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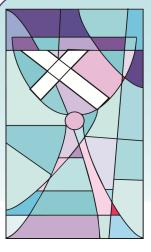
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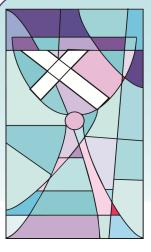
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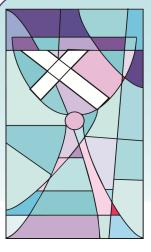
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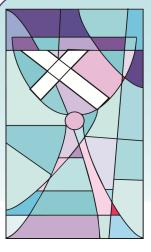
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NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Sermons

Previous editions are available on the website at:

<NEWSLETTER>

Look for the next newsletter on June 27th.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship Services are held inperson 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:

JUNE BAR-B-Q



We will be having an all-church barbecue on **Sunday**, **June 23**rd **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. We will only have a signup sheet for how many people are attending from your family. You can surprise us with your side dishes!

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 through
the end of June. We will take a break
from July until the beginning of September.

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





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PASTOR'S MOMENT

Do you remember the feeling of the last day of school?

Whether it was your last day before summer vacation as a grade school kid, with bike rides, camping, lazy days and no homework on the horizon; or it was your final day before high



school graduation, the last day of school has always been one full of excitement and anticipation. There was always so much to look forward to. Even after all that time spent learning, so much left unknown, yet to be discovered.

While most of us have passed the time of life where we personally experience the thrill of the last day of school, we

probably know a few young people or more who anxiously await that last day feeling this year. Whether they are younger students or they are graduating high school or even college, the prospect of release from the bounds of formal education, even for just a summer, is an exciting one. The future awaits and they cannot wait to get there, to find out what's next, to begin the next adventure beyond the bounds of the classroom.

Our Christian journey feels like this sometimes too. We begin and are taught in classrooms and in worship services. We learn what it means to believe in and to follow Jesus in largely structured settings and means. We yearn for something more . . . organic, more lived. At some point we think we've got the basics down and set out to begin the doing and we may pay less attention to learning, we forget that God keeps teaching us in all aspects of our lives. We feel like kids getting out of school for the summer, we just want to do our own thing for a while.

In all aspects of life, education never really ends. While school may get out for the summer and we eventually reach the end of our formal educational pursuits, we never stop learning. It is up to you to keep your mind and spirit open to what God has to show you and teach you. God will use unlikely suspects and means to do so. Of this you can be almost certain. You can also be certain that the hard work of a life of learning and becoming is entirely worth it. Of course, celebrate all life's times of accomplishment and transition to new stages. Rest, renew, revive. Never stop learning who God is and who God has created you to be.

Pastor Erik

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." ~ Matthew 11:29

BLESSINGS AND CONCERNS

To include Blessings and Concerns on the weekly email sent out on Tuesday, 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 Thank you to JoAnn Barker for her touching reading of the Love You Forever book on Mother's Day. It was a very special part of our service. If you wish to view the service on YouTube, you will need to use the link from the bulletin email, per our agreement with the book author for the use of the book.
- ♥ Blessings to all of those who showed up for our Saturday work party! The yard looks wonderful.
- ▼ Thanks for all of your prayers, my sciatic is slowly getting better each day. Continued prayers for healing and being able to return to my normal activities. Laurie Costales.
- ◆ Continued prayers for Ed Query's recovery from surgery.
- Vidalia Lopez is home and recovering from surgery as well. Please pray for good results from her pathology report.

GIVING TOTALS

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<u>Genera</u>	l Fund (<u>Offering</u>
1 st week	\$	2,380.00
2 nd week		2,954.89
3 rd week		4,648.54
4 th week		
Total for Mon	ith \$	9,983.43
Mo Budget	\$	12,136.00

The April total giving was \$8,943.45 of our \$12,136.00 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.

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."

"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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

KCC will be hosting the Salem-Keizer-Chuukese youth in July and August on Thursdays from 6 to 8 pm. I'm looking for adult volunteers to commit to a minimum of two weeks at a time to volunteer their presence during that time at church to help keep an eye on the kids and interact as they are comfortable.



We could also use some snack supplies if anyone can donate, I'll make a list and post it. Thanks, *Kim Free*

Unsung Heroes



A great big thank you to **Dena Query** for collecting all of our sacks of bottles and cans and turning them in to Bottle Drop!

We also want to thank her for coordinating the cleaning of the fellowship hall, narthex, hallway, and office carpets.

Thanks to **Pastor Erik and Troy Costales** for helping move the furniture for the carpet cleaning.

Bristol Campos 6-14

Ryhia Lepe 6-18

Troy Costales 6-18

Vianna Lepe 6-18

Jay Puppo 6-27

Bob McCurry 6-29

Karrie Brown 6-30



Traci & Michael Pearl

6-5

MEN'S GROUP

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



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.

RECYCLING—BOTTLES, CANS, INK AND TONER



Thank you to everyone for bringing their cans and bottles for the "Earth Day Give" fundraiser. Just a reminder that this is a year-round fundraiser and all 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.



KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER



The next Keizer Community Dinner will be held on **Wednesday**, **June 26**th **from 4:30-6:30 pm at St. Edward's Catholic Church**.

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



Mark Studer has been with the Food Bank for several years now, setting up, taking down, and cleaning. It makes our serving night so much easier. He has been suffering with a foot and leg issue for three or four months. He would not go to the doctor and became

unable to work. Mark also is the custodian for the church. Two weeks ago, he was taken to Urgent Care and then to the hospital where he was admitted with a blood clot and infection in his foot. He is doing much better now and back to work on a limited basis. Please pray for Mark.

On Monday we served 124 families. The last two months we have purchased extra tuna from our KCC

Food Bank fund to allow us to supplement the pantry items given out. Each family was able to get an additional can of tuna—thank you so much.

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

Our next serving night is June 17th. Pam Elliot

FUN IN THE FIELD



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.

We are still planning this event and hope to have a "Menu" of food items that will be provided for everyone soon.

Meanwhile we are still looking for:

- Water squirters
- Awnings, tents or gazebos for booths
- Any family friendly lawn games such as "Corn Hole"
- Potting soil, starter plants or seeds

We are also looking for people willing to man the booths, setup, and cleanup. If you are able to help, Please call Kim Free or Laurie Costales.

Core Foods

Canned · Frozen Fresh · Repack

- **♦** Canned Protein
- **♦** Cold Cereal
- **♦**Eggs **♦**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!

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.



Faith & Family Night

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2ND FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT FRI. JULY 19TH

QUESTIONS: 503.390.2225



Middle and High Schoolers are invited to attend Summer Camp this year where we will Imagine A World of Love and Kindness. Youth who have graduated from 6th-12th grades are

invited to attend a five day outdoor experience at Suttle Lake from **August 5th-9th.** We will worship, sing, play games, swim, make new friends, spend time with old friends and most importantly, create a culture of love, kindness and trust.

Cost is \$400, and scholarship help is available for everyone who wants to come so ask

your youth leader! Follow the QR code to register.









SERMON SERIES

Summer Series 1: God at Work

This walk through 1 and 2 Samuel invites us to see God's radical grace at work in unexpected ways. The stories of Samuel's call, David's unlikely anointing as king and victory over Goliath, and the lesser-known elegy where David mourns Saul and Jonathan and his official kingship over all of Israel highlight the unexpected way God is actively working among God's people. It's a challenge to our present-day lives as we perceive God working among us—calling us, responding to us, seeing us, leading us, saving us, and uniting us.

June 2—Sermon: "God Calls"

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Samuel is caught off guard by the voice of God, but Eli helps him understand.

June 9—Sermon: "God Responds"

1 Samuel 8:4-20; 11:14-15

The people ask Samuel for a king; God disagrees but gives the people what they ask.

June 16—Sermon: "God Sees"

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

God tells Samuel to anoint little David king, for God sees his heart.

June 23 – Sermon: "God Leads"

1 Samuel 17:1-11, 19-23, 23-49

David defeats Goliath because God is with the underdog.

June 30—Sermon: "God Saves"

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Even in times of grief, God brings light out of darkness.

June 7—Sermon: "God Unites"

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

David leads his army to occupy Jerusalem, but it is God that brings victory.