

# KCC Chronicle

KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

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## NEWSLETTER

Previous editions are available on the website at:

[<NEWSLETTER>](#)

Look for the next newsletter on **December 19<sup>th</sup>**

## 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

## ADVENT SEASON ACTIVITIES

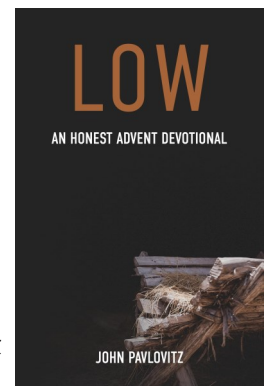
- ◆ **ALL CHURCH DECORATING PARTY** – Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. All are welcome, we will have treats and fun!
- ◆ **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING** – Advent season begins on December 1 with our traditional candle lighting at the beginning of the service. If you or your family would like to light the Advent candle(s), please see Pastor Erik.



- ◆ **ADVENT DEVOTIONALS**–

*LOW* includes 29 reflections on life, faith, belief, doubt, peace, justice, and how to come to this season just as we are.

The devotionals are on the Narthex table and are available to all. Please pick one up and join us on our Advent journey.





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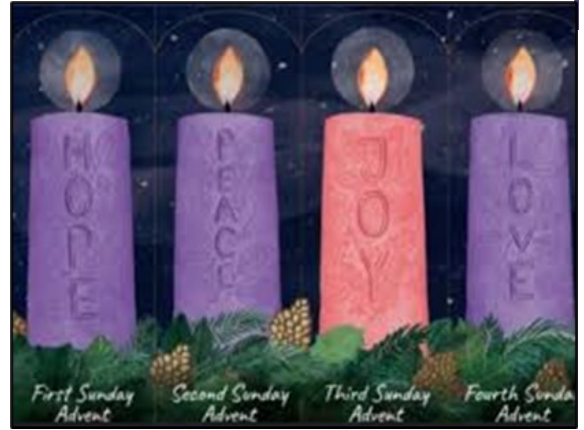
9 am to 1 pm

Afternoons by appointment

## PASTOR'S MOMENT

It probably feels a bit weird to be seeing Advent candles even before Thanksgiving is celebrated. I am right there with you.

Sometimes things in our lives feel a bit compressed, leaving little room to relax and rest. This year we light the first Advent candle only three short days after Thanksgiving. Can you believe it!?



As we mentally and spiritually prepare for the season of Advent, itself a season of preparation for celebrating the coming of Jesus into the world, we can trust in God's invitation to enter into His peace by way of hope. We will

light the candle of hope and remember exactly in whom we place our hope, the one Isaiah calls Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God. In a season where we all need something to hope in and something to hope for the practices of the Advent season invite us to slow down, to look deep inside and to look around ourselves and to believe; to believe that everyone we see, in the mirror, and in one another is someone God loves, someone Christ came into the world to save, someone with God-given gifts and a purpose.

We have much to be thankful for. We have much to hope for. We have a solid foundation upon which to build that hope, to participate in cultivating peace, to celebrate and lift up our joy, and to respond to in love. The world is far from a perfect and humanity is anything but perfect. And yet, we are called to hope; to immerse ourselves in it and to live our lives from that perspective. We are called to hopeful living and action, not in word only, but with our whole being. We hope with our whole lives. Our faith demands it. Christ came, lived among us, and died for us to inspire nothing less than our embrace of hope and our faithful and grateful response to His being.

So, as you enjoy time with family and friends this thanksgiving, be thinking ahead in hope for the beginning of Advent. How is God calling you to hope, calling you to make peace, calling you to share joy, calling you to act in love?

Pastor Erik

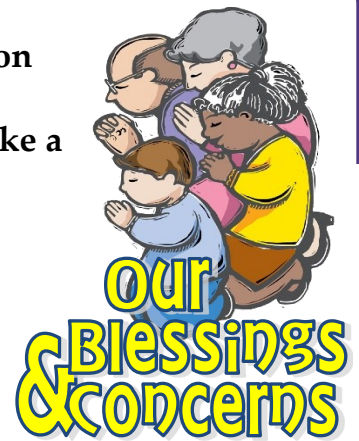
*"... and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

*~ Isaiah 9:6b*

## 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](mailto: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 my sister, Tami Harrell. She has some chronic medical issues that have been flaring up lately. She is going in for several tests this week. Pray for the doctors to come up with a treatment plan for her. Laurie Costales
- ♥ Please pray for my sister Eloise as she is fighting breast cancer. Also, please pray for my friend Jan. She is fighting breast cancer as well.- Evelyn Hughes
- ♥ River Peterson update: River will be coming home this week. Be in prayer for his family as he continues to improve and give thanks that this little guy is doing so well.
- ♥ LeRoy Bogue's surgery was very successful. He is home now and recuperating.
- ♥ Thanks to all who helped at the Thanksgiving Dinner. We had a great turnout and LOTS of food.



## GIVING TOTALS

Novemer to date	
General Fund Offering	
1 <sup>st</sup> week	\$ 660.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> week	4,693.54
3 <sup>rd</sup> week	1,398.54
4 <sup>th</sup> week	
Total for Month	\$ 6,752.08
Mo Budget	\$ 12,136.00

The October total giving was \$9,634.32 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*

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME

**We are in need of Coffee Hour Treat Providers.** 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 coffee, drink table items, 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 to call the office.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**





## UNSUNG HEROES



### Three-fold thank you!

- ♥ The youth that have been participating in the morning worship music.
- ♥ Elizabeth Duncanson for bringing all of our different talents together to make wonderful music that celebrates God.
- ♥ Kim Free for transporting the youth to service on Sundays.

## MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 for our next meeting on **November 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast. All men are welcome!



## BIBLE STUDY

### Bible Study



During Advent, we will be following the lectionary teachings, studying the scriptures from the previous Sunday's sermon that week. All are welcome.

## RECYCLING—BOTTLES, CANS, INK, TONER

The annual "Bottle Drop Holiday Give 2024" has



**begun!** This allows us to get 20% more for our bottles and cans turned by **December 2**.

Time to turn in all those pop cans and bottles that have been collecting! Also, if you participate in the green bag bottle drop for your personal use, you are able to donate some of those funds to KCC online! If you have any questions, please see Laurie Costales.

**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.**



Kim Free	12-15
Abigail Brown	12-18
Kailen Peterson	12-23
Bry Campos	12-28
Henry Free	12-29



happy anniversary

Lee & Evelyn Hughes	12-14
Pete & Ruth Vrontakis	12-26

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

*SUNDAY DECEMBER 15*

Keizer Christian Church  
at 10 am

Chuukese Fellowship  
Church of Christ at 6 pm

We would like to invite you to participate as a reader or actor in the pageant. It is the same script and songs as the previous pageants held at KCC. If you would like a copy, please call the KCC office.



**Rehearsals will be 11/24; 12/1; 12/8 at KCC at 10 am or CFCC at 6 pm.**

Please give us a call at 503-393-6843 if you are able to help.

## KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER



The next Keizer Community Dinner will be held on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 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!*

### **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



At this Thanksgiving time we are very thankful to be able ease the food insecurity of our neighbors in need. On Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> and Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> KCFB will be giving a Roth's \$20 gift card to each client.

We served 165 clients on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>!

This Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> will be the last worship service for the members of Faith Lutheran in their building. Keep them in your prayers. They have been wonderful partners and given KCFB a home for so many years.

We desperately need peanut butter, mac and cheese, tuna or any canned meats, cereal and soup.

December 16<sup>th</sup> is our next service date and December 30<sup>th</sup>, a fifth Monday, we will need to send helpers.

*Pam Elliot*

## 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 PRESIDER	USHER
12/1	Nancy Dalrymple	Don Kaehler
12/8	Pam Elliott	Peggy Young
12/15	Sue Day	Vicki Zielinski
12/22	Ed Query	Dena Query
12/29	Mike Ryan	Christa Ryan

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will have our Annual In-Person Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024** after worship service. This will be a short meeting to vote on next year's budget and officers.

In case you are unable to attend on 12/8, you can vote by emailing, calling, or mailing your vote in to the office. The budget and officers are included and will be published in the bulletins on 11/24, 12/1, and 12/8. If you will be voting remotely, your response is needed by Thursday, 12/5 and will be added to the votes from the Congregational Meeting.

**The candidates below have been nominated for office during 2025.** Additional candidates may be nominated by petition of any three voting members. The petition shall be presented to the Clerk or Moderator of the Council prior to December 1st.

ELDERS
Pam Elliott
Nancy Dalrymple
Sue Day
Dena Query
Troy Costales

DEACONS
Laurie Costales
Kim Free
Evelyn Hughes
Christa Ryan
Peggy Young
Vicki Zielinski

COUNCIL POSITION	COUNCIL MEMBER'S NAME
Moderator	<i>OPEN</i>
Vice-Moderator	<i>OPEN</i>
Clerk	Laurie Costales
Treasurer	Mike Ryan
Financial Secretary	Dena Query
Education Commission Chair	<i>OPEN</i>
Outreach Commission Chair	Kim Free
Property Commission Chair	Troy Costales
Stewardship Commission Chair	Ed Query
Worship Commission Chair	Paul Costales
Trustees	Troy Costales Pete Vrontakis Sue Day

## KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH 2025 ALL FUNDS BUDGET

### Revenue

#### TOWARD KCC DIRECT TOTAL

General Fund Offering - \$12,115 per Month	\$ 145,382
Interest	18
Indoor Park	153
Reimbursement - Other	565
Subtotal	<u>\$ 146,118</u>

#### TOWARD SPECIAL OFF-BUDGET TOTAL

Local Mission	\$ 1,614
Designated - Other	1,450
Use of Church	4,700
Subtotal	<u>\$ 7,764</u>

GRAND TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 153,882</u>
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### Expenses

Other - <i>Food Basket, Interest, Emergency Funds, etc.</i>	\$ 300
Mission Funds - <i>12% for Basic Mission, CC in Oregon, NWCC, Reconciliation, and Week of Compassion</i>	15,009
Council	110
Education	
- Bible Adventure Week	656
- General	230
- Indoor Park (Designated)	50
- Youth Clubs (Designated)	200
Deacons	12
Outreach	75
Elders	263
Worship	547
Stewardship	1,451
Support Services - <i>Guest Pastor Honorarium</i>	495
Property and Utilities	16,510
Office Expenses	
- General	10,780
- Youth Clubs	150
Personnel - <i>Pastor, Secretary, and Music</i>	102,877
Other - <i>Captial, Special Days, and Designated Gifts</i>	1,200
KCC DIRECT TOTAL	<u>\$ 150,915</u>



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## SERMON SERIES

### *Advent/Christmas Series: Living “In Between”*

*Advent is an in-between time of year. It is not just between Thanksgiving and Christmas, though that is when it occurs. Advent is all about what was and what is to be, about what has already happened and what has yet to occur. It’s a time of anticipation, of expectancy. To live the Christian journey with expectancy at a most basic level is to be a resident of two worlds. We live fully in the here and now, with all the joys and sorrows, victories and setbacks of incarnate life. We love, laugh, get tired, make mistakes, hurt, rejoice, and grieve in the journey through this wonderful creation and recreation given us by God. And we live with anticipation in the life to come, having entered into the near end of the eternal journey through the waters of baptism and belief, faith, and practice. We are in the between the coming of Christ and His coming again, living the “now” with hopeful expectancy that empowers and sustains us.*

**December 1—Sermon: “Looking for the Fig Tree”**

Luke 21:25-36

*The coming kingdom means new life.*

**December 8—Sermon: “Repent and Follow”**

Luke 3:106

*Shifting our direction and priorities enables reception of new life.*

**December 15—Christmas Pageant**

**December 22—Sermon: “Can They Hear Us Singing?”**

Luke 1:39-55

*We magnify the Lord in our own way.*