

KCC Chronicle

KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

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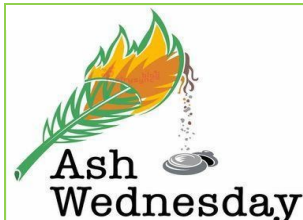
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WORSHIP SERVICES

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 services on our YouTube channel here:  **YouTube**



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



We will have a short service on **February 14 at 6 pm** with the imposition of ashes. This is a time to reflect and share our thanks as we remember the greatest sacrifice.

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2024

Thank you for your support and participation in KCC during all of 2023. Your generosity and investment in our congregation, our



community, and in the programs of KCC have made a difference. Your pledges for support in 2024 gives your KCC Council confidence that together we will have an impact in the coming year too. There will be opportunities throughout the coming year for you to plug in. I am looking forward to working along side of you soon! *Troy Costales*, Stewardship Chair

NEWSLETTER

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

Look for the next newsletter on **February 22nd**.



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Tuesday – Friday

9 am to 1 pm

Afternoons by appointment

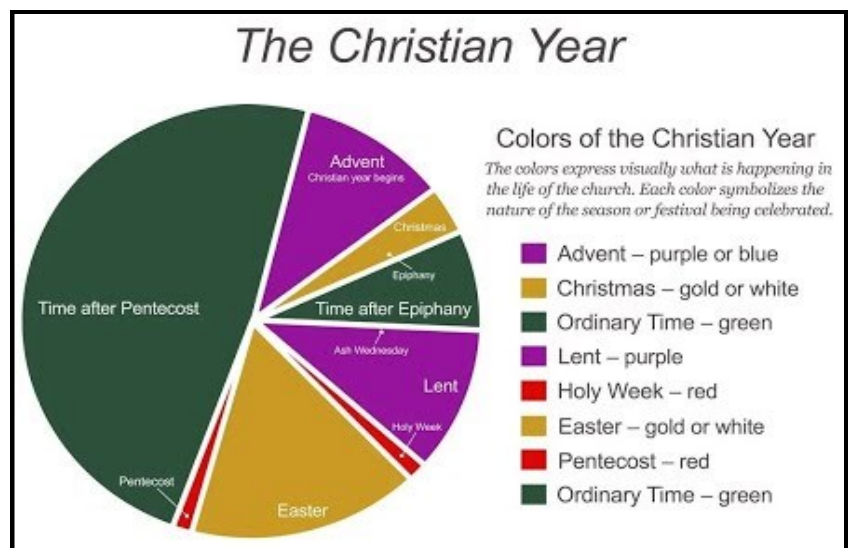
PASTOR’S MOMENT

Well, here we are again, back in ordinary time. We’ve navigated once again the spiritually and emotionally complex, as well as activity dense seasons of Advent and Christmas. Time to take a breather and enjoy the calm tranquility of Ordinary Time. Take a look at the image of the liturgical calendar of the Christian year (below). See that green pie slice between Christmas and Lent? That’s us right now, smack dab in the midst of Ordinary Time. No church holidays, no seasons of preparation, nothing but life as usual, right?

You’d like to think so though you would be wrong. Ordinary Time is usually anything but ordinary, particularly where Jesus and God are concerned. They have a long history of breaking right into our “ordinary times” and shaking things up for us just

when we think we have things all figured out and settled down. Remember the calling of the disciples we read about last Sunday? That was supposed to be just an ordinary day of fishing and mending nets for those guys. Then Jesus shows up and their easygoing day turns into a life-changing call to ministry and discipleship. Sound familiar? It should, because this is Jesus’ *modus operandi*, his MO. Just like the God who sent him, Jesus makes it his business to break into the ordinariness of our lives and show us something new, something unimaginable, calling us further up and further in to a life of faith and service.

So, watch out. Ordinary Time isn’t so ordinary. It is far from the calm between rushed seasons we might think it is. It is these in between times of life that God most often chooses to shake us up and set us loose, empowered by God’s Holy Spirit to go change the world. How might God be calling to you in this, so-called, Ordinary Time?



Pastor Erik

‘And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”’ ~ Mark 1:17

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 be in prayer for the Bogues. LeRoy Bogue called and let us know that Wilma had a major stroke Monday morning, January 22th. She is in the hospital and LeRoy continues to visit her. We will update you as we have more information.
- ♥ Please keep our family and Lee's extended family in your prayers as his youngest brother is put on hospice. Evelyn Hughes
- ♥ Prayers for Jane Slack who found out that she has a broken arm from a recent fall. Pam Elliott
- ♥ Be in prayer for Robin (Smith) Zielinski as she goes in for hip replacement surgery on Monday, February 19th. Prayers for quick recovery, and for her husband Don who is taking time off to be her caregiver. Also please pray for her doctor. The surgery had to be rescheduled because the doctor fell and broke some ribs.
- ♥ Regional News: We are saddened to share that Rollie Wirt, son of recently retired Regional Ministers Doug & Cathy Myers Wirt, died Tuesday afternoon at 4.30pm, surrounded by a circle of family and close friends. Arrangements will be announced later. The family requests no calls at this time. They welcome texts, emails, and cards. Cards may be sent to: Drs. Doug and Cathy Wirt, 5400 SW Elm St, Beaverton, OR 97005.
- ♥ Please pray for Ed Query. He will be going in for surgery to fix his aneurysm on Monday, January 29th.
- ♥ Pray for Betty Bartlett. She finally has a surgery date for her heart surgery - February 14th. She was recently in the hospital for a time for fluid on her lungs, A fib, kidney failure, and a virus but is back home now. Please pray she can stay healthy until her surgery. Peggy Young
- ♥ Former member, Paul Freeman passed away Tuesday, Dec. 19th. His services were held Wednesday, January 27th at the Mill City Christian Church.

GIVING TOTALS

The December total giving was \$10,341.42 of our \$13,178.00 budget. Just a reminder. Our monthly offering is covering our payroll and utility bills. 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.

January to date	
<u>General Fund Offering</u>	
1 st week	\$ 1,062.63
2 nd week	1,113.93
3 rd week	8,562.58
4 th week	
Total for Month	\$ 10,739.14
Mo Budget	\$ 12,136.00

"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

UNSUNG HEROES



Thank you to **Ed Query** for coordinating the replacement of our lights outside last month. The parking lot and all entrances are very well lit now!

Thanks to **Troy Costales** who replaced the kitchen door lock this month.

MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 for our next meeting on **February 3rd**. Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast. All men are welcome!



BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study continues to meet each Thursday at 11 am in the library. All are welcome! We will continue our study on "Your Journey to a Prayerful Life" by Barbara Schutt. Come join us for some great discussion of God's Word.

RECYCLING—BOTTLES, CANS, INK, TONER



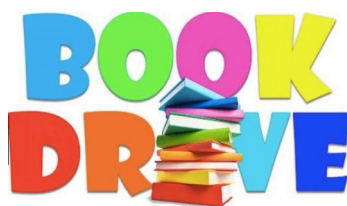
Thank you to everyone who has been turning in your bottles and cans! This year, we have made over \$1,000 for this fundraiser. The funds go towards Children's Summer Camp scholarships.

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.

We are still turning in used ink cartridges and toners. The funds for those are used to buy office supplies for special events like the Bible Adventure Fest.



D.A.R. CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE



Do you have any children's books that you are willing to donate? Nancy Dalrymple and Jane Slack are collecting them for a donation to Richmond Elementary School. This

book drive is for the Chemeketa Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Nancy has already taken one batch to the school and they were very appreciative. She plans to take another one sometime in February so now is the time to do your spring cleaning and bring those books in.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Willa Porter	2-2
John Campos	2-15
Pete Vrontakis	2-24

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 DINNER

The next Keizer Community Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, January 24th from 4:30-6:30 pm at St. Edward's Catholic Church.**

This is a free dinner (however goodwill donations are always appreciated) that is open to everyone. It's a great chance to get to know your Keizer neighbors.



Core Foods

Canned · Frozen Fresh · Repack

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

Be sure to check expiration dates!

Fresh Produce is always welcome!

At the left are some of the core foods that we are always in need of at the **Food Bank**. Feel free to bring them in and put them in the box in the Narthex or make a monetary donation and we will purchase them for you.

The ones printed in **BOLD** are the ones most needed.

KEIZER COMMUNITY



FOOD BANK

We've had a nice vacation, so it is time to go back to work! We will be serving this coming Monday, **January 29th**. The times you can be of the most help is 10:00, 1:00 and 3:30 to closing.

Reminder we will not serve in February due to it being on President's Day.

All non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated, see the core food list.

Remember we are not able to take old expired canned items.

Pam Elliot



INDOOR PARK

KCC Indoor Park was created provide an indoor play facility for parents and caregivers and their pre-Kindergarten age children where they can practice large motor skills and socialization.

We were excited to re-open Indoor Park in Spring of 2023 and are enjoying seeing families use our space. The format has changed since COVID-19 so please click [HERE](#) to be directed to our page for more information.

Available by appointment only. You can reserve by emailing or calling the office.

The fee is \$5 per group, per day for use of KCC toys and cleaning supplies. Play time for your group is between 9 am and noon on the reserved day with up to ½ hour afterwards allotted for cleanup. Each group must clean and sanitize all toys, equipment, and tables used during their play time.



R.I.S.E. HOMESCHOOL GROUP

We have a new group using the church during the week. KCC has partnered to host the R.I.S.E.



Homeschool group for their enrichment activities this school year. They meet here at the church from 9 to noon on Tuesdays. They have occasional field trips and follow the Salem-Keizer School District calendar for breaks but are using the building most Tuesdays. Here is some information from their coordinator:

“R.I.S.E. is a Christian co-op designed to offer local homeschooling families opportunities for extra curricular activities and community. We currently have 6 families with 14 kids ranging in age from infant to 13. We are currently offering P.E. and art classes and are hoping to expand a little bit more, while remaining a small close knit group. Once a month we either do a field trip or fellowship day where we share a meal together.”

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Have you noticed? Did you hear about it? The Capital Campaign is still underway. Your gifts have been turned into action.

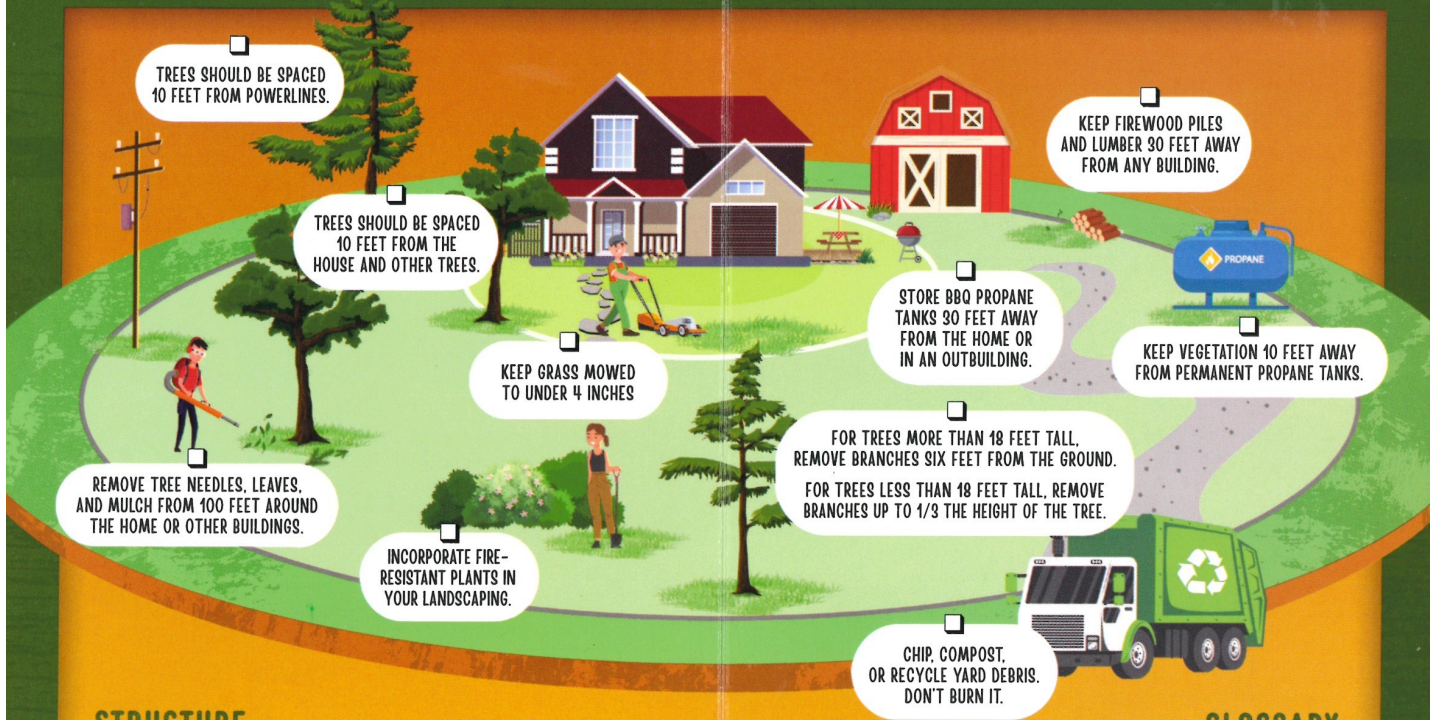
The Sanctuary projector replacement bulb and filter have been purchased. Exterior lights and fixtures have been upgraded and light up the outside area during the evening hours. The electrical outlet and new circuit for the second stove in the kitchen are in. Bids on cleaning the roof are still being researched. The solar panels have been cleaned. We are still in need of additional gifts for a few of the larger items (parking lot repaving for instance). You can designate giving to the Capital Campaign at any time. Funds collected over the next two years will go toward finishing off our project list.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE CHECKLIST

This information was received here at church and I thought it would be a good idea to pass on. The original brochure is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE CHECKLIST

CALL 503.390.9111 TO SCHEDULE YOUR FREE ASSESSMENT



STRUCTURE

- ROOFS AND GUTTERS ARE CLEAN FROM LEAVES, CONIFER NEEDLES, AND OTHER DEBRIS.
- FLAMMABLE VEGETATION IS REMOVED FROM GROWING DIRECTLY UNDER THE EAVES. A MINIMUM OF FIVE (5) FEET FROM THE STRUCTURE IS RECOMMENDED.
- EXTERIOR ATTIC VENTS, SOFFIT VENTS, AND AREAS BELOW DECKS AND PATIOS ARE COVERED WITH 1/8 INCH METAL WIRE MESH.
- FENCE ATTACHMENTS TO THE STRUCTURE HAVE A NON-COMBUSTIBLE ALTERNATIVE, SUCH AS A METAL GATE OR FENCE.
- SIDING AND SKIRTING ARE IN GOOD CONDITION.

- LEAVES, CONIFER NEEDLES, DEADWOOD, BARK MULCH, AND OTHER DEBRIS REMOVED FROM THE SURFACE OF, AROUND, AND BELOW DECKS AND FENCES.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- THE DRIVEWAY IS ACCESSIBLE TO FIRST RESPONDERS (E.G., CLEAR OF DEBRIS AND OBSTRUCTIONS; MEETS LOCAL HEIGHT & WIDTH REQUIREMENTS; HAS CLEARLY MARKED ROAD SIGNS, BRIDGES, & CULVERTS).
- THE HOME HAS AN ADDRESS SIGN AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE PROPERTY.

- INSTALL A FIRE-RESISTANT OR NONCOMBUSTIBLE ROOF MADE OF MATERIALS SUCH AS ASPHALT, METAL, CLAY TILE, SLATE, OR CONCRETE PRODUCTS.
- INSTALL NONCOMBUSTIBLE OR IGNITION-RESISTANT SIDING SUCH AS BRICK, STONE, FIBER CEMENT, PLASTER, OR METAL.
- WHEN REPLACING FENCING WITHIN FIVE (5) FEET OF A HOME OR STRUCTURE, INSTALL A 5-FOOT FIRE-RESISTANT BUFFER SUCH AS METAL FENCING OR OTHER NONFLAMMABLE MATERIAL

GLOSSARY

DEFENSIBLE SPACE:

ANY AREA WHERE COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS ARE TREATED, CLEARED, OR MODIFIED TO SLOW AND REDUCE INTENSITY OF WILDFIRE AND ALLOW SPACE FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION OPERATIONS TO OCCUR.

FIRE-RESISTIVE PLANTS:

PLANTS THAT CAN BE USED TO REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF FIRE SPREAD.

LADDER FUEL:

LOW-HANGING BRANCHES, LEAVES, NEEDLES, & OTHER COMBUSTIBLE PLANT MATTER THAT MAY ALLOW WILDFIRE TO SPREAD FROM LOW-GROWING PLANTS TO HIGH-GROWING PLANTS.

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SERMON SERIES

EPIPHANY SERIES: JESUS MAN OF MYSTERY

As Jesus' public ministry begins, he remains a somewhat mysterious figure. Like a good spy, magician, or detective, Jesus plays things close to the vest and reveals things only when he is ready. Through this series, we see Jesus begin to reveal himself more and more, while at the same time insisting on keeping his identity a secret. As we explore Jesus' mysterious identity, we may discover more about ourselves and a purpose that causes us to live with a sense of urgency.

January 28— Sermon: "Spreadin' the News" Mark 1:21-28

Jesus insists his identity be a secret, yet his actions stir the people to spread the news.

February 4— Sermon: "Secrets, Secrets, Secrets" Mark 1:29-39

Jesus continues to keep his identity a secret, but his actions often free others who have been living in secret.

February 11— Sermon: "Exposed" Mark 9:2-9

Christ's transfiguration circles back to an earlier revelation about his identity.

Our new Lenten series begins on February 18th— stay tuned!