

# 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 **April 24<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**



### KCC JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

**Administrative Assistant**— This is a 16-20 hour per week on-site role for an Administrative Assistant to support the pastor, music director, and council here at KCC. 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.

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- 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

**Pay:** \$14.70-\$20 per hour, depending upon experience.

**Expected hours:** 16-20 per week

**Full Position Description available** [<HERE>](#)



**Pastor Erik Free**

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(503) 501-7682

**Office Hours:**

Tuesday – Friday  
9 am to 1 pm

Afternoons by appointment

## PASTOR'S MOMENT

Well, we have made it through the journey of the Lenten season and celebrated the joy of Easter. Now what?

That is often the question on our minds beginning the Monday after Easter Sunday each year. So much preparation and expectation has been poured into arriving at Easter Sunday we easily lose sight of the reality that Easter is also a season. Just as we were reminded on Sunday that Christ cannot be held captive in a singular location, nor can



the joy of the resurrection be held within a single day of the year. We are Easter people every day. The unique celebration that is Easter Sunday should serve as a reminder and jumpstart to the season of Eastertide that we now find ourselves in. The 50 days following Easter Sunday during which our joy at the resurrection is meant to overflow into the rest of our lives; an extended reminder that it is God's intention for that joy to prevail above all else, to permeate the fabric of our lives.

Again, we may ask, "Now What?" We find ways to let the joy of Easter infect us, inspire us, drive us to positive action, to remind us how wonderful life is and to help us continue to shine a light into the darkness. We remember the fear and trepidation that surrounded the early disciples after Jesus' death and the mystery and confusion surrounding stories and experiences of his resurrection. We remember that the fear and uncertainty did not stop them from acting in faith. They embraced joy and wonder instead of succumbing to fear. They acted. They became the movement Jesus started. They shared the good news. We can continue doing the same. We are Easter people and this is Eastertime.

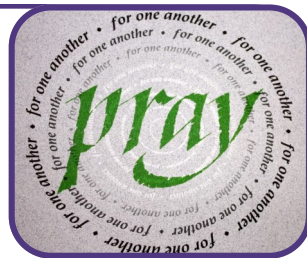
Pastor Erik

*“. . . He is not here, but has risen.”*

*~ Luke 24:5*

## 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.



- ♥ Daniel Buckles surgery went well and he is home recuperating. It will be a lengthy recovery so prayers would be appreciated for healing, pain management and for the entire family during this time.
- ♥ Please keep Jim and Peggy in your prayers that their home repairs are completed quickly since it is creating difficulties for them.

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME

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Join us!



We are in need of Coffee Hour Treat Providers in May. 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 March total giving was \$8,844.56 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."

April to date	
General Fund Offering	
1 <sup>st</sup> week	\$ 760.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> week	4,541.95
3 <sup>rd</sup> week	829.95
4 <sup>th</sup> week	
Total for Month	\$ 6,131.90
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*

## MEN'S GROUP

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

## BIBLE STUDY

### Bible Study



We meet on Thursdays at 11 am, in the church library. Everyone is welcome! All curriculum is provided. Join us for a lively discussion as we dig deeper into God's word.



## UNSUNG HERO



Thank you to Troy Costales for mowing, weeding, and preparing the baptistry for our baptisms the last two weeks.

An assist goes to Paul Costales for helping mow!



Tammy Puppo	5-4
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Dena Query	5-8
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JoAnn Barker	5-9
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Don Kaehler	5-14
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Christa Ryan	5-22
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Torry Peterson	5-25
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Elizabeth	5-28
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Bob & Margy McCurry	5-6
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Mike & Christa Ryan	5-30
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## 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. 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.**

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.



## SUMMER CAMP INFO

All camps will be held at the beautiful Suttle Lake camp near Sisters, Oregon. It is an ecumenical camp with our Methodist and Episcopalian friends.



**ELEMENTARY CAMP**—(those completing grades 1-5)

DATES: July 21-25, 2025.

COST: \$588. A \$50 deposit is due at time of registration.

If you register by May 5th, you'll receive a \$25 Early Bird Discount. Camp scholarships are available through many local congregations. If you are needing a scholarship or have other questions about this camp, please contact Rev. Sara Staton [<HERE>](#)

ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK: [<Registration form>](#)

**MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CAMP**—(those completing grades 6-12)

DATES: August 4-8, 2025.

COST: \$450.

If you are needing a scholarship or have other questions about this camp, please contact Alicia Speidel [<HERE>](#)

ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM: [<Registration Form>](#)

PAYMENT LINK (for Middle and High School Camp:

[<M & HS Camp Payment>](#)



## KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER

The next Keizer Community Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30-6:30 pm at St. Edward's Catholic Church.



## 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
5/4	Mike Ryan	Christa Ryan
5/11	Troy Costales	Vicki Zielinski
5/18	Nancy Dalrymple	Don Kahler
5/25	Pam Elliott	Peggy Young

## FOOD BANK—Core Foods Needed:

- ◆ Cold Cereal
- ◆ Mac & Cheese
- ◆ Canned fruits
- ◆ Peanut Butter—16-18 ounce
- ◆ Tomato Products—can/jar
- ◆ Soup
- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Canned Meats

*Be sure to check expiration dates!  
Fresh Produce is always welcome!*

**Editor's Note:** Monetary donations to KCC for support of the Food Bank allowed us to provide 120 jars of peanut butter and 150 cans of tuna this month. *Thank you for your generosity!*

**Save those cardboard 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 FOOD BANK



The third Monday of April was the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our first night serving at the newly formed Keizer Community Food bank. On that first night in 2005 we served no more than 25 families, unlike last Monday when we served 147 families.

It has been a wonderful mission for KCC and so many members have served over the years. Many of us question how long we can continue as most of us have aged over those 20 years!

We will continue to adjust to less food received from the USDA, so your support is greatly appreciated. Items always needed: tomato products, canned fruits, peanut butter, canned meats, cereal, mac and cheese, pasta and soup.

Thank you so much KCC volunteers!

*Pam Elliot*

## MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE:

All of those who attended the Maundy Thursday service were treated to the sight of the stained glass windows shining on the stage as the sunset came through the windows.



## EASTER EGG HUNT:

Everyone had a great time at the Easter Egg Hunt

A special thanks to our two Easter Bunnies, Addison Hughes and Ruby Mae Brown!

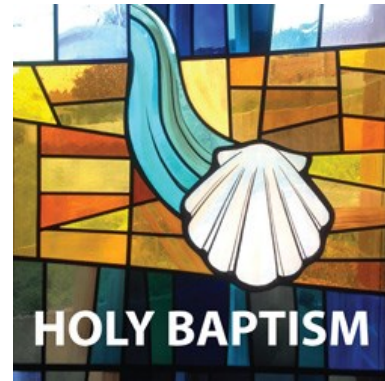






## BAPTISMS

We were privileged to witness the baptisms of Bristol Campos and Daniel Buckles on Palm Sunday and Addison Hughes on Easter Sunday.





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## SERMON SERIES

### *Easter Series: The Unexpected Acts of God*

*We all know the excitement and disquiet that come with the sudden reversal of our expectations. The early Christians whose stories are told in the book of Acts have no shortage of surprises. The resurrection sets off a host of unexpected events and changes for Jesus' followers, even changes within themselves. If our own spiritual lives have come to seem humdrum and everyday, these stories will awaken us to a new desire for God's work in the lives of unsuspecting, ordinary people like ourselves. As we explore the journey of surprises in these texts, we will learn the spiritual habit of welcoming an unpredictable God and coming to expect the unexpected.*

**April 27—Sermon: “A Surprising Turnaround”** Acts 5:27-32

*The resurrection can spark changes in our beliefs and behavior that surprise even ourselves.*

**May 4—Sermon: “An Unlikely Friendship”** Acts 9:1-20

*God often brings us the surprising gift of friendships we never expected.*

**May 11—Sermon: “An Astonishing Imitation”** Acts 9:36-43

*By imitating Christ we become more like him and bring other people's attention to His glory.*

**May 18—Sermon: “An Unexpected Change of Menu”** Acts 11:1-18

*When we think we have God figured out, he surprises us by revealing his heart for the unexpected.*

**May 25—Sermon: “An Amazing Detour”** Acts 16:9-15

*The power of conversion is still God's building block to change the world one person at a time.*



## **POSITION OPEN: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

### **KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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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.

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**Job Type:** Part-time

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#### **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>**

