



THE CROWNICLE

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

TALKING TOGETHER ABOUT TOUGH TOPICS



Many of us are looking for help in figuring out how to talk about the tough social issues that surround us. We are seeking to understand

how God and our faith relate to life outside the walls of this building. We confess that God is active in our lives and struggle to embody that as we face difficult and sometimes divisive public issues.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has long recognized this struggle among our members. From the beginning, the ELCA has addressed difficult topics head on in Social Messages and Social Statements. These documents are adopted by the Church Council and Churchwide Assemblies. As we begin a New Year of ministry together in this place, I pray that, with the help of these ELCA documents we can address the social and political concerns we all have.

We will disagree at times, and that is ok. We come from different experiences. But, talking about social issues from the perspective of our common faith can ease the strain that often comes from disagreement. When we discuss these issues based on Scripture, church tradition and teachings, human knowledge and reason as well as our personal experiences, we can broaden our perspectives and discern God's will for our church and ourselves.¹

In this space, each month I will highlight one of the Social Messages or Statements (there are 26 of them). I encourage you to go to the website of the ELCA and read the entire message or statement for yourself (*see link below*). There is also a binder containing a copy of each document in the library. In addition, we will begin a series of community discussions based on messages or statements of your choice (*a list of the documents appears in this newsletter*).

Because it is prominent in the news lately, the first message to examine is the 1989 Social Message on The Israeli/Palestinian Conflict. 1989!!! Yes, 1989. "The Church Council of the ELCA views the present Israeli/Palestinian conflict with increasing concern and anguish . . . Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) have raised their prayer that we would end our silence and voice our concern".² In a 2015 letter to ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Munib Younan as for the ELCA to "continue to support us and the Gospel of Love that invites us to build peace wherever we are called." and to

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WELCOME THE NEW YEAR

Crown the Year with Praise

New Year's Eve

JAZZ VESPERS

At Christ the King

Sunday, December 31st

5 pm

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sat. January 20, 2018

10am - noon



“revive a spirit of accompaniment that will advance holistic mission, strengthen Christians and work towards peace . . .”³

The Israeli/Palestinian Conflict is not new. We know this, right? The conflict in this region goes back to “the beginning when God began to create . . .” (Genesis 1). Throughout history, both biblical and academic we hear the stories of conflict, war, oppression and division. Today, we are embroiled in another chapter of this conflict. Our response, as a public church is one of compassion and faithfulness to God's will. We cannot know what God's will is without prayer, searching scripture, understanding history and engaging in dialogue with our sisters and brothers who live this conflict daily.

The Social Message on Israeli/Palestinian Conflict calls on us, members of the ELCA to know the history of the Middle East as well as the current issues and to “pray for the coming of God's gift of peace in this area so that Christians, Muslims and Jews might live lives free from violence and fear.”⁴

May the message of our Advent post-communion hymn continue to stir within us.
“Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one body!”

Blessings and Happy New Year,
Pastor Dorothy

<http://elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society>

¹ “Talking Together as Christians About Tough Social Issues”.pdf; ISBN 6-0001-1197-5; page 2.

²Presiding Bishop Eaton's response to Bishop Munib Younan, <http://www.elca.org/News-and-Events>.

³ibid. ⁴ELCA.org/socialstatements; “A social message on The Israeli/Palestinian Conflict”; 1989; page 3.

Living in the Word – January 2018

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 two, or Cycle B, The Gospel of Mark 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.

Baptism of our Lord (Jan. 7)

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

Second Sunday After Epiphany (Jan. 14)

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

Third Sunday After Epiphany (Jan. 21)

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:4-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany (Jan. 28)

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28



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 resume in January and you are welcome to participate at any time.

Spiritual Growth: Mondays, 6pm, Library

Reformation Video Series: Lutherans in America - “We Planted A Church”; Tuesdays, 7pm, Sanctuary.

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

Opening the Book of Faith: Wednesdays, 7pm, Rainbow Room.

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

Facilitated by Pastor Don Voeks, ELCA Pastor. Sunday, January 14, 3pm, Youth Room.

K.I.K.: Kids in the Kitchen, 2018 schedule to be determined.



CTK PRESCHOOL NEWS

CTK Preschool Open House and Registration

CTK Preschool will host an Open House on Saturday, January 20th, 10am to noon. This is a great opportunity for families to see the preschool, meet the teachers, and register for the coming school year. Registration for the 2018-2019 school has started this month and families can get registration forms from the preschool or go on line at www.christthekingpreschool.com to fill out the forms and then bring them to CTK Preschool. We have two classes: Tues/Thurs class for children who have turned 3yr. old by

Sept. 1 and a Mon/Wed/Fri class for 4-5 yr. olds. Classes are held 8:30 to 11:25 a.m. with an optional extra hour (Lunch Bunch) on Wednesdays. Any questions, please contact Cathy McLean, Director, at 503-740-1404 or director@christthekingpreschool.com



CHRIST THE KING!

December 31, 2017, 5pm
Ring out the old year with 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. Continues monthly on the 4th Sunday at 5pm. All are welcome!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 Steven Larsen
- 9 Christina Heikens
- 10 Sarah Doss
- 13 Julie Helle
- 15 Jacob Stollberg
- 15 Annika Stollberg
- 16 Valerie Briggs
- 18 Tim Larsen
- 18 Tammy Brink
- 20 Jeanne Durbetaki
- 20 Mark Henninger
- 22 Craig Jones
- 24 Carolyn Snow
- 27 Amanda Burtch

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 13 David & Nancy Doss

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



ARE YOU FOLLOWING US?

Have you “liked” or “followed” Christ the King on Facebook? It’s easy and it boosts our visibility. Login to your Facebook account, go to Christ the King Lutheran Church and click on the “follow” and/or “like” button. You can share any of our events on your personal page. You can invite your friends to follow CTK. Get the word out that we are active in ministry in Tigard.

While you're at the computer, go to our webpage www.tigardluthers.com to see the changes made by Media Manager, Mark Mehall. Mark is working closely with Linda Wesolowski and Pastor Dorothy to keep the webpage and Facebook page fresh and up to date. Thank you, Linda and Mark.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Electronic Giving has come to Christ the King. 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. Learn more at the January 14th potluck.

If you have any questions or would like to begin using this option sooner, contact a member of the Finance Team; Tom McLean, Sally Brown, Steve Larsen or Pastor Dorothy or a member of the church council.



There will be a fellowship potluck following worship on Sunday, January 14, 2018. If you are able, bring a favorite dish to share and plan to stay after the service. The Council will be sharing about electronic giving following the meal. We hope to see you there!!

PARKING LOT REMINDER

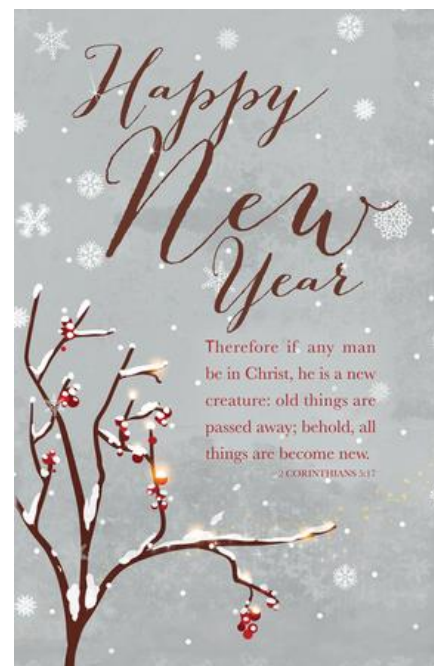
If you are able, please park in the upper parking lot and leave the lower lot available for our senior citizens, visitors and people with mobility issues. Thank you for your help!

CTK ANNUAL MEETING

Please mark your calendar for Christ the King's Annual Meeting that will be held following worship on Sunday, February 11th. We will also be having our monthly potluck that day so you will get to enjoy lunch before the meeting. It is very important that you attend so that you can be aware of all the things that have taken place in the past year at CTK and hear about the exciting plans for our church in 2018!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please plan to stay after the worship service on Sunday, January 7th to help take the Christmas decorations down from the sanctuary and narthex. Thanks in advance for your willingness to help!!





JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSED	2 8:30-11:25am Preschool 6:30-9pm Vineyard	3 8:30-11:25am Preschool 9-11:45am Quilting 12:30 pm Gather Bible Study 7pm Book of Faith 7pm Vineyard Youth	4 8:30-10am Preschool	5 8:30-11:25am Preschool Pastor Dorothy Off 2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	6
7 9am Vineyard Worship 9am Choir 10:30 CTK Worship 11:45am Preschool Board Meeting Remove Christmas Decorations	8 8:30-11:25am Preschool 6pm Spiritual Growth Group 7 pm Council	9 8:30-11:25am Preschool 7pm Lutheran Video "We Planted a Church"	10 8:30-11:25am Preschool 7pm Book of Faith 7pm Vineyard Youth	11 8:30-10am Preschool	12 8:30-10 am Preschool Pastor Dorothy Off 2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	13 12 – 5 pm Pinochle Group
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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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