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THE KING'S FINGER



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



As I am writing this the wind and rain are beating the side of the house. We've had a few breaks, but it has been a wet winter already. I haven't been as diligent about running and exercising these last weeks, and I use the weather as an excuse, but a couple days ago I was out running during a break in the weather. Behind me were really dark clouds, and in front of me were really dark clouds, but above me there were breaks of blue. Faint at first, then stronger, a rainbow appeared against the dark clouds in front of me. It wasn't a really bright, strong rainbow, but unmistakable. As I ran along appreciating this sight, I realized that the rainbow was so faint that it would not be visible if not for the dark clouds behind it. And, then I realized that was true in more than one sense. Not too long ago the confirmation kids and I were studying the story of Noah, the ark, the flood, and the first rainbow. And in a childlike way, I was reminded again of God's promise to never flood the whole earth again. Not a promise I have ever doubted, and that turned into a strong reminder of the other promises of God that I may have doubted. In the unrest of the most recent political season, in the getting ready for the holiday season, and in the tumultuous things going on in the world right now, it is hard to stay focused on believing the promises of God. We get distracted by fear, anger and uncertainty. And it is here that I hear God; between the dark clouds. And it might even be safe to say, I might not see God as clearly if it were not for the dark clouds.

The words God spoke to Moses, and Moses spoke to the people, the words God spoke to Joshua, and that Paul reminds in Hebrews 13 are for us...

"Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

I would prefer the sky's always be clear, the weather always be warm, and for that matter we would always get along, but that is not the way the world is, or the way things work. I suppose that is good too. If the skies were always clear there would not be a rainbow to notice, and be reminded. If there were no dark clouds, we would lose our appreciation for the blessing of clear skies. And would we call out to God with thanksgiving if all we had was blessing? Maybe for a while, but maybe we need the cloudy skies to be reminded. The clouds make us thankful for the green grass, healthy trees and streams, and rainbows when we see them. And even more for the warm clear days. Warm or cloudy, cold or clear, troubled or tranquil, God is faithful to his promise.

"Do not be afraid... I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Peaceinallplaces, <>> Pastor Jeff

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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

On Sunday, December 16th, at our 10:00 am worship service, the choir will present a wonderful array of Christmas music to prepare us for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Please come and worship together and feel the excitement as we celebrate the coming birth of the holy child, Jesus.



On December 23rd, at the 10:00 am worship service, the children of Christ the King will present a Christmas play. You are invited to bring your family and friends to a special morning of worship at Christ the King. Come celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!!

"COME FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER"

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, at CTK

Everyone is welcome to join us for dinner at CTK in Haven Hall. Dinner will be served continuously from 4—7 pm.

Dinner is free, but celebrating Christmas together is priceless!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5:00 pm Candlelight and Communion service.
Joint service with the Portland Vineyard Church

7:00 pm Candlelight and
Communion Service



"CIVIL WAR" FOOD DRIVE

Food Drive Results are in:

Total for Ducks 193 lbs
Total for Beavs 340 lbs

Well the Beavers did it again! Congratulations to all you Beavs! Well done!!

Ducks may say, "Beavs may have won the food drive battle but the Ducks won the "Civil War!"

Congratulations to both teams and to all of you who joined in the fun of our friendly competition! Together we helped to brighten Christmas for many deserving families. Thank you!!
Outreach Committee

Worship Service Time Change

Thank you to all of the congregation for your prayers as we considered changing the time of our worship services. Thursday evening, Nov 15th, the Worship and Music Committee voted to change our worship service to **10:30 AM beginning January 6th**. This will allow the Vineyard Church to worship on Sunday mornings. We are excited about the decision and look forward to this new arrangement.

There are some details to complete and there will be an ongoing evaluation. To assist in that process, Nora Lowery has agreed to be the Transition Coordinator from CTK. Once the details are announced and her e-mail address shared, thoughts and ideas may be shared with her. Thank you again for your support and prayers.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

Pastor Jeff Craig Linda



EMERGENCY INFORMATION

We are updating the EMERGENCY CALL INFORMATION LIST for all active church members. Lou Hanson will have the current information sheets available for review and any additions or corrections you wish to make. Please contact her by e-mail, phone or see the list in person before or after service at church.

What we need is a name and phone number of someone who can make medical decisions and/or receive news of a personal nature concerning your well-being.

Thank you for helping us get this important information in a place where it can be used when needed for any type of emergency help. The list will be kept in the office and will not be used in any other way.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Looking for some quiet peaceful moments for yourself or to share with your family? Enhance your Christmas experience by looking over the list below.

The Nativity Story on DVD is the historical and intimate story of Christ's birth and the life of Mary and Joseph.

Countdown to Christmas Devotions For Families is a way to help families with children ages 3 to 10 celebrate the true meaning of Advent.

A Family Christmas Treasury by Rogers and Kinkaid is a celebration of Christ's birth with scripture passages, thoughtful meditations, and activities for families.

God is with Us: Rediscovering the Meaning of Christmas by Trotter is a refreshing book for anyone for whom the trappings of the Christmas season have become barriers to the celebration of the birth of Christ.

A Midnight Clear by Paterson is a collection of contemporary stories that reveal the spirit of Christmas. Paterson, a two time winner of the Newbery Medal, writes about outcasts, runaways, failures, and illegal immigrants. Each story reveals hope and light. This book is good for grades 5 and up, including adults!

No Room at the Inn by Melody Carlson is about a community that always celebrates Christmas to the fullest. Strangers in the town cause turmoil and a different experience for this small community.

Angels in the Snow by Melody Carlson is a tale of love and hope about a recently widowed woman who is mourning the death of her husband and young son.

It's fun to read The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson to children each year; This book, good for grades 3 - 6, is about six unruly children who lie, steal, smoke cigars, and swear. When they want to be a part of the annual Christmas pageant at church, they give the congregation a whole new meaning about the birth of Christ.

Drop by the library and find one of these Christmas books close to the check-out counter. Check it out, take it home, and enjoy!

If you have little ones, be sure to look over the selection of picture books.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Multicultural Community Services of Lutheran Community Services is in desperate need of donations to aid in the resettlement of refugee families. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

Needed items:

Sofas, tables, dining sets, lamps, beds, TV's, microwaves, baby cribs, play pens, strollers, pots & pans, dishes, sheets, towels.

Call to arrange for a free pick-up. Stefani at 503-231-7480 ext. 667

You will be given a receipt for your tax deduction.

POINSETTIAS

If you would like to donate a poinsettia (\$8 each) in memory of a loved one or friend, envelopes are available on the poster in the narthex. Fill it out and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office.



CTK OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Friday
8:30 am to 12:30 pm

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

10:00 am Wed. each week

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE:

Sunday, Dec. 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.

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- 2 Dan Aamodt
- 3 Rosmary Close
- 3 Dyann Ness
- 5 Rachel Khalili
- 6 David Doss
- 9 Wyatt Landon
- 10 Betty Nesvold
- 10 Victor Trejo, Sr.
- 11 Susan Gohlke
- 12 Rose Ann Lof
- 13 Ken Morrow
- 15 Daniel Barzee
- 20 Koda Tillberg
- 21 Katrina Conrad
- 22 Jon McDowell
- 22 Connor McDowell
- 22 Cathy McLean
- 27 Julie Anderson
- 28 Bill Dressel
- 29 Kira Aszman
- 30 Dick Hanson
- 30 Noelle Martz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 4 James & Lowanna Nesvold
- 7 Gail & Marvin Barzee
- 14 Dick & Cathy Renken
- 17 Duane & Dora Birkeland
- 27 Dave & Peggy Noles
- 27 Tom & Cathy McLean
- 29 John & Nancy Lof

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Dr. Brandon Kreig, Mick and Cindy's oldest son, has just published his first book. It is a book of poetry titled "Source to Mouth. Quite an accomplishment!! Brandon grew up at Christ the King and we are proud of his accomplishment. Congratulations Brandon! And proud parents Mick and Cindy! You can locate his book on Amazon.com.

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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SUNDAY SERVICES
 8:45 AM Adult Education
 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



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