



THE CROWNICLE

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH



PREPARE THE WAY!

How many of us can tell our own birth stories, in great detail? In my family of origin, we heard our birth stories often. Mine was, of course the best story of the seven. Dad worked in Eastern

Washington, coming home to Mulino, Oregon only for special occasions. When Mom went into labor, it was a weekend when Dad was not planning to make the long drive. Late Saturday night, knowing she could wait no longer she left my older sister in charge of the five younger boys and drove nine miles, by herself to Oregon City. Dad finally arrived a short time after my birth. I often wondered and never asked if she was afraid. I wondered and never asked what was going through Dad's head as he sped along old Highway 30.

Mary and Joseph had big plans. Engaged to be married, Joseph the carpenter and Mary's family were probably hammering out the details of their engagement and, especially the dowry she would bring to his family. Eventually, they would marry and have children. Not yet, though. Enter the angel of the Lord. "Hi Mary. Don't freak out, but here's what's going to happen. You're going to have a baby" (Luke 1:26-45, paraphrased). That same angel of the Lord went to Joseph and told him "It's true. Mary's pregnant and God has it under control. Don't divorce her. Instead, welcome the child and name him Jesus" (Matthew 1:20, paraphrased).

The baby was due when the Emperor Caesar Augustus decided his entire kingdom had to be taxed. So, the families of Mary and Joseph and all of the neighborhood traveled to the city of their origin to register with the government. I wonder if Mary was afraid. I wonder if Joseph was weary. I wonder if Mary's cousin Elizabeth had to travel far with six-month old John.

Families have been making plans for childbirth since the beginning of time. Some are expected, some are not. Some are received with joy, some are not. Sometimes plans go awry. Mary and Joseph's plans went awry. And we get to join, again the preparations for and the glorious celebration of the birth of their baby. We get to sit together in anticipation and the planning for this birth, again. Yes, we tell the story every year. We live through the birth, life, death and resurrection of this Jesus child every year. We remember, we retell, we celebrate "The Word [who] became flesh and made his dwelling among us . . . full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

We hear the voice of his cousin, John the Baptizer crying out from the wilderness "Prepare the way of the Lord". And that is what we will do, again and again and again. We will prepare the way of the Lord in worship and song these four weeks of Advent. Advent, which means "the arrival of a notable person, thing or event". Jesus Christ is the notable person, the God-man; Jesus Christ is the notable thing, our salvation; Jesus Christ is the notable event, living, dying, rising. Come, prepare the way for the Lord!

Blessings on your holy celebrations, Pastor Dorothy

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Advent Service

Wed., Dec. 7, 14, 21

St. James Episcopal at noon

CTK Service 7 pm

Soup Supper 6 pm



Christmas Eve
Service

Dec. 24, 9 pm

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Christmas Sunday
Service

Dec. 25, 9 am

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Living in the Word

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. You are invited to incorporate these readings into your daily Bible study in preparation for each Sunday's message.

Advent 2 (December 4)

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Advent 3 (December 11)

Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 1:46b-55
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Advent 4 (December 18)

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas Eve (December 24)

Nativity of Our Lord

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20



Christmas Day (December 25)

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-4
John 1:1-14

PRAYING THE PSALMS

September 1st we began praying the Psalms together. Join us in the spiritual, biblical practice. No need to start from the beginning to catch up, jump in the boat and begin December 1st with Psalm 92. Follow our Facebook page for daily reminders or use the monthly calendar in this newsletter.

DISCIPLESHIP LEARNING

All of the Discipleship classes are suspending their gathering for the month of December. Starting in January are the Small Groups listed below:

Monday evening **Spiritual Formation group** meets at 6pm in the library;

Tuesday evenings **Discipleship group** gather at 7pm to view and discuss a faith-based video in the sanctuary;

First Wednesday of the month the women gather for a **guided text study**;

Thursday evenings we gather for **Centering Prayer** at 5:30pm in the Youth Room;

Thursday evenings at 7pm we continue **Opening the Book of Faith** in the sanctuary

Sunday mornings at 9:15am a second opportunity to **Open the Book of Faith**, in the library.

All are welcome.



DECK THE HALLS

Please plan to stay after the worship service on Sunday, **December 4th**, to help decorate the sanctuary and narthex for Christmas. We will listen to music and enjoy our time together hanging wreaths and decorating the Christmas tree together. Also, put on your calendar to help take down the decorations after the service on **January 8th**. Hope you can help!!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Dan Aamodt
- 2 Emily Johnson
- 3 Rosmary Close
- 3 Dyann Ness
- 3 Dianne Miner
- 5 Rachel Khalili
- 6 David Doss
- 9 Wyatt Landon
- 10 Betty Nesvold
- 11 Susan Gohlke
- 12 Rose Ann Lof
- 13 Ken Morrow
- 15 Daniel Barzee
- 20 Koda Tillberg
- 22 Cathy McLean
- 28 Bill Dressel
- 29 Kira Aszman
- 30 Noelle Martz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 7 Gail & Marvin Barzee
- 14 Dick & Cathy Renken
- 27 Dave & Peggy Noles
- 27 Tom & Cathy McLean
- 29 John & Nancy Lof

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



POINSETTIA'S

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one (\$8 each), envelopes are available from the poster in the narthex on the kiosk or call the church office. Fill out form and place it in the offering plate.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Joy to the world! **Christmas Eve** is December 24th and **Christmas Day** is December 25th. Why is that worth marking calendars? As happens only once every six years, Christmas Eve is Saturday and Christmas Day is Sunday!

Christ the King will celebrate the birth of Christ the King in festival worship at **9 pm Christmas Eve (Saturday)** and the Nativity of our Lord at **9 am on Christmas Day (Sunday)**.

Happy Birthday to the King!



ADVENT SERVICE

Midweek Advent worship will be celebrated jointly with St. James Episcopal Church. Wednesdays at noon worship will be at St. James, Wednesdays at 7pm will be at Christ the King. Soup Supper is at 6pm at Christ the King. Please sign-up on the kiosk if you can bring soup, bread or a dessert.

CTK PRESCHOOL NEWS AND HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

The MWF class put on a Thanksgiving Play acting out the First Thanksgiving on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving in Haven Hall. They are now starting to work on their Christmas Play; celebrating Jesus' birth. The Play will be in the Sanctuary on Friday, Dec. 16 at 10:30 with a reception to follow in Haven Hall. All are invited to this special annual

event. The Tues/Thurs Class will also have a Christmas Program singing Holiday songs in Haven Hall on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 11 a.m. Refreshments will be served at both events. Come and witness the joy of Christmas with our Preschoolers!

Our SOS (Support Our Students) Fund totaled \$991 at the end of our Fall Fundraiser. Donations from church members and Thrivent Choice dollars added to our total. The fund is now at \$661 with money being used to help to pay tuition for our scholarship students. Donations to the SOS Fund can be made anytime throughout the year. Checks can be made to CTK Preschool with a note that it is for the SOS Fund. Thank you for supporting our Students!!!

The CTK Preschool Open House will January 21, 2017 from 10 am – 12 noon.

Christ the King
Preschool Board



**CTK
FALL CLEAN UP DAY!**

Thank you to all the volunteers for all your hard work at the clean up day in November. So much was accomplished in the yard by all the wonderful volunteers. The church grounds look beautiful! You are all appreciated so much!

CTK Members and the Property & Grounds Team

THANKS AND GIVING

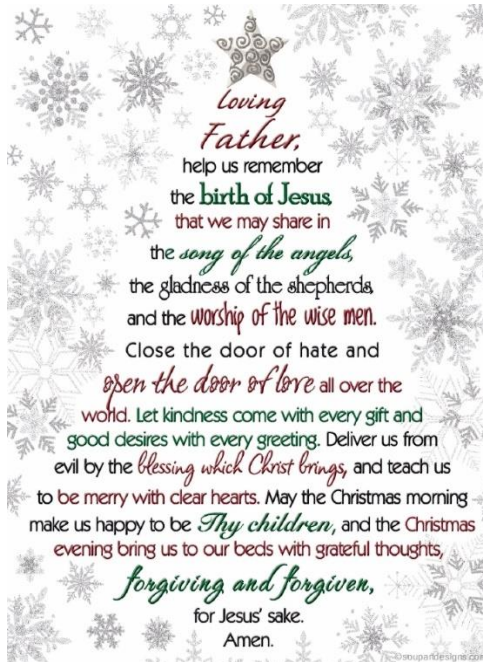
THANKS to all of your GIVING our church family was able to provide over sixty five pies and cool whip to the Vineyard Church Thanksgiving food baskets. We were also able to donate over three hundred dollars to assist in purchasing food for their baskets! It is so heart-warming and such a blessing to once again be a witness to your generosity and caring for others. Thank you all for opening your hearts to those in need. Your outreach to others has been and continues to be a blessing to others as well as us. You are all the best!!! Thank you so very much!

Outreach Committee



COMMUNITY GARDEN

By recommendations from the Congregation, the Council has decided to dedicate the community garden in Gloria Holman's honor. The Council is asking for your input on how it should be named? Please submit your ideas to the Council members so it can be approved by next month.

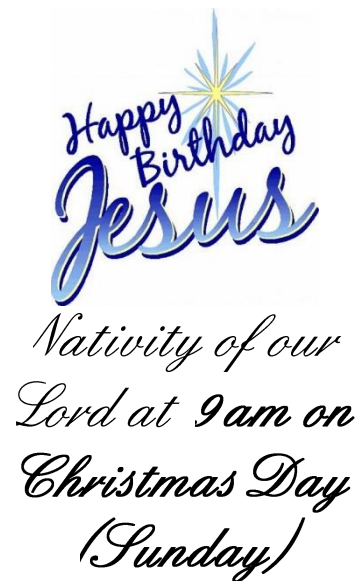


PINOCHLE GROUP


The Pinochle Group will meet for their Christmas Potluck on Saturday, December 10 at noon in Haven Hall. If you like to play pinochle or would like to learn, come join them. They always welcome new members. If you have any questions contact, Jan Aamodt, 503-590-1662.



*Come celebrate the
birth of the Christ
Child in festival
worship 9pm
(Saturday)*



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Psalm 92 8:30-11:30am Preschool	2 Psalm 93 Pastor Dorothy Off 8:30-11:30am Preschool 2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	3 Psalm 94
4 Psalm 95 9am Vineyard Worship ADVENT 2 9 am Choir practice 10:30 CTK Worship Decorate Sanctuary following worship	5 Psalm 96 8:30-11:30am Preschool	6 Psalm 97 8:30-11:30am Preschool 7-9 pm Vineyard Bible Study	7 Psalm 98 8:30-11:30am Preschool 9-11:30am Quilting 1 pm Gather Bible Study at St James Noon Advent Serv at St James Episc 6pm CTK Soup 7 pm CTK Service 6:30-9 pm Vineyard	8 Psalm 99 8:30-11:30am Preschool 6-9:30 pm Vineyard	9 Psalm 100 Pastor Dorothy Off 8:30-11:30am Preschool 2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	10 Psalm 101 7-11 am Vineyard Men's Breakfast noon – 5 pm Pinochle Christmas Potluck
11 Psalm 102 9am Vineyard Worship ADVENT 3 9am Choir Practice 10:30 CTK Worship	12 Psalm 103 8:30-11:30am Preschool 7pm Council	13 Psalm 104 8:30-11:30am Preschool 7-9 pm Vineyard Bible Study	14 Psalm 105 8:30-11:30am Preschool Noon Advent Serv at St James Episc 6pm CTK Soup 7 pm CTK Service 6:30-9 pm Vineyard Youth	15 Psalm 106 8:30-11:30am Preschool Sing-a-long (11:00)	16 Psalm 107 Pastor Dorothy Off 8:30-11:30am Preschool Christmas Play (10:30) 2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	17 Psalm 108
18 Psalm 109 9am Vineyard Worship Vineyard Potluck ADVENT 4 9 am Choir Practice 10:30 CTK Worship Home Communion	19 Psalm 110 3-8 pm Good Neighbor Christmas Party	20 Psalm 111 7-9 pm Vineyard Bible Study	21 Psalm 112 9-11:30 am Quilting Noon Advent Serv at St James Episc 6pm CTK Soup 7 pm CTK Service 6:30-9 pm Vineyard Youth	22 Psalm 113	23 Psalm 114 Pastor Dorothy Off 12-6 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	24 Psalm 115 5 pm Vineyard Christmas Eve Service 9pm CTK Christmas Eve Service
25 Psalm 116 Christmas Day  9am CTK Worship	26 Psalm 117 Pastor Dorothy vacation OFFICE CLOSED	27 Psalm 118 Pastor Dorothy vacation 7-9 pm Vineyard Bible Study	28 Psalm 120 Pastor Dorothy vacation 6:30-9 pm Vineyard Youth	29 Pastor Dorothy vacation	30 Pastor Dorothy vacation 2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE HAPPY NEW YEAR!



CTK OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

JANUARY NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE: FRIDAY, DEC. 23

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