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



**I will proclaim
the name of
the Lord. Oh,
praise the
greatness of
our God!**

Deuteronomy 32:2-3

Have you every felt the urge to punch someone who tries to make you feel better in the midst of struggles. You know they mean well, but you can feel the blood rush to your face when they say, in a bit of a sing-song voice, “*Into every life a little rain must fall.*” Really!! Is that you comforting me!! ‘Cause you suck at it! Take your ‘Pollyanna’ tripe and blow it out your ear. Or even less helpful is the “one-up-er”; the person who tries to prove that they have had it worse by telling you all about their trials, travails, and really just talking about themselves. It is a great theory, the idea that my struggles can’t seem that bad by comparison, but it’s really more of an excuse to talk about yourself so you don’t have to pretend to care about me! Not what I care to hear in the midst of my own struggles. Step off!

...okay... yes... I’m having a hard week.

It took all of last week to get Karin’s Jeep into the dealer because the “Oil light” (always a bad thing) has been coming on. We have an extended warranty, but because “the warning light was on for so long” (not just because it took a week to get into the dealer) they are being difficult about covering the cost of the repairs, which as it turns out are big. We are also supposed to be leaving for a 10-day vacation at the beach TOMORROW!!! So, do we rent a car? Borrow a car? We could use the old truck, but it is in the shop getting new brakes. (No, I am not kidding.) Oh, and... I have a broken bone in my right hand, which is making everything more difficult, including writing the article. Please don’t tell me about “*rain falling on everyone, blah, blah, blah...*”

Not helpful.

Trite sayings and bumper stickers don’t get you through when things are tough. But there are places in the Bible when people struggled. And God had something to say to them. Those things are for us too. Like when Moses was saying goodbye to the people of Israel as they are about to head into the promised land. They were scared of what was ahead of them, and they were grieving because Moses would not be going with them, and they needed to hear these words...

***Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew,
like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.***

I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God!

Deuteronomy 32:2-3

May we be renewed by times of struggle, “***like showers on new grass***”. The word of hope for the people, the reason for praise and worship, was because God would be with them even when Moses was not. God would always provide for them and take care of them, just like he had been doing for the 40 years in the desert.

These are words of encouragement, but it doesn’t make my typing any easier. My struggles are not gone, but it does make my heart a little lighter to remember, and be reminded, that God is with me. Thinking of Moses always makes me think of my grandfather. Stoic, sometimes furrowed brow, he would say on similar occasions, and with quiet intensity, “*This too shall pass.*” Far from trite, grandpa was faithful and wise. And that was his way of saying, “God is faithful, even now.” It is good to be reminded.

Peaceinallplaces,<><Pastor Jeff



NEW ARRIVALS!!

We welcome the arrival of some new little babies!

Jeff and Suzy Cornutt welcomed a little boy, Adam Randolph Cornutt, born July 9, 2013, weighing 8 lb 15 oz. Adam joins his big sister, Brenda. The proud grandma is Jan Cornutt, great-grandma, Jackie Cornutt and Uncle Carey.

It's a boy! Margaret and Kris Westersund have a new grandson, Kyle Palmer Hayhurst born July 10, 2013, weighing 7 lbs 15 oz. The proud parents are Mark and Amanda Hayhurst and big sister, Everly.

CTK BACK-PACKING TRIP

AUGUST 19-21
Talk to Pastor Jeff if you are interested

CONFIRMATION CAMP CAMP LUTHERWOOD July 28—August 2, 2013

Please keep our campers in your prayers

CTK PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our summer preschool Camps are in full swing. Lots of activity and outside play! Soon we will be getting ready for our 10th year of preschool at CTK. We have a few openings in our Tuesday/Thursday 3 year old class. For information, please contact the church office or Cathy McLean, Director.
Director@christthekingpreschool.com



YOUNG FAMILIES!

You have a shared reality, a shared level of sleep deprivation, and likely a shared list of questions about preschoolers. Let's get together and share some time getting to know each other. Childcare will be provided and the plan will look like this....Start with a brief devotion, then time for fellowship and conversation. Your kids get a "play date" and so do you. Meet at the church on Sunday, August 4th, 3-5 pm. Hope to see you there!
Peaceinallplaces,<><Pastor Jeff

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 JoAnn Murphy
- 4 Wayne Larson
- 5 Dora Birkeland
- 5 Jane Hershberger
- 7 Greg Lof
- 10 Herb Newcomer
- 17 Mick Krieg
- 19 Annie Marttala
- 21 Betty Crofoot
- 24 Judy Nesvold
- 25 Wes Smith
- 31 Bill Peters

AUGUST ANNIVERSARYS

- 1 Spence & Marilyn Krager
- 10 John Lambie & Marsi Thelin
- 11 Charles & Amanda Burtch
- 11 Jon & Amber Luebke
- 15 Karen & Ole Brahe-Pedersen
- 18 Mick & Cindy Krieg
- 18 Martin & Carolyn Forbes
- 20 Ed & Judy Maggio
- 21 Hal & Melita Schmidt
- 25 Ernie & Louise Tucker



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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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