

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 **July 29**.

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>](#)

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. 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 HS CAMP—(those completing gr. 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 M.S. & H.S.): [<M & HS Camp Payment>](#)



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9 am to 1 pm

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PASTOR'S MOMENT

If ever we need reminding of the constancy of life and the dependability of God and God's creation, we need look no further than the book of Ecclesiastes. This week we look forward to the first day of



summer. It always comes; another of those immutable occurrences of our lives that reminds of God's divine foresight, dependability, and awareness of our human need for visible signs of that divine nature. You see, the first day of summer is not just a day to celebrate another season of days at the lake or backyard barbeques. It is a seasonal reminder of our ability and divine invitation to trust in God; that amidst all the chaos, uncertainty, and changeability of this life there exists this divine constant,

observable in the cycles of the natural world which God created.

It is sometimes all too easy for us to forget the ever-presence and dependability of God amidst the turmoil of human society. We always pay the most attention to those things right in front of our faces and we often choose to place the loudest, most obnoxious things front and center, forgetting that God is always with us and offering God's peace to us. It sometimes takes more discipline than we possess to tear our attention away from distraction and focus on God's providence. We need the Holy Spirit's help, that advocate promised us by Jesus. Sometimes, like now, that reminder that God is in control and will have the final say is so obtrusive as to command the forces of nature itself. It will not be ignored. For this powerful reminder we should give thanks.

As God has always done and will continue to do, intervening in the course of human existence; reminding us of God's faithfulness towards us and God's desire for the best for us. Take a moment on a regular basis, not to pray out loud, or ask for God's help with something, but to simply bask in God's holy warmth and light; receiving the goodness God provides and resting in God's love. Trust in God.

Pastor Erik

***“The sun rises and the sun goes down,
and hurries to the place where it rises.”***

Ecclesiastes 1:5

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 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.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME



We are in need of Coffee Hour Treat Providers in July. 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 Administrative Assistant 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 May total giving was \$7,678.80 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."

June to date	
<u>General Fund Offering</u>	
1 st week	\$ 5,635.00
2 nd week	3,604.70
3 rd week	2,604.95
4 th week	885.09
Total for Month	\$12,730.60
Month 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

BIBLE STUDY



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

UNSUNG HERO



Thank you Mike Ryan for all you do to help keep our church finances in order, for sharing your many gifts with our church community, and helping to lead us in worship on Sundays

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.

Available by appointment. 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.



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.

KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER



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

MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 for our next meeting on **July 5th**.

Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast.



Owen Porter 7-7

Shirley Igou 7-20

Ruby Mae Brown 7-20

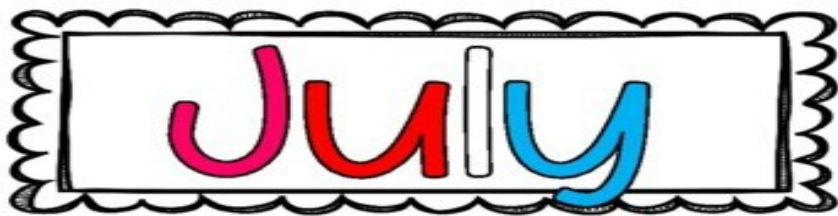
Don Slack 7-26

Daniel Brown 7-27



Erik & Kim
Free 7-21

THOSE SERVING NEXT MONTH



	PRAYER PRESIDERS	USHER
7/6	Troy Costales	Vicki Zielinski
7/13	Mike Ryan	Christa Ryan
7/20	Ed Query	Dena Query
7/27	Nancy Dalrymple	Don Kaehler

Food Bank 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 allowed us to provide 167 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



On this Monday we served 167 families.

Crossroads Community Church is planning a major remodel of the North end of the church. Information on how it will affect the food bank during that time is still being discussed. I will keep you informed.

This upcoming Monday the 30th is a fifth Monday which requires help from all churches. If you can give a few please do so.

Our food needs are cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, tomato produces, soup and chili, mac and cheese, and canned fruit.

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated

Pam Elliot

20 on 20 is



Join in with other Salem-Keizer area churches to support

CONGREGATIONS HELPING PEOPLE

From now until Sunday, July 20th, 2024

20 Churches x 20 donors x \$20 = \$8,000

to support our neighbors faced with housing evictions or utility shut offs. Like the loaves and fish, God can multiply our small donations to serve many!

The display with donation box will be in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday for you to donate. For more information, please see Laurie Costales

LAURIE'S RETIREMENT

With a mix off heartfelt gratitude and bittersweet sentiments we will celebrate Laurie's retirement from her position with Keizer Christian Church after 14 years of service. She has been an invaluable part of the KCC team, contributing in many wonderful ways. Laurie has demonstrated professionalism and expertise while at the same time being an amazing mentor, organizer, and friend. We will be holding a thank you and congratulations luncheon on **Sunday, June 29 from 11:15 am to noon**. This will be a chance to share a meal together and reflect on the lasting impacts Laurie has made. Please plan to join us!



Chuukese Youth Creates Songbook to Uplift Her Community Through Faith and Music



Oriann Soichy, a youth participant in the HELM (Higher Education and Leadership Ministries) Youth Leadership Symposium from the Salem Chuukese Fellowship Church of Christ, recently completed a special project for her community. She created a songbook written in Chuukese, the local language spoken in her church and by many Chuukese people around the world.

Oriann worked hard over several months to collect, translate, and organize about 80 songs. Many of these songs are used during worship in her congregation, and some had never been available in their dialect. Her goal was to make sure these songs were accessible and could be shared with others, especially younger generations.

During the project, an exciting new opportunity came up. To help make the songbook even more accessible, Oriann and her supporters began exploring the idea of creating a

mobile app. This idea led to a partnership with Alexandre Sitole, a member of the United Church of Christ in Mozambique, one of our Global Ministries partners. Alexandre works with an organization called Equip Moz and offered to help develop a digital hymnal app.

Now, Oriann's project is not only helping her church—it's also connecting people from around the world. What started as a local project has become a global collaboration.

Through the Youth Leadership Symposium, Oriann gained the support and tools she needed to bring her vision to life. She hopes the songbook, in print and digital form, will encourage worship, bring hope, and support the spiritual growth of Chuukese communities everywhere.

Kim Free

Regional Elder

Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Oregon and SW Idaho

"I wanted to make something that would help people stay connected to their faith and culture"

~Oriann



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SERMON SERIES

Summer Series 1: Intervention, cont.

- June 29—Sermon: “Intervening to Enlighten His Own”** Luke 9:51-62
Often the Lord’s intervention is intended to guide and direct his own as much as the people to whom our ministries are directed.
- July 6—Sermon: “A Humbling Intervention For a Proud Commander”** 2 Kings 5:1-14
The way God chooses to intervene in our lives often surprises us in its simplicity.

Summer Series 2: Action Required.

Many people of faith have no problem talking about what God has done for us, but have a problem when it’s time to talk about what God requires of us. Each text of this series involves a story of people being challenged to discover the importance of acting on what they believe in a fitting manner and in keeping with God’s will.

- July 13—Sermon: “Love Unconditionally”** Luke:10:25-37
The Good Samaritan: Love others, no matter who they are.
- July 20 Sermon: “Stop and Listen”** Luke 10:38-42
Mary and Martha: Those who would serve must also sit and learn.