

KCC Chronicle

KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

“Proclaiming Christ’s Love, Building Community,
Meeting Human Need”

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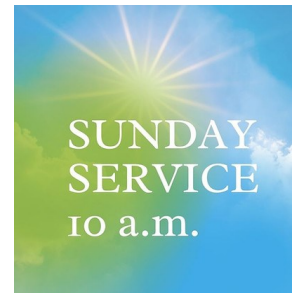
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WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship Services are held in-person and live on YouTube at 10 AM each Sunday. The YouTube link for each service will be sent out in the bulletin and also posted on Facebook and the KCC Website. You can always watch our worship services on our YouTube channel here:



BIBLE ADVENTURE FEST



August 19th from noon to 4 pm.

Our Bible Adventure Fest theme this year is “Wild Animals!” Be sure to invite any families you know. All children will be accompanied by their parents. Helpers are there to guide and explain the activities.

Help is needed to man one of our 10 booths in set up outside. Five of the booths will have a bible story with a craft and activity. Other booths include: registration, snacks, games, bubbles, and washable tattoos. We would like 2-3 people at each booth, each shift. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or call us at the office. Here are the different shifts:

- ◆ Set-up tents, tables and chairs from 10-11 am.
- ◆ First shift at each booth begins at 11 am and ends at 2 pm.
- ◆ Second shift at each booth begins at 2 pm and ends at 4:30 pm. Please arrive a few minutes early to coordinate with the first shift.
- ◆ Take down tents, tables, and chairs from 4:30-5:30 pm.

NEWSLETTER

Previous editions are available on the website at: <https://keizerchristian.org/newsletter/>

Look for the next newsletter on **August 24th**.



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Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday

9 am to 1 pm

Afternoons by appointment

PASTOR'S MOMENT

How is it the end of July already!!!?? I feel a bit torn actually; while I still have lots of plans to accomplish during what is left of summer, I am also longing for the cooler weather and refreshing dampness of Fall.

We can't get too far ahead of ourselves, though. Summer isn't over quite yet. It is Disciples of Christ General Assembly time, quickly followed by local Disciples summer camps! It is



often a busy time for me since I can't seem to say no to a week at camp with a bunch of youth. The General Assembly is a bi-yearly chance to connect with the wider church, to engage the general church on your behalf, and to witness that larger expression of our combined Christian witness at work.

While all these events are tiring and take me away from home, they are also life-giving and inspiring. I often return from each of them with a renewed spirit and having been encouraged by mentors, colleagues, and youngsters alike. In the midst of a somewhat sleepy summer, God finds ways to enliven us and inspire us with hope.

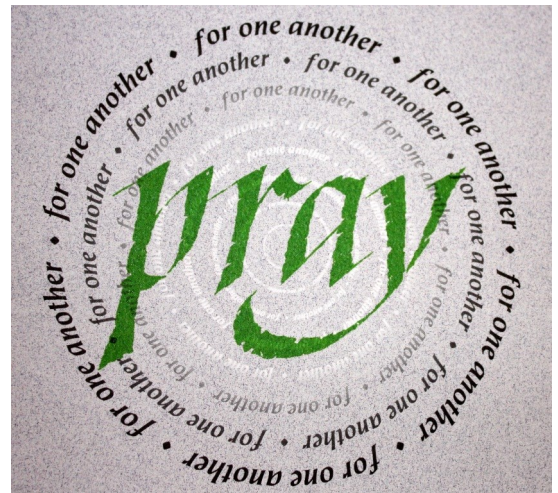
What has God been using to inspire a spirit of hope within you this season? Have you thought about it recently? Think back. Open your eyes. Look around. It's there. Amidst all the chaos, the news stories, the worries there is the light of hope and that is what matters most.

Pastor Erik

“and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us” ~ Romans 5:4-5a

BLESSINGS AND CONCERNS

To include Blessings and Concerns on the weekly email sent out on Monday, please send us an email at 1963kcc@gmail.com or call in your information to the office by Sunday evening. If you would like a printed copy of Blessings and Concerns, please contact the office.



- ♥ Please continue to pray for LeRoy and Wilma Bogue. LeRoy broke his hip, completed rehabilitation at Avamere Court and returned home on July 14, 2023. Both of them need prayers for healing. He is coping with meals and their grandson is around for help as well in the evenings. For a safety precaution, LeRoy has asked for church members to take turns staying with them from 11 am to 8 pm. I have created an online sign-up genius with two hour blocks of time. Many of you should have already received an email but here is a link if you want to sign up to help [<HERE>](#) Nancy Dalrymple
- ♥ Thank you for your prayers for my mom, Mattie. She was released from the hospital on Friday to her group foster care home. They are taking good care of her. It was a scary week of ups and downs at the hospital so our whole family appreciates your prayers and support. Laurie Costales
- ♥ Vicki Zielinski asks for prayers and support. The family is going through some very personal and private issues right now. Prayers are very appreciated.
- ♥ Update on Gary Danielson: He came through surgery great. He is home and resting well, better than doctors expected. Thank you for your prayers. Continued prayers for healing. Ed and Dena Query
- ♥ Pastor Erik's mom, Sharon, is doing well and continues to be in the hospital for her physical therapy. Keep prayers for healing and her release from the hospital.
- ♥ Prayers for Alta Goldsby and the continued healing of her hip. She is now living at Emerald Point. If you wish to write her a note, the office has her new address.

GIVING TOTALS

July to date	
General Fund Offering	
1 st week	\$ 35.00
2 nd week	1,912.58
3 rd week	4,797.58
4 th week	2,137.58
Total for Month	\$ 8,882.74
Mo Budget	\$ 13,178.00

The June total giving was \$7,947.02 of our \$13,178.00 budget. Our Year-to-Date amount is below our goal. While our monthly offering is covering most of the payroll and utility bills, we are using savings to make up the difference. With good financial stewardship over the past few years, KCC does have a savings account that we are using to make all of our obligations at this time. Without additional giving, the savings account will continue to dwindle.

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7



Margy McCurry	8-5
Addison Hughes	8-5
Traci Pearl	8-15
Kathryn Dodge	8-20
Jane Slack	8-23
Paul Costales	8-28
Odin Peterson	8-28



Leroy & Wilma Bogue	8-1
Don & Jane Slack	8-2
Dave & JoAnn Barker	8-11
Troy & Laurie Costales	8-17

SHARING OF GIFTS

It's summer time with choir and chimes on a break. Let me know if you have a song, poem, prayer, or other item to share with the congregation. Please call me, talk to me after church, or email me [HERE](#) with any ideas you have. *Elizabeth*



MEN'S GROUP



Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 for our next meeting on **August 5th**. Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast. All men are welcome!

RECYCLING



We are still recycling cans and bottles as well as ink cartridges and toners. Drop them by the church during office hours. All money goes towards Youth Group activities and Summer Camp Scholarships.



PLEASE NOTE: Make sure your containers say **OR 10¢** on them. Also, do **NOT** crush the bottles. They are not returnable if crushed. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will be taking a break for the summer. We will start again in the fall on Thursday mornings at 11 am.

Bible Study



KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER



The next Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, August 23rd from 4:30-6:30 pm**. It is held every month on the fourth Wednesday from 4:30-6:30 pm at St. Edward's Catholic Church. It is open to all and **FREE**. There is an opportunity to donate at the dinner. If you would like to help serve desserts, please contact Sue Day.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME

Thank you to those who have signed up to bring treats for Coffee Fellowship Time. We have tried to make it easier for setup and have the Secretary prepare the tables for you. The treat provider is responsible for bringing treats, setting them out on the tables, starting the coffee pot and hot water, and all cleanup of the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen when done. Please sign up on the sheet on the Fellowship Hall door. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office.



KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

The numbers just keep growing! On Monday July 17th we served 80 families and with the great system we have in place we got through in time for them to get home and feed their families.

Your donations of food are very helpful, it is amazing how fast the pantry empties when we serve 80 families. If you would like to give a monetary donation to the church, I am happy to shop for needed items.

Our fantastic employee Mark, who would be almost impossible to replace, has an infected sore on his foot. He needs our prayers for healing, he is in a lot of pain. We serve August 21st. Come join the fun!

IMPORTANT UPDATE:

KCFB is open on the 5th Monday, July 31st with all churches helping and they are in need of people. Call Pam at 503-881-5504 if you are able to help.

Pam Elliot

Core Foods

Canned · Frozen Fresh · Repack

- ◆ Canned Protein
- ◆ Cold Cereal
- ◆ Mac & Cheese
- ◆ Vegetables
- ◆ Shelf Stable Beans
- ◆ Peanut Butter—16-18 ounce
- ◆ Tomato Products—can/jar
- ◆ Shelf Stable Dairy—package/carton
- ◆ Eggs
- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Flour
- ◆ Fruit
- ◆ Soup

*Be sure to check expiration dates!
Fresh Produce is always welcome!*

Above are some of the core foods that we are always in need of. Feel free to bring them in and put them in the box in the Narthex or make a donation and we will purchase them for you.

UNSUNG HEROES



Thank you to those serving as Presiders, Ushers, and our special greeter, Cindy Chevront.

Ushers are the ones that welcome you and take roll each week as you arrive. They also help put away communion supplies and tidy up the sanctuary for the Jehova Nisi church service in the afternoon.

Presiders are the ones that come to the podium and give the invitation to offering and the offering and communion prayers.

Be sure to tell them **THANK YOU** for doing such an important job for the church.

If you would like to serve as an usher or greeter, please let the office know.

CHURCH WORK PARTY

Thank you to those who helped clean up the church property. We had many workers from both KCC and La Iglesia Cristiana Jehova Nisi. Photos courtesy of Nancy Dalrymple!



A whole dumpster full of yard debris. Thank you to the Query's for arranging the large blue cart.



Ta da—after all of the hard work





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SERMON SERIES

Summer Series 2: Broken News for Tough Times

Paul's letter to the Romans is addressed to people he had never met, in the hopes of encouraging and building up this community to which he dreamed of traveling. He knew the Christian life was a perilous one, and the world in which the church was growing and spreading was unpredictable and increasingly diverse. We learn how God sustains us in the midst of brokenness and helps us find wholeness and unity, no matter what crises we are facing.

- July 30—Sermon: “Holy Moments”** Romans 8:26-39
No amount of brokenness can separate us from the love of God in Christ.
- August 6—Sermon: “All-Inclusive Grace”** Romans 9:1-5
God chooses us all, despite human differences.
- August 13—Sermon: “The End of the Law”** Romans 10:5-15
Grace restores what is broken—not anything we can do.
- August 20—Sermon: “God Is in Control”** Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Though brokenness remains, we can trust in God's mission of restoration.