

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 **October 23rd**

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:



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

Fall, or Autumn if you prefer, is finally here. A time for reveling in cooler weather, witnessing the shifting colors of the leaves, the smell of wood smoke on the wind, fields harvested, and harvest celebrations. For most of us this celebration of the harvest is primarily theoretical as we find ourselves far removed from the actual process of reaping the wealth of the earth and tending to its health. We cannot separate ourselves from the need to acknowledge the significance of this time of year, however. We are blessed to receive from the earth's abundance. This season of slowing down gives us time and permission to look around and see that God is good, that God has provided.

In the book of John Jesus invites us to do just that, to look around and witness the fields ripe for harvesting. While seemingly meant in a metaphorical sense, referring to the mission field full of souls ripe for repentance and hearing the good news of the gospel, Jesus' words should also be heard as an invitation to actually slow down and take the time to look at the physical world around us. Take time to bear witness to the glory of God's providence reflected in the changing of the season in the colors of leaves, in the smell of the earth and smoke, in the bounty of the harvest we are blessed to receive and to share.

Autumn is a season of transition. Things are changing. Creation is changing. We are changing. The harvest is

plentiful and varied; from actual produce to less tangible blessings from God. Take the time to prepare yourself to receive that which God has for you in this season of transition, of changing, getting ready for what comes next.



Pastor Erik

“. . . look around you and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.”

~ John 4:35b

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 pray for Bob and Margy McCurry. Margy fell and broke her wrist in two places on September 17. They are looking for someone who can help in the mornings to get Bob up and dressed. Please call Margy at 503-390-3514 if you are able to help. We are also helping out with meals for the next few weeks. Here is the link if you would like to sign up to help: <https://takethemameal.com/ORJX5499>. If you need help signing up for a meal, please call Laurie Costales at 503-508-2252.
- ♥ Our Bible Study started back up again on Thursday, September 11th, at 11 am. We are studying the book of Esther. All are welcome to participate. If you plan to participate, please prepare by reading the entire book of Esther. (Don't worry, it's not very long)

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME

We are in need of Coffee Hour Treat Providers in September and October. 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 August total giving was \$13,589.80 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."

"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

September to date	
<u>General Fund Offering</u>	
1 st week	\$ 1897.95
2 nd week	3833.95
3 rd week	712.95
4 th week	
Total for Month	\$ 6444.85
Mo Budget	\$ 12,115.00

MEN'S GROUP

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BREAKFAST



Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 at 8 am for our next meetings on **September 27th** and **October 11th**. Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast. All men are welcome!

UNSUNG HERO



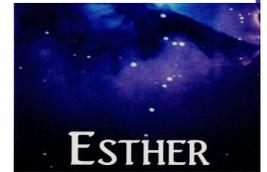
Choir has started back up!
We also have a chimes choir for those who wish to participate.

All are welcome to join either choir. Choir practices Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Chimes Choir practices Sundays after service in the Ambulatory.

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

BIBLE STUDY

We have resumed meeting on Thursdays at 11 am, in the church library for our weekly Bible study. 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.

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 31st from 5-6 pm Trunk or Treat is coming up soon! We would like 10 to 12 stations (cars or chairs and tables) to hand out candy. Decorating and costumes are optional. We would ask that you bring enough candy for 400 children for your station. If you are supplying small candies, keep in mind that you will probably give out more than one. We will be here at 4:30 pm to set up.

If you aren't able to host a car or table, we are looking for donations of actual candy or money towards purchasing candy. Please bring all candy or donations to church by **October 26th**. For questions, please see Kim Free, Outreach Committee chair.



Vicki Zielinski 10-8

Evelyn Hughes 10-12

Ruth Vrontakis 10-22

Laurie Costales 10-29



happy anniversary

John & Bry Campos 10-10



KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER

The next Keizer Community Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, October 22nd** from 4:30-6:30 pm at St. Edward's Catholic Church.



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 36 jars of peanut butter 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!**



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
10/5	Troy Costales	Vicki Zielinski
10/12	Mike Ryan	Christa Ryan
10/19	Ed Query	Dena Query
10/26	Nancy Dalrymple	Don Kaehler

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



On this Monday we served approximately 145 families. We received a large amount, of a variety of fresh produce, which is always a grateful addition to our food boxes. It is wonderful to be able to share the bounty of the harvest.

No information on the timing of the church renovation is available. We have a young man Zach covering for Mark as he recovers from health issues. Zach is a great help setting up, unloading the van, and taking down.

Our next serving date is **October 20th.**

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

2026 STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE



So far this year we have seen many ways that our church family has been a blessing. In the middle of all the busyness of life, it is encouraging to remember that we are not alone. We have a God who is always with us, and we have each other here at Keizer Christian Church. Together we are able to share in joys and carry one another through challenges.

Church life has always been about people caring for people. A prayer offered, a note sent, a call made, a ride shared — these simple things remind us of the strength of our fellowship. They are gifts that mean so much.

At this time, we also have specific needs for the life of our congregation. We are seeking to fill four positions on our Council, and we invite you to consider how your gifts might serve the church in this way. We are also asking everyone to prayerfully think about their financial giving. Recently our offerings have not met the needs of our budget, as you may have seen in the bulletin and newsletter. To continue providing worship, fellowship, and outreach, we need the support of all who call KCC their home.

Council Moderator (Chairperson) –

Approximately 4 hours a month. Primary duties are the creation of the monthly Council agenda, facilitating the monthly Council meeting, leading any Congregational Business meetings, and appointing special committees as needed.

Council Vice-Moderator (Vice-Chairperson) –

Approximately 4-5 hours a month. Primary duties are to step in for the Moderator in their absence, serving as the point person for any personnel items, and attending monthly Council meetings.

Financial Secretary –

Approximately 10 hours a month. Primary duties are collecting, depositing, keeping a record of all income. This person must be able to keep financial information secure and confidential.

Education Chairperson –

Approximately 4 hours a month. Primary duties are leading the Education Committee (includes children's church and youth programs), attending the monthly Council meeting, and recruiting individuals to assist in Education programs.

Scripture reminds us that God has given each of us talents to use for His kingdom (1 Peter 4:10-11, Matthew 25:14-30). As we dedicate those gifts, we trust that God will provide what is needed for our ministry.

Thank you for all the ways you serve and share. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2026, which we will receive and dedicate on November 16.



LAP QUILTS ARE BACK!



Each fall, the quilts are washed and put out for people to use if you feel a chill during the service. These beautiful quilts were made quite a few years ago by a group of ladies that called themselves “Scissors and Needles in Action.” We fondly remember: Ardith McIntyre, Kay Taylor, and Betty Bartlett who are now quilting with the angels; Eleanor Alt who donated material and the red, white and blue crocheted afghan; If you use a lap quilt, please remember to fold it up and replace it on the back of the pew. Thank you!

EMERGENCY BIBLE NUMBERS

UPSET.....	JOHN 14
WEAK?.....	PSALM 18:1-29
LONELY?.....	PSALM 23
SINNED?.....	PSALM 51
WORRIED?.....	MATTHEW 8:19-23
ANXIOUS?.....	PHIL 4:4-9
UNHAPPY?.....	COL. 3:12-17
IN DANGER?.....	PSALM 91
DEPRESSED?.....	PSALM 27
LACK OF FAITH?.....	EXODUS 14
OTHERS UNKIND?.....	JOHN 15
NEED COURAGE?.....	JOSHUA 1
NEED DIRECTION?.....	PSALM 73:21-26
SEEKING PEACE?.....	MATTHEW 11:25-30
LEAVING ON A TRIP?.....	PSALM 121
LABELLED OUTCAST?.....	ROMANS 8:31-39
STRUGGLING WITH LOSS?.....	LUKE 15
STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY?.....	PSALM 37
DISCOURAGE WITH WORK?.....	PSALM 126

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.

We were excited to re-open Indoor Park in Spring of 2023 and are enjoying seeing families use our space. The format has changed since COVID-19 so please click [HERE](#) to be directed to our page for more information.

Available by appointment only. 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.





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SERMON SERIES

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.

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| September 28— Sermon: "Disciples Practice Generosity" | 1 Timothy 6:6-19 |
| <i>Practice generous financial stewardship.</i> | |
| October 05— Sermon: "Disciples Take Their Faith Home" | 2 Timothy 1:1-14 |
| <i>Practice generous financial stewardship.</i> | |
| October 12— Sermon: "Disciples Make the Best of 'Babylon'" | Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 |
| <i>Pass on faith to our family.</i> | |
| October 26— Sermon: "Disciples Don't Judge" | Luke 18:9-14 |
| <i>Leave judgement to God.</i> | |
| October 19— Sermon: "Disciples Wrestle with God" | Genesis 32:22-31 |
| <i>Grapple with God and faith.</i> | |
| November 02— Sermon: "Disciples Affirm Resurrection Hope" | Ephesians 1:11-23 |
| <i>Celebrate All Saints' Day</i> | |