



# THE CROWNICLE

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH



## You Belong to God

### Giving to God: The Bible's Good News about Living a Generous Life

Pentecost blessings to all of you!

The title above comes from Rev Mark Allen Powell's marvelous book by the same title. I am writing to you and will be preaching for 3 Sundays (May 31 through June 14) using many of his ideas about stewardship. Stewardship is about giving to God. I believe that many of us have forgotten this very important point. We almost always associate the word, "stewardship" with 'fund-raising' and with money.

Well, in some respects this is true. We, the Church, are partly to blame because many churches refer to their annual fund appeal as a "stewardship campaign. And, Christ the King perhaps is no different. But, as Pastor Powell so forcefully points out, stewardship is not fund-raising. It is a way of life.

Which leads to the second understanding about stewardship, it is about money and all that we hold to be important and valuable. In this regard, talking about "money" is completely appropriate for Christians because we are to turn total control of our lives over to God.

Thus, stewardship (and money) is about taking seriously the words of the Lord's Prayer, the words we pray every Sunday and even more on other occasions: "Your kingdom come, your will be done. When we pray these words we are asking Our LORD God to rule our lives. When we pray these words we are asking for what Our LORD God wants to happen in our lives to take place – now, here on earth.

Yet, if we are honest with ourselves, how often do we try to keep something from God? How often might we think (and believe?) that God really doesn't have anything to do with money? Well, do we think and live this way, trying to keep our money and our possessions away from God's control because, we think God really has nothing to do with money? Well, is God concerned with money?

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### CALL PROCESS UPDATE

POTLUCK  
Sunday, June 14  
Following Worship



Worship Sermon Topic  
**YOUR BELONG TO GOD**  
Sunday's: May 31, June 7 & 14

### † Mortgage Balance

As of May 7, 2015

**\$15,677.22**



### PASTOR RANDY'S OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs 9 am – noon  
Mon & Wed 5 – 7 pm

Please call Pastor Randy at the church office, 503-639-2789 or on his cell phone, 425-501-6073, to schedule an appointment.

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YES! I believe God is strongly concerned about money because money is the most valuable thing, possession, we are entrusted with here on earth. And God wants to know if you value God's forgiveness, love, and grace for your living? Or, an earthly possession, money?



So, properly speaking, Stewardship is about all of life, about giving ourselves to God and using what God has given us in grateful and appropriate ways.

Still, in my sermons for these 3 Sundays we will be talking about money more than anything else, because, I find that for many of us, this is where the issues of our living become most real. Can we trust God's leading, guiding, directing, providing, etc., enough for our living? Today? Now?

*The heavens are yours, the earth also is yours;  
the world and all that is in it—you have founded them. Psalm 89:11*

Blessings of fire and wind,  
Pastor Randy, Interim Pastor

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Letter to the congregation,

Starting with the hard stuff, there is a letter elsewhere in this Newsletter from the Church Council outlining CTK's need for your prayerful consideration. Giving for the first four months of 2015 was less than budgeted and expenses have been running above budget. Your purposeful consideration is needed. Council has talked about what can be done on the expense side and will begin to minimize where we can without effecting Sunday morning. Your generosity and purposeful giving will solve the income side.

The Call Committee continues to make progress. They are currently collecting your opinions about CTK's present and future. Your opinions are needed so keep filling out their survey forms and sending them in. Your opinions are important!

In the last several months there have been a lot of changes at CTK. After 11 years Pastor Kallevig moved on, we had six different supply pastors and then Pastor Randy arrived. I think you have all noticed his style is different from those before. I think you should expect things to keep changing as we go through this period of reflection and analysis as the Call Committee fills out the Mission Site Survey for us. Then, more anxiety during the interviews. We all want to make the right decision. Of course, the right decision for me may not be the same selection you would make. So we will have to work through it, and we will. Then once the new pastor starts, we will find out he/she is not exactly what we thought we were getting so more adjustment will be needed, and we get through it. In the meantime, we must continue supporting each other, CTK and our community.

Did you see all the quilts our quilters made for Lutheran World Relief? Wow they were great. Our Community Garden now has 16 garden boxes. A big thanks goes to Jacob Stollberg and his Boy Scout Eagle Project for expanding the garden by 6 boxes, expanding the fence and adding three new sitting benches.

In your service,

Steve Larsen, Council President

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Dear Members of Christ the King,

As the elected members of our church council, one of our duties is to keep abreast of the financial health of our congregation. This letter has several facets. First of all is to thank each of you for the continued support in service, participation, prayer and giving. As a congregation, we will face additional expenses as we draw nearer to the actual call of a new pastor. However, this letter is to keep you up to date on our financial climate today.

Since January we have been consistently running about \$2000 per month deficient in meeting our monthly obligations. The bills have been paid in various ways but the cash flow needs to increase for us to remain healthy. Being in the red while seeking a new pastor is not an attractive position for us. Our finances are part of disclosure to a candidate. The council is trying to avoid the step of cutbacks that would reduce services and ministry. Those options are not what we believe is wanted by the membership. The appeal of this letter is to ask the approximately 90 giving family units in our congregation to consider increasing your monthly giving by 5%. As an example of this proposition to each of you: if you are currently giving \$100 per month, the increase of 5% would be \$5 per month to \$105; \$200 per month would be an increase of \$10 per month to \$210. This isn't a huge amount for each person, but, if all of us would prayerfully consider doing this we would meet the expenses each month.

We are very appreciative of each member and the support you are able to give. Please continue your prayers for the call committee, the council, and the church as a whole during this time of transition. God has a plan for us in His service here at Christ the King and we are grateful to be a part of it.

In His Service,

Your Church Council

**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**

**GOOD NEIGHBOR CENTER**

Christ the King volunteers provides a dinner at the Good Neighbor Center 5 times a year. Dinner is for 25 - 30 residents, served at 6 pm. You would need to provide a main dish, salad or vegetable, fruit or side dish, and dessert, which is optional. Servers are always welcome to eat with the residents. The dates CTK needs to cover are: July 24, Sept. 25 and Nov. 27. Make this a family ministry, learning to serve others going through difficult times. Ask a friend to join you in this service. You won't regret it and it will warm your heart seeing how much the residents appreciate what you are doing for them. Sign up on the kiosk. For questions call, Mary Case at 971-221-2931 or 503-246-5202.

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS:**

- 2 Kalei Lopez
- 7 Laurel Clifton
- 8 Virginia Jones
- 10 Juliann Hunker
- 12 Autumn McNaught
- 12 Gloria Holman
- 17 John Hershberger
- 18 Melanie Gohlke
- 18 Marsi Thelin
- 20 Lorraine Winthers
- 22 Marlene Dutton
- 22 Mark Durbetaki
- 24 Sarah Kruger
- 25 Joshua Henninger
- 26 Karen McNaught
- 26 Jeff Lambie
- 27 Cole Ness
- 27 Eric Martz Jr.
- 29 Laurel Aszman
- 30 Alice Nilsson
- 30 Martha Crimi
- 30 Richard Nichol

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

- 2 Kris & Margaret Westersund
- 5 Chris & Dawn Stell
- 16 John & Jeanne Durbetaki
- 16 Erik & Ruth Cooley
- 19 John & Jane Hershberger
- 25 Mark & Susan Gohlke

Please call the church office if your birthday or anniversary date is not listed or is incorrect.

**PINOCHLE GROUP**

The Pinochle Group meets June 13<sup>th</sup> in Haven Hall, 1:00 pm. Beginner Players are always welcome. Contact Jan Aamodt 503-590-1662 for questions.



**JUNE POTLUCK**

The Call Committee will host the June Potluck that follows worship on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. We will fellowship around the lunch table and the Call Committee will bring an update and answer questions regarding the ongoing process of calling a new pastor. Please bring a dish to share and plan to stay and participate.



**CTK PRESCHOOL**

We still have a few Summer Preschool Camp openings. If anyone wants a flyer or registration form, please talk to Cathy McLean, Preschool Director, or come by the church office.

**PRAYER SHAWLS**

One of the ways our church gives comfort to people experiencing difficult health issues is with our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Members of the congregation knit or crochet

these shawls. They are then given to family members, neighbors, co-workers or any individuals to provide some warmth and prayer support. Anyone wishing to share a shawl may take one from the Prayer Shawl bin in the narthex. It is not necessary to sign the Shawl journal, but we would like to keep those individuals in our prayers.

**OUR SYMPATHY**

CTK member, Jackie Cornutt, went home to be with the Lord on May 12, 2015. A celebration of her life was held at CTK on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Please keep all the Cornutt family in your prayers, that God will provide comfort and peace to them all as they mourn the passing of their dear mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother.

**CAMP LUTHERWOOD  
UPCOMING EVENT:**

Save the date:

**Fourth of July  
Celebration!**



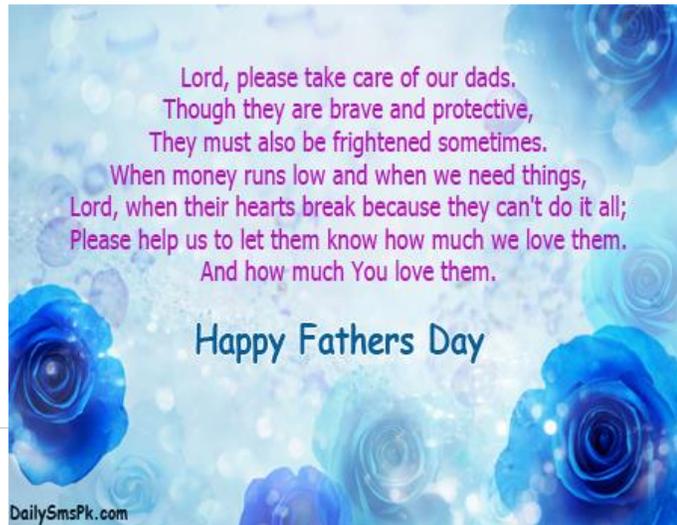
July 4, 2015

11 am – 4 pm.

Join us at camp for the celebration of the summer! Enjoy a barbecue lunch, pool, games, climbing tower and of course a parade! Overnight accommodations can be reserved by registering for Family Camp 1, [lutherwoodoregon.org](http://lutherwoodoregon.org)

JUNE 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Preschool 8:30-11:25 am  6 pm Spiritual Formation Group 7pm Call Committee	<b>2</b> Preschool 8:30-11:25 am  7-9 pm Vineyard Youth	<b>3</b> Preschool 8:30-11:25 am Quilting 9-11:45am Gather Bible Study 12:30 pm	<b>4</b> Preschool 8:30-11:25 am	<b>5</b> Preschool 8:30-11:25 am  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>6</b>  6 pm Vineyard Practice
<b>7</b> 9am Vineyard Worship  <b>10:30 CTK Worship</b>	<b>8</b> Last Day Preschool 8:30-11:25 am  6 pm Spiritual Formation Group 7 pm Council	<b>9</b>  7-9 pm Vineyard Youth	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>13</b>  1-4:30 pm Pinochle Group
<b>14</b> 9am Vineyard Worship  <b>10:30 CTK Worship</b> Potluck following worship with Call Committee Update	<b>15</b>  6 pm Spiritual Formation Group	<b>16</b>  7-9 pm Vineyard Youth	<b>17</b> Quilting 9-11:45am	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>20</b>  8:30-3pm Vineyard Training Class
<b>21</b> Father's Day 9am Vineyard Worship  <b>10:30 Worship</b> Crownicle Deadline	<b>22</b> Preschool Camp 9-12:30 am  6 pm Spiritual Formation Group	<b>23</b> Preschool Camp 9-12:30 am  7-9 pm Vineyard Youth	<b>24</b> Preschool Camp 9-12:30 am	<b>25</b> Preschool Camp 9-12:30 am	<b>26</b>  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>27</b>  6 pm Vineyard Practice
<b>28</b> 9am Vineyard Worship  <b>10:30 Worship</b>	<b>29</b>  6 pm Spiritual Formation Group	<b>30</b>  7-9 pm Vineyard Youth				



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Randy Sinn, Interim Pastor  
Craig Jones, Music Director  
Linda Wesolowski, Business Administrator

**Sunday Services**

10:30 am Worship  
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