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THE KING'S FINGER



(ON BEING THE HANDS
AND FEET OF GOD)



As I am writing this Vacation Bible School is in full swing and there are piles of kids at church this week. Playing, learning about God, singing and having fun. In more than a few ways this is how church should be all the time! When I get to be with kids it does make me wonder how I got so old. And I don't mean age. How do I (maybe you should ask yourself the same question) get to the point where children playing is a distraction, or children laughing is an annoyance? It seems to be pure ego that leads us to mold worship around only the solemn ritual and the "mature" tradition. There is the place for quiet and reflection, but there also has to be the place for youthful expression and, dare I say, fun. If our worship becomes only a sedate and cerebral experience we deny the largest nature of our relationship with God. And we stifle the very nature we are created with. King David wrote song after song for worship, and Israel has used them ever since. Many of those speak powerfully of praise and worship involving all of creation, not to mention our bodies. There are even places, like 2 Samuel 6, that talk about David worshiping God.

"Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord WITH ALL HIS MIGHT, while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets." 2 Samuel 6:14-15 (emphasis mine)

"With all his might"?!? That is awesome! Why do we seem to use all our might to hold still? And try to teach our kids to do the same.

It doesn't take long before they see the lack of connection between the words we use and way we behave. When we were children we knew the poignant difference between sorrow and joy. It was as simple as laughter and tears, and we did both with abandon. As adults we still use words like that. Many of our songs and prayers say things like Jeremiah 31.

"Then young women will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow."
Jeremiah 31:13

We speak of such things, we sing and we pray, but when it comes to moving we use excuses. We're too mature, too Lutheran, too Scandinavian, too white, too old, too Protestant, too whatever. Giving it all we got, cutting loose and "smiling" for joy, just doesn't have the same power, or express the power of God's love in our lives!

I recently watched (again) the movie "YES MAN" starring Jim Carrey. At the climax of the movie the character 'Allison', played by Zooey Deschanel, summarizes the theme of the movie. She says, "The world's a playground. You know that when you are a kid, but somewhere along the way everyone forgets it." I think this is true. Spending even one morning with the kids of VBS offers that refraction. When they jump and wiggle and shake as apart of a song in worship, when they run and play and have fun together on the playground, and when they stick their tongue half out of their mouth in concentration as they make an art project, they want to show some of God's creativity, it can't help but be inspiring.

May be it is too late to volunteer for VBS this year and be inspired, but you can sure pay attention to the kids in our lives, and try to see things through their eyes. The way we used to. Let's play some. Amen.

Peaceinallplaces, <>< Pastor Jeff

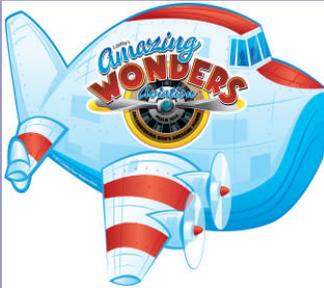
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CTK ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

The CTK Endowment Fund Committee is pleased to announce the awarding of a \$550 scholarship to each of these seven students for the 2012-2013 school year: **Bryn Aszman** - University of Portland; **Brittney Brink** - Portland Community College; **Sarah Doss** - Oregon State University; **Sam Fusick** - Oregon State University; **Ivan Kallevig** - University of Oregon; **Lauren Livengood** - Pacific Lutheran University; and **Dan Stell** - Pacific Lutheran University.

Congratulations to all these students on your academic achievements to date! We are very proud of you all and our best wishes and prayers go with you as you pursue your educational goals.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



The landing gear of AWA (Amazing Wonders Aviation™), has touched down and we have returned safely to club VBS in Haven Hall. We traveled the world learning of God's Amazing Wonders and the loving powers he shares with us.

We visited Victoria Falls, the Great Barrier Reef, and saw the Northern Lights. These were just a few of the awesome Amazing Wonders we studied.

We enjoyed a week filled with friendship, fellowship and learning about God's love and awesome power. We are excited to share God's message with everyone!

Our flight carried 50 passengers, six flight attendants and a crew of 12 helpers. Thank you to our wonderful flight crew: Lorna (director), Sharon, Brian, Laurie, Cathy, Jean, Lou, Tammy, Brittney, Sonja, Britta, Justin, Adam, Pastor Dennis, Pastor Jeff, Kasey, Rachel, Glenn, Jeanne, Steve and Linda. Our galley was staffed by two very experienced crew members: Hilde and Marlene.

We are so blessed to have had such a wonderful week of song, fellowship friendship and fun! Bless you all!! Thanks for flying the friendly skies!

The VBS Staff



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,
AMERICA!**

Did you know?...13% of Oregon's children have at least 1 unemployed parent, ranking the state third WORST nationally.
(Oregon Food Bank)

Did you know?.....During April volunteers contributed 955 hours to the Food Pantries in our neighborhood. (Oregon Food Bank)
Call the Oregon Food Bank at 503-439-6510 to volunteer.

CTK OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday–Friday
8:30 am to 12:30 pm**

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

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE:

Sunday, July 15

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.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome into the congregation the following new members:

Bill & Danielle Johnstone
16727 SW Monterey Lane
King City, Or 97224

503-598-0434

ADDRESS CHANGE

Leo Roger Cunningham
1301 Fulton St Apt 248
Newberg, Or 97132-1870

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

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| 1 | Spence Krager | 30 | Emilie Cunningham |
| 3 | Corey Fusick | 31 | Don Knutsen |
| 4 | Tonya Bjorn | 31 | Adam Klein |
| 5 | Nancy Skirvin | 31 | Sherman Case |
| 8 | Joni Fusick | | |
| 8 | Daniel Anderson | | |
| 10 | Marilyn Krager | | |
| 11 | June Hermanns | | |
| 17 | Chad Maggio | | |
| 20 | Sharon Larsen | | |
| 21 | Chris Stell | | |
| 22 | Herb Brandt | | |
| 24 | Ken Nilsson | | |
| 24 | Ian Lambie | | |
| 25 | Cathy Renken | | |
| 26 | Brian Larson | | |
| 27 | Al Meyer | | |
| 27 | Jan Cornutt | | |
| 28 | Melody Heoner | | |
| 28 | Daria Vinchesi | | |

ANNIVERSARYS:

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| 2 | Laurel & Kip Aszman |
| 3 | Tim & Sarah Lagasse |
| 8 | Roger & Cindy Heikens |
| 11 | Mark & Tracie Henninger |
| 15 | George & Leanne Klein |
| 16 | Thad & Laurel Clifton |
| 26 | Matthew & Emily Conrad |
| 29 | Brian & Marnie Larson |



Please call the church office and let us know if your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is listed incorrectly. We don't want to miss anyone!
Thanks.

Did you know?...During April Food Pantries in our neighborhood provided food to 2,334 people in 179 households. (Oregon Food Bank)



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8:45 AM Sunday School (Sept–May)
 10:00 AM Worship
 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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