

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**



FUN IN THE FIELD



**JULY 20
Noon to 4 pm!**

Come one come all— please be sure to invite your neighbors and friends.

Booths with Bible stories, crafts, carnival games, volleyball, food, water play, washable tattoos, a chance to plant your own seed, and more!

We will be putting up the sign-up sheets this weekend for you to come help us man the booths.

NEWSLETTER

Previous editions are available on the website at:

[<NEWSLETTER>](#)

Look for the next newsletter on **July 25th**.





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Tuesday – Friday

9 am to 1 pm

Afternoons by appointment

PASTOR'S MOMENT

Summer has officially begun. Along with all the expectation of days at the beach and weekends at the lake or whatever your vacation of choice may be comes the long list of



summer projects. You know, all those things you want to get done when the weather is nice; painting, building, planting, etc. Summer is that time of year when we most struggle with balancing cultivating a beautiful life and creating a beautiful

place in which to live it. Should we stay home this Saturday and repair and repaint the back deck or go to the kite festival and make some memories?

It always seems that before we know it the air is getting chilly again and we're trading sunny days for rainy ones and our project list is still longer than we'd like. I admit I am infusing a healthy amount of self-disclosure into these meandering thoughts, but I don't think I'm alone in this struggle. While it feels good to accomplish a task and strike items off our "to-do" lists in an effort to create beautiful space it is also vital for our mental and spiritual well-being to take advantage of the beauty God surrounds us with; to take a break and rest. Sometimes we have to be okay with the fence not getting painted this week or even this month because we took the family on a hike instead, or gathered with friends at the park. And sometimes we have to stay home and mow the lawn so we can host a BBQ and not lose our flip-flops in the grass. Life is about balance. Living a beautiful life full of good memories and loving relationships even more so.

God desires for us to see and experience beauty, in our work and our leisure. There is time for both; time for creating beauty and for experiencing it, always enjoying it as a gift from God. Let us go into these Summer months with heightened expectation for the beauty God has for us, energy for the tasks before us and patience for the times when we are invited to simply be. Amen.

Pastor Erik

"He has made everything beautiful in its time."

~ Ecclesiastes 3:11a

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.



- ♥ Blessings. Our sister-in-law, Dianne Hughes woke up from her coma and is breathing on her own and alert. She has some short-term memory loss but long term memory is good. She has a long recovery. Thank you for all of your prayers this last week. Lee and Evelyn Hughes
- ♥ Another blessing. Sue Day had a successful surgery on Monday to remove some more cancer and she is back home and feeling great. Continued prayers as she awaits pathology results.

GIVING TOTALS

June to date	
<u>General Fund Offering</u>	
1 st week	\$ 375.00
2 nd week	4,033.54
3 rd week	3,131.89
4 th week	1,174.46
Total for Month	\$ 8,714.89
Mo Budget	\$ 12,136.00

The May total giving was \$11,320.51 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



Thank you to Pastor Erik, Troy Costales and Paul Costales for taking turns mowing the lawn.

MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 for our next meeting on **July 6th**.

Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast. All men are welcome!

MEN'S
BREAKFAST



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study



Bible Study will be taking a hiatus (brief break) for the summer and will begin again in September meeting each Thursday at 11 am.

RECYCLING—BOTTLES, CANS, INK AND TONER



Thank you to everyone for bringing in your bottles and cans. 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.



DEACON MEETING



The next Deacon meeting is on Sunday, July 7th. We will meet in the kitchen right after church, during Coffee Fellowship Time. If you are interested in becoming a Deacon, or just seeing what we are doing, please come join us or call the office and talk to Laurie.

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Owen Porter 7-7

Carol Reynolds 7-18

RubyMae Brown 7-20

Shirley Igou 7-20

Don Slack 7-26

Daniel Brown 7-27



Erik &
Kim Free 7-21

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!



Here are 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 DINNER



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

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



On Monday, June 17th we served 130 clients. Our average continues to be around 125 clients each opening. Donations both in food and money are down and KCFB continues to spend approximately \$2,000 each month for additional food.

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

Our next serving night is July 15th.

Pam Elliot

Editor's Note: Monetary donations to KCC for support of the Food Bank have allowed us supplement our pantry boxes with tuna for the last three months.

Thank you for your generosity!

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



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 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

You're invited to a Regional Picnic

Disciples in Oregon and SW Idaho

Sponsored by the New Church Ministries Team

July 13, 2024

Champoeg State Park

8239 Champoeg Rd NE St. Paul, OR
Townsite Day Use Area

Parking Pass provided at the picnic site. Please bring camp chairs if you like.

Gather around 11:00 a.m.

Potluck begins at Noon

Chicken, beverages and tableware provided –
please bring food to share
(including if you have special dietary needs)

Worship with communion

Enjoy fun games . . .

RSVP by July 2 to help us with food and parking passes - [click here](#) or scan this QR code



IMAGINE

A WORLD OF LOVE AND KINDNESS

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OREGON & SW IDAHO
SUMMER CAMPS
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL
AUGUST 5-9, 2024
SUTTLE LAKE UNITED METHODIST CAMP



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.



ELEMENTARY SUMMER CAMP

JULY 22-26, 2024

@SUTTLE LAKE

DISCIPLES & METHODIST KIDS
WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADES 1-5

Questions?

Email Sara at

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TO REGISTER VISIT:

www.gocamping.org

Select: Summer Youth Camps,
Suttle Lake, Ecumenical Elementary Week 2

Devote yourselves
to prayer

with an alert mind
and a *thankful* heart.

-Colossians 4:2





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SERMON SERIES

Summer Series 1: God at Work, cont.

- June 30—Sermon: “God Saves”** 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Even in times of grief, God brings light out of darkness.
- July 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.

Summer Series 2: No Longer Strangers

This walk through the letter to the Ephesians teaches the church how to be a community worthy of the gospel. In the midst of familiar interpersonal conflicts, the write of Ephesians reminds them they are “now in Christ Jesus,” no longer strangers to God and, importantly, no longer alienated from each other. Because of this new life in Christ, they are experiencing a radical transformation of their identity—as individuals and as a community. These six weeks explore, what it looks like to live rooted in reconciliation, vertical and horizontal—with God and with neighbors.

- July 14—Sermon: “The Family”** Ephesians 1:3-14
God chose us to be adopted together as a family in Christ.
- July 21—Sermon: “Aliens Brought Near”** Ephesians 2:11-32
God reconciles divided peoples in a politically subversive act.