



THE CROWNICLE

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

The King's Finger

ON BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF GOD

It is the time in the church to be talking 'stewardship'. And it is the time in our culture to be planning for the holiday season. This year I invite you to combine the two. As you are thinking about lists of gifts, holiday plans and how you engage in celebration, I ask you to think of this reality.

FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A SON IS GIVEN... AND HE WILL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.
ISAIAH 9:6

While it is not universally true, many of the older parents and grandparents in our community grew up getting only a few toys for Christmas, along with practical clothing items as gifts. When it came time for our children and grandchildren, we wanted to create for them the experience of gift giving that we only dreamed of. But I think we

went too far. I know that in the lives of my children, and most of their cousins and friends, there has been an extraordinary experience of gifts at Christmas. Gift giving at this holiday has

gotten out of hand. And it has felt good, and indulgent, along the way. But maybe it's time for things to change just

a bit.

Don't get hysterical, I'm not going to suggest we cancel presents. I like unwrapping presents like everybody. But maybe instead of getting everything on our list, we give up a bit and give money to a worthy cause in the name of a person we love, instead of buying them a present. At our house it's goats,

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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

† Sunday, Dec 15

10:30 am worship and special Christmas program presented by the Choir

† Sunday, Dec. 22

10:30 am worship with a special program presented by the children

† Tuesday, Dec 24

Christmas Eve Dinner served 4-7 pm

5 pm Candlelight and Communion Service joint with Portland Vineyard Church

7 pm Candlelight and Communion Service



sheep, chickens, and maybe bees. For the last couple years we have chosen to steward our holiday resources a little differently. We have given a gift or two fewer, and instead included the purchase of an animal from the "Heifer International" gift catalog. Heifer is an organization that uses the donation people make to purchase farm animals for families in developing countries. A gift as small as \$10 can help change the world for a family. In developing countries a goat that gives milk, a sheep that gives wool, or chickens that give eggs, can change the economic prosperity of a whole family. You can get more info at their web

site or view the gift catalog at "www.heifer.org/gift-catalog".

Here are some other organizations that are offering similar opportunities...

- The "Good Gifts" program of the ELCA. (search ELCA Good Gifts)
- Medical Teams International, Special 2013 Gift Catalog "www.medicalteams.org/catalog"
- Lutheran World Relief has "Top Five Ways to Give Differently and Better this Christmas", "http://lwr.org/top5"

And I am sure that you can find some others that are equally as worthy.

This holiday season may we get things that we want and need, and may we take the opportunity to help those who are in need. The greatest gift of the holiday season is the reason we have a holiday at all; **JESUS.**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

May we share this gift with all this Christmas season.

Peaceinallplaces,<><
Pastor Jeff

ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS

Sign up on kiosk

During Advent, each Wednesday evening service is preceded by a 6:00 pm Advent Soup Supper. This is a time for fellowship and sharing. You are invited to share your favorite soup recipe by volunteering to bring your specialty to an upcoming Advent Soup Supper. The four Wednesdays in Advent include, 12/4/13, 12/11/13 and 12/18/13.

Each Soup Supper will be hosted by one of CTK's

committees – the first supper being December 4th. If you don't have time to cook prior to coming to Supper; there are other opportunities to volunteer such as bringing bread or after dinner treats. We are looking for approximately 4 volunteers to bring soup and 3-4 to bring bread and sweets for each Advent Wednesday. If you would like to share your cooking talents, please contact one of the Committee members for that Wednesday night, or check the Kiosk for the signup sheet

for the Wednesday that fits your schedule.

On the kiosk there is also signup sheets for transportation. If need a ride or can provide a ride, please sign on the sheets provided.

Thank you and we're looking forward to seeing you Wednesday evenings for 6:00 pm Advent Soup Supper followed by 7:00 pm Advent service.



CTK PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

You are invited to our annual Christmas Programs. Our Tues/Thurs 3 yr. old class are practicing singing some favorite Christmas songs and will be hosting a Christmas Sing-A-Long on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. in Haven Hall. The following day on Friday, Dec. 20 at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary the Mon/Wed/Fri class will be performing a play written by our students about the birth of Christ. Treats made by the students will be available after both performances. Come and experience the miracle of Christ's birth with our preschoolers!

The Preschool Board would like to once again thank all those who donated during our Fall Fundraiser. Our final total came to almost \$1,400! Donations can always be made to the Preschool by designating on your offering and Thrivent members can choose CTK Preschool for their Choice Dollars. Donations help support families in need towards tuition, as well as provided necessary supplies and materials.

**Merry Christmas! &
Happy Birthday Jesus!**

Teacher Cathy & Staff



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



The Poinsettia's that fill the sanctuary at this time of year are there to celebrate the birth of Christ and also to honor our loved ones. If you would like to donate a poinsettia (\$8), please pick up an envelope from the poster in the narthex, fill it out, and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

COME FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Everyone is welcome to come for Christmas Eve Dinner at CTK in Haven Hall. Dinner will be served continuously from 4 – 7 pm.

If you would like to volunteer to help make and serve the dinner, please talk to Pastor Jeff.

The dinner is free, but celebrating Christmas together is priceless!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 First Sunday of Advent 9am Vineyard Worship 10:30 CTK Worship Dedication of Pledges	2 8:30-11:25 Preschool 9 am Staff meeting	3 8:30-11:25 Preschool	4 8:30-11:25 Preschool 9-Noon Quilting 12:30 Ladies Bible Study 6 pm Soup Supper 7 pm Advent Service	5 8:30-11:25 Preschool	6 8:30-11:25 Preschool Pastor Jeff off	7
8 Second Sunday of Advent 9am Vineyard Worship 10:30 CTK Worship Reception of New Members 11:30 Preschool Board Meeting	9 8:30-11:25 Preschool 9 am Staff meeting	10 8:30-11:25 Preschool 7 pm Council	11 8:30-11:25 Preschool 6 pm Soup Supper 7 pm Advent Service	12 8:30-11:25 Preschool	13 8:30-11:25 Preschool Pastor Jeff off	14 1 pm Pinochle Christmas Party
15 Third Sunday of Advent 9am Vineyard Worship 10:30 CTK Worship Choir Program Home Communion Crownicle Deadline	16 8:30-11:25 Preschool 9 am Staff meeting	17 8:30-11:25 Preschool	18 8:30-11:25 Preschool 9-Noon Quilting 6 pm Soup Supper 7 pm Advent Service	19 8:30-11:25 Preschool 3-7 pm Good Neighbor Center Christmas Party	20 8:30-11:25 Preschool Pastor Jeff off	21
22 Fourth Sunday of Advent 9am Vineyard Worship 10:30 CTK Worship Children's Christmas Program	23 9 am Staff meeting	24 4-7 pm Come for Christmas Dinner 5 pm Joint Christmas Eve Service 7 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 BIRTH OF CHRIST  Office Closed	26	27 Pastor Jeff off 2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	28 8am-1:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive
29 9am Vineyard Worship 10:30 CTK Worship	30 9 am Staff meeting	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE				



HAVE a BLESSED CHRISTMAS and a JOYOUS NEW YEAR!
PASTOR JEFF CRAIG LINDA

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 Dan Aamodt
- 3 Rosmary Close
- 3 Dyann Ness
- 3 Dianne Miner
- 5 Rachel Khalili
- 6 David Doss
- 9 Wyatt Landon
- 10 Betty Nesvold
- 11 Susan Gohlke
- 12 Rose Ann Lof
- 13 Ken Morrow
- 15 Daniel Barzee
- 20 Koda Tillberg
- 22 Jon McDowell
- 22 Connor McDowell
- 22 Cathy McLean
- 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

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



OUTREACH FOOD BARREL

We want to make you aware that there is a barrel in Emmaus 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 outreach.

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.15

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