



THE CROWNICLE

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcoming the Foreigner

"God defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners . . ."
(Deuteronomy 10:17-19).

Texas is hot, muggy and foreign. The trees are foreign, the accent is foreign, even the road surface is foreign. And Texas is rich with diversity. Diverse cultures, diverse languages and diverse experiences. I spent a week in Austin in June at The Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest. Spanish Intensive II was exactly that: INTENSIVE!

The stated goal of the week was to learn how to authentically welcome Latinx¹ culture into Christian, specifically Lutheran worship. The realized goal of the week was deep and meaningful *encuentro*² between Anglo and Latinx *hermanas y hermanos*³ in Christ. There were daily Spanish lessons centered on liturgical language; daily devotions led by participants, in Spanish; daily lectures by immigrants who shared their border-crossing stories and their faith journeys. And there were daily spiritual awakenings within the participants.

In the midst of nationwide turmoil and anxiety surrounding immigration we found ourselves on a tropical island of cross-cultural delight. The presenters were Latinx leaders in the ELCA. The 20+ participants were pastors and lay leaders of the ELCA. Fifteen were Latinx and the remainder Anglo. Two spoke no Spanish and one spoke no English. Three were from the West Coast, five from the East Coast, the rest from Texas. The countries of origin included Peru, Colombia, Mexico, Jamaica, East India, Puerto Rico and the United States.

We were obliged to welcome the stranger . . . we were all strangers. The challenge to the Anglos was simple and extremely difficult: listen to the voices of our Latinx *hermanas y hermanos*. Their stories of growing up elsewhere and immigrating were fascinating, inspiring and sometimes frightening. It was difficult to be silent and listen to the abuse and pain they have experienced in the name of Jesus Christ within this church that we love, the ELCA. Their stories are real; their pain is real and their love for the God of gods, the Lord of lords is real.

In January, 2017, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, issued a pastoral message addressing U.S. President Donald Trump's executive order that would restrict entry to the United States by refugees and visitors from seven predominantly Muslim countries. Her message applies equally to refugees and visitors

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Documentary Film VOICES OF GRIEF

JULY 24, 2017

6:30-8:30 pm

At

Christ the King Lutheran
Church

Premiere viewing of "Voices of Grief", a documentary that explores grief and grieving in the 21st century. Why we try to avoid grief, what makes grieving so difficult and how grieving can be healthy. The showing of the 42-minute DVD will be followed by discussion and organizing for an ongoing ministry to the grieving here at Christ the King. Invite your neighbors, friends and family. Child-care will be provided.



from Latinx countries. In it she writes “*Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy*” (Matthew 5). The beginning of the Sermon on the Mount lays out Jesus’ vision for life in God’s realm. It is a vision characterized by seeing those who are often most disregarded as bearers of God’s blessing”.⁴

Refugees and immigrants are often disregarded, marginalized and even persecuted because of their “otherness”. The Bible calls us to welcome the stranger and treat the sojourner the same way we treat our own citizens, without regard to their status. Yes, it is important to keep our country secure, yet “banning vulnerable refugees”, according to Bishop Eaton “will not enhance our safety, nor does it reflect our values as Christians”⁴. The ELCA is committed to continuing ministries of welcome and “stands firmly against any policies that result in scaling back the refugee resettlement programs”⁴ that we operate and support.

So, what did I learn in hot, muggy and foreign Texas? I re-learned the biblical truth that Peter preached in Acts 10:34, “I truly understand that God shows no partiality . . .”. I re-learned the admonition of Jesus to the disciples, including 21st century disciples to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, free the oppressed and to welcome and love the foreigner . . . no exceptions.

Blessings,
Pastor Dorothy

¹ **Latinx** describes individuals who identify as having origins in Spanish speaking countries or among Spanish speaking families. Their first language may or may not be Spanish; their country of origin may or may not be a Spanish speaking country.

² **encuentro**: encounter

³ **hermanas y hermanos**: sisters and brothers

⁴ To read Bishop Eaton’s message in its entirety go to: <http://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/7873>

Living in the Word – July 2017

Christ the King joins Protestant Christians around the world by following The Revised Common Lectionary. A three-year cycle of assigned readings from Holy Scripture on which our weekly worship is based. This is year one, or Cycle A The Gospel of Matthew and parts of the Gospel of John. You are invited to incorporate these readings into your daily Bible study in preparation for each Sunday’s message.

4th Sunday after Pentecost (July 2)

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

6th Sunday after Pentecost (July 16)

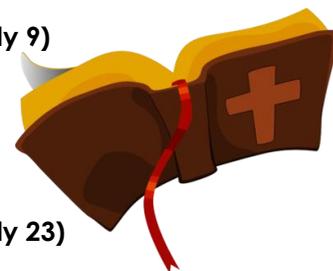
Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

5th Sunday after Pentecost (July 9)

Zachariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

7th Sunday after Pentecost (July 23)

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



DISCIPLESHIP LEARNING

Some Discipling classes are taking a break for the summer. The following Small Groups will be meeting:

“**Opening the Book of Faith**” continues through the summer. As we wrap up studying the Book of Acts, we look forward to opening the book of Romans. Join us on Wednesdays, 7pm, in the Rainbow Room. (Not meeting on July 5th)

The Wednesday “**Gathering**” Bible Study will meet July 19th and August 2nd at 12:30pm in Haven Hall.



Monday, July 24, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

**Christ The King Lutheran Church
11305 SW Bull Mountain Road
Tigard, OR 97224**

Discussion with Filmmaker follows screening.

**No cost for admission - Donations welcome to support
hospice outreach program.**

Visit www.tigardlutherans.com for event details.

The Documentary Film – **Voices of Grief, Honoring The Sacred Journey** – shares a fresh perspective on the many ways we navigate successfully through grief or companion others along their journey.

Wisdom from contemporary authors, grief experts and spiritual teachers is woven through personal stories of loss to explore the roles of community, compassion and connection in this sacred journey.



FEATURING: Dr. Alan Wolfelt • Marianne Williamson • Dr. Barbara Swaby • Thomas Lynch • Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley • Rabbi Harold Kushner • Melanie DeMore • David Kessler • Paula D'Arcy and more. www.voicesofgrief.org

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Mary Rennebohm
- 3 Jane Honeyman
- 3 Corey Fusick
- 5 Nancy Skirvin
- 6 Katharine Weber
- 8 Joni Fusick
- 9 Adam Cornutt
- 11 Judy Potts
- 18 Sally Brown
- 20 Sharon Larsen
- 21 Chris Stell
- 22 Herb Brandt
- 24 Ian Lambie
- 25 Cathy Renken
- 26 Brian Larson
- 26 Emery Rohde
- 27 Jan Cornutt
- 30 Emilie Cunningham
- 31 Don Knutsen
- 31 Adam Klein
- 31 Sherman Case

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 2 Laurel & Kip Aszman
- 3 Tim & Sara Lagasse
- 8 Roger & Cindy Heikens
- 11 Mark & Tracie Henninger
- 15 George & Leanne Klein
- 16 Thad & Laurel Clifton
- 26 Emery Rohde & Ruth Kretzinger
- 29 Brian & Marnie Larson

Please call the church office if your birthday or anniversary date is not listed or is incorrect.



“THE SYNOD IS COMING!”

Lynn Gerhard and I had an eye opening experience at the Oregon Synod Assembly in May. Our theme was and is, “Built on a Rock 500: Rooted, Reforming, Resilient.” I chose a workshop conducted by Bishop Brauer-Rieke on Martin Luther. I wanted to be Rooted in the history and I realized in this “aha” moment that we are always in a state of change and reforming.

As stated by Bishop Brauer-Rieke ... “Martin Luther was 33 years old when he hammered his 95 Theses to the cathedral door in Wittenberg. So began the Reformation. The date was October 31, 1517 and this year we celebrate the 500th anniversary of that beginning. Yet, the Reformation was not a single act. It was a movement.

In the years to follow the Lutheran movement would be tested and questioned, persecuted and refined. It was 1527, a decade later, when a grand visitation was undertaken – the Saxon Visitation. Luther, Melancthon and other leaders knew it was important to get out to where the people were. They wanted to hear people’s stories, assess the faithfulness of their teaching, and stitch the growing Lutheran Movement together.”

In January the congregation completed a vitality survey (you know that questionnaire where you filled in all those little ovals!). This will follow with a synod visitation at CTK sometime this Fall. Lynn and I will do our best to keep you informed and

connected to our Oregon Synod. We are Rooted, Reforming and Resilient in Christ! Yes we are!

Humbly... your CTK Synod delegate,
Kathleen Carney

VOLUNTEER MEAL PROVIDERS NEEDED

Dinners are needed for the Good Neighbor Center on Friday, Sept. 22 and Friday, November 24. Dinners include main dish, salad/vegetable side/fruit, bread, 1 gallon milk, dessert is optional. There are usually 25-35 residents staying at the GNC. CTK has participated in this mission for many years and it is very much appreciated by the staff and the residents. Thank you to all who have participated in the past, your work is noticed! Questions? Call Mary Case, 971-221-2931. I am happy to assist in any way. Sign up on the kiosk.

CARE PACKAGES

- 1 pair of sport socks
- 1 protein bar
- 1 bar of chocolate
- 1 can of medium sized dog
- 1 small bottle of water

The last item to be collected for the "care packages" will be: **July 2nd - Bottled Water**

The date for packing the bags will be announced at Church.

Thank you, for making a little difference in someone’s day.

Blessings, the Council

CTK PRESCHOOL NEWS

Another year has flown by with our Preschoolers!! Along with saying goodbye to many of our students heading off to Kindergarten, our Preschool Board said goodbye to retiring teacher, Julie MacLean, who has been an assistant teacher the past two years. We are sad to see her go but we are excited to have Nicole Gilbert come back as an assistant teacher. Both teachers have been such a blessing to our preschool children and their families.

Teacher Heidi and I are getting ready for our three Preschool Summer Day Camps. They are all full at this time, but if anyone wants to be on the waiting list just let me know; plans change for parents during the summer all the time. They are: Gone Camping: July 17-20; 3..2..1 Blast Off: July 31-Aug.3; and, Color Me Happy: Aug.14-17. All camps are 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 pm, and for ages 3-5 yr. old.

Our Tues/Thurs 3 year old class has a few openings left for this coming school year. Please let family, friends, and neighbors know, we'd love to give them a tour and have them join our preschool family.

Cathy McLean, Director,
Christ the King Preschool.
Cell ph # 503-740-1404



We are getting closer to the big celebration! Beginning in September, we will be showing a series of videos on the history of the Reformation and the planting of the Lutheran church in the United States. The crowning video will be the newest Reformation movie "Luther". Watch this space for specific dates and times. Invite your neighbors and friends. Come and See: who are these Lutherans?

You can follow the Oregon Synod Bishop's Reformation Blog on Facebook (Oregon Synod ELCA page) or at www.oregonsynod.org/500. Be in the know about what is coming up for the 500th Anniversary celebration of the Lutheran Reformation!

OUTREACH FOOD BARREL

There is a barrel in the narthex for non-perishable food items and toiletries. All donations go to the King's Kindness Food Pantry of the Vineyard Church. They distribute food every Thursday to people in our community in need. Thank you for your support with this outreach.

ENDOWMENT FUND COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Endowment Committee is pleased to offer scholarships to members of the congregation who will be attending college or some other form of post-secondary education in 2017-2018. Applications are available from the file box on the church office door or email the church office to have one emailed to you ctkoffice@tigardlutherans.com. The deadline for the applications has been extended to July 2, 2017.

GREETERS & USHERS

We are in need of additional Greeters and Ushers to serve on Sunday mornings. If you are not already serving as a greeter or usher, and are willing to serve at worship in this way, please call the church office to volunteer.

COOKIES NEEDED FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Every Sunday cookies and coffee are served following the worship service. We are in need of cookies to be used for that ministry. If you could donate baked or store bought cookies to the church, please mark them and leave them in the kitchen. We will freeze them for the coffee host/hostess to use when needed. Thank you!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9am Vineyard Worship 10:30 CTK Worship	3 Pastor Dorothy vacation	4 Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED	5 Pastor Dorothy vacation 9-11:45 am Quilting 7 pm Vineyard Youth	6 Pastor Dorothy vacation	7 Pastor Dorothy vacation 2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	8 1 – 5 pm Pinochle
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CTK OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

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MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of Christ the King
Lutheran Church is to:

WELCOME

All people with God's unconditional love

CELEBRATE

Jesus Christ and each other

GROW

In faith through the Holy Spirit

SERVE

Human and community needs

Church Staff

Dorothy Cottingham, Pastor
Craig Jones, Music Director
Linda Wesolowski, Business Administrator
Cathy McLean, CTK Preschool Director

Sunday Services

10:30 am Worship
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