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# THE CROWN ICLE

## THE KING'S FINGER

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*"When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away." Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.... But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.... Stand firm, and you will win life."*

Luke 21:9-11, 14-15, 19



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



**The angel said  
to them,  
"Don't be  
afraid."**

Luke 2:10a

This passage is taken from the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter of Luke's Gospel, and there is an almost identical statement in Matthew 24, and in Mark 13. Rarely in Jesus' ministry did he give his followers a word of prophecy. Most of Jesus' stories or teaching were more like, "the kingdom of God **IS** like..." and then he would go on to tell them a parable, or teach them a truth. Rarely does Jesus speak a prophetic word about what is to come. So it makes sense that when Jesus speaks this way, his disciples pay attention. So much so that Matthew, Mark and Luke share these words from Jesus almost verbatim. Maybe that means we ought to listen to them even more carefully.

We must resist the urge to figure out if these things have happened, or when they will. Jesus' own words are "**about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father**". If all we try to do with prophecy is "unravel the code" then we miss the whole point. Jesus did not tell of the trials that are to come so the disciples (or we here today) would 'know the code' but rather so when really bad things happened we would know that God is still with us, so that we would know that there may be evil in the world but God is still in charge, and though there may be times that look dark, violent and evil there is still the hope of God's promise!

There are so many things that are dark, violent and evil in our world.

That has never been any different.

There is always the reality of danger in our world, community, and neighborhood.

That has never been any different.

And, God has always been with us, working for our good, and His will among us.

That has never been any different.

Brothers and sisters, please hear me. Bombings, shootings, political wrangling, and even random violent acts or events, drive us to turn even more boldly toward God. Be concerned, get worked up, and even be angry, but don't be afraid.

With all the things in this world to be afraid of, you would think that a messenger from heaven would be a relief. But in every place they appear in the Bible, angels start by saying "DON'T BE AFRAID." A Christmas text may not be the first to come to mind, but this sums up the word of hope we have for today. In the face of all that is evil and fearful in our lives, here is the Good News. Lets be bold, and unafraid about it.

***"[The shepherds were terrified and the angel said], "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. Luke 2:10-11 (The Message)***

### COUNCIL UPDATE

Most of you are aware that we have a relationship with Portland Vineyard Church (PVC). Historically, this relationship has been primarily as landlord and tenant, but with some combined spiritual and service projects, like the mission trip to Mexico in spring of 2011. Our relationship has been mutually beneficial; we provided a place for their church to worship and they provided, in return, financial resources that we needed to offset our operating costs. More recently, we have expanded the relationship to help support their ministry by adjusting our worship time so that they could also worship on Sunday mornings. This accommodation was at their request.

Unfortunately, Portland Vineyard Church, like Christ the King and many other local churches, has struggled financially. As you may have noticed in our "Annual Report of the Congregation", PVC has not been able to meet all of their financial obligations to Christ the King, but has faithfully met what they could, which has still been a significant amount of our income. Herein was the topic of discussion during the most recent council meeting, held on 4/9/13. PVC's unmet financial obligations to us are growing and they continue to struggle financially. However, they have seen growth and strengthening of their congregation since the change in worship time. In the interest of further supporting PVC's Christian ministry and relationship with our church, and as an act of benevolence, the council decided to "forgive" Portland Vineyard Church's historical unmet financial obligation through April 1, 2013. The hope is that this will provide relief and empowerment to their congregation so that they can continue to move forward as a congregation and in their relationship with Christ the King. This decision was made without any request from PVC or their leadership and after many hours of deliberation by the council. Our goal as a council is to provide transparency in our actions as we journey together in Christ.

In His Blessings,  
Your Church Council

### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The Spring donations from CTK to Lutheran World Relief were very successful! We wish to thank all of you who helped donate materials, assemble kits, gave money for the shipping costs and delivered them to the N. Portland gathering location. There were 53 quilts which helped us make our commitment to do 25% more which the agency had requested due to the worldwide need. We also assembled 55 Baby Care kits, 52 Personal Care kits and 9 Fabric/sewing kits. Thank you for your participation in this Outreach Ministry!

### GOOD NEIGHBOR CENTER

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for volunteers to sign up to provide a dinner at the Good Neighbor Center. The dates are May 24, July 26, September 27 and November 22. Dinner includes a main dish, vegetables, bread, and a gallon of milk. Dessert is optional. Thank you to all who have prepared dinner this past year for the Good Neighbor Center. If you have any questions please call Mary Case at 503-246-5202 or 971-221-2931.

**MORTGAGE BALANCE**  
**As of April 12, 2013**  
**\$95,851.28**



# Preschool News

## CTK Preschool Raffle results and Summer Preschool Camp Info

Congratulations to Marlene Dutton who had the winning ticket for the Preschool Quilt! \$297 was raised thanks to church members and preschool parents.

CTK Preschool has a few openings left in its Summer Preschool Camps. The camps are held Monday-Thursday 9am - 12:30 pm and are available for children 3-5 yrs. of age. Spots available are for Kids in the Kitchen Camp, July 22-25 and Little Picasso Camp, August 12-15. Registration forms are available at the Preschool and each 4 day camp costs \$65. Any questions just ask Cathy McLean, Director

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 24-27

We are looking for a Vacation Bible School director. Contact Leanne Klein at 503-692-7997 or Pastor Jeff if interested. Thanks!

## CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

On Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, before the 10:30 am worship service, the youth are sponsoring a fundraising breakfast to give back to the congregation! Beginning at 9:30 am in the front courtyard and narthex, a very nice continental breakfast will be served including fruit, muffins, bagels, quiche, coffee and juice. A donation of \$10 per person is suggested for this fundraiser to benefit the general fund. Thank you for your continued support of our youth and CTK!

## YOUTH NEWS

At long last there will be some specific things for youth at CTK!

I have met with leaders from the Vineyard Church and we are going to work on youth stuff together. They are transitioning some leaders, so we are taking the opportunity to join together in a bit more purposeful way.

Starting Wednesday, May 1st, there will be a weekly "Youth Group" meeting beginning at 7pm every Wednesday. This group will include Middle & High School. (For now, Confirmation class will continue unchanged. If youth are able to stay after class for youth group there will be food, fun & youth worship.) There will be some events in the months to come, as well as an on-line calendar for your reference.

If you have questions, or want to help, please contact me. Otherwise, I hope you will find ways to participate and be involved.

Pastor Jeff



## BAPTISM

On Sunday, April 7, 2013 we celebrated the baptism of Madeline Elizabeth Martin, daughter of Dan & Liz Martin. Her sponsors were Elizabeth Barnes and Matthew Jasper.

### PINOCHLE GROUP

Anyone who likes playing Pinochle is invited to our next gathering in the CTK Youth Room on Saturday, May 11th at 1 pm. For further information call Jan Aamodt at 503-590-1662.

Christ The King,  
My family and I want to thank everyone who showed such love and concern for us at the sudden passing of my daughter. We all feel blessed to be a part of a loving congregation. We will heal and find peace in Christ's love and your prayers.  
In Christ's name, Gloria Holman and Family

**CTK OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday–Friday  
8:30 am to 12:30 pm  
**BULLETIN DEADLINE:**  
10:00 am Wed. each week  
**JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**  
Sunday, May 19  
**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.

## May Birthdays and Anniversaries

### BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 Brenda Cornutt
- 3 Warren Jones
- 5 Hal Schmidt
- 7 Victor Trejo IV
- 8 Kris Westersund
- 9 Jeff Cornutt
- 9 Martin Forbes
- 11 Mavis Randall
- 12 Marvin Johnson
- 13 Cindy Heikens
- 13 Jean Stanley
- 15 Teresa Conrad
- 15 John Lambie
- 15 Justin Livengood
- 17 Vonnie Larson
- 17 Brittney Brink
- 20 Rosemarie Torrence
- 22 Bill Winters
- 22 Jeff Kallevig
- 23 Abigail Luebke
- 24 Gail Barzee
- 25 Tom Murphy
- 30 Jessica Khalili
- 31 Katherine Khalili

### ANNIVERSARIES:

- 6 Jeff & Suzy Cornutt
- 6 Ernie & Barb Coufal
- 7 Barzin & Jessica Khalili
- 26 Mark & Joni Fusick



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.

### SYMPATHY

We want to extend our sympathy to Lorna Kautzky on the death of her father. May God provide comfort and peace to all the family.

### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The CTK Endowment Committee is now accepting applications for scholarships for the 2013-2014 school year. Scholarships are available to youth of the congregation or immediate family members who will be attending institutions of higher learning full-time in the fall. Applications are available from the church office or by contacting Linda to have it sent to you by email. Applications are due by May 30th.



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**SUNDAY SERVICES**

9:15 AM Adult Education  
 10:30 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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