

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:

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Look for the next newsletter on **December 18th**

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**



ADVENT SEASON ACTIVITIES

◆ **ALL CHURCH DECORATING PARTY – Saturday, November 29th** at 10 am. All are welcome, we will have treats and fun!



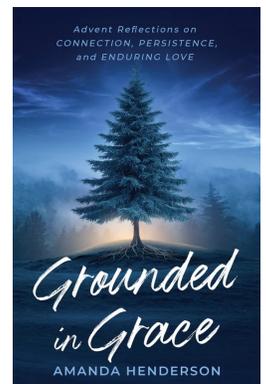
◆ **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING –** Advent season begins on **November 30th** with our traditional candle lighting at the beginning of the service. If you or your family would like to light the Advent candle(s), please see Pastor Erik.



◆ **ADVENT DEVOTIONALS –**

There are multiple devotionals available, including *LOW* from last year and *Grounded in Grace* new for this year.

The devotionals are on the Narthex table and are available to all. Please pick one up and join us on our Advent journey.





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Afternoons by appointment

PASTOR'S MOMENT

There is a lot to complain about when it comes to this time of year. For some it's too cold. For others it is too wet. And for many of us it is altogether much too dark. We get up in the dark and we get home in the dark. There seems to be all too few experiences of light this time of year. Yet, amidst all these reasons for complaint it's the darkness that really seems to get to us. We are creatures that need light. We thrive on it. We associate it with security and safety, warmth and comfort. We need it to live and to stay healthy. It is a symbol of hope

Part of me really appreciates the darkness we experience in the Northern Hemisphere during winter. It helps to throw the light we



do have into stark contrast. We notice it more and are drawn to even the smallest source with a stronger pull. When it is always bright outside, it can become hard to notice the small sparks of hope that pop up around us. For this reason I am thankful for the darkness. It can also be a place of rest, that can help us clearly see the light that is coming.

For that is what we celebrate in this season, the coming of Christ's light into the world; as a source of hope and love and joy and peace that has come, is coming, and continues to come throughout all time. This is ultimately a season of hope and expectation; a season during which we prepare ourselves to receive Christ's light anew. We tell the story of his birth again and again, never tiring of the mystery and majesty of that tale. We revel in all the sources of light that surround us, from the cheesiest blow-up Star Wars Yoda with a Santa Hat to the most sacred candles lit each Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. All are sources of joy and hope.

May this season be one of that same hope, peace, joy, and love; a season of preparing the way of the Lord to enter our lives anew and renew our faith.

Pastor Erik

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it."

~ John 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.

- ♥ Please pray for Don Zielinski, he has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy. Please pray for healing and reduction in side effects. Please also keep the family in your prayers during these trying times.
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who attended the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. We look forward to the event again next year.
- ♥ Margy would like to send a BIG thank you to everyone for the meals, phone calls, and prayers. She appreciates all her church family does for each other.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME

We are in need of Coffee Hour Treat Providers in December and January. 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 October total giving was \$8666.15 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.

October to date	
<u>General Fund Offering</u>	
1 st week	\$ 130.00
2 nd week	2808.00
3 rd week	8,342.95
4 th week	
Total for Month	\$ 11,280.95
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

MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 at 8 am for our next meetings on **November 22nd** and **December 6th**. Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast. All men are welcome!



UNSUNG HERO

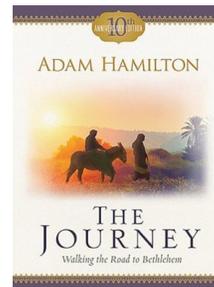


Thank you to Kim Free & Evelyn Hughes for managing our growing Children's Church program.

If you want to help teach the new curriculum on Sundays, Please reach out to the office or Kim Free for information and scheduling.

BIBLE STUDY

We are 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. We will be starting a new series on **December 4th**.



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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14

Keizer Christian Church at 10 am Chuukese Fellowship Church of Christ at 6 pm

We would like to invite you to participate as a reader or actor in the pageant. It is the same script and songs as the previous pageants held at KCC. If you would like a copy, please call the KCC office.



Rehearsals will be 11/23; 11/30; 12/7 at KCC at 10 am or CFCC at 6 pm.

Please give us a call at 503-393-6843 if you are able to help.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

The annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held on Tuesday, **December 24th at 6 pm.**





Kim Free	12-15
Daniel Buckles	12-16
Abigail Brown	12-18
Kailen Peterson	12-23
Bry Campos	12-28
Henry Free	12-29



happy anniversary

Lee & Evelyn Hughes	12-14
Pete & Ruth Vrontakis	12-26

KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER

The next Keizer Community Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, November 26th** from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at St. Edward's Catholic Church.



FOOD BANK—Core Foods Needed:

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

*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 jars of peanut butter and 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!**

ALL CHURCH DECORATING PARTY

We are hosting our annual All Church Decorating Party on **Saturday November 29th** at 10 am.

We will be setting up decorations in the Sanctuary and Narthex. Many hands make light work and there will be some snacks provided in the Fellowship Hall while we work.

Please contact Paul Costales, the Worship Committee Chair, if you have any questions.



KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

At the end of last year, Faith Lutheran sold their church to Crossroads Fellowship with the stipulation that KCFB would remain on site and sign a ten year lease. KCBF received a large donation from Faith Lutheran to pay for the renovations necessary for our permanent location.

Our new home will be the existing garage with an addition of 576 sq. ft. making the total space 1152 sq. ft. The new building will have a bathroom, utility sink, heating and cooling, and walk-in cooler and freezer. The construction should begin in the next couple of months as soon as permits are obtained. It will be quite an adjustment.

On Monday we only served 118 families. This was much lower than expected. We are very grateful to the community for the monetary and food donations during this time. Our pantry was fuller than it has been for some time, and so were our food boxes.

Food insecurity never seems to go away and prayerfully neither does our giving spirit.

Pam Elliot

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	DEACONS	DEACONS
12/7	Mike Ryan	Christa Ryan	Vicki Z.	Evelyn H.
12/14	Troy Costales	Vicki Zielinski	Laurie C.	Christa R.
12/21	Nancy Dalrymple	Don Kaehler	Troy C./Kim F.	Peggy Y.
12/28	Pam Elliott	Peggy Young	Vicki Z.	Laurie C.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will have our Annual In-Person Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, December 14th, 2025** after worship service. This will be a short meeting to vote on next year's budget and officers.

In case you are unable to attend on 12/14, you can vote by emailing, calling, or mailing your vote in to the office. The budget and officers are included and will be published in the bulletins on 11/23, 11/30, and 12/14. If you will be voting remotely, your response is needed by Thursday, 12/11 and will be added to the votes from the Congregational Meeting.

The candidates below have been nominated for office during 2026. Additional candidates may be nominated by petition of any three voting members. The petition shall be presented to the Clerk or Moderator of the Council prior to December 7th.

ELDERS
Pam Elliott
Nancy Dalrymple
Dena Query
Troy Costales

DEACONS
Daniel Buckles
Don Kaehler
Laurie Costales
Kim Free
Evelyn Hughes
Christa Ryan
Peggy Young
Vicki Zielinski

COUNCIL POSITION	COUNCIL MEMBER'S NAME
Moderator	OPEN
Vice-Moderator	OPEN
Clerk	Laurie Costales
Treasurer	Mike Ryan
Financial Secretary	OPEN
Education Commission Chair	OPEN
Outreach Commission Chair	Kim Free
Property Commission Chair	Troy Costales
Stewardship Commission Chair	Ed Query
Worship Commission Chair	Paul Costales
Trustees	Troy Costales Pete Vrontakis

KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH 2026 ALL FUNDS BUDGET

Revenue

TOWARD KCC DIRECT TOTAL

General Fund Offering - \$12,929 per Month	\$ 155,143
Interest	18
Indoor Park	5
Reimbursement - Other	565
Subtotal	<u>\$ 155,731</u>

TOWARD SPECIAL OFF-BUDGET TOTAL

Local Mission	\$ 1,614
Designated - Other	1,450
Use of Church	4,700
Subtotal	<u>\$ 7,764</u>

GRAND TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 163,495</u>
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Expenses

Other - <i>Food Basket, Interest, Emergency Funds, etc.</i>	\$ 300
Mission Funds - <i>12% for Basic Mission, CC in Oregon, NWCC, Reconciliation, and Week of Compassion</i>	15,570
Council	110
Education	
- Bible Adventure Week	656
- General	230
- Indoor Park (Designated)	50
- Youth Clubs (Designated)	200
Deacons	
- General	12
Outreach	75
Elders	263
Worship	547
Stewardship	1,451
Support Services - <i>Guest Pastor Honorarium</i>	495
Property and Utilities	16,510
Office Expenses	
- General	10,474
- Youth Clubs	150
Personnel - <i>Pastor, Secretary, and Music</i>	112,383
Other - <i>Capital, Special Days, and Designated Gifts</i>	1,200
KCC DIRECT TOTAL	<u>\$ 150,915</u>

