



THE CROWNICLE

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

PASTOR RANDY'S BLOG

Well, we made it through Advent and Christmas. I say this with "tongue in cheek" because there is something about beginning a new position right in the middle of the busiest time of year. The month of December is typically the busiest time for a congregation and we began our pastoral relationship running. ☺

Perhaps a little about myself might be helpful.

I grew up in Evansville, Indiana and spent my formative years living there with my family, parents, four sisters, and one brother. Being from Indiana, many refer to me as being a "Hoosier". The unofficial nickname for the state has many colorful historical derivations, but perhaps, the one I like is best suited as I introduce myself to you.

You see, back before statehood, when the territory was known as the "Northwest Territory" the population was scarce and thin. If you met a stranger you would most probably be asked, "Who's your father? Who's your mama?" It was important for strangers to know from what family you came. So, hence the nickname, "WHOOS'IER".

After college I lived in the Twin Cities of Minnesota for several years before entering Luther Theological Seminary in St Paul. I never intended to enter the ministry. When I have been asked, "Why did you become a pastor?", the only answer that really fits with me is because God called me into this way of serving. And as I reflect back upon my history, I have to say that is the answer I often need to understand – that God has directed and lead me to this place.



For example, it was at Luther Seminary that Michelle and I met and later married. In our first year of marriage, I was assigned to serve my internship in Bellingham, WA. Neither Michelle nor I had ever been west of the Rocky Mountains before and we had no idea where "Bellingham, WA" was. Upon looking it up on the atlas, we thought we were going into Canada. And, we never thought we would return to the Pacific Northwest. So, I have to say (again) it was our Lord who directed and lead us to serve in Washington for so many years.

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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



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sun., Jan. 25, 2015

Following the worship service



† Mortgage Balance

As of December 10, 2014

\$29,617.30

My first call upon graduating from Luther Seminary was in Santa Clara, CA, and again neither of us had ever been nor lived in California. After two years there I was then called back to Seattle to serve as the 'Youth Pastor' at a large congregation in Shoreline, WA. How that "Call" came about is too long to tell here, but it had to be directed and lead by our Lord.



What I have come to know in my own life is

that God is often "calling" me to serve in places where my gifts and skills can be utilized in helping build and strengthen faith. Thus, I believe that God has 1) brought me here to serve at Christ the King and that 2) God does call each of us to serve in places where our divine gifts can be utilized on behalf of others.

I look forward to serving you and working with all of you through this transition period in the life of this community, Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Thanks be to God.
Pastor Randy

Transition Steering Team Call Committee

At the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Dec 14th, the following people were elected to serve:

Sherman Case
Jeff Cornutt
Jeanne Durbetaki
Roger Heikens
Jane Hershberger
Nora Lowery
Dan Morgan
Marge Papke
Cathy Renken

We will begin meeting in January. Our goal for the first several meetings is to do some learning and exploring together concerning the changes and challenges confronting the church today and for the future. Together, the "Transition Steering Team" will be reading Peter Steinke's book, *"A Door Set Open: Grounding Change in Mission and Hope"*.

I had the good fortune to personally meet and talk with Peter several years ago when he was leading a workshop for pastors in the Northwest Washington Synod. Peter has been working with churches for many years, consulting with many through conflict and/or transitions in diverse denominational and cultural settings. He brings years of experience together when he wrote this book. It should be a rewarding time and discussion for the committee.

We will be keeping all of you informed of our work. If you have any questions, please contact me or any of the members listed above.

May our Lord continue to guide us through this transition for all of us at Christ the King Lutheran.

Pastor Randy

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

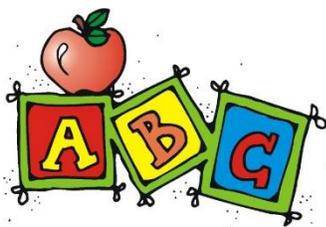
2	Steven Larsen
9	Christina Heikens
10	Sarah Doss
13	Julie Helle
15	Jacob Stollberg
15	Annika Stollberg
15	Jon Luebke
16	Valerie Briggs
18	Tim Larsen
18	Tammy Brink
19	Elijah Kruger
20	Jeanne Durbetaki
20	Mark Henninger
22	Craig Jones
24	Carolyn Snow
27	Amanda Burtch

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

13 David & Nancy Doss

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





CTK PRESCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

Our classes celebrated Jesus' birth with two programs for our families and guests. The Tue/Thurs Class sang Christmas songs in Haven Hall and made and decorated gingerbread cookies for those who attended. The Mon/Wed/Fri Class performed our annual Christmas play in the Sanctuary with a reception of Christmas cookies in Haven Hall. Our students heard the Christmas story and then retold the story using their own words. They titled their play: "Jesus was Born" and wore costumes and sang songs. Pastor Randy was Caesar in our play and also helped celebrate with our Tues/Thurs Class. Keeping in mind those in need during the holidays, both classes donated canned food to the Food Pantry bin.

This January CTK Preschool will be accepting registrations for the 2015-2016 school year starting January 15th. Our Open House will be Saturday, January 24th, 10 a.m. to noon in the Preschool Room and Haven Hall. Information and brochures are available at the church office or by contacting Cathy McLean, Director. We are also on Facebook so please "like" us at Christ the King Preschool - Tigard.

OUTREACH UPDATE

CHRISTMAS BLESSING -

Thanks to CTK elves* local families will have food and presents for Christmas. LOVE Inc., (a local agency CTK supports) called the office and asked if we would be able to provide food and presents for three families in our community. We thought this was the perfect way to use the profits from our coffee sales. Vineyard Church provided most of the food and our elves shopped for additional food, the gifts and delivered everything to the families - all on a very short turnaround time.

*CTK elves:

Marge Papke, Maggie Dowd,
Lorna Kautzky, Nora Lowry,
Danielle Johnstone, George,
Ethan and Adam Klein

Thank you; you are a blessing!!!!

RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS ARE APPRECIATED -

Six times a year CTK provides volunteers to assist the Red Cross at their Blood Drives at CTK. A big THANKS to Valerie Briggs, Marlene Dutton, Marge Papke, Maggie Dowd, Helene Weiner, Rachel Doss and Steve Larsen for being regular volunteers. You are greatly appreciated!! If anyone else is interested in helping, please call Cathy Renken at 503-590-8008.

COFFEE AVAILABLE -

Holy Smoke regular ground and whole bean coffee are still available if you want more coffee or if you neglected to order some. Price is \$11.00 for one 12 ounce bag or \$20 for two. Please see Cathy or Lorna. The supply is limited so hurry.

FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK

Everyone is invited to come to the monthly Fellowship Potluck on Sunday, January 11th, following the worship service. If you are able, bring a favorite dish to share. This is a great opportunity to get to know your church family better. Hope to see you there!



NOTICES

THANK YOU

Dear friends of the Tigard Caring Closet:
Thank you so much for the children's clothing, coats and shoes. We have helped so many children this year and your donation has really helped!
We appreciate your support of the Tigard Caring Closet.
Rose Money, director

OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Jack Coke who passed away on December 13, 2014. Please pray for peace and comfort to the family at this difficult time. No service planned at this time.

PLEDGE CARDS & TIME AND TALENT SHEETS

If you have not turned in your 2015 pledge card and Time & Talent sheet, please do so. You may drop it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. The 2015 offering envelopes are available to be picked up from the table in the narthex.

OUTREACH FOOD BARREL

We want to make you aware that there is a barrel in Emmanus Way for non-perishable food items. All donations go to the King's Kindness Food Pantry of the Vineyard Church. They distribute food every Thursday to people in our community in need of food. Thank you for your support with this important ministry and outreach.



RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Christ the King family, please talk to Pastor Randy.

LWR QUILTS

We are always looking for people to help with the Lutheran World Relief Quilts that are being assembled for shipment. You don't need to know how to quilt, just how to tie a knot. If you would be willing to help, come on the 1st or 3rd Wednesday of every month from 9 am – 11:45 am.

2015 ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING SUNDAY JANUARY 25, 2015
Following worship

PINOCHLE GROUP

The Pinochle Group meets January 10th in Haven Hall, 1:00 pm. Beginner Players are always welcome. Contact Jan Aamodt 503-590-1662 for questions.

CTK OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: SUN., JAN 18



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED	2 2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	3 6 pm Vineyard Practice
4 9am Vineyard Worship 10:30 CTK Worship	5 Preschool 8:30-11:25 am 6 pm Spiritual Formation Group 7 pm Call Committee Meeting	6 Preschool 8:30- 11:25 am 7-9 pm Vineyard Youth	7 Preschool 8:30- 11:25 am Quilting 9-11:45am Gather Bible Study 12:30 pm 7 pm Choir	8 Preschool 8:30- 11:25 am	9 Preschool 8:30-11:25 am 2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	10 1-4:30 pm Pinochle Group
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!
2015

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

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Craig Jones, Music Director
Linda Wesolowski, Business Administrator

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