

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

Come join us for this week’s sermon: “Stand” from Ephesians 6:10-20. Learn to put on the armor of God.

SEEKING COUNCIL MEMBERS

It’s time to begin our planning for 2025! KCC is seeking people to **step up and participate** on the Council in making the decisions for our church. The following positions will be open this year: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Education Commission Chair, and Property Commission Chair. If you would like information on any of these positions, please call the office and we can get you the descriptions.



Please prayerfully consider how you can help support our church and the work we do in the community by being part of the Council. If you feel led to contribute, please contact Ed Query or any of our Council Members as soon as possible.

NEWSLETTER

Previous editions are available on the website at:

[<NEWSLETTER>](#)

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



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Tuesday – Friday

9 am to 1 pm

Afternoons by appointment

PASTOR'S MOMENT

Well, it is official. As of last Sunday at 8:44pm the season of Summer is over and Fall has begun. While we can still expect some warm weather ahead our nights are starting to grow chilly signaling the start of what is, for many, a beloved season of change and transition. Fall is both a time of reflection and of looking forward. In the midst of transition, we have hope and expectation for what may come.

As we have been working our way through the book of James on Sunday mornings we have been reminded of many truths of our faith. James offers pointed commentary and some instruction on topics ranging from faith to wisdom to judgment to favoritism to the power we wield with our words among many other things. One thing James mentions that has some bearing upon this Fall season and

our hope in the midst of transition is an admonition against getting overly caught up in our own, individual, hopes and plans for the future. James reminds us in 4:13-17 that it is ultimately God who should influence and determine our future. Yes, we have free will to choose our path in life, and the good life, the best life, comes when we are able to align our plans with the directions we sense God leading us. We are called to utilize our free will by asking God first what is good for us and for those around us; allowing and inviting God to hold sway over us, our hopes, and endeavors.

So, as you walk about witnessing the signs of change all around you this Fall,

taking joy in the warm afternoons and chilly evenings, reveling in the smell of wood smoke and hot drinks, remember the source from which that joy comes. God, our creator and sustainer, invites us into the change, to always be growing, shedding the old and embracing the newness of life and retaining that which is eternal; the faith, love, and guiding presence of Jesus.

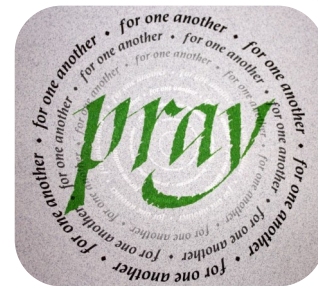


Pastor Erik

“Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring.” ~ James 4:14a

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.



- ♥ Please keep LeRoy Bogue in your prayers. He has a small tumor on his bladder that his doctor hopes to remove once he gets approval from his heart doctor. He'll know more next month. Please pray for a positive outcome. Mike and Christa Ryan's grandson, River was at Salem hospital for breathing trouble and transferred to a hospital in Portland. While there he stopped breathing and was put on a breathing tube. The situation is serious and the family asks for your prayers.
- ♥ Please pray for our friend, Dianne. She is having heart issues and is currently scheduled for a procedure in late October. She is having a hard time with energy and the inability to be very active but she still walks her dog, Gibbs, once a day in the area around the church. Please keep her in your prayers for energy, healing, and guiding the surgeons for her procedure. Laurie Costales and Nancy Dalrymple
- ♥ Please keep the school administrators, teachers, students, and families of the Apalachee school in Georgia in your prayers as they deal with the aftermath of the shooting on their campus.

GIVING TOTALS

September to date	
General Fund Offering	
1 st week	\$ 4,030.00
2 nd week	1,146.23
3 rd week	5,016.23
4 th week	776.23
Total for Month	\$ 10,968.69
Mo Budget	\$ 12,136.00

The August total giving was \$7,411.95 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

PASTOR SABBATICAL

While Pastor Erik is gone on Sabbatical for October, we will have two guest pastors, Rev. Neil Allen on October 6th and 13th and Rev. David Eggleston on October 20th and 27th preaching for us on Sundays. Please give them a warm KCC welcome.



The Elders will be covering other aspects of the Pastoral duties so if you need help—a visit, prayer, or other needs, please call your Elder. You should have received a letter from your Elder giving you their contact information. If you haven't received it, let the office know.

UNSUNG HEROES



Thank you to Paul Costales for fixing the top of the riding lawnmower. It's much quieter now, even if it does look a little bit like Frankenstein's monster!



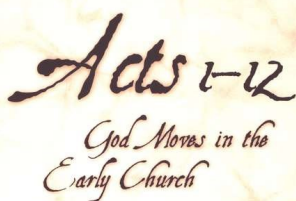
MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 for our next meeting on **September 28th**. Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast. All men are welcome!

MEN'S
BREAKFAST



BIBLE STUDY



We have begun our fall session, meeting on Thursdays at 11 am. Our current study is a Fisherman Bible Study Guide on Acts books 1-12 "God Moves in the Early Church." All are welcome.

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.

NOTE: Please make sure that all items have OR 10¢ on them and that they are rinsed out. Also, please do not crush them as we don't get credit for crushed ones or those missing their bar codes.

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.



Vicki Zielinski	10-8
Evelyn Hughes	10-12
Ruth Vrontakis	10-22
Laurie Costales	10-29



John & Bry Campos 10-10

BREADS OF THE WORLD



The Worship Committee will be sponsoring "Breads of the World" for our World Communion Sunday/KCC 61st Anniversary Celebration on **Sunday, October 6th**.

We would like to have many different breads, as well as some jam or spreads to go with them. If you have a special bread or jam you would like to share, please be sure to sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER



The next Keizer Community Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, October 23rd** from 4:30-6:30 pm at St. Edward's Catholic Church.

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
- ◆ Tuna
- ◆ Soup
- ◆ Flour
- ◆ Fruit
- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Eggs

Be sure to check expiration dates!

Fresh Produce is always welcome!

Editor's Note:

Monetary donations to KCC for support of the Food Bank have allowed us to supplement our pantry boxes with tuna for the last SIX months.

Thank you for your generosity!



We are also in need of cardboard boxes for the pantry food.

The increased number of clients has increased our need for these boxes.

Medium size boxes (8" up to about 24") are best.

Please remove your name and address from the boxes and bring them to the office. **Thank you!**

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



On September 16th we were blessed with many boxes of a large variety of produce. In an hour and a half, the tables were bare, and we had served 148 families.

On a sad note, Faith Lutheran will be holding its last worship service on Nov. 3rd. What will happen to the building is still being decided by the Lutheran Synod and the local church. Another church may be obtaining the building and KCFB will be welcome to stay, if not KCFB will have use of the building through February 2025. At that time, we may be closing. I will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

We desperately need peanut butter, mac and cheese, tuna or any canned meats, cereal and soup. This coming Monday the 30th is the fifth Monday and all churches need to participate with a few helpers. October 21st is our next regular service date.

Pam Elliot

Trunk or Treat



TRUNK OR TREAT

Thursday, October 31st
from 5-6 PM

We had a great turn-out last year for our annual Trunk or Treat. We are beginning to plan for this year. We would like 10 to 12 stations (cars or chairs and tables) to hand out candy. Decorating and costumes are optional. We would ask that you bring enough candy for 400 children for your station. If you are supplying small candies, keep in mind that you will probably give out more than one. Sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we can reserve your spot!! **We will be here at 4:30 to set up.**

If you aren't able to host a car or table, we are looking for donations of actual candy or money towards purchasing candy. Please bring all candy or donations to church by **October 20th**. For questions, please see Kim Free, Outreach Committee chair.

THOSE SERVING THIS MONTH

The following people will be serving this month. If you would like to serve, please let the office know, there are many possibilities!



	PRAYER PRESIDERS	USHER
10/6	Vicki Zielinski	Laurie Costales
10/13	Nancy Dalrymple	Don Kaehler
10/20	Mike Ryan	Kim Free
10/27	Pam Elliott	Peggy Young

RECONCILIATION OFFERING

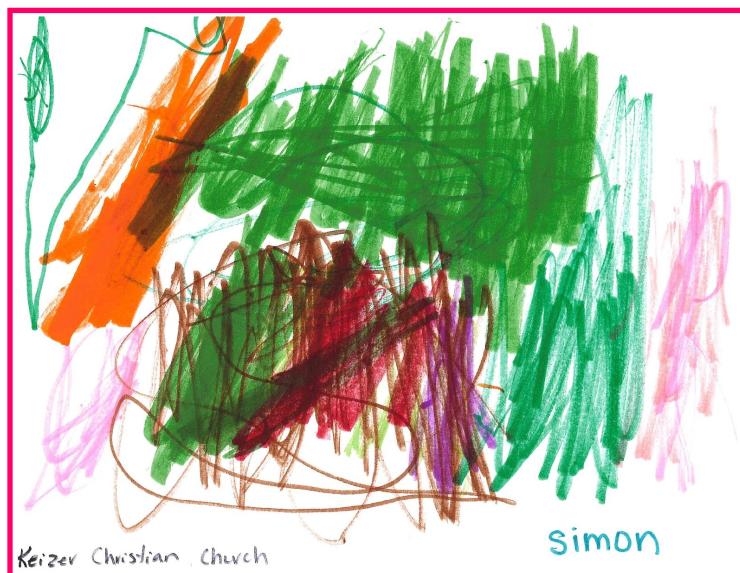


For more than 40 years, Disciples have had a visible ministry to address racism in society. Gifts to Reconciliation Ministry, through its Offering or throughout the year, support programs and initiatives aimed at dismantling racism. Reconciliation Ministry is not supported by Disciples Mission Fund but through the direct offerings to this ministry. There are handouts with more information on the podium in the Narthex as well as posters throughout the building.

You can give by check or cash in an offering envelope labeled "Reconciliation Offering" or directly through their website here: [RECONCILIATION OFFERING](#).

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The kids in Sunday school have been working on building up their biblical literacy by learning Old and New Testament stories. The theme this summer focused around joining God at work in the world. The kids have been learning about Abram and Sarai, Hagar and Ishmael, Zacchaeus, and others who accepted Gods invitation. Our Sunday school has been a mixed age group, so kids have been getting to serve and be served in a variety of ways. They often bring their own gifts to the class by sharing their favorite songs, dances, or stories to the group. Henry and Simon recently shared their artistic styles, when asked to draw a picture of where they get helped, and both drew pictures of the church. We are all looking forward to this holiday season with the trunk or treat and the Christmas Pageant coming up, with the kids already volunteering for their parts.



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.





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SERMON SERIES

Fall Series 2: The Upside-Down Kingdom

The tenth chapter of Mark is a critical transition between the transfiguration of Jesus and the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. After Peter named Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God, at the transfiguration, Jesus elaborated on what following him would require. This ensuing journey toward Jerusalem contains a collection of teachings about the nature of true discipleship. It is based on a life contrary to the perspectives and priorities of the world and is more in line with the kingdom of God. In a sense, the values of the kingdom seek to turn the world upside down. We will have guest pastors during the month of October, Sermon information may not follow the lectionary.

October 6— Sermon: “The Heart of Worship: Taken, Blessed, Broken and Given ”

Welcome Guest Pastor Neil Allen for World Communion Sunday

Matthew 26: 26-29

October 13— Sermon: “See a Need - Fill a Need”

Luke 7:11-15

Guest Pastor Neil Allen will speak about FEDICE USA

October 20— Sermon: “Where the Least Are the Greatest”

Mark 10:35-45

James and John argue over who will be the first in the kingdom.

October 27— Sermon: “Where the Blind Can See”

Mark 10:46-52

Bartimaeus shows honor where there should be shame; Jesus brings light to the darkness.