

KCC Chronicle

KEIZER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Meeting Human Need"

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NEWSLETTER

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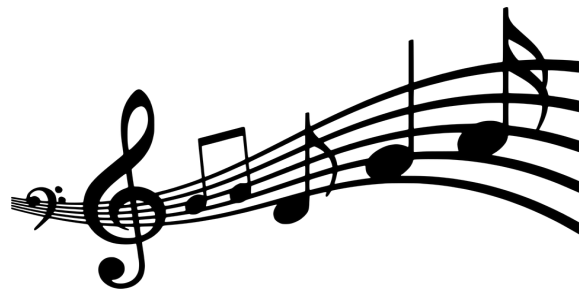
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Look for the next newsletter
on **October 22.**

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.



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PASTOR'S MOMENT

Fall, or Autumn if you're fancy, is my absolute favorite time of the year. I love everything about it. I love the change of season; the transformation that reminds us that life immersed within God's creation is never meant to remain static. It is always becoming something new. I love the brown grass turning green again and the green leaves turning red, gold, and eventually brown.



There is life and there is death. Just like in our own lives with God, something old must pass away for new life to come.

I also love the fun bits, like raking leaves into big piles and watching my son jump around in them. I love pumpkin pie even though I do think the immense variety of pumpkin spice

flavored products is ridiculous. I mean really, does the world need pumpkin spice Triscuits!? Who is buying those!!? I even love that we get to make cheesy puns in honor of the season. Just check out the church sign. I can't make it through September or October without reminding the whole community that they can, "Fall for Jesus because he never leaves." You can groan all you want, or if you're like me, let it make you smile.

There is a fine line surrounding Christian popularizing cheesy catch phrases, Christian consumerism and commercialism; whether it falls on the side of good-natured humor surrounding our faith or leans toward a distasteful sales-pitch. Now, I am a firm believer in employing our God-given senses of humor when it comes to our faith and talking to others about it. Go ahead and wear your goofy Christian t-shirt. Just make sure your whole wardrobe isn't comprised of clothing with pithy attempts at convicting phrasing on them. No one will want to talk to you.

At the end of the day we are all supposed to be following Jesus the best way we can, in all the ways we can; including with our hearts and our humor. So, don't be too readily offended or too ready to try to make everything a funny pun or joke. Try to ride the fine line of hilarity and wholesomeness. Jesus had two dads after all. I'm sure he heard plenty of cheesy jokes growing up. At the end of the day we just need to make sure we are Fall-o-ween Jesus and not the sometimes commercialist culture that often springs up around the church. It's kind of like those pumpkin spice Triscuits; the cracker doesn't need to be spiced up to be good and worth consuming. Neither does Jesus.

Pastor Erik

"And he said to them, 'Follow me . . .'"

~ Matthew 4:19a

MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will be meeting at Route 99 again this Saturday, **September 26th**. Men's Group continues to meet every other Saturday for a no-host breakfast. All men are welcome!



GIVING TOTALS

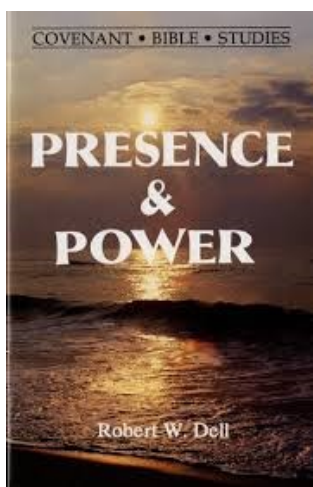


The current September total giving is \$5865.00 of our \$12,115 budget. Just a reminder. Our monthly offering is covering our payroll and utility bills. With good financial stewardship over the past few years, KCC does have a savings account that we are using to make all of our obligations at this time. 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

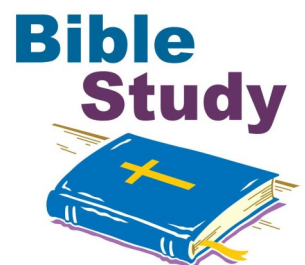
BIBLE STUDY



Our new Bible study has kicked off for the Fall!!!

We are just beginning a study of Acts called "Presence and Power" by Robert W. Dell. This examination of the Book of Acts explores topics such as the Holy Spirit, healing, deacons, worship, and evangelism.

As always we will follow a participation and discussion-based format. This is not a lecture series ;) There is no need to purchase any curriculum for this class. All you need is your Bible and your brain!



Don't worry if you missed the first couple sessions. You can jump in anytime!

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!



	PRESIDER	USHER	DEACONS	
10/4	Dena Query	Vicki Zielinski	Peggy Young	Don Kaehler
10/11	Troy Costales	Dena Query	Dena Query	Vicki Zielinski
10/18	Nancy Dalrymple	Peggy Young	Troy Costales	Peggy Young
10/25	Ed Query	Don Kaehler	Vicki Zielinski	Don Kaehler

SHARED RECIPES

CHILI RELLENO CASSEROLE

Ingredients:



- 6 C (24oz) grated jack cheese
- 3C (12oz) grated cheddar cheese (sharp recommended)
- 4-2oz cans green chiles (spice level up to you)
- 4 eggs
- 4Tbsp milk
- 2 Tbsp flour

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
 2. Grease a 9x13 casserole dish with cooking spray and place half of cheese on bottom
 3. Sprinkle with chiles and add rest of cheese
 4. Beat eggs, add milk and flour and mix well (will be lumpy). Pour over cheese.
 5. Bake in 350 degree oven for about 30 min.
- **May be prepared ahead and refrigerated. Bake 35-40 min if refrigerated.**

Thank you to Pam Elliot for sharing this recipe!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

This October, become part of Powerland Halloween's sixth annual family adventure, filled with wonder, mystery, and no scares.

Every Saturday and Sunday in October starting with October 10th the Trolley Museum at Powerland Heritage Park is once again offering a fun family adventure for all to enjoy!

Join the full dramatic cast as they lead you on an immersive quest to save the season, spotting skeletons, exploring hidden lands, tracking down elves and even a dragon!

Check out this web link for more information: <https://powerlandhalloween.com>



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.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME

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Join us!



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, silver-

ware, 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.



Evelyn Hughes	10-12
Ruth Vrontakis	10-22
Laurie Costales	10-29
Vicki Zielinski	10-8
	
John & Bry Campos	10-10



KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



Well, I can finally report that the construction (garage expansion) of our permanent site is moving forward. The contractor has applied for permits and as soon as he gets them, construction will begin.

The total clients served in August was 1365. On Monday we served 135 clients.

Please help by donating cereal, peanut butter, canned meats, tomato produces, soup and chili, mac and cheese, and canned fruit. Monetary gifts help us purchase additional food.

Pam Elliot

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 extra tuna and peanut butter for all 135 families served last Monday.

Thank you for your generosity!

KEIZER COMMUNITY DINNER

The Keizer Community Dinner is normally held on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 4:30-6:30 pm at St. Edward's Catholic Church. It is open to all and FREE. The next dinner will be held on **October 28th** If you would like to help serve or have questions, please contact the office.



Community Meal



REGIONAL WOMEN'S RETREAT REPORT

Our recent Disciples women's retreat was a wonderful, uplifting experience. It was a joy to gather with over 60 sisters in Christ and share our stories through worship, laughter, and honest conversation. The theme this year was "Something Beautiful" and centered on the verse from Ephesians 2:10: For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



From Friday's opening supper to Saturday's closing worship, the whole Dallas First Christian Church was filled with the beautiful sounds of women learning, connecting, and creating. Thank you to those who attended. We really encourage any women that did not get a chance to attend to plan on coming next year.

The big take-away for me from this time together is that beauty is really in the eye of the beholder; and when the beholder is God, we are all beautiful in His eyes! Please pray for all of the women who planned this event, worked during the retreat, and attended as they go back to their homes and communities. A challenge will be to carry the joy of sisterhood and beauty that we experienced with them. Pray that the retreat uplifts them in their daily lives and encourages them to see the beauty in all of God's creation.

~ Laurie Costales

Note: Our offerings at the event collected nearly \$1500 to be split between our global mission partner FEDICE and Disciples Week of Compassion!





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SERMON SERIES

Fall Series 2—The Enemies of Gratitude

The fall is typically the season in which most churches make their case for financially supporting their ministry while also teaching the biblical principles of giving. This series offers an opportunity to teach gratitude by calling out the things that keep us from being truly grateful. In each sermon, we see how a misplaced focus—on how things could be or used to be better, how we’re not getting what we think we deserve, or simply how life’s struggles are keeping us down—prevents us from seeing all the blessings that are right in front of us. While the Scripture selections move back and forth from the Old Testament to the New, the need for “an attitude of gratitude” is made clear in each week’s lection.

September 27—Sermon: “Holy Moments

The woman at the well. Guest preacher, Rev. Myrna Phillips

John 4:4-26

October 4—Sermon: “Worry”

It’s not about less stress, but more trust.

Philippians 4:1-9

October 11—Sermon: “Entitlement”

None of us ‘deserves’ the invitation, but we share it anyway

Matthew 22:1-14

October 18—Sermon: “Greed”

Give to God what is God’s (i.e., everything)

Matthew 22:15-22

October 25—Sermon: “Disappointment”

Don’t let loss keep you from appreciating the good

Deuteronomy 34:1-12