

THE CROWN ICLE

A Monthly Newsletter of Christ the King Lutheran Church

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

Last week, as I was driving on the freeway, I saw any unusual thing. Before I tell you what it was, you should know that I am not one of those guys who can see a car and tell you what year it is, unless it is a car that I have owned. And I am not a person who has an unusual amount of mechanical knowledge, although I can change my own oil and spark plugs if I have to. In short, I am not a "car guy."

I saw a 1974 Ford Pinto (give or take a year). And while it might be an unusual sight just because Ford Pintos are 25 years old or older, this one was remarkable. The body was glossy white with cool stickers, pin-striping, and there was a big blower sticking out of the hood. The rear end was jacked up with oversized tires and big yellow traction bars underneath, like some sort of dragster. The owner, who I can only assume was the middle-aged guy driving, had obviously put a great deal of work into this car. I have vague recollections of Ford's Pinto getting a lot of attention in the early to mid-80's because it was discovered that they were likely to explode, just like in the movies, in the event of a rear end collision. And, while the Pinto was economical, it was also slow and funny-looking for the day. The Pinto became a bit of a byword people used as a joke, except to those owners or collectors who were willing to invest in making their nice. But really, in the end, even with a nice paint job, cool tires and a supped-up engine, ... it's still just a Ford Pinto. Not worth very much, and funny looking. Like the Studebaker or the Gremlin, there are cars that are destined to be famous because of their quirkiness. In the end, a Ford Pinto is still a Ford Pinto.

I thought to myself as I saw this car on the freeway, "man, that's outdated" and "seems like a waste of time to put so much work into a Pinto." I realized that I had heard the exact same things said about the Church. And it made me wonder, is the Church of today the same as a souped-up Ford Pinto?

The Word of God doesn't change, although we try hard to re-interpret it on a regular basis, hoping that it will. God doesn't change: "**[He] is the same yesterday and today and forever**" (Hebrews 13:8b). And it is clear through history and our tradition that we haven't changed much in the way we live out our lives and faith. The same sinful things the people of Israel were doing in the Old Testament we are still doing today. What changes, or at least what needs changing regularly, is how we talk about our faith and how we express it to the world, even though we struggle to live it out every day. We even have good examples to follow, like Paul using the language of the Olympics in 1st Corinthians chapter 9, because that is what the Corinthians would understand. And he uses military language in Romans chapter 7, because if there was one thing the Romans knew, it was the military. And when he is writing to Jewish people in Hebrews chapter 5, he uses priestly language that they would understand more readily. Paul used the words of the day and the language of the people to express the things about God, tailoring his message to his audience, but not changing the message. We need to do the same thing, and keep doing it, not just for a new generation, but for every new person we encounter. Like Jesus said "... **behold, I make all things new...**" (Rev 21:5b, KJV). That can start with us. While there may not be any hope for the Ford Pinto, God is working in and through us to "make all things new." Thanks be to God.

Peace in all places,<><
Pastor Jeff

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Rev. 21:5b, KJV



OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK

On Sunday, October 8, bring your family and join us in Haven Hall for a potluck to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries during the month of October. There will also be a preschool fundraiser. More information to come.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS/HELPERS

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On Sunday, Sept. 17, the following Sunday School teachers and helpers were installed: Cathy McLean, Sarah Kruger, Karin Kallevig, Cindi Peterson, Sonja Terry, Jan Cornutt, Patti Risdal, Di Bernklau and Pastor Jeff. Please let them know how much you appreciate their willingness to minister in this way to our children.



2006 OCTOBER BIBLE DRIVE

If you have any useable old Bibles lying around, why don't you donate them to the Bible Foundation during their October Bible Drive? The bibles go to many places, including hospitals, nursing homes, rescue missions, homeless shelters, street ministries, remote villages around the world, prisons and refugee camps.

You can drop your Bibles off at any Christian Supply Store or the Christian Marketplace in Tigard any time in October. For more information, visit www.bf.org/bibledrive.

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PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER SLATED

Our Third Annual Giving Plus - Preschool Fundraiser will be held on Oct. 8 during our monthly fellowship event in Haven Hall. We have 16 students this year (we're full!) and with the help from our fundraiser we will be able to give scholarships to families who are in need in our community as well as improve our preschool facility.

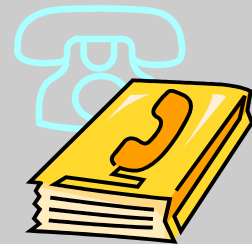
During the fellowship event you can do a cooking project just like our students do every Friday. You can make "Worms and Dirt" (yum!) or "Bears on a Banana Boat" (in honor of the letter B). You are also invited to tour the preschool and see what's new. A Thrivent representative will be on hand to answer questions. Thrivent will match \$1 for every \$2 donation to the preschool up to a \$ 600 donation if you are a Thrivent member. You can become a Thrivent Associate Member for \$10 and they will also match donations for two years. Checks need to be made to CTK Preschool and the Giving Plus Member Gift Form needs to be filled out (they'll be available at the event). Any questions? Ask Cathy McLean,

CHILDREN LEARN GIVING IS GOOD WAY OF LIFE

Christ the King Lutheran Preschool in Tigard brought toys and food to their class last winter. Cathy McLean from the school brought it to GNC. The children brought items in honor of the letter "G" and the words "to give". This class and many other children from classes across the school district participated in food drives or money collecting for the Good Neighbor Center. Some of the children were given tours of the shelter and there was even a

case of one of the students identifying one of the residents at the shelter. Word came back that the resident of the shelter was taken under the "wings" of the visiting student.

Metzger Grade School in Tigard is a very active participant with the Good Neighbor Center as many of the children staying at the shelter end up being registered and attending school there. They have held fundraising events and food drives. Several youth groups participated doing meals at the shelter with their leaders and parents. There is a learning lesson for both the donors and the recipients.



CHURCH DIRECTORY

You can pick up an updated church directory from the table in the narthex. Check to see that all your information is correct and call the church office if you need to update any information on your address or email address.



CTK Preschool Children



FRIENDS OF LUTHERWOOD EVENT PLANNED

Join Us! You're invited to attend the Friends of Lutherwood Workday at:

**Camp Lutherwood
22960 Highway 36
Cheshire, OR 97419**

This event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans on Saturday, October 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information, including ride sharing and carpooling, call the Camp Director at 541-998-6444.



A MUSICAL EXPERIENCE

Experience music and the creative process with acclaimed musician John Ylvisaker! His obvious delight in teaching and directing music is one of the driving forces behind the great success of his songs such as "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry." Ylvisaker is a great inspiration to audiences of all ages.

Experience this inspiration at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 14500 SE Powell Blvd, Portland, on Saturday, Oct. 21. The workshop will be held from 1:00-4:00 and the cost is \$10; a Saturday evening hymn jam will be held at 7:00 p.m. for a free-will offering. Sunday worship is Oct. 22 at 10:00 a.m. Registration is not required but would be helpful. Call 503-761-8202.

WHO NOSE?



The Bethel Players present "Who Nose?" a backstage romance. Performance dates are October 27, 28, and 29; and November 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12. Friday and Saturday dates are dinner performances and Sunday dates are dessert performances. Call 503-285-4919 for prices and reservations.

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COLLEGE STUDENTS

Here's a list of our college students and where they are studying this year.

Lee Durbetaki
University of Portland

Erin Rieke
Oregon State University

James Case
University of Montana

Jeff Conner
Colorado State University

Megan Conrad
Oregon State University

Emilie Cunningham
Concorde Career Institute

Lee Durbetaki
University of Portland

Christina Heikens
University of Montana

Collin Krieg
Portland State University

Erin Rieke
Oregon State University

Melissa Sorensen
Chapman University

Megan Sorensen
University of Oregon

If you have a student or are a student in college, and you are not listed above, we would like to know where you are attending. Also, if you are a college student living away from home, please let the church office (ctkoffice@verizon.net) know your school address so that we can send you the

Linda—this page for Living Faithfully.



- 2 Jan Aamodt
- 3 Roger Heikens
- 4 Garrett Clifton
- 4 Karin Kallevig
- 5 Marit Case
- 7 Donald Tague
- 7 Katherine Smith
- 9 Doug Birkeland
- 12 Bryn Aszman
- 13 Eddie Brown
- 14 Howard Cornutt
- 15 Dennis Marttala
- 19 Carol Shallman
- 19 George Klein
- 22 Tim Lagasse
- 23 Dick Roland
- 25 Mark Gohlke
- 25 Doris Marker
- 28 Ruth Cooley



- 5 Joel & Lauri Stollberg
- 7 Melvin & Theresa Johnson
- 12 Jon & Anne McDowell
- 19 Tom & JoAnn Murphy
- 20 Cathy & Ron Murphy
- 22 Roger & Joy Cunningham
- 29 Lisa & Rob Bauer
- 30 Ned & Carolyn Snow
- 31 Dan & Jan Aamodt

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE:
10:00 am Wed. each week

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:
Sunday, October 22

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.



BAPTISM

Ana Elizabeth Holmen was baptized on August 13, 2006. She is the daughter of Christ & Katie Holmen and the granddaughter of Jean Stanley. Godparents were Gavin & Stephanie Stanley.



IN SYMPATHY

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of **Avis Brustuen**, who passed away on September 19, 2006. May God bring them comfort and strength at this difficult time.



That's All I Want

In his beautiful book, "I Shall Not Want," Robert Ketchum tells of a Sunday School teacher who asked her group of children if anyone could quote the entire 23rd Psalm. A golden-haired, four-and-a-half year old girl was among those who raised their hands. A bit skeptical, the teacher asked if she could really quote the entire Psalm. The little girl came to the front of the room, faced the class, made a perky little bow, and said, "The Lord is my shepherd, that's all I want." She bowed again and went and sat down.

That may well be the greatest interpretation of the 23rd Psalm ever heard!



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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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