne Klein
- 27 Ted Pelletier
- 28 Louise Owen
- 29 Allison Ause
- 30 Mary Brown



- 1 Sherman & Mary Case
- 4 Wayne & Vonnie Larson
- 5 Bill & Gaynelle Dressel
- 6 Don & Sherie Knutsen
- 7 Gene & Pam Boschee
- 13 Ross & Debbie Rieke
- 15 Donald & Dorothy Tague
- 20 John & Roberta Avery
- 25 Bob & Nancy Leon

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

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:**  
 10:00 am Wed. each week

**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**  
 Sunday, September 24

**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.



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### IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes to the family of **Alice Bishoff** who passed away July 28<sup>th</sup>. A funeral was held at CTK for Alice on August. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We also extend our sympathy to **Judy Maggio and family** on the death of her mother, Mirian Forkel, on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

John Gottwald, the son-in-law of **Mavis Randall**, passed away August 20<sup>th</sup> from cancer. Mavis wants to thank you for your prayers and acts of kindness given to her and her family during John's illness. It meant a lot to know that people cared.



### CONGRATULATIONS!

**Beth Heikens** was married to Andrew Johnson on August 12, 2006 in Eugene, Oregon. Beth is the oldest daughter of Roger and Cindy Heikens. May God bless this marriage.





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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

**September 2006**



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