



# THE CROWNICLE

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Total Eclipse?

In 1979, I was a young mother of two. My 4-year-old daughter was off to preschool. Monday was laundry day so, my 22-month-old son and I were in the basement watching Sesame Street, sorting and folding laundry. About 8:30am on February 26, 1979 something strange began to happen. The birds were chirping, the wind picked up and the basement became darker and darker. I picked up my son, hurried up the stairs and saw night-like darkness outside. I had no idea what was happening.

Unlike this oblivious young mother in 1979, you know about the rare event due on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Stifling a yawn, you ask, “what’s the big deal about a solar eclipse?” It is a big deal! It’s a big deal for hotels, campgrounds, restaurants, gas stations and many other industries across the country. It’s a big deal for astronomers and scientists, NASA and school children.

“During a total eclipse, the temperature drops and the horizon is ringed by the colors of sunset. The sky becomes a twilight blue, and bright stars and planets become visible in the MIDDLE OF THE DAY! Animals behave strangely at the sudden appearance of darkness. The 2017 total eclipse will move over 12+ States”. It will be the first coast-to-coast eclipse in 99 years”.<sup>1</sup> And all of that is a big deal.

A total solar eclipse is a big deal for God believers, too. It is disturbing. When a celestial event like a total eclipse occurs, our sense of the created order is disrupted. We expect the day to be divided from the night. We believe that *“God said, ‘Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years’. And God saw that it was good.”* (Genesis 1:14, 18b).

We also know that the order of creation was disrupted on the day Jesus was crucified as *“darkness came over the whole land [from noon] until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed”*. (Luke 23:44-45). As the day turned to night, Jesus cried out *“It is finished”* (John 19:30). In Greek, “eclipse” means “abandonment”. God’s created light was in a state of hiddenness on that day. But God did not abandon creation; instead, God’s promise of salvation was completed in the darkness.

When we look closely at the moment of eclipse totality, there shines a thin ring of God’s eternal light like an “old, thin silver wedding band”, says Annie Dillard in her essay “Total Eclipse”<sup>2</sup>. The wedding band of God’s covenant promises. As you watch this historic event take place, remember that God is present, even in the unexpected darkness. The redemption of creation is complete, it is finished.

Blessings on your viewing,  
Pastor Dorothy

<sup>1</sup><https://biblicalsignsintheheadlines.com/2017/06/22/will-god-divide-america-once-in-a-century-total-solar-eclipse-could-be-a-final-warning/>

<sup>2</sup>[https://home.ubalt.edu/ntyqfit/ai\\_05\\_mapping\\_directions/ai\\_05\\_see/ad\\_total\\_eclipse.htm](https://home.ubalt.edu/ntyqfit/ai_05_mapping_directions/ai_05_see/ad_total_eclipse.htm)

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## Living in the Word – August 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.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (August 6)

Isaiah 55:1-5  
Psalm 145:8-9,14-21  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

### 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (August 13)

1 Kings 19:9-18  
Psalm 85:8-13  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

### 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (August 20)

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
Psalm 67  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15:[10-20]21-28

### 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (August 27)

Isaiah 51:1-6  
Psalm 138  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20



## DISCIPLESHIP LEARNING

Some Discipling classes are meeting in August. The following Small Groups will be meeting:

“**Opening the Book of Faith**” continues through the summer. Join us on Wednesdays, 7pm, in the Rainbow Room. (Not meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup>)

The Wednesday “**Gathering**” Bible Study will meet August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30pm in Haven Hall.

### “VOICES OF GRIEF” UPDATE

I genuinely want to give my deepest appreciation to everyone that helped make the film presentation of “Voices of Grief” happen so smoothly. Each of you made a difference for the approximately 50 attendees and we have many interested in joining our Grief Support Group when it begins. Please consider being part of it, if not for yourself, consider being there for others and gaining tools and insights that are sure to be helpful and healing.

The night went super well! Be proud of the efforts you put into this event and thank you for shining so brightly for CTK, it really showed.

We had Pastors, Councilors, Hospice workers, Stephen Ministers, bereavement helpers, teachers, mothers, daughters, dads, sons, and others. The goal was to create a safe community to discuss grief and to encourage compassion. I think this was accomplished with this gathering.

Again, great job team and a huge thank you to Kathy & Arnie Sparnins for their

generous gift of this event to us.

We are also grateful to the awesome Portland Vineyard Church team who handled all the technical details. Their talent, time and equipment really was invaluable. PVC was, and is, a blessing to all and we really appreciate you guys!!!!!!

CTK will be launching a Grief Support Group to continue the conversation. Watch the newsletter for more information.

God Bless,  
George Klein

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

3	JoAnn Murphy
4	Wayne Larson
5	Jane Hershberger
7	Greg Lof
10	Pastor Herb Newcomer
17	Mick Krieg
24	Judy Nesvold
31	Bill Peters

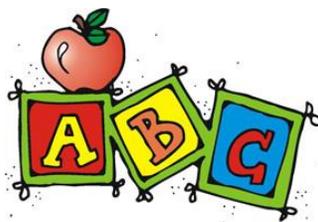
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

10	John Lambie & Marsi Thelin
18	Mick & Cindy Krieg
18	Martin & Carolyn Forbes
20	Ed & Judy Maggio
21	Hal & Melita Schmidt
25	Ernie & Louise Tucker

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

**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.

**CTK PRESCHOOL NEWS**

We have been having a great time at our Summer Preschool Camps. We just finished our "Gone Camping" themed camp and we are getting ready for our "3..2..1.. Blast Off!" Camp. Our camps are for ages 3-5 years old and are held Mon-Thurs mornings.

Our campers love it when Pastor Dorothy drops by to say hi and see what we are up to. Next month our regular Preschool program will be starting. We have a few openings left in our Tues/Thurs class; please let neighbors, friends, and family members know. We'd love to give them a tour. Also, we have several scholarship students again this year in both classes.

Thrivent members please consider Christ the King Preschool for your Thrivent Choice Dollars and non-Thrivent members please consider donating to our SOS Fund which was started last year to support our scholarship students and for needed supplies. Checks can be made to CTK Preschool and marked for the SOS Fund. Last year \$100 dollars from the SOS Fund

went towards scholarships each month. Close to \$400 each month last year was provided to families in need for their children to be able to attend CTK Preschool. Because of church member's donations and our CTK Preschool Board, no family, thankfully, has ever been denied attendance at CTK Preschool in these past 14 years. For more information or questions, please contact: Cathy McLean, Director, 503-740-1404 (cell)



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](http://www.oregonsynod.org/500). Be in the know about what is coming up for the 500<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.



## IT'S TWINS!!

Kris and Margaret Westersund are the proud grandparents of twin boys, John Aaron (7 lbs 20 oz) and Hank Lee (6 lbs 12 oz), born on July 7, 2017. The new parents are Jacob & Sara Westersund. Congratulations to the new additions into the family!

## 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!

## EXTENDING SYMPATHY

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of Catherine Smith who passed away on June 28<sup>th</sup> at the age of 95. May God provide comfort and peace to all the family as they mourn her passing. Per Catherine's wishes, no service was held.

## WORK AROUND THE PLACE

In the past several weeks lots of volunteers have been busy tidying up the church grounds and building. We want to thank them all!!! Some of the work that has been done is:

- Replacing the flashing on the outdoor sign.
- New siding on the south outside wall of Preschool room.
- Pulling weeds and putting down bark dust.
- Replacing outdoor furniture in the courtyard.
- Painting the new outdoor siding on Haven Hall.
- Washing windows in the narthex and Emmaus Way.
- Mounting a new screen in Haven Hall.
- Picking up lots of trash from the church grounds.
- Mowing the lawn and keeping the grass green.
- Technical support in the sanctuary.

Thank you to all our volunteers, especially: Steve Larsen, Dan Morgan, Mark Gohlke, Gail Barzee, Martha Morgan, Lorna Kautzky, Dick Renken, Jeff Cornutt, George Klein, Bill Dressel, Ed Maggio, Sherman Case and David Doss.

**You are all appreciated!!!**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 9-12:30 Preschool Camp  Budget Team 6:30pm	<b>2</b> 9-12:30 Preschool Camp 9-11:45am Quilting 12:30 pm Gather Bible Study 7pm Book of Faith 7pm Vineyard Youth	<b>3</b> 9-12:30 Preschool Camp	<b>4</b> Pastor Dorothy Off  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>5</b> 
<b>6</b> 9am Vineyard Worship  <b>10:30 CTK Worship</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  7pm Book of Faith 7 pm Vineyard Youth	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Pastor Dorothy Off  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>12</b> 1 – 5 pm Pinochle Group
<b>13</b> 9am Vineyard Worship  <b>10:30 CTK Worship</b>	<b>14</b> 9-12:30 Preschool Camp  7 pm Council	<b>15</b> 9-12:30 Preschool Camp  Budget Team 6:30pm	<b>16</b> 9-12:30 Preschool Camp 9-11:45 am Quilting  7 pm Book of Faith 7pm Vineyard Youth	<b>17</b> 9-12:30 Preschool Camp	<b>18</b> Pastor Dorothy Off  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>19</b>  1-10 pm Vineyard Worship
<b>20</b> 9am Vineyard Worship  <b>10:30 CTK Worship</b> Home Communion	<b>21</b> Pastor Dorothy vacation	<b>22</b> Pastor Dorothy vacation	<b>23</b> Pastor Dorothy vacation 4-8pm Good Neighbor Center Back to School Party  7pm Vineyard Youth	<b>24</b> Pastor Dorothy vacation	<b>25</b> Pastor Dorothy vacation  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9am Vineyard Worship  <b>10:30 CTK Worship</b> 11:45am Preschool Board Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  7 pm Book of Faith 7pm Vineyard Youth	<b>31</b>		



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**

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