



# THE CROWNICLE

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH



## Pentecost blessings to all of you!

We completed our three Stewardship Sundays. If you missed these please ask someone who was able to attend for more information about "God creating a generous heart within us". Giving, as we learned, is one of our needs for living; we need to give which brings us more "in sync" with God's heart.

Now we have returned to the "normal" series of lectionary readings for worship each Sunday. This is called "Year B" (of a three-year cycle) and focuses on the Gospel of Mark with more selections from the Gospel of John than any other year. Thus, we picked up our readings with Mark 4:35-41. If you have not done so, I invite you and encourage you to read two chapters of Mark's Gospel, Chapters 4 & 5. In the first part of Chapter 4, Mark retells many simple parables for us. In the middle of these parables, at verse 4:13, our LORD Jesus asks, *"Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables?"*

At first reading you might think that Mark's account of Jesus has to do with understanding, a kind of cerebral stance to his 'good news'. But, more than this, Mark's account of Jesus' teachings, parables, miracles, healings, etc., has to do with trust that leads to obedience. Can human disciples trust the divine guiding and leading of God? God's Son, Jesus, does!

### In the boat with Jesus

So we begin, in the boat with Jesus. Our LORD tells us

to get in the boat with him because we are going to the other side (of the Sea of Galilee).

The 'other side' represents just that, another place. It a place that is not familiar nor even like the place we are in/at right now. It is Jesus that is taking his disciples (us?) to this 'other side'. And what might this other side be?



Perhaps, I have used the word "transition" too many times the last several months and lulled all into comfortableness and familiarity? This time between pastors is more than just a 'transition', it is also an opportunity for transformation. The

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## CALL PROCESS UPDATE

POTLUCK  
Sunday, July 12  
Following Worship



30 Days of Reading  
Praying & Listening  
July 1 - 31

### † Mortgage Balance

As of June 7, 2015

\$12,073.57

### 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.  
[pastorrandy@figardlutherans.com](mailto:pastorrandy@figardlutherans.com)

world around us has changed and the way the church operates is changing, too. At the current pace of life in the real world today, maintenance alone cannot sustain a viable, thriving ministry. This is as if our LORD Jesus is saying to us, "Time to get in the boat with me because I am taking you to a different place where you will do and live in the world very differently."

Jesus is leading us.

The Transition Steering Team (TST)/Call Committee (CC) has identified the 'Top Five Ministry Tasks' for a new pastor. Along with these 'top five' are the ministry commitments Christ the King will need to be participating in & with to be effective, viable, and thriving. This is so important that we see these tasks as mutual, cooperative, and shared. As you read through CTK's Ministry Site Profile, identify ways we can be creative, imaginative, and renewing in fulfilling these five tasks. Be a leader and let other leaders know of your insights and learning. We are in the boat together. Jesus is leading.

Blessings of fire and wind,  
Pastor Randy, Interim Pastor

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## COUNCIL REPORT

Here it is July and the Call Committee has finished the "all important" Mission Site Profile and submitted it to the Synod. I know they appreciate the congregation's participation and support with the MSP. Jane reports that the document has been submitted via her iPad from someplace in Europe with WiFi and that the Call Committee now must continue their work on the additional comments section and a section called "Seven Reflections". In addition, they will be preparing to interview candidates.

Last month the Council expressed to the congregation that giving had fallen behind expectations and you responded with one of the best giving months in many years. We all appreciate your response and look forward to your consistent generosity and support of CTK.

Also, we may have only three more mortgage payments. A celebration is in our future!

Today the owner of our Janitorial Service stopped by and said he had read in our monthly newsletter about our income short fall and he gave CTK a \$100 donation and reduced our bill for the next couple months by \$100 to help us out. Now there is an act of unexpected generosity that I did not expect!

Speaking of something that I didn't expect. Last Saturday, Dan Morgan and I were at church doing a little painting and Jan Aamodt came in to do some Altar Guild stuff. Dan and I were busy and didn't pay much attention. As we got done and were cleaning up I had to put a few things away in the storage room next to the sacristy. There was Jan, on her hands and knees, scrubbing the floor of our storage room. What a generous act! Thanks Jan! What an unexpected and wonderful gift.

God has blessed us all!  
Steve Larsen, Council President

## CTK PRESCHOOL NEWS



As Director of CTK Preschool I occasionally am asked questions concerning or about the preschool so I thought I would detail some information so everyone knows about our common mission to serve our church and neighborhood families who have preschoolers.

First off we just finished our 11th year. We had two end of the year programs for both classes in which our students sang and even danced with their parents and guests. Pastor Randy talked about the importance of families and how we learn on a continual basis how to love, serve, and care for one another. We of course ended with special treats the children made and the teachers handed out memory books containing pictures and work the children had done throughout the school year.

I thought I would now share some historical information about our church's preschool. CTK Preschool has always been able to grant scholarships to any family in need who has wanted their child to attend. This has been possible because of generous donations throughout the years by church members and also by paid tuition from families of enrolled students. We have been able to give full or partial scholarships depending on need to around 20 children who come from our church and neighborhood families these past years. No family has ever been turned away; all families are welcomed as long as we have openings in a class.

Our Preschool Board has also designated donations from the Preschool Account when funds are available and with the help of fundraisers the Preschool has sponsored organizations locally such as the Tigard Caring Closet and Good Neighbor Center and to organizations that help those far away like Lutheran Disaster Response and the Boston Children's Hospital after the Marathon bombing. These donations have totaled over \$2,000. The Preschool Board has also designated donations to the CTK Lutheran General Fund, Mortgage, and Building Fund which have totaled \$2,300 so far. The Board has also provided scholarships for preschool summer camp.

Our school is a member of the ELEA (Evangelical Lutheran Education Association) and our teachers go every year to teacher conferences run by the ELEA. We have three teachers on staff and we work as a team to provide a safe and fun learning environment for our students. We have been blessed to have Pastors who have provided chapel time to both our classes. As Director I have also been in the position of helping families get help for children with special needs as well as refer families to our pastor when families are in crisis.

Each year parents come and tell me how much they value our church's preschool. How it has been a special part of their child's life and how their child has felt loved and cared for. As church members your support has made this all possible. I and our Preschool Board thank you.

Cathy McLean, Director

### 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. The dates CTK needs to cover are: 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.

### 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

**JULY BIRTHDAYS:**

3	Corey Fusick
5	Nancy Skirvin
6	Katharine Weber
8	Joni Fusick
9	Adam Cornutt
20	Sharon Larsen
21	Chris Stell
22	Herb Brandt
24	Ian Lambie
25	Cathy Renken
26	Brian Larson
26	Emery Rohde
27	Jan Cornutt
30	Emilie Cunningham
31	Don Knutsen
31	Adam Klein
31	Sherman Case

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

2	Laurel & Kip Aszman
3	Tim & Sarah Lagasse
8	Roger & Cindy Heikens
11	Mark & Tracie Henninger
15	George & Leanne Klein
16	Thad & Laurel Clifton
26	Emery Rohde & Ruth Kretzinger
29	Brian & Marnie Larson
31	Bill & Danielle Johnstone

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

**JULY POTLUCK**

The Call Committee will host the July Potluck that follows worship on Sunday, July 12<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 if you are able and plan to stay and participate.

**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE TO NEPAL**

Devastating images and stories have come out of Nepal following the 7.8 magnitude earthquake on April 25<sup>th</sup>. More than 7,000 people lost their lives. Lutheran Disaster Response (ELCA) is actively networking with partners such as Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran World Relief and the ACT Alliance providing shelter, clean water, food, sanitation, medical care and other emergency supplies. Please remember this outreach in your prayers.

**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.

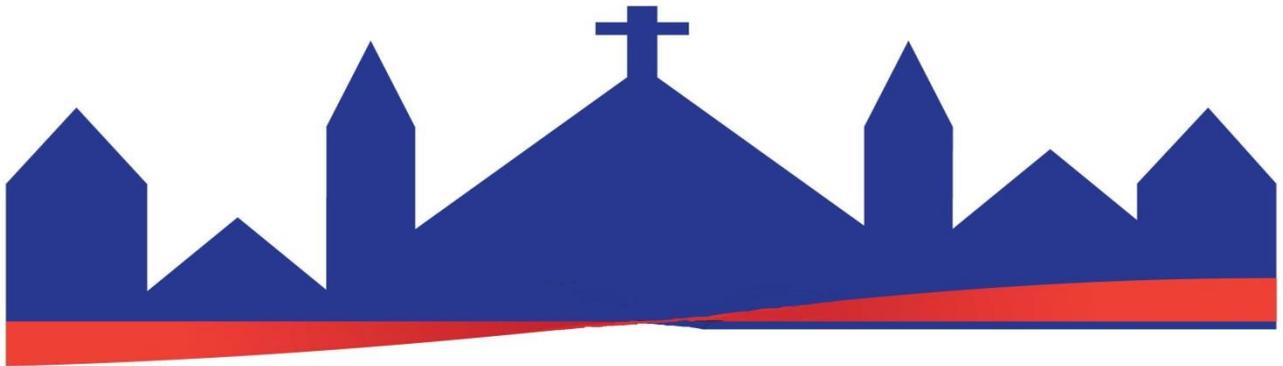
**CAMP LUTHERWOOD UPCOMING EVENT:****Fourth of July Celebration!**

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)





Alice Mann and Gil Rendle in their invaluable guide to congregational planning, *Holy Conversations*, ask three core questions for every congregation looking to plan for her future:

- 1) Who are we?
- 2) What is God calling us to be?
- 3) Who is our neighbor?

These three questions then inform, guide, and move a congregation, a community of God's people alive for ministry, to focus her work and reflections in five areas.

#### **HERITAGE**

Heritage begins with recognition and awareness and moves to affirmation and embracing of the paths that have brought the congregation to the present.

#### **MISSION**

When a congregation's heritage is understood as the path that the congregation has taken to arrive at the present, the MISSION focus point invites the congregation to address the ways its core values and processes can be productively and naturally extended into the future.

#### **CONNECTIONS**

The CONNECTIONS focus point extends a congregation to discover all the relationships a faith community builds outside of itself (and within).

#### **LEADERSHIP**

This focus point allows review of the membership needs and its ways of organizing and developing new effective leadership.

#### **FUTURE**

The FUTURE focus point is a mandate not for change per se, but for an ongoing and future-oriented expression of a congregation's core values, not wholly "new direction" so much as in a faithful response to a revitalized sense of mission.

This process of transition and transformation takes time, time well spent that can lead to a healthy future and relationship with all congregational leaders. Time is needed for trust and respect to be built. And, secondly, there are no predetermined outcomes from this process. Yet, when faithfully and intentionally engaged and completed the outcome does lead to vitality and commitment for serving as ministers of our LORD's "good news".



**Young Adults in Global Mission: 79 young adults to serve in 2015-16**

Seventy-nine young adults have accepted the call to serve with the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program, a one-year international mission opportunity for 21- to 29-year-olds. Since 1999, almost 600 young adults have served with ELCA companion churches and organizations throughout the world.

See <http://ELCA.org/News-and-Events/7742>.

**Nepal: ELCA provides \$500,000 in emergency aid after earthquake**

Following two earthquakes near Kathmandu, Nepal, which killed more than 8,000 people and displaced thousands more, the ELCA provided \$500,000 to large-scale emergency response efforts led by The Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran World Relief and the United Mission in Nepal.

See <http://ELCA.org/News-and-Events/7741>.

**ELCA Youth Gathering: Fostering international relationships**

For international Lutheran youth, securing a visa to the United States to participate in the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit is difficult. Friendships developed during the three-week ELCA exchange program are worth it, though!

See [www.ELCA.org/en/Living-Lutheran/Stories/2015/02/150225-Fostering-friendshipleadership](http://www.ELCA.org/en/Living-Lutheran/Stories/2015/02/150225-Fostering-friendshipleadership)



[The Oregon Synod](#) is one of the 65 synods of the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#).

The ELCA is a community of faith that shares a passion for making positive changes in the world. Our faith is built around a strong belief in God, as made known in Jesus Christ.

Through worship, service, and education, we practice our faith, grow in our relationship with God, and experience God's grace in our lives.

With more than 10,300 congregations across the U.S., Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, as well as 4.5 million members nationwide, the ELCA welcomes everyone to experience this church right in your community. Explore the ELCA, and help us celebrate our gift of faith—with *action*.

Here in Oregon we are over 35,000 Lutherans in 120 congregations (including Trinity Lutheran in Tulelake, CA.) We welcome you everywhere we are, and we thank you for joining us to help make the world a better place for everybody.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 12 noon Prayer 6 pm Prayer	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 Independence Day 
5 9am Vineyard Worship 10:30 CTK Worship	6 6 pm Spiritual Formation Group 7 pm Call Committee	7 7-9 pm Vineyard Youth	8 12 noon Prayer 6 pm Prayer	9	10 2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	11
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Randy Sinn, Interim Pastor  
Craig Jones, Music Director  
Linda Wesolowski, Business Administrator

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10:30 am Worship  
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