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THE KING'S FINGER

In the months leading up to our nations elections it is helpful for us to reflect on our speech; what we say, how we say it, and why. And in so doing, may we find our voices and the courage to use them, as well as look critically at the speech of others.



**(ON BEING THE HANDS
AND FEET OF GOD)**



#1 (of 3) - Speak with Purpose

Speaking in public is the number one fear in America. More than death, terrorism, spiders or the dark, people are afraid of speaking in public. So in our culture, whether we intend it or not, those who are able to speak clearly in public are automatically given a voice, and our attention. Respect seems to be automatically given, for overcoming this fear. Before we even know what they are about, we are listening. We don't get to wondering why they are speaking until we are already listening. It is unfortunate, sometimes we have to listen for quite a while to understand why a person is speaking. And sometimes we may not know, even after listening, unless we ask questions.

Is a person speaking to get a response from you? If so, what?

Is a person speaking in order to convince you of something? If so, what?

Is a person speaking to shine light or cast darkness? On themselves or others?

These are questions we should use in evaluating every preacher, politician and public figure. If some one is speaking, what is their purpose?

And what about you? Are you speaking? I bet you are. Maybe not at a microphone, but you are. Around the coffee pot, the water cooler, on your lunch break, on the phone, or on Facebook, I know you are speaking. What is your purpose? Are you adding more heat than light to the dialog in your world? Are you building up or tearing down your neighbor? Is it gossip or encouragement you are spreading? Are you glorifying yourself or others? Does what you say glorify God? So far I have asked fifteen questions, at least one of them probably made you uncomfortable. That's okay. Especially in the season we find ourselves, we need to be reminded that God has some things that we are to be about in our lives. Paul, in his letter to the early church in Ephesus reminded them that God has put a calling on our lives, and our mouths...

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Ephesians 4:29

So listen, we are to be about God's "wholesomeness" which has obvious benefits for us, but when we are about God's wholesomeness it is an immediate benefit for those we are talking to because it builds them up. But even further, it will "benefit those who listen"! Even those who overhear it will benefit! We got a lot of responsibility, and if we don't speak of God's holiness, if we don't speak about the light that has come into the world, if we spread gossip and darkness instead we have the same powerful affect, only negative. So what are we gonna do?

And finally, in case you are asking the questions of me, here is my answer.

What is my purpose in speaking to you?

It is my intention to convince you to listen and consider critically all the speaking of this election season and evaluate the speaking, the speakers, and their purpose. Then further, it is my intention to needle, manipulate and goad you (or if you prefer; teach, encourage, & extol you) into using your own voice to speak boldly from your place of faith for the purpose of sharing God's light in a world that so desperately needs it.

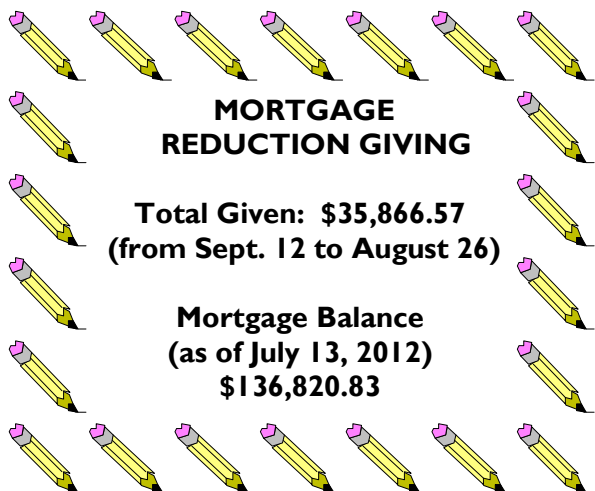
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SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL THROUGH 6TH GRADE

Please join us for the new Sunday School year starting Sept. 9th! We are excited about the changes we are making to the program. Sunday School will take place during the church service in two age groupings. One group will be preschool - 2nd grade and the other will be 3rd - 6th grade. The lessons will follow the church readings/lectionary as closely as possible. The older group will leave the sanctuary just as children's time is starting and the younger group will leave after children's time. All children will return just before communion.

We would love more volunteers to teach or assist with the classes once a month. If you are interested in helping, contact Leanne Klein or Karin Kallevig.



MORTGAGE REDUCTION GIVING

Total Given: \$35,866.57
(from Sept. 12 to August 26)

Mortgage Balance
(as of July 13, 2012)
\$136,820.83

GOOD SAMARITAN DAY

Good Samaritan Day is coming up the first weekend in October and they are hoping that members of CTK will be able to join this great event. They're doing something a little different this time. Since so many family members are involved with sports on Saturdays many have asked if they could volunteer on Sunday instead. So, they're going to open up the time to serve either Saturday OR Sunday. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact:

Mark Federspiel, Coordinator, Good Samaritan Day
Sherwood Faith in Action, (503) 925-0585.
www.FaithInActionSherwood.org

Mortgage Reduction Garage Sale

We want to thank Jan Aamodt and all the other volunteers that planned, donated, organized and helped with the Rummage Sale held the first week of August to benefit the Mortgage Reduction. We also thank Gail Barzee and her kitchen crew for their work in the kitchen providing lunch and baked goods for sale.

Thanks to the efforts of **everyone** \$2,075 was raised to help reduce the church mortgage!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast Fellowship has been discontinued until further notice. We will be looking at new options for the men to get together and share experiences. We will start a new activity in the fall. Some of the changes we are considering are: later time to start, no breakfast meal, meet at the church and include a study of some type. If you have any ideas please let me know and we will try to include as many as we can.

Dick Hanson

PROPERTY REPAIR

Your Council has decided to repair the blocked sewer line in the lower parking lot and to then patch the hole from that repair and seal coat the parking lot in the next month. The sewer drain was a must-fix due to root damage and an almost total blockage.

With Tri-Met's financial support the parking lot is being done at the same time as the line tear up. Tri-Met uses our parking lot system for the Park & Ride and has for many, many years. The council continues to work hard on being good stewards with the resources available.

George Klein, Property & Grounds

CTK OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Friday
8:30 am to 12:30 pm

BULLETIN DEADLINE:
10:00 am Wed. each week

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE:

Sunday, Sept. 16

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.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

1	Patti Risdal	23	Kasey Kallevig
2	Gene Boschee	23	Bob Brink
2	Joel Stollberg	25	Leanne Klein
5	Nicholas McNaught	26	Sam Fusick
6	Sydney Clifton	27	Brian Liebenstein
6	Di Bernklau	28	Lauren Livengood
9	Seth Anderson	30	Mary Brown
8	Dorothy Tague		
8	Elise Martz		
10	Peggy Noles		
11	Danielle Johnstone		
13	Chris Frazee		
14	Ingrid Meyer		
16	Constance Manrow		
16	Sherie Knutsen		
17	Molly Trejo		
17	Barb Coufal		
20	Hilde Konarzewski		
20	Ernie Coufal		
21	Vel Liebenstein		
23	Ed Maggio		

ANNIVERSARIES:

1	Sherman & Mary Case
4	Wayne & Vonnie Larson
5	Bill & Gaynelle Dressel
6	Don & Sherie Knutsen
7	Gene & Pam Boschee
11	Eric & Noelle Martz
13	Bill & Marge Peters
21	Dan & Martha Morgan



CHURCH DIRECTORY

There is a new church directory available for you to pick up. Please find a directory on the table in the church narthex.

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.



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 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



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