

KCC Chronicle

KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

PALM SUNDAY: April 13th, 10 am

Everyone is encouraged to meet in the Narthex and process in with palm frond during the prelude. We will have plenty of palm fronds available for all.



MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 17th, 7 pm

We will be holding our short Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Saturday, April 19th, 10-11 am

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 19th from 10-11 am. It will be held outside so dress for the weather! Be sure to invite all of your neighbors and friends. **If you are able to help set up, greet folks as they arrive, or clean up please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex.**

EASTER: April 20th, 10 am

The spirit of Easter is all about hope, love, and joyful living. Come join us for our time of Worship on Easter Sunday at 10 am.

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

NEWSLETTER

Previous editions are available on the website at:

[<NEWSLETTER>](#)

Look for the next newsletter on **April 24th**



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Tuesday – Friday

9 am to 1 pm

Afternoons by appointment

PASTOR’S MOMENT

Last month I wrote about the beginnings of Spring and our own expectations and responsibilities surrounding newness of life in Christ. We are



followers of a transformative Christ, practicing a religion whose aim is to keep up focused upon that savior and open to the ways we are changing and growing closer in likeness to him and closer in relationship to God, our creator. It is a journey, an adventure of faith. Like most adventures, it rarely happens according to any of our most carefully laid plans or most ardently held expectations. We are not entirely in control. God is.

Every year the city of Salem celebrates the coming of Spring with a Cherry Blossom Festival held amongst the cherry trees lining our capital mall state park in front of the capitol

building. Last year, on the date of the celebration, the weather was nearly summer-like and the trees were in glorious full bloom. This year in the weeks and days leading up to the celebration skies remained gray and full of rain and cold winds. The buds that held future beauty remained tightly closed right up until the day of the festival. A late winter storm dominated the forecast that day and no cherry blossoms were to be seen. I wasn’t even in town for the festival that day, but I felt disappointed on behalf of all those who work hard to plan the special event, remembering the fun we had last year. The next week was much the same as I walked amongst the trees, the only bright spot amidst the cloudburst of hail was the colorful hanging lanterns from the festival the week before.

But guess what I witnessed this last Monday as I walked through the park on a beautiful sunny afternoon? That’s right, all the trees in beautiful full bloom, groups of people scattered around the park, enjoying the sights and smells of an early Spring day. You could smell the blossoms a block away. You see, the new life that nature promises each Spring will come in its own most fortuitous time. The new life that Jesus promises us comes to us, develops in us, much the same way; not according to our preference or ideal timing, but according to the time God ordains that is best for us. In both instances we are better off cultivating patience than dwelling in frustration. Trust in the Lord, for he is trustworthy.


Pastor Erik

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”
~ 2 Cor 5:17

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.

- ♥ We welcome Paige and Riley Blair's newest son, Walter Sean Blair. He was born on March 9th, 2025 at 11:20 pm and it was a smooth and quick delivery! No complications. He is healthy and doing awesome. We are doing great as a family of four!
- ♥ Please pray for Sawyer, our teenage family friend as his cancer has returned. Evelyn Hughes
- ♥ It was great to see Don and Jane Slack back at church. We are so glad that Don is feeling better.
- ♥ Please keep Lee's sister Susan in your prayers as she just found out she has breast cancer. Also our friend Pat just lost his wife to cancer, please keep him and his children in prayer. Continue prayers for my sister Eloise and friend Jan as they both are still in chemotherapy. Evelyn Hughes



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME

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We are in need of Coffee Hour Treat Providers in April. 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.

GIVING TOTALS

The February total giving was \$19,024.95 of our \$12,115.00 monthly 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."

March to date General Fund Offering	
1 st week	\$ 502.00
2 nd week	3,668.96
3 rd week	1,944.70
4 th week	1,729.95
Total for Month	\$ 7,845.61
Mo Budget	\$ 12,115.00

"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

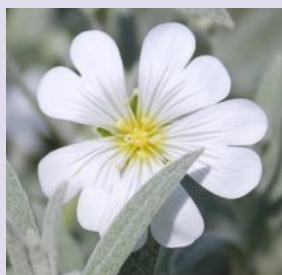
UNSUNG HERO



Thank you to Dena Query who repotted our planters in the front area of the church.

The plants are called "Yo-Yo, Snow in summer."

The nice weather should have them blooming soon!



SALEM FREE CLINICS



Salem Free Clinics exists as an expression of Christ's love to bridge the gap in healthcare access by providing quality

compassionate care at no cost to those in need. They receive no government funds, don't bill insurance, and never bill patients. They depend on donations. They are one of the groups that we support here at KCC.

Salem Free Clinics is currently seeking new monthly donors through their "Compassion Campaign." Grants previously used to support this organization are becoming increasingly hard to find due to the fact that they are a faith-based program and these grants are increasingly more competitive. They are asking for monthly sustaining donors to overcome a dependency on these grants and spread their revenue more evenly throughout the years.

If you would like more information on the program, there are some brochures in the Narthex. If you need further information or a tour of the facility, please contact Troy or Laurie Costales.

If you are interested in donating, the link is here: [Salem Free Clinics](#)

EASTER EGG HUNT—HELP NEEDED

On Sunday, April 13th you are invited to stay after the service and help us stuff our 600 eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

We are also looking for folks to help setup and cleanup after the egg hunt on April 19th. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex!

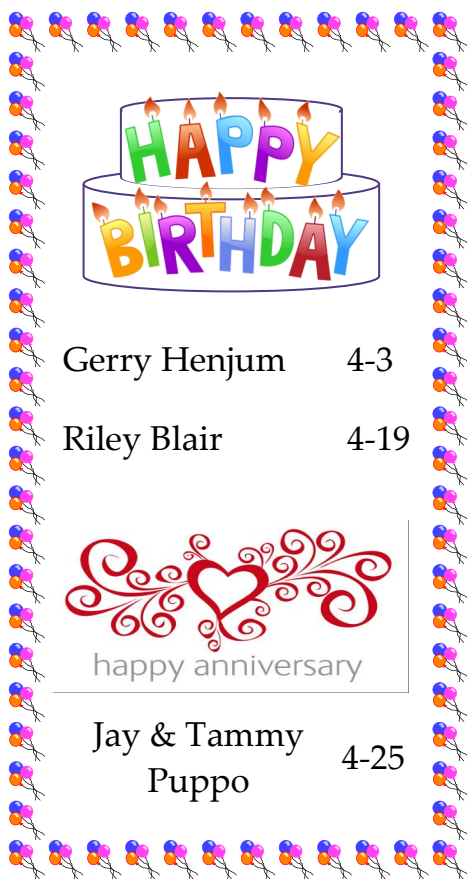


MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 for our next meeting on **March 29th**. Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast. All men are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY

We are following the Lenten Devotional, *Facing Jerusalem*. Be sure to pick up your copy in the Narthex. Pastor Erik has the materials for our new study. We meet on Thursdays at 11 am, in the church library. Everyone is welcome!



Gerry Henjum 4-3

Riley Blair 4-19



Jay & Tammy Pупpo 4-25

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

We served Monday the 17th after a nice vacation and were very tired after serving over 160 families. Our next regular serving night for is April 21st, but since there are 5 Mondays in March we will be helping on March 31st.



The following information came from MPFS, I think you will find it interesting:

“We wanted to share an update regarding the current CCC funding freeze that will be affecting our USDA food supply in the coming months.

Oregon Food Bank has notified us that the following truckloads have been cancelled. This is food that would have been shared and distributed by all regional food banks in our network.

Milk: Deliveries that were scheduled for May and June have been cancelled.

Cheese: Two truckloads have been cancelled. One for May and one for June.

Frozen Meat: 13 truckloads each containing 40,000 lbs. of frozen pork, chicken, and turkey products were cancelled. They expect some of these to be replaced by Section 32 Bonus frozen meat items, but they don't have control over what and when that product is offered.

Eggs: 5 truckloads of eggs have been cancelled.”

It is challenging times for all food banks as the numbers of clients continue to rise and food supplies diminish. *We continue to need peanut butter, mac and cheese, tuna or any canned meats, cereal, soup and your financial gifts.*

Editor's Note: Monetary donations to KCC for support of the Food Bank have allowed us to continue to supplement our pantry boxes with tuna on our service night. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Save those boxes — Medium size cardboard 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 DINNER

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



RECYCLING—BOTTLES, CANS, INK, TONER



Thank you to everyone for bringing in your bottles and cans. This is a year-round fundraiser and all funds go towards Children's Summer Camp scholarships. 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 during the current "Earth Fund Give" campaign! If you have any questions, please see Laurie Costales.

THOSE SERVING NEXT MONTH

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



	PRAYER PRESIDERS	USHER
4/6	Nancy Dalrymple	Don Kaehler
4/13 Palm Sunday	Pam Elliott	Peggy Young
4/20 Easter	Ed Query	Dena Query
4/27	Sue Day	Vicki Zielinski

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Thank you Pastor Erik for sharing your "Cheesus" sandwiches with us for **transfiguration Sunday**!

Matthew 17:1-3: And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart: and he was transfigured before them; and his face did shine as the sun, and his garments became white as the light. And behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elijah talking with him.





KCC WOMEN'S MINISTRY FUNDRAISER Geranium Order Form

Orders due by April 20, 2025

Flowers will be available **AT CHURCH** on Friday May 2nd at noon
or Sunday, May 4 before and after service.

Please give us your phone number so that we may contact you if needed.

- ◇ The Women's Ministry group is selling geraniums again this year. These funds are used to help us attend retreats and trainings.
- ◇ Our new vendor is **Wavra Nursery** in south Salem.
- ◇ All flowers are geraniums this year!
- ◇ Please make check payable to "Dena Query" and turn in in-person or by mail to the church.
- ◇ **Payment due at time of order**
- ◇ For more information, feel free to call the office at **503-393-6843**, We are here Tuesday through Friday from 9 am to 1 pm.

Name _____ Phone _____

ITEM	QUANTITY ORDERED	PRICE EACH	SUBTOTAL
GERANIUMS IN 4" POT			
WHITE GERANIUM (4" pot)	x	\$8.00	
RED GERANIUM (4" pot)	x	\$8.00	
PINK GERANIUM (4" pot)	x	\$8.00	
LAVENDER GERANIUM (4" pot)	x	\$8.00	
SALMON GERANIUM (4" pot)	x	\$8.00	
12" RED HANGING BASKET	x	\$35.00	
12" PINK HANGING BASKET	x	\$35.00	
12" BI-COLOR HANGING BASKET (Burgundy/white)	x	\$35.00	
WAVRA \$20 GIFT CARD	x	\$20.00	
TOTAL			\$



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SERMON SERIES

Lenten Series: God on the Move

Jesus didn't stay in one place for long. His earthly ministry was one of moving from one place and encounter to the next. He also moved through every part of the human experience, encountering everything from temptation, to joy, to suffering, and even death. This series helps us reclaim the movement of Jesus' ministry from temptation to condemnation, through his teaching and miracles and finally through the story of his death and resurrections. AS we encounter the life and ministry of Jesus, we cannot stay the same. We ourselves are moved to grow and change as followers and imitators of the gospel.

March 30—Sermon: “God Moves ... Down the Road” Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

God is always running to meet us, even when we have squandered his grace.

April 6—Sermon: “God Moves Us ... to Empty Ourselves” Luke 12:1-8

As Mary anointed Jesus with the scent of sacrifice, we are called to pour out ourselves for him.

April 13 (Palm Sunday)—Sermon: “God Moves To the Cross” Luke 23:1-49

Throughout His story, Jesus has been moving in one direction—to the cross.

April 20 (Easter)—Sermon: “God Moves ... Out of the Tomb” Luke 24:1-12

Even the grave could not still Jesus. He is alive and active and moving in our lives and our world.

POSITION OPEN: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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About Us: Keizer Christian Church (KCC) is a welcoming place of worship, friendship, education, caring and action. Located in a suburban neighborhood, KCC takes seriously the call to live out the gospel and teachings of Jesus Christ. We have a passion for people and a commitment to each other. Our mission is to proclaim Christ's love, build community, and meet human need.

As a congregation we engage with multiple community organizations (Salem Free Clinic, Habitat for Humanity, and more), we serve the hungry through the Keizer Community Food Bank, and offer opportunities for congregants to participate in weekly Sunday services, women's activities, men's group, and a Bible study.

Role Description: This is a 16-20 hour per week on-site role for an Administrative Assistant to support the pastor, music director, and council. The Administrative Assistant distributes a variety of print and digital communications, professionally coordinates phone and email messages, maintains calendars, receives building-use requests, ensures office equipment is maintained, supplies are stocked and miscellaneous other duties.

Qualifications:

- Phone etiquette and communication skills
- Administrative Assistant and clerical skills
- Proficiency with office equipment and computer software
- Strong organizational and time-management skills
- Attention to detail and ability to multitask
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Experience in a similar role is preferred
- An understanding of church organizational and administrative dynamics is preferred

Job Type: Part-time

Pay: \$14.70 per hour

Expected hours: 16-20 per week

Experience:

- Administrative Assistant: 2 years (Preferred)
- This part-time position is perfect for a retiree or empty-nester that wants to stay busy during the week.

Full Position Description available at: <https://keizerchristian.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Job-Description-ADMIN-ASST.pdf>

