

KCC Chronicle

KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

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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**



CHURCH YARDWORK PARTY



We will be holding an all-church work party to help us weed, prune, and generally spruce up the church grounds on May 11th beginning at 9 am! We will be joined by our sister church, La Iglesia Cristiana Jehova

Nisi and this will be a great time to meet some new folks. Bring your yard tools, gloves, and we will have a fun time.

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is when we honor God in our relationships and with our resources throughout our daily lives. Praise and honor, giving Him thanks and gratitude for what He did and continues to do for us. It is His control and His sovereignty in all things.



We honor Him with our worship, with our fellowship, with our abilities, in our prayers, and with our offerings. Thank you for all you do and invest in KCC.

NEWSLETTER

Previous editions are available on the website at:

[<NEWSLETTER>](#)

Look for the next newsletter on **May 21st**.



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9 am to 1 pm

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PASTOR'S MOMENT

Spring is a powerful time of the year. Much anticipated after weathering the long months of Winter, Spring is the harbinger of fresh starts, new life, a reminder that God is good and ever-present. Spring is also a time of discomfort and recall to



the hard work of tending growth. The Springtime of the year reminds us, with its flowers and weeds, sweet smells and allergies, that while we are invited to revel in the beauty of God's creative efforts, to participate in them even, we are also called to adapt to them as well.

As we come out of our own season of hibernation, it is time for the church to recognize the new thing that God is doing, that God is always doing. There is great growth potential in the seeds God has planted in our hearts and minds. We can take the risk and plant those seeds, tend them and see what grows, or we can keep saving them and wait for what feels like the perfect time. The more we choose the latter, though, the more we convince ourselves that the perfect time has not yet come, will never come. We content ourselves to simply sit and wait, watching growth happen around us and never enjoying it ourselves. Spring is a time to risk, to try, to grow.

Early in April I began to see the daffodils bloom, among other flowers. The weather teased at warmer temperatures and people began to prepare their gardens and even plant a few early vegetables. Some nights it still froze, setting back the hopes of those early planters. They will plant again. And next year, those same ones will probably, again, plant early in the hopes of participating in the new life of the season as soon as possible.

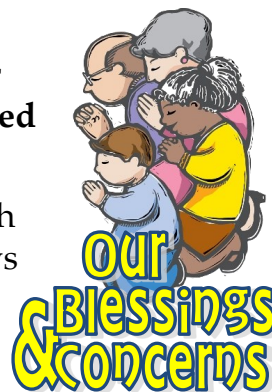
May we, the church, be so willing to risk. May we be so excited at the prospect of the new things God is doing and inviting us into that we cannot help but jump in and try something new. We know it may not work out long term. We know nothing lasts forever. We also believe that anything is possible for God, that God is at work in the hearts and minds of people in ways we cannot often fathom. We have all had experiences of the divine, witnessing spiritual growth in ourselves and others through the work God calls us to. Each of those stories started with someone saying yes to an idea or task or act of service that likely scared or intimidated them. What might God be asking you to say yes to this season?


Pastor Erik

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." ~ Isaiah 43:19

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.



- ♥ Pray for Ed Query who has surgery scheduled for Monday, April 29th to repair an aneurysm in his leg. He will be in the hospital for 2-3 days recovering.
- ♥ Please pray for Bob and Betty Bartlett. Betty has been in the hospital and they have had to take fluid off of her lungs several times. She was to come home Thursday, April 18th and they will have caregivers at home to help. She is breathing and feeling better. Prayers for continued healing. Gerry Henjum
- ♥ Please say a prayer for me. I have had some severe sciatica pain and will begin physical therapy tomorrow, April 23. Prayers that it quickly resolves itself. Laurie Costales
- ♥ Sue Day's surgery went well. Thank you for all your thoughtful prayers. Sue (via Shelley Day)
- ♥ Update on our friend Terry Pence who had an episode with seizures. Blessing that he is doing well and the doctors could find no underlying causes. He will be on anti-seizure medicine for a while just to be safe but he is feeling good and thanks everyone for their prayers. Troy & Laurie Costales
- ♥ Please pray for Taipu Omuwere, one of the Chuukese Church's members who is an Army captain. She was in the hospital with illness over Easter and they are looking to return her from deployment. Prayers for healing. Kim Free
- ♥ Please pray for Vidalia Lopez, wife of Pastor Lopez from La Iglesia Cristiana Jehova Nisi. She will be having surgery on April 29th for breast cancer.

GIVING TOTALS

April to date	
<u>General Fund Offering</u>	
1 st week	\$ 2,795.54
2 nd week	3,146.94
3 rd week	1,232.54
4 th week	
Total for Month	\$ 7,175.02
Mo Budget	\$ 12,136.00

The February total giving was \$18,409.41 of our \$12,136.00 budget. Thank you to everyone who contributes and keeps our church alive. It also allows us to support the many charities and other programs in the region.

If you are unable to attend service, you can give online through the secure giving portal [<HERE>](#) or mail a check to the office "Attention: Financial Secretary."

The 1st quarter giving receipts are on the table in the Narthex. If you haven't picked yours up yet, please pick it up this Sunday and save us a stamp! Thank you.

"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

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study



Bible Study continues to meet each Thursday at 11 am in the library. All are welcome!

We will continue our study on "Freedom in Christ," a study of Galatians, Titus, and Philemon.

Come join us for some great discussion of God's Word.

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT!

This is the time of the year when the sanctuary's stained glass windows shine beautifully on the pulpit in the afternoon and evening.

The choir was greeted by this lovely sight on Wednesday night!

Thanks to Troy Costales for taking a photo for everyone to enjoy.



MEN'S GROUP



Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 for our next meeting on **April 25th**. Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast. All men are welcome!

KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER

The next Keizer Community Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, May 22nd from 4:30-6:30 pm** at St. Edward's Catholic Church.



JUNE BAR-B-Q

We will be having an all-church barbecue on Sunday, June 23rd at 4 pm. Keizer Christian Church will be providing the meat, La Iglesia Cristiana Jehova Nisi will be providing the barbecues and everyone can bring their own side, salad or dessert to share. There will be more information in the May newsletter or if you have questions, please call the office.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

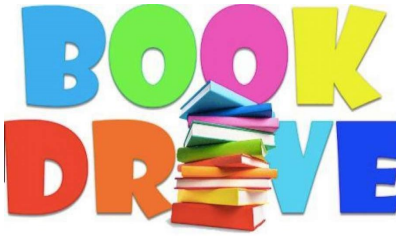
Tammy Puppo	5-4
Dena Query	5-8
JoAnn Barker	5-9
Don Kaehler	5-14
Christa Ryan	5-22
Torry Peterson	5-25
Liz Duncanson	5-28



Bob & Margy McCurry	5-6
Mike & Christa Ryan	5-30

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 them periodically as we collect more of them. You can bring the books to church and we will collect them for the next batch to be delivered.



KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



Monday, April 15th was our 19th Anniversary! We served 138 families. A big thank you to those who have served from day one and all of those in between, the list is very long. We have been so blessed with faithful servants.

All core food is needed and especially peanut butter, cereal, canned meat, and soup.

Our next serving night is May 20th.

Pam Elliot

Core Foods **Canned · Frozen** **Fresh · Repack**

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

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.



'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:35-40

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.



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 drink table for you and put out silverware, plates, and napkins.



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.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Several items on the Capital Campaign list have been completed. The parking lot has been striped, a “No Trucks” sign has been installed, we have a

replacement bulb for the projector and electrical repairs have been made in the kitchen.

Projects still to be completed include paving the parking lot (\$52,000), Weather protection for the new front doors (\$1,200), Roof cleaning (\$1,200), Gutter and downspout cleaning (\$300), Remote front Doorbell (\$500), Sprinkler system repairs (\$3,000), and Reader Board light update (\$500).

We currently have \$10,522 in the Capital Campaign account. I’m asking everyone to prayerfully consider additional contributions to the Capital Campaign. In the past we’ve been able to do some amazing things for our church and I’m sure we can do it again.

Another thought---- I’m thinking of donating my kicker check to the Capital Campaign. What do you think?

Thank you all for your participation.

Ed Query, Property Chair

FLOWER FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all those participating in our Women's Ministry Annual Flower Fundraiser.

Just a reminder that flowers will be available on **Saturday, May 4th at 11 am or Sunday, May 5th before and after church.**



RECYCLING—BOTTLES, CANS, INK AND TONER



From April 22nd to May 4th, we are able to participate in "Earth Day Give" which lets us get an extra 20% on all bottles and cans that are turned in. Let's bring in those cans and bottles. 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 craft and office supplies for special children's events like Fun in the Field.

FUN IN THE FIELD

PUT THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS—JULY 20 from noon to 4 pm! We are collaborating with La Iglesia Cristiana Jehova Nisi and the Chuukese Church of Christ to make this great event for families to attend. We will hold it in our north field area and the booths will include storytelling, interactive games, crafts, and snacks.



This year's theme "**God's Endless Garden**" will feature stories about how God cares for us and we in turn care for each other.

Right now we are in the planning stages. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please see Kim Free or Laurie Costales. We do have some items listed below that would be helpful if people are able to donate or loan them to us for the event:

- ◆ Slip and slide or other water feature
- ◆ Water squirters
- ◆ Awnings, tents or gazebos for booths
- ◆ Any family friendly lawn games such as "Corn Hole"
- ◆ Potting soil, starter plants or seeds



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SERMON SERIES

Easter Series

When thinking about what makes a person a Christian, we often start with belief. Someone confesses faith in Jesus, then learns what is expected of his or her behavior as a Christian, and finally the persons finds belonging in a community with other Christians. But Jesus didn't work that way, nor does that pattern work for many on the outskirts of the church today. In this Easter series we explore the ways in which Christ lived out a gospel of homecoming and modeled the primary need for and power of belonging, even before we know what exactly we believe or how we are to behave.

April 28—Sermon: “Follow the Verbs”

Acts 8:26-40

Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch show us how to walk with “the other” on the road to belonging.

May 5—Sermon: “When Jesus Interrupts”

Acts 10:44-48

Jesus continues to interrupt and rearrange our understanding and ordering of salvation.

Late Spring Series

In between the Easter series and the beginning of the summer series there is a short break from our Lectionary Sermon Series.

May 12—Sermon: “Ascension Sunday”

John 17:6-19

Mother's Day

May 19—Sermon: “Pentecost Sunday”

Acts 2:1-21

Guest pastor—Ruth Schulenberg