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WHERE ARE WE GOING? HOW DO WE GET THERE?

We, as the church are still trying to figure out how to talk about the tough cultural and social issues that face us. We seek to understand how God and our faith relate to life outside the walls of our homes and church. We confess that God is active in our lives, yet we struggle to embody the risen Christ as we navigate 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 are documents that have been adopted by the Church Council and Churchwide Assemblies.

Several years ago, in this space, we explored all 27 of those documents. It was out of those explorations that we began the Anti-Racism conversation and book study group at Christ the King. There were several of you who asked for a chance to dig deeper into this puzzling and divisive topic.

Those who have joined the conversation have been open, honest and authentic as we discuss what it means to be racist, privileged and lovers of Jesus, the Risen Christ. Martin Luther has a pretty simple explanation for this paradox "simul justus et peccator" meaning, "simultaneously saint and sinner".

Others of you began to ask questions about our LGBTQIA+ siblings. Out of those conversations, the Reconciling In Christ Core Team was formed to launch our Faithful Journey To Loving Our Neighbor. You shared your stories with the team and you turned out to join in the first of many educational conversations about this act of loving our neighbor.

When the opportunity to welcome Spanish speakers into our midst came up, we opened the doors and said "Bienvenido a tu cas de fe" "Welcome to your house of faith". Just as the new Spanish language worship service was getting off the ground, the pandemic hit! Now, a year later, Padre Roberto faithfully conducts 5pm misa, live on Facebook where there are typically 40 to 80 viewers tuned in.

None of this has been easy in the midst of a global pandemic and the temporarily fragile health of your pastor. But the work of discipleship is never easy. We are experiencing growth in worship attendance on Zoom, growth in attendance at Bible Study and Anti-Racism conversation, growth in Cristo Rey and spiritual growth among all of you. You have been extraordinarily generous in your tithes and offerings.

There is no illusion that we will always agree on which route to take, 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 in light of Scripture, church tradition and teachings, human knowledge and reason as well as our personal experiences, we can discern God's will for our church and ourselves. Keep asking the hard questions. Stay in the conversation, together we will hear the Spirit's rushing wind.

Peace, always, Pastor Dorothy



Zoom! Right now it's our front door and meeting place! We have become 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

SUNDAY WORSHIP (Same link for every Sunday Zoom Worship)

Weekly Worship Link, ID and password: Time: 10:00am "doors open" (click on this link) <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86517107296?pwd=aVZpWFV0b0QzbFF6ZFVPTDFsL0FZQT09</u> Phone in using this number 1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) Meeting ID: 865 1710 7296 Password: 299944

CRISTO REY MISA

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 <u>www.tigardlutherans.com</u>.

Monthly Council Meeting Link, ID and password: Second Tuesday every month. Gather at 6:30pm (click on this link) Time: 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82607652262?pwd=Zis5NzhXWDhucXFhYUhBZEhBZ2Y3UT09 Phone in using this number +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) Meeting ID: 826 0765 2262 Passcode: 417394

Topic: Book Study and Anti-Racism Discussion The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabelle Wilkerson

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. Please prayerfully consider joining as we begin the study of "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabelle Wilkerson. It is an historic novel chronicling the Great Migration, based on the stories told by three individuals and their families. Ms. Wilkerson spent 10 years researching and interviewing people before she wrote this highly acclaimed book.

Every Thursday, Doors "open at 6:30pm.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84098720009?pwd=N2hXQ0c2T1paZ0hlaGhTeFlOcIJKdz09 Meeting ID: 840 9872 0009 Passcode: 677456 Dial in by phone using same ID and Passcode +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) NOTE: Book of Faith Wednesdays at 7pm Book of Faith, The Gospel According to Mark If you would like to join us, let us know how to get the materials to you.

The Zoom link is:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86530640555?pwd=VEg5YlloNEVEaEhac1Fjc2V2M1g2dz09

Meeting ID: 865 3064 0555 Passcode: 163034

Dial in by phone using same ID and Passcode +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)



The reconciling in Christ team is grateful to Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar and Rev. Tyler Connoley for guiding us through our first congregational forum for the Reconciling in Christ process on April 18th. It was informative, interactive and a great start in our Journey to Faithfully Loving Our Neighbor. If you were not able to attend, the video is on our website.

For our next step, we plan on a Zoom viewing and discussion of the documentary "For the Bible Tells Me So," on June 6 at 1:30 PM. If you want to watch the documentary ahead of time, here is the link to it on You Tube.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJUyf7j8k5E

You can watch it again at 1:30 on June 6 or join the discussion group at 3:45 PM on Zoom. We will send the link for the Zoom viewing and discussion at a later date.

We hope you will join us and bring your questions, concerns and dreams as we continue the journey.

CTK PRESCHOOL NEWS

During May the MWF class celebrated Earth Day and planted flowers in the pots near the entrance to Haven Hall. The T/Th class had fun with a Teddy Bear Parade! You can see all the fun on our Facebook page: Christ the King Preschool-Tigard. Please "like" us to see what we are up to each month.

Our end of year programs are on Thurs, June 10, 11:15 am and Fri, June 11, 11:15 am.

We look forward to our Summer Camps this summer!

Thank you Thrivent members for your recent donations! Thrivent members please consider Christ the King Preschool for your Thrivent Choice Dollars. Christ the King Preschool is one of the choices on the Thrivent website. Christ the King church members can also donate to CTK Preschool by



just designating it on their offering envelopes. Any questions please contact: Heidi Livingston, Director, Christ the King Preschool 503-333-5331. Director@christthekingpreschool.com

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Continue to set aside non-perishable food for the Cascade Vineyard Church food bank. Stop by the church and drop it in the barrel outside the office doors. Bless you!

PROPERTY & GROUNDS

Spring Cleanup Day has been changed to a general work and repair day to be held on Saturday, June 5th, beginning at 9:00am until dark or the last person leaves! Please consider coming and spending some time helping with needed property and grounds upkeep. There are always projects to be done around a building and property of this size.

There are still two garden boxes available for planting if anyone is interested in doing some gardening this spring. Contact me to get more information at akleins@comcast.net or 503-318-9637.

George Klein Property & Grounds

Giving

Thank you for your generous contributions to the work of the church. Giving options remain the same in the New Year: 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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Isobelle Leipzig Hal Schmidt
- 5 Kris Westersund 8
- 10 Max Schnaufer
- 12 Marvin Johnson
- 13 **Cindy Heikens**
- 13 Jean Stanley
- 15 Justin Livengood
- 17 Brittney Brink
- 20 Tammy Shay
- 24 Gail Barzee
- Pastor Dorothy Cottingham 27
- 29 Charlene Zitzewitz
- 30 Jessica Khalili
- 31 Katherine Khalili

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- Ernie & Barb Coufal 6
- 7 Barzin & Jessica Khalili
- 31 Del & Suzanne Metcalf

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





QUILT GROUP RESUMES

Come help tie guilts that, when finished, will be shipped by Lutheran World Relief to places in all parts of the world that have faced disasters. Tuesday, May 4th, join us between 9-9:30am. We will continue meeting the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Wear a mask and sanitizer will be available. Questions? Leave a messaae for Gloria: 503.590.5759.

Hope you can join us!!



PRAYER REQUESTS

In this time of distance, we continue to pray for one another. When you have a prayer request there are several ways you can communicate that with us. One, call the church office, 503.639.2789 or Pastor Dorothy's cell phone, 503.849.6383. Two, send an email to Jeanne Durbetaki, our prayer chain captain, jeannedurbetaki@gamil.com

Three, go to the church's website

www.tigardlutherans.com and click on the "How May We Pray For You" button.

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 3010:30am Service Zoom WorshipMay 11Church Council, 7pmMay 6, 20, 27Zoom Anti-Racism Discussion, 7pmMay 5, 19, 26Book of Faith, 7pm

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