

THE CROWNICLE

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

Patience Now!

"But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience" (Romans 8:25).

You've heard the prayer "God, give me patience . . . and give it to me NOW!" I wonder how many of us are praying that prayer in these last days of the year. These days when we would normally be preparing for holidays with friends and family. Instead, here we are wondering how we are going to celebrate when the government tells us we cannot. We are going to have to be creative even though we may be weary of having been creative for nine months already.

This year we can be thankful for the technology that allows to see one another's faces and hear one another's voices. Even though we cannot be in the same spaces, we can be at Zoom Thanksgiving Dinner and FaceTime Christmas gatherings. We can invite our families and friends to join us in a new way of gathering for Christmas Eve Candlelight worship from an empty sanctuary.

This may be the first time any of us has experienced the quietness of the stable, the quietness of the field where the shepherds were sleeping. The music of the angels will burst into our homes on Christmas Eve through the wonder of technology. And the good news will be proclaimed, as it always has been, *"Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a savior, Christ the Lord"* (Luke 2:11).

As we end this very strange year, we can pray. I admit there are times I have no idea how to pray, or what to pray. I am reminded of Paul's instruction in the letter to the Romans to call on the Holy Spirit who *" . . . helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words"* (Romans 8:26).

Beloved, take heart. Do not be afraid, do not be impatient. The world and this pandemic cannot take away what we hope for and what we have. *"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:38-39).

Christmas will come. A New Year will arrive.
And God, Immanuel is with us.

Blessed Christmas! Happy New Year!
Pastor Dorothy

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Worship Live on Zoom

Sundays 10:30am

Find Zoom Link at

www.figardlutherans.com

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Go to the CTK website

www.figardlutherans.com and under donate click on the link to Vanco. It's quick, it's easy and it's convenient.

Sunday Services Videos & Texts

are also on our website

www.figardlutherans.com

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Go to Christ the King Lutheran Church and click on the "follow" and/or "like" button.





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Zoom! It's the new front door and meeting place! We are becoming accustomed to this new gathering place. It's not difficult to learn. You don't have to "sign up", just check that your computer, smart phone or iPad can support it. It is especially helpful that you have audio and video on your device. If you don't have any of those devices, you can still phone in and be part of any meeting or gathering. It's good to see your faces and hear your voices.

Zooming in on Christ the King Activities

Weekly Worship Link, ID and password:

Time: 10:00am "doors open" (click on this link)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86517107296?pwd=aVZpWFV0b0QzbFF6ZFVPTDFsL0FZQT09>

Phone in using this number)

1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 865 1710 7296

Password: 299944

Monthly Council Meeting Link, ID and password:

Second Tuesday every month. Gather at 6:30pm (click on this link)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81585552324?pwd=RnlhOGMvUTNoekZldlRJM29GNmtsQT09>

Phone in using this number 1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 815 8555 2324

Password: 823311

Mid-Week Advent Link, ID and password:

Time: 6:30pm ("doors open" 6:15pm)

Dec 2, 9, and 16, 2020 at 6:30pm (click on this link)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82965304498?pwd=SVF5SHh0TkKhKMElMUENiWGd1TXdxUT09>

Phone in using this number 1.253.215.8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 829 6530 4498

Passcode: 261106

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Link, ID and password

December 24, 2020

Time: 7pm "doors open" 6:30pm (click on this link)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89808506665?pwd=Y2dtRExvOXNzVnJLYnZ2anh0Sml5UT09>

Phone in using this number 1.253.215.8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 898 0850 6665

Passcode: 839973

OTHER INFORMATION!

Padre Roberto Maldonado continues to celebrate weekly misa on Facebook live every Sunday at 5pm. Invite your friends to like or follow our Facebook page or check out Christ the King/Cristo Rey website at

www.tigardlutherans.com.

Giving: Thank you for your continued faithful giving to the work of the church. 2020 Giving Statements will include all contributions received by December 31, 2020. Remember, there are at least four ways to share your tithes and offerings.

First, mail a check to the church office.

Second, use your online banking bill pay.

Third, set up an automatic payment through our third-party giving platform, Vanco. Use the link on our website www.tigardlutherans.com to set this up

(if you need help setting this up, give a call to the church office.).

Fourth, click on the "donate" button on our website to make a single contribution through Vanco.

COUNCIL UPDATE

Dear friends,

First of all I would like to thank the congregation for the prayer support for our family over these last 3 years. My oldest son Peter went through so many health problems over these past years. Now he is safely home with the Lord. Your prayers have lifted me and the family up so many times and I bless you all.

Our Nominating Committee has begun the work of filling the open positions on the council for 2021. Please consider serving our congregation in this way. Actually, even though Covid has changed so many ways of doing things, Zoom meetings are easy to use and the interaction is good. The other open position is treasurer. This position could be filled by someone who really doesn't leave home. Everything is on the computer with Linda handling mail, posting, and running of accounting reports. Other council members are authorized to sign checks so the treasurer doesn't have to come into the office for that function. Please talk to Pastor Dorothy to find out the full scope of the position.

Blessings to all of you as we move toward the Advent season. We come together on Wednesday evenings to contemplate the incredible coming of the Lord of the Universe to Bethlehem as the infant Jesus.

Nancy Skirvin

Council President

LET THE CELEBRATIONS BEGIN!

Thanksgiving is now past. It was very different, right? Well, Christmas looks like more of the same. BUT! Let's gather to make **Advent** and **Christmas** Zoom-tastic!

Zoom in on Sundays at 10:30am for live **Advent Worship** including lighting of the Advent Wreath and Holy Communion. (find the link on the website, or in this newsletter).

Zoom in on Wednesdays at 6:30pm for **Soup-Supper and Scripture**. A time to gather with fellow ministers of the gospel for a meal and conversation. Conversation will begin about 7pm. When we go our way, we will already be home! (look

for the link on the website or elsewhere in this newsletter)

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

Invite your family and friends – on Zoom, of course!

English Christmas Eve

Worship at 7pm (Zoom link will be on the website and printed all month)

Spanish Christmas Eve

Worship at 5pm on Facebook Live (join on Facebook at 5pm)

(Photo from the Advent to Go home display of Katharine Weber)



Dear Friends at CTK Lutheran Church,

What a delightful surprise it was to have the lovely Advent kit and the beautiful poinsettia delivered to us yesterday! We cannot tell you what pleasure it brought us on receiving it -- and it continues to do so. The wreath is centered on our dining room table -- and the poinsettia is in a prominent place of its own. Both will continue to bring us joy throughout the Season, we know. We cannot thank you enough and send warm regards, along with wishing each of you many Blessings for Thanksgiving and throughout the Advent Season.

Sincerely, Ned and Carolyn Snow

ADULT STUDIES

Topic: Book of Faith

We will "re-Zoom" (sorry! Not sorry!) We will resume Book of Faith on January 13th. Following the liturgical year, we will begin a study of the gospel of Mark.

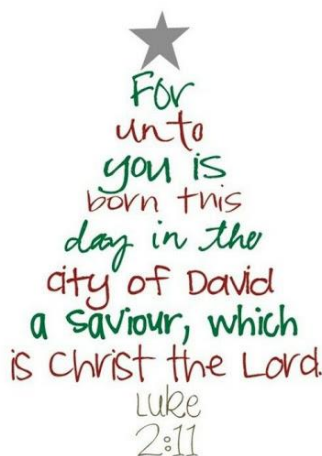
Topic: Book Study and Anti-Racism Discussion

It's a scary topic and this gathering of faithful followers of Jesus is a safe place to bring your questions, raise doubts, be honest and be loved. We will start a new book study on Thursday, January 14th. Please prayerfully consider joining in this important discussion of the book "White Rage" by Carol Anderson. The title does not mean what you think it does.

THANK YOU FALL CLEAN UP VOLUNTEERS!!

There is always a ton of work for the Fall Cleanup Day with acres of leaves and branches. Thank you to everyone who came and helped for the fall cleanup. A special mention to Steve Larsen, Gail Barzee, George Klein, and the many others who have continued to contribute to the care for the church beyond expectations all year long! You are all Amazing and your generous giving spirit is appreciated beyond words.

George
Property & Grounds



CTK PRESCHOOL NEWS

In November we started the month finishing our studies about Mexico, comparing 'Halloween' to 'Dia de los Muertos'. The children enjoyed counting in Spanish and learning Spanish songs.

We then did activities with numbers. We began our Native American exploration. We made wooden bead necklaces, wrote Native American symbols, played games, and sang songs. Then we talked about our families and Thanksgiving. The first week of December, we will explore the country of Australia. We will compare how people in Australia celebrate Christmas to how we celebrate. Then, we'll start talking about the season of Advent; the time of year we prepare for Jesus' birth. We will be doing Christmas and Advent activities and making a "special gift".

This year CTK Preschool will not be able to put on Christmas Programs for our families. We wish you health and peace as we celebrate Christ's birth.

CTK Preschool will begin enrollment for the 2021-22 school year in January. If you have a family, friend or neighbor interested in enrolling, please contact, director@christthekingpreschool.com. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Heidi Livingston, Director

Virtual Choir to Debut This Advent

Though our choir is currently unable to meet together due to covid dangers, we can still SING together! All singers are invited to join the CTK and Friends Virtual Choir!

Here's how it works. I will send rehearsal "tracks" that you will use to learn your part. Once you feel confident with the music, you'll use your smartphone to record audio and video of yourself singing your part. You'll then send that recording back to me. I'll assemble all of the recordings into a virtual choir performance that will be used in worship this season. There will be several musical numbers that we'll be recording.

Participants will need to have a smartphone (such as an iPhone or Android phone) PLUS a second device, which can be another smartphone, an iPad or tablet, or a desktop or laptop computer. The process for recording and uploading your video will be carefully explained. You don't have to be a techie!

If you're interested in participating, please email me at timd@tigardlutherans.com and I'll help you get started!

Tim Ditch
Director of Music

DO YOU NEED ANYTHING?

Are you in need of anything? ANYTHING!!! Seriously, do you need some groceries, a meal prepared, your sheets changed, your laundry done...Anything! Please contact the church office. No need is trivial. Your fellow ministers of the gospel of Jesus are ready to be the hands and feet of Jesus for you. 503.639.2789. Or send an email to ctkoffice@tigardlutherans.com. You are precious, you are loved.

OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our thoughts and prayers to the family of CTK member Herb Brandt who passed away on October 31, 2020.

We also ask for comfort and peace to the family of Mary Torland Brown, a charter member of CTK, who passed away November 13 at the age of 94.

May God also provide comfort to Nancy Skirvin and family on the death of her son, Peter Skirvin on November 12, 2020.

Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR QUILT

Graduating High School Senior, Autumn McNaught, received her handmade quilt made by the CTK quilters back in October. Autumn is attending Clackamas Community College. Pictured is Autumn and her grandfather, Doug Birkeland, holding up the beautiful quilt she received. May it bring warmth and a feeling of love to Autumn in the years ahead.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Continue to set aside non-perishable food for the Cascade Vineyard Church food bank. Use the suggestions from the Reverse Advent Calendar (see below) for items to collect during December. There are members ready to pick up your donations, or you can stop by the church and drop it in the barrel outside the office doors. Bless you.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Dyann Ness
- 5 Rachel Khalili
- 6 David Doss
- 9 Wyatt Landon
- 10 Betty Nesvold
- 11 Susan Gohlke
- 13 Ken Morrow
- 15 Daniel Barzee
- 28 Bill Dressel
- 29 Kira Aszman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

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

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



**R E V E R S E
ADVENT CALENDAR**

**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.**

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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

Church Staff

Dorothy Cottingham, Pastor
Roberto Maldonado, Padre
Linda Wesolowski, Business Administrator
Tim Ditch, Music Director
Heidi Livingston, CTK Preschool Director

Sunday Service

10:30 am Worship
5pm Misa

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December 2020

CHURCH CALENDAR

December 6, 13, 20, 27	10am doors Open, 10:30am Service Zoom Worship
December 8	7pm Council Zoom meeting
December 2, 9, 16, 23	Advent Zoom Dinner, 6:30pm
December 24	Zoom Christmas Eve Worship, 7pm
December 25	Christmas Day, Office Closed