

THE CROWN ICLE

A Monthly Newsletter of Christ the King Lutheran Church

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

“ ‘Tis the season.”

“ ‘Tis the season for holiday cheer.”

“ ‘Tis the season for peace and good will.”

‘Tis the season for lots of things. I think this is the universal question of our culture this time of year. ‘Tis the season for WHAT?

We all have some answers. ‘Tis the season for turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie. ‘Tis the season for incredible feasts with family from far and near. ‘Tis the season for warm drinks by the fire. ‘Tis the season.

Along with these are other things that seem to be part of the season as well. ‘Tis the season for tussling at the mall. ‘Tis the season for credit card debt. ‘Tis the season to endlessly circle hoping to find a parking spot at Costco. ‘Tis the season for questing after some nameless, faceless, undefined something that will make us happy, complete or otherwise fulfilled. This season includes a lot of busyness, and sometimes struggle, even for those who try to keep it simple. The holiday season has become a bit of a gauntlet we all have to negotiate each winter.

But wait, before you cry humbug, hear me out. In all of the things that lead us through the holidays and up to Christmas, there is a root. Even with all the silly things that get piled into our experience of the holidays; the materialism, the consumerism, and many other “-ism”s, there is a root. At the root of these holidays is a spirit of giving, of love, of celebration, and of community. These things may get lost for a while in the barrage of beer commercials, reindeer, and fat-red-suits, but they are there at the root.

Behind all of the struggles that are a part of the season leading up to Christmas is the desire to give, not just gifts but ourselves. In all of our gathering, there is the desire to experience community and connectedness. In all of our celebrations we give thanks, not just for the things that we have, but for God's blessing. God is faithful to God's promises. God says **“I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing.”** (Ezekiel 34:26)

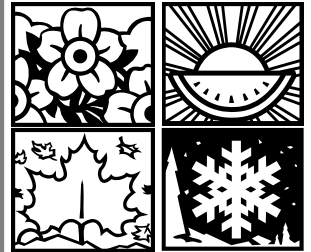
Our celebrations are a thanksgiving that lead us to the celebration of the birth of God's son on Christmas. For this, it is the season. **“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.”** (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

‘Tis the Season. Thanks be to God.

Peace in all places,<><
Pastor Jeff

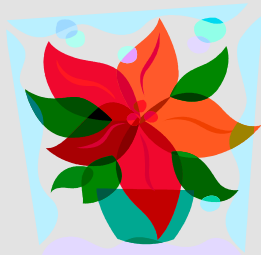
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POINSETTIAS IN THE SANCTUARY

The sanctuary is decorated with beautiful poinsettias again this year. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia as a donation (\$8 each), envelopes are available on the poster in the narthex. Fill it out and place it in the offering plate or leave in the church office.



CTK PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER AND EVENTS

Thank you to all who participated in our Preschool Fundraiser event. The total raised through the Giving Plus donations and other donations from the congregation was \$2,160. Matching funds from Thrivent will be received within 1-2 months. The Preschool Board is thankful to all church members for their support in our mission to serve preschool children and their families in this community.

The Preschool children had a fun field trip in October to Baggenstos to pick the perfect pumpkin to decorate at school. Remarkably, it didn't rain! In November, the children put on a play, "The First Thanksgiving" for their parents and family followed by a Thanksgiving "feast" prepared by the class. We look forward to the celebration of the birth of baby Jesus and the traditions of Advent this December.

COME TO ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS & SERVICES



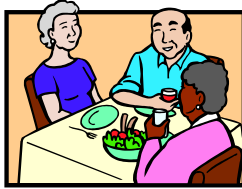
During Advent, each Wednesday evening service is preceded by a 6:00 pm Advent Soup Supper. This is a time for fellowship and sharing. You are invited to share your favorite soup recipe by volunteering to bring your specialty to an upcoming Advent Soup Supper. The three Wednesdays in Advent include **12/6/06**, **12/13/06** and **12/20/06**.

Each Soup Supper will be hosted by one of CTK's committees, with Altar Guild hosting the first Advent Soup Supper on December 6th. Other committees will be identified shortly. If you don't have time to cook prior to coming to Supper; there are other opportunities to volunteer such as bringing bread or after dinner treats. We are looking for approximately 4 volunteers to bring soup and 3-4 to bring bread and sweets for each Advent Wednesday.

If you would like to share your cooking talents, please contact one of the Committee members for that Wednesday night, or check the Kiosk for the signup sheet for the Wednesday that fits your schedule.

Thank you, and we're looking forward to seeing you Wednesday evenings for 6:00 p.m. Advent Soup Suppers followed by 7:00 p.m. service.

COME TO



DECEMBER FELLOWSHIP

Come and participate in the December fellowship immediately following the worship service on December 10. The meal will be provided by the volunteer team who went to New Orleans in October to help with the Katrina recovery efforts.

This will be a benefit to support the Food Distribution Center where we worked one of the days. A video of our experiences will also be shown.



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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

On Sunday, December 10th, you are invited to bring your family and friends to a special worship service at 10:00 a.m. presented by our Choir and Sunday School Children. This will be a wonderful Christmas Concert reminding us of the birth of Christ and this special time of year when we can celebrate together the coming of the Christ child.

HOLIDAY BASKETS HELP FAMILIES



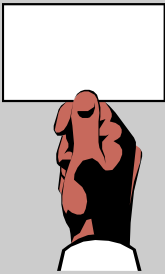
Families in our community need our help! CTK's Outreach Ministry will support 40 families this holiday season. We will provide food and children's gifts for them. Food lists are in the narthex, gift tags are on the Sharing Tree and donation envelopes for purchasing items are in the pews.

This is such a wonderful demonstration of Christian love to our community. If you haven't helped in the past, why don't you consider helping this year. It will truly bless your life!



THE MUSTARD SEEDS SMALL GROUP

"The Mustard Seeds" Small Group - little but mighty, will meet on Sunday Dec. 17th after worship at the home of Bill and Lorraine Winthers (14800 SW Hawkridge Rd. Tigard). Please bring a little something to share for a light lunch.



PLEDGE CARDS AND TIME & TALENT SHEETS DUE

If you have not turned in your Pledge Card and Time & Talent Sheets, please do so. We thank everyone for your support in the ministry of Christ the King. God bless!



DATABASE FORM

If you have not already submitted the form below, please fill it out and return it to the church office. We would like to keep our computer records up to date. Thanks for your help!

DATABASE FORM

Name _____

My cell phone number is: _____

Yes No This information may be included in a printed church directory.

My E-mail address is: _____

Yes No This information may be included in a printed church directory.

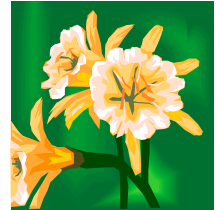
My work phone number is: _____

Yes No I may be contacted at work

Yes No This information may be included in a printed church directory.

Please return to the church office.

ALTAR FLOWERS



Due to the rising costs of delivered altar flowers, we are adopting a new plan to decorate the church on Sunday mornings.

We will still have the flower chart to sign, but are asking members to purchase the flowers and deliver them to the church. Or, if you prefer, you may bring blooms from home. Either way, the flowers must be arranged in the vases from the church, so they will fit in the stands.

Thank you for your participation in beautifying the sanctuary for worship. The flower chart for 2007 will be available soon. Check the kiosk.



URGENT CARE CLINIC OPENS IN TIGARD

A new "FREE"

Urgent Care Clinic for the uninsured opened on Wednesday, September 20th at the Washington County Health Department Clinic in Tigard on Royalty Parkway, next to the King City Safeway. The clinic is the first of its kind at this end of Washington County. The hours of operation will be every Wednesday from 4:30-9:00 p.m. Thirteen patients were seen the first night and an increasing number have been helped on subsequent Wednesdays.

The clinic is only possible due to volunteers and community support. Your help is needed!

Volunteer Opportunities

1. Provide a meal for our volunteers. Every week we will need to provide dinner to all the volunteer staff. We will serve 15 each week and need to offer a main dish, salad, veggie or fruit platter and dessert. If you have a small group that would be interested in signing up for one or more dinners this fall season, please contact the Tualatin United Methodist Church at #503-692-9621.

2. Volunteer your time at the clinic. We need medical personnel, office support, interpreters, people willing to read to children, etc.
3. Make a tax-deductible donation to the clinic—this helps provide medicine, medical supplies and more!
4. Talk to your church, service club, or other organization about ways it can help support the clinic.

Tell everyone you know about the Essential Health Clinic—especially your own health care provider!

For more information call: Cathy Renken @503-590-8008 or Jenna Harms @ 503-846-3635 or Jenna_Harms@co.washingtononr.us.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GOOD NEIGHBOR CENTER MEALS



There is still a need for volunteers to sign up to provide a meal for the residents of the Good Neighbor Center. Maybe there is a small group that would like to serve one meal as a ministry to the community. There is a sign up sheet on the kiosk.



DECK THE HALLS

Help is needed to prepare the sanctuary and the narthex for the season of Christmas. Please come help decorate on Saturday, December 2nd, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be served.



- 2 Bob Leon
- 2 Dan Aamodt
- 3 Rosmary Close
- 8 Jean Bower
- 9 Wyatt Landon
- 10 Betty Nesvold
- 10 Victor Trejo, Sr.
- 11 Susan Gohlke
- 12 Rose Ann Lof
- 13 Ken Morrow
- 15 Daniel Barzee
- 16 Sierra Modro
- 17 Lisa Bauer
- 20 Carol Jensen
- 21 Katrina Conrad
- 22 Jon McDowell
- 22 Connor McDowell
- 22 Cathy McLean
- 25 Dustin Huntley
- 27 Hannah Martin
- 28 Bill Dressel
- 29 Wilma Stephan
- 29 Kira Aszman
- 31 Molly Shallman
- 31 Max Meier
- 31 Seth Meier



- 7 Gail & Marvin Barzee
- 7 David & Megan Ause
- 14 Dick & Cathy Renken
- 17 Duane & Dora Birkeland
- 21 Jim & Carlota Holley
- 25 Del & Sylvia Metcalf
- 27 Dave & Peggy Noles
- 27 Tom & Cathy McLean
- 29 John & Nancy Lof

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE:
10:00 am Wed. each week

JANUARY NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:
Sunday, December 17

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.



IN SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to **Adele Pelletier and family** on the death of her father, Rex Fairburn, on October 25, 2006. May God give them comfort and peace at this time.

ADDRESS CHANGES



Stephen & Marion Dahl
 10880 SW Davies Rd Apt 207
 Beaverton, OR 97008

THANK YOU



Thank you for your support of the ministry

of Camp Lutherwood. Your donation is a blessing to this place and to all the people we serve. We are blessed and grateful for your faithfulness.

May the peace and joy of our Lord be with you always,

Bjorn & Elise Peterson,
 Directors

Denell & Carol Zanders, former members of CTK, want to thank



those from Christ the King who attended their birthday celebration in November. They were both surprised and overwhelmed at the wonderful expression of love they were given by family and friends. They felt truly blessed!

Prayer Chain Ministry 1-page announcement

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Calendar



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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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