

KCC Chronicle

KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

“Proclaiming Christ’s Love, Building Community,
Meeting Human Need”

E-mail: 1963kcc@gmail.com
Website: www.keizerchristian.org

Phone: (503) 393-6843
Find us on Facebook!

FEBURARY 26TH, 2026

CONTENTS

Worship Services	1
Musical Talents	1
Pastor’s Moment	2
Blessings and Concerns	3
Giving Totals	3
Unsung Hero	4
Bible Study	4
Recycling	4
Birthdays/Anniversaries	4
Keizer Community Dinner	5
Coffee Fellowship Time	4
Core Foods Needed	5
Food Bank	5
Men’s Group	5
February Servers	6
Regional News	6
Emergency Bible Numbers	7
Upcoming Sermons	8

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:

 <https://youtube.com/live/psSqW4d8DHk>



MUSICAL TALENTS

If you have a musical talent, or a talent such as poem creation,

poem reading, storytelling, that you would like to share, please reach out to Elizabeth (our Music Minister).

Between Praise Band, Choir, Chimes, and Special Sharing during the summer, there are plenty of opportunities to raise your talents in worship to God.



NEWSLETTER

Previous editions are available on the website at:

[<NEWSLETTER>](#)

Look for the next newsletter on **March 26th**



Pastor Erik Free

Email:

pastorfree1832@gmail.com

Cell Phone:

(503) 501-7682

Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday

9 am to 1 pm

Afternoons by appointment

PASTOR'S MOMENT



We often think of Lent as only a season of sacrifice, of giving up some distraction or another in order to focus our faith on what is most important. While that is true, Lent must also be a season of renewal. The practices we engage in must not only be sacrificial, but renewing as well as we prepare for Easter. We are called to fast, yes,

and to give, and to pray. Getting caught up too much in the sacrificial theme of Lent and forgetting the preparatory aspect is a danger we often face. Especially in those seasons of life where our capacity for adversity runs thin, we are equally called to take good care of ourselves in our Lenten practices. In her poem, *For Lent*, Madeleine L'Engle reminds us of this simple truth.

For Lent, 1966 by Madeleine L'Engle

It is my Lent to break my Lent,
To eat when I would fast,
To know when slender strength is spent,
Take shelter from the blast
When I would run with wind and rain,
To sleep when I would watch.
It is my Lent to smile at pain
But not ignore its touch.

It is my Lent to listen well
When I would be alone,
To talk when I would rather dwell
In silence, turn from none
Who call on me, to try to see
That what is truly meant
Is not my choice. If Christ's I'd be
It's thus I'll keep my Lent.

Pastor Erik

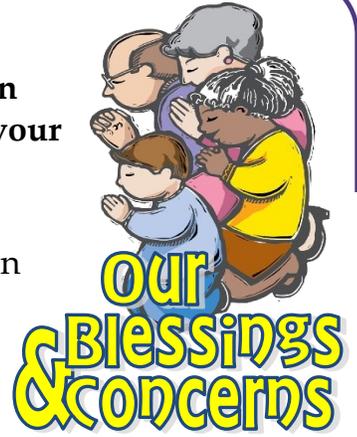
“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me?”

~ Psalm 51:10

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.

- ♥ Don Slack passed into his heavenly eternal home with our Lord on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2026. He will be greatly missed. Please keep Jane and the family in your prayers. His service will be March 14th at 1 pm.
- ♥ Please pray for Jerry Johnson who has been suffering from a bacterial infection in his lungs, fell and is in the hospital and not doing well. As you may remember, Jerry's wife Joyce recently passed away. The Johnsons were long time members of this church and instrumental in the moving of the church to its current location. Their daughters Jamie and Julie who grew up in the church need your prayers in this difficult time. - Pam Elliott
- ♥ Willa Porter's oldest daughter passed away in late January, please keep Willa and family in your prayers as they grieve her loss. -Pam Elliott
- ♥ Please pray for my 16 year old niece, Chloe Brummer, who lives in Missouri. She had thyroid surgery on Friday February 20th. May her recovery go well. -Margy McCurry
- ♥ We lift up our congregation's budget, stewardship, and giving in prayer; asking God to guide our finances both personally and as a congregation.
- ♥ We lift up prayers of support for the Food Bank ministry in a time of transition as they work with Crossroads church to build and adapt new spaces for this ecumenical feeding ministry.
- ♥ We pray for our regional, Disciples of Christ, church, it's many leaders, staff, volunteers, and congregations as well as the ongoing regional minister search process. May the God of all wisdom continue to guide us into a future of increased fellowship and love for our neighbors.



GIVING TOTALS

The February total giving was \$14,717.80 of our \$12,929 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.

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

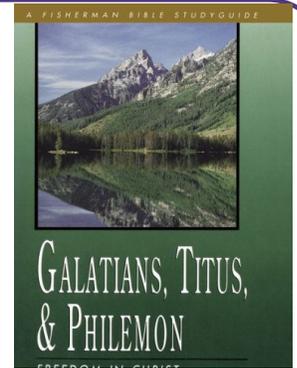


Carl Fleshman

Carl is our unsung hero of the month for his ever-cheerful attitude and caring presence he never fails to share with us all. He models faithfulness with his determination to gather with us for worship each week and ready willingness to contribute to our worship by volunteering as worship leader and in other capacities whenever he is asked. Carl, you are an inspiration and it is a joy to consider you a sibling in Christ! God bless you!

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 started a new series on **January 8th.**



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.



KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER

The next Keizer Community Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, March 25th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at St. Edward's Catholic Church.**



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME

We are in need of Coffee Hour Treat Providers. 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.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



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.



Pam Elliott	3-8
Cindy Chevront	3-9
Nancy Dalrymple	3-10
Wesley Buckles	3-29

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 jars of peanut butter and 144 cans of tuna this month. Thank you for your generosity!

We are also in need of cardboard boxes for the pantry food. The larger number of clients served has increased our need for these boxes.

Medium size 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!**



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 for our next meeting on **March 14th**. Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast. All men are welcome!



KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



On the third Monday of April 2005, the first Monday of KCC's commitment to the then Keizer Food Bank, Don Slack was there ready to help and for over 20 years he pushed carts of food to waiting clients. I could always depend on Don being there, missing only a handful of days in twenty years. Don loved helping people and the camaraderie. Don went to be with our Lord on Saturday Feb. 14th, it's not the same without him. Well done good and faithful servant.

Matthew 25: 21

We serve again on March 16th.

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

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
3/1	Mike Ryan	Christa Ryan	Laurie C	Kim F./ Troy C.
3/8	Nancy Dalrymple	Vicki Zielinski	Don K.	Christa R.
3/15	Troy Costales	Don Kaehler	Peggy Y	Vicki Z.
3/22	Dena Query	Peggy Young	Daniel B.	Laurie C.
3/29	Nancy Dalrymple	Vicki Zielinski	Laurie C	Kim F./ Troy C

REGIONAL NEWS

Please save the dates of May 15-16, 2026 for the Regional Assembly.

Westside Disciples Women's Retreat
September 18-19, 2026

Something Beautiful

DALLAS FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 1079 SE Jefferson St, Dallas, OR 97338

Join us Friday night for soup dinner and a short devotional time.
Saturday activities include Worship, Round-robin Workshops, Lunch, and Pray and Play Time (Childcare available on Saturday)

- ♥ \$40 for full retreat
- ♥ \$30 for Saturday only
- ♥ \$10 discount for early bird registration by July 31
- ♥ Registration will be available after Regional Assembly in May

For more information, please contact the Oregon and Southwest Idaho Regional Office at (503) 226-7648 or officeadmin@oidisciples.org

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10



EMERGENCY BIBLE NUMBERS

In our daily lives, there are many times when we call on someone to help. Friends, family, doctor's, or other church members become our core support system. For those that want a little more motivation in tough situations, or prefer to read and internalize information, see the numbers provided below.

Upset	John 14
Weak	Psalms 18:1-19
Lonely	Psalms 23
Sinned	Psalms 51
Worried	Matthew 8:19-23
Anxious	Philippians 4:4-9
Unhappy	Colossians 3:12-17
In Danger	Psalms 91
Depressed	Psalms 27
Lack of Faith	Exodus 14
Others Unkind	John 15
Need Courage	Joshua 1
Need Directions	Psalms 73:21-26
Seeking Peace	Matthew 11:25-30
Leaving on a Trip	Psalms 121
Labeled as an Outcast	Romans 8:31-39
Struggling With Loss	Luke 15
Struggling Financially	Psalms 37
Discouraged with Work	Psalms 126



KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH
6945 Wheatland Road NE
Keizer OR 97303

SERMON SERIES

Lenten Series :Boot Camp for the Soul

“We approach the Lenten season with an emphasis on interiority, personal investigation, and contrition—the intentional work of seeking a change of heart or actions. Reflection and change take work, hard work. Lents can be like a boot camp for the soul, a restart in a focused area. We walk this season together, demanding the best of ourselves, ready to support one another, prepared to see the truths that shatter our self-understanding.”

March 1 — Sermon: "Reset"

Spiritual rebirth means a new start.

Genesis 12:-4a; John 3:1-17

March 8 — Sermon: “Hydrate”

Living water sustains us on our journey.

Exodus 17:1-17; John 4:5-42

March 15 — Sermon: "Redefined"

We are more than we appear to be.

1 Samuel 16:1-13; John 9:1-4

March 22 — Sermon: “Dead End”

When all hope seems lost, God revives..

Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-45

March 29 — Sermon: “Celebrate and Wait”

Rejoice at the end of the journey, but know the challenges lie ahead.

Psalms 118:1-2,19-29; Matthew 21:1-11