



# THE CROWNICLE

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

## CHRISTIAN MODERATES, REPENT

"Everything in moderation". Great advice for everything from food consumption to exercise regimens. Zealots make us uncomfortable. We squirm when a friend over-enthusiasms about her new skin-care product. We wince, back away and try to close the door when the salesperson gives us the rapid-fire sales pitch on the latest and greatest carpet cleaning method.

There is one thing we cannot do "in moderation". We cannot be "moderate" followers of Jesus. Lives depend on us being zealous for the gospel of Jesus Christ. The gospel that "proclaim[s] good news to the poor . . . proclaim[s] freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, . . . set[s] the oppressed free and proclaim[s] the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:18-19).

Recall the images of the early 1960s throughout the southern United States. Images of brown bodies being assaulted with water cannons are not ancient history. Moderate white Christians stood by quietly, not wanting to make a fuss. People died. We like to think we've gotten past that, but current events indicate we have not.

Our brown and black brothers and sisters in Christ are being threatened. Our Aryan sisters and brothers in Christ have fallen into the grip of the evil one. The first people of God, the Jews are threatened, again. Our Muslim siblings are living in fear. This is not the time to be "moderate" Christians. As we sit comfortably in moderation, lives are in danger.

We can return safely to our homes and gather quietly in our congregations. There is no urgency burning in us to respond, the events have not touched us personally. That is not true for too many of our fellow humans, in 1960 and today. Martin Luther King, Jr's words in *Letter from a Birmingham Jail* echo to me the importance of the need for continue "Reformation" - the renewed commitment we, the "white moderate Christian" must make to the gospel.

King writes:

*"I must make two honest confessions to you, my Christian and Jewish brothers. First, I must confess that over the past few years I have been gravely disappointed with the white moderate. I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro's great stumbling block in his stride toward freedom is not the White Citizen's Council or the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate, who is more devoted to "order" than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice; who constantly says: "I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I cannot agree with your methods of direct action"; who paternalistically believes he can set the timetable for another man's freedom; who lives by a mythical concept of time and who constantly advises the Negro to wait for a "more convenient season." Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. Lukewarm acceptance is much more bewildering than outright rejection.*

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POTLUCK & MINISTRY  
KICK-OFF

Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Following Worship

JAZZ VESPERS  
At Christ the King  
Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>  
5 pm



*I had hoped that the white moderate would understand that law and order exist for the purpose of establishing justice and that when they fail in this purpose they become the dangerously structured dams that block the flow of social progress."*

As we ponder Dr. King's words, let us also ponder Jesus' example of repentance and justice in Matthew 15:21-28. The Canaanite woman whom Jesus rejected because she was not one of "the lost sheep of Israel", persists in her expectation that Jesus would treat her with justice and equity. And Jesus repents. Let us repent, turn around and live in a new way.

Blessings,  
Pastor Dorothy

## Living in the Word – September 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.

### 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Sept. 3)

Jeremiah 15:15-21  
Psalm 26:1-8  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

### 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Sept. 10)

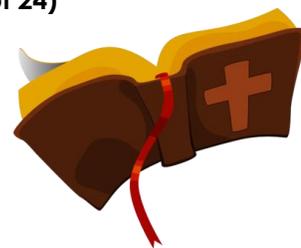
Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Psalm 119:33-40  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Sept. 17)

Genesis 50:15-21  
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

### 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Sept 24)

Jonah 3:10—4:11  
Psalm 145:1-8  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16



## DISCIPLESHIP LEARNING

Jesus invited his disciples to "come and see" where he was staying. Discipleship classes are your invitation to "come and see" where Jesus is staying. There are several options from which to choose. Come and see which class will lead you to a closer walk with Jesus. Classes begin in September and you are welcome to participate at any time.

**Spiritual Growth Group:** Mondays, 6pm, Library

**Reformation Video Series:** Video and guided conversation; Tuesdays, 7pm, Sanctuary

**Women's Study:** First Wednesday, 12:30pm, Haven Hall

**Centering Prayer:** Wednesdays, 6pm, Youth Room

**Opening the Book of Faith:** Paul's letter to the Romans; Wednesdays, 7pm, Rainbow Room

**Lutheran Questions, Lutheran Answers:** A guide for members and seekers.

Sundays, 9am, Library, beginning late September.

**Grief Support Group:** A community support group for those who are grieving.

Facilitated by Pastor Don Voeks, ELCA Pastor.

Organizing session, Sunday, September 10, 4pm, Youth Room.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Patti Risdal
- 2 Joel Stollberg
- 5 Nicholas McNaught
- 6 Sydney Clifton
- 8 Dorothy Tague
- 8 Elise Martz
- 9 Betty Epps
- 10 Peggy Noles
- 13 Chris Frazee
- 15 Suzanne Metcalf
- 16 Sherie Knutsen
- 17 Barb Coufal
- 20 Hilde Konarzewski
- 20 Ernie Coufal
- 23 Ed Maggio
- 23 Bob Brink
- 25 Leanne Klein
- 26 Sam Fusick
- 27 Brian Liebenstein
- 28 Lauren Livengood
- 30 Mary Brown

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

- 1 Sherman & Mary Case
- 5 Bill & Gaynelle Dressel
- 6 Don & Sherie Knutsen
- 11 Eric & Noelle Martz
- 12 Carl & Pastor Dorothy Cottingham
- 13 Bill & Marge Peters
- 21 Dan & Martha Morgan
- 21 William & Judy Potts

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

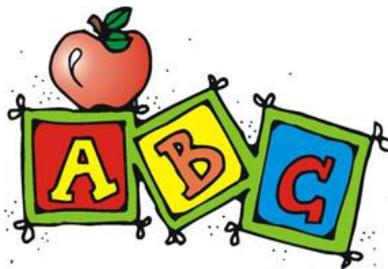


**SYMPATHY**

We extend our sympathy to Steve Larsen and family on the death of his mother, Naomi Larsen, on August 19, 2017. Pray for comfort and peace to be given to all the family at this difficult time of loss.



Jazz Vespers is coming to Christ the King! A classic vespers service in a newly composed style. Hear jazz classics performed by professional musicians and worship to the ancient rhythm of evening prayer. Monthly, beginning September 24, 2017, 5pm. All are welcome!



**CTK PRESCHOOL NEWS**

We're excited to start our 14th year at Christ the King Preschool. We said goodbye and thank you to Teacher Julie MacLean, who retired, and we are excited to welcome back Nicole Gilbert, who was with us a few years ago. We have full classes to start our school year. If any family is

interested in joining our classes we gladly will put them on our waiting list. Many families have been moving in and out of our area this year, so we have been adding children from the waiting list over this summer. Once again this coming school year we have several families in both the Tue/Thur and Mon/Wed/Fri classes who are in need of scholarships to attend CTK Preschool. Please consider contributing to our SOS Fund (**S**upport **O**ur **S**tudents) to help families in need whose children attend CTK Preschool. No family has ever been denied attending CTK Preschool for lack of tuition money because of the generosity of CTK Lutheran church members. Checks can be made to CTK Preschool and if you are a Thrivent Member you can choose Christ the King Preschool for your Choice Dollars. Also, please Like us on Facebook (Christ the King Preschool - Tigard) to see what we are up to throughout the school year. Please contact me if you have any questions, Cathy McLean, Director, Christ the King Preschool 503-740-1404 (cell)





### 500 Years of Reformation

We are getting closer to the big celebration! Beginning **September 12, 2017, 7 pm**, 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 newest Reformation movie "Luther" will be shown on **Sunday, October 29** at 5pm. All are open to the public, bring your friends and neighbors. Come and See: who are these Lutherans?

### 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.

### Kids in Christ's Kitchen (K.I.C.K)



Whatever shall we do with this fantastic kitchen? That was a question the church council began pondering 18 months ago when this pastor first arrived at Christ the King. We had a dream that one day we could hold culinary classes for kids and serve a community meal on a regular basis. Well, that dream has come true. Ebon Morse, a trained chef and Jet Set Coffee (a local, small coffee shop) barista will teach children the value of healthier choices while giving them the confidence in the kitchen. Members and friends of CTK will have opportunity to participate in this exciting new ministry.

### 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!

### ELECTRONIC GIVING

How many times have you sat down in church only to realize that you forgot your offering envelope? Many of our members have discovered that the only check they write is to church. Surprise! This is more common than you might guess. More financial transactions are handled on-line or electronically than ever before.

In an effort to make giving more convenient and timely, the church council has engaged the services of Vanco, an electronic giving processor. Vanco manages the electronic giving of thousands of not-for-profit organizations nationwide, serving hundreds of ELCA churches. The start-up will come in two phases. Phase I: the council will take a trial run for the month of September; Phase II: there will be an information and set-up session for members at the congregation potluck following worship on October 8.



If you have any questions, contact a member of the Finance Team; Tom McLean, Sally Brown, Steve Larsen or Pastor Dorothy.

SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Pastor Dorothy Off  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	2
3 9am Vineyard Worship  10:30 CTK Worship	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5	6 9-11:45am Quilting 12:30 pm Gather Bible Study 7pm Book of Faith 7pm Vineyard Youth	7 8:30-10am Preschool	8 8:30-10 am Preschool Pastor Dorothy Off 2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	9 1 – 5 pm Pinochle Group
10 9am Vineyard Worship 9am Choir 10:30 CTK Worship Potluck & Ministry Kick-Off 4pm Grief Support Group	11 8:30-11:25am Preschool Pastor Dorothy vacation Sept 11-17 6pm Spiritual Growth Group 7 pm Council	12 8:30-11:25am Preschool  7pm Reformation Video	13 8:30-11:25am Preschool  7pm Vineyard Youth	14 8:30-11:25am Preschool	15 8:30-11:25am Preschool  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	16
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24 9am Vineyard Worship 9am Choir 9am Lutheran Questions 10:30 CTK Worship 5pm Jazz Vespers	25 8:30-11:25am Preschool  6pm Spiritual Growth Group	26 8:30-11:25am Preschool  7pm Reformation Video	27 8:30-11:25am Preschool  6pm Centering Prayer 7 pm Book of Faith 7pm Vineyard	28 8:30-11:25am Preschool	29 8:30-11:25am Preschool  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	30



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



Pastor Dorothy and Council member, Kathleen Carney, walked the Portland to Coast Relay, August 25-26. Way to go walkers!!

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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

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**Sunday Services**

10:30 am Worship  
Nursery Provided

**SEPTEMBER 2017**