



KCC Chronicle

KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Meeting Human Need”

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NEWSLETTER

Previous editions are available on the website at:

[<NEWSLETTER>](#)

Look for the next newsletter on **September 25th**

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.

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

Pay: \$15.05-\$20 per hour, depending upon experience.

Expected hours: 16-20 per week

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



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Tuesday – Friday

9 am to 1 pm

Afternoons by appointment

PASTOR'S MOMENT

For the first time today in three months I was required to slow down for a school zone. Yes folks, it is back to school time once again. Labor Day weekend looms on the horizon. Some schools are already in session. The backpacks and school supplies have been purchased and the smell of freshly sharpened pencils is in the air.



Do kids these days even use pencils still??? I think I just dated myself a little. While the tools used for education may have changed since I was in school and often even the methodology, one thing that hasn't changed is the need for

education. Having time off, taking a break to rest your body and mind is important. Equally important is the tradition of going back to school; preparing that same mind and body to receive wisdom and knowledge.

This time of year, those of us who have completed our formal education often reminisce about our own experiences of schooling and usually find ourselves grateful that we are done with all that; that we know what we need to know. While we acknowledge that some learning continues we often don't actively pursue our education the same way we were required to as younger people. This time of year can be a good reminder to us that our need to learn and grow in wisdom and knowledge must continue throughout our lives. It is not just "back to school" time for the young ones, but for all of us. The Bible reminds us that God is the source of all wisdom; *"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;"* (Proverbs 2:6).

As we seek to know God more in our efforts to grow in relationship and in faith our educational efforts must continue as well. We can't just sequester our efforts into the realm of spiritual subjects either, for all aspects of God's creation are important to our greater understanding. God can and will use all of the knowledge and expertise we can accrue for God's divine purposes, if we are willing and ready to be used; if we can live into the perspective that all things have a handprint of the divine on them.

As we celebrate and encourage the young ones in our lives in their back to school journey let us lead by our own example in showing them just how and why their education in even seemingly mundane things can be and in fact are integral to their life of faith.

Pastor Erik

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;"

~ Proverbs 2:6

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 continue prayers for Don who had another bout in the hospital after falling. He also continues to have a severe infection and is on a daily infusion of antibiotics. Jane also would like your prayers as she copes with caring for him. - Pam Elliott
- ♥ Our friend Gary Frame was hit by a car in a grocery store parking lot last Wednesday while crossing the crosswalk to his car. He spent 5 days in the hospital with a head injury and returned home last Sunday. Blessedly, he remained awake and alert the entire time and is now home with Joyce, recuperating. Please pray for his continued healing and rest for both Gary and Joyce at this time. We ask that you refrain from phone calls and express your care through emails and/or cards. Thank you.
- ♥ Carl Fleshman made it home from the hospital to a loving reception from his neighbors at The Springs. He continues to recuperate well and is attended by his two daughters reminding him to "slow down". We look forward to seeing him at church again.
- ♥ Prayers for Gary & Linda Danielson. Her mother just passed this morning (August 3). They need prayers for the upcoming time. - Dena Query

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME

We are in need of Coffee Hour Treat Providers in September. 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 July total giving was \$7,975.95 of our \$12,115.00 monthly 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.

August to date	
<u>General Fund Offering</u>	
1 st week	\$ 715.00
2 nd week	2129.95
3 rd week	8004.95
4 th week	1596.95
5 th week	
Total for Month	\$ 12,419.85
Mo Budget	\$ 12,115.00

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*

UNSUNG HERO



Thank you to Pete Vrontakis for doing the purchasing of tuna for the food back this month.

If you have a shout out to someone you think is doing an amazing job for the church, email the office and let us know!

MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 for our next meetings on **August 30th** and **September 13th**. Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast. All men are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY

We resume meeting on Thursdays at 11 am, in the church library, on **September 11th, 2025**. Everyone is welcome! All curriculum is provided. Join us for a lively discussion as we dig deeper into God's word.

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. We don't get credit for crushed items or those missing their bar codes.

SUMMER CAMP RECAP

Our Disciples regional summer camp for 2025 was a great success! We had 45+ youth and adults at Suttle Lake Camp for the week. This year we combined the middle and high school camps for more activities and especially our worship times which worked out wonderfully. The younger youth got a chance to learn from the older ones and we were able to foster a greater sense of community. So much of the purpose of camp is to provide an experience of just that, Christian community; engaging the scripture in ways that make sense and are applicable to teenagers and giving them an opportunity to practice what they learn and discover about their faith.

It is in that effort that we hike, play games, eat good food, worship, look at the stars, swim, canoe, read scripture, act out scripture, laugh and act silly. It is all of these seemingly unconnected activities that help create the space for our young people to open themselves up to what God has for them. God did some wonderful work in and through all our camp participants this year, including all of you who support this thriving program.

So until next year, thank you!!!



Donovin Lepe	9-3
Kathee Moore	9-5
Peggy Young	9-5
Alta Goldsby	9-10
Ed Query	9-17
Anne Ryan	9-15
Erik Free	9-23
Simon Blair	9-24
Ashlynn Hughes	9-30
Marsha Kaehler	9-30



happy anniversary

Elizabeth & Troy
Duncanson 9-3

KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER

The next Keizer Community Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, September 24th** 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 PRESIDER	USHER
9/7	Nancy Dalrymple	Don Kaehler
9/14	Mike Ryan	Christa Ryan
9/21	Troy Costales	Vicki Zielinski
9/28	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 144 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 approximately 150 families. We were grateful to have four freezers full of frozen meats; each family received a generous portion. We also received a palette of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Our volunteers are dwindling, thankfully we have a few from outside our church that help at different times during the day. On this Monday, we were short-handed and extremely tired at the end of the day. If you have any interest in helping or if you know someone that might like to help, please let me know.

Our next serving date is September 15.

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

SUMMER CAMP PHOTO OVERVIEW:

We sent a group of 5 teens to camp Suttle Lake Camp for our Disciples Regional Middle & High School Summer Camp. They sent us back some pictures, seen below, and gave brief speeches about their experiences on Sunday August 17th (click [here](#) to watch the YouTube video).



Chilly winds at
Dee Wright
Observatory



Ryell chilling out.



Ruby on the lake.





Craft Time!

Abby with her friends



Sipo serenades us with his Ukulele!



More morning Worship!

Morning Worship!





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SERMON SERIES

Summer Series 3: Pillars of Faith (cont.)

What does it mean to have faith, to trust in things not seen?

August 31—Sermon: “Faith Enough to Wait” Luke 14:1, 7-14
Faith trusts that we have not been overlooked by God.

Fall Series: What Disciples Do

Christ’s followers are known not as much by what they believe as what they do. Although Christians are often identified by what they believe, Jesus seemed to care more about what his followers did. Faith practices, along with theological beliefs, are crucial to Christianity. These twelve weeks of Ordinary Time offer an excellent opportunity to explore what disciples do: practice generosity, wrestle with God, and take their faith public, to name a few.

September 7—Sermon: “Disciples take Faith Seriously” Luke 14:25-33
Move beyond nominal Christianity.

September 14—Sermon: “Disciples Seek People for Christ and Church” Luke 15:1-10
Evangelize with integrity.

September 21—Sermon: “Disciples Resist Greed” Luke 16:1-13
Love God More than Money.

September 28—Sermon: “Disciples Practice Generosity” 1 Tim. 6:6-19
Practice generous financial stewardship.