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CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

PREPARING FOR LENT

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Worship on Zoom only
Until Further Notice
Sundays 10:30am
Zoom Link included in Crownicle or
at www.tigardlutherans.com

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In just one month; in four weeks; in 28 days – Lent begins, again! It is the time when some believers choose to "give up something". We are approaching the third Lent of giving up corporate worship. It was March 15, 2020, when the pandemic shattered our sense of normalcy. Will we ever be back to 'normal'? Do we even know what 'normal' looks like? Might this fluctuation of online, in person and hybrid gatherings be a 'new normal' of sorts? Have we even imagined what 'normal' gatherings will look like going forward?

What if we adjust our frame of reference? Can we store away the old memories of gathering for worship or meeting together in a way that will prepare our spirits for 2022 Lent and Easter? Will this be another season of 'doing without'? Or is it possible to make this a 'new' season of collective, creative meditation, deepening spirituality and leaning into God's abundant mercy.

As you mark the dust on your forehead Ash Wednesday (March 2, 2022), instead of mourning what has been lost, commit to something new. Try one of these: Tell one person each week that they are loved by God. Invite one person to join you at church, on Zoom. Call one person you have argued with just to say hello. Be creative. Be the church. Be the bearers of God's love for the sake of the world.

Let's pray: Holy God, we want to be together physically. Remind us that your Holy Spirit is with us, connecting us in deeply mystical ways. We may not completely understand it, but we believe that you are with us. Keep us strong even as we are disappointed, confused, and hopeful. Amen.

Peace be with you always, Pastor Dorothy

CRISTO REY

The regular members of Christ the King who worship en espanol are in the midst of assessing the community's needs and wishes regarding worship time and day. Padre Beto Arciniega of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon is working to help us find a Spanish-speaking rostered leader to be the long-term supply pastor of this ministry. Please continue to pray for our members who worship at the second service of Christ the King.



We are worshipping by Zoom only until further notice. Here is the information with the links for coming to events being held on Zoom.

Zooming in on Christ the King Gatherings

NEW ZOOM LINK COMING MARCH 6, 2022

Watch this space and the weekly mailing for the new Zoom link.

This link will remain in effect February 6, 13, 20 and 28 ONLY!

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/82607652262?pwd=Zis5NzhXWDhucXFhYUhBZEhBZ2Y3UT09

Meeting ID: 826 0765 2262

Passcode: 417394

One tap mobile +1 253 215 8782 (Tacoma)

Book Study and Anti-Racism Discussion

Special Guest: February 10, 2022, 7:45pm

"White Supremacy and Libraries"

Led by Research Librarian, Jennie Vano, Renton Technical College, Renton, WA.

The current conversation continues through February 24, 2022, 7pm. We are discussing a variety of topics centering around understanding the variety of confusing hot-button terms swirling around the anti-racism conversation. Join us for a safe place to ask questions.

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)

Following Lent, we will begin a new study published by the ELCA, "Now Is the Time".

Prayerfully consider joining this important conversation as we contemplate our place in the pantheon of God's beloved creatures.

Book of Faith, Jeremiah/Lamentations

It's not too late to join the study of what led to the destruction of Jerusalem, the temple and the Babylonian Exile. The study will continue through June, at least. The conversations are lively, informative and sometimes hilarious. Our supply of materials has run low, please let Linda or pastor know that you want to join us so we have them ready for you. Suggested donation, as you are able is about \$10.

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)

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

"In View of God's Mercy"

Do not be afraid, dearly beloved. God's mercy is with us!

Ash Wednesday – live on Zoom

March 2, 2022, 7pm, Zoom (Zoom link to be announced)

"Mercy in Ashes"

We look at our lives through the lens of God's love toward us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The ashes we place on our foreheads are a sign of our sin and a reminder that God lifts us from ashes to new life in Christ.

Each Wednesday in Lent your worship team will post one pre-recorded liturgy in a series of five brief liturgies centered on the theme "In View of God's Mercy". Each liturgy will be available for viewing by each of the Wednesdays in Lent beginning March 9th. They will be posted on the church website www.tigardlutherans.com as well as the Facebook page.

Wednesdays in Lent: tune in weekly for the recorded liturgies.

March 9: "Mercy in Temptation"

We recall that God provides us with a way out of our temptation through Jesus Christ.

March 16: "Mercy in Suffering"

We recall that life is full of suffering. And, we see Jesus's glory revealed in his suffering.

March 23: "Mercy in Betrayal"

We ponder the truth of God's steadfast love, even when we turn away again and again.

March 30: "Mercy in Relationships"

We are reminded to treat one another as Jesus treated us, with love and mercy.

April 6: "Mercy in Service"

We recognize Jesus calls us to serve all our neighbors with mercy and grace.

The Series Theme Hymn is:

There's A Wideness In God's Mercy (Evangelical Lutheran Worship #587)

If you want to learn it ahead of time watch this YouTube video recorded at St. Luke United Methodist Church, Houston, TX, June, 2020.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy—Virtual Chancel Choir at St. Luke's UMC, Houston - Bing video

Make this series a regular entry on your Lenten calendar schedule.

Printed liturgies are available for download on the church's website or snail-mail by request.

We may as well look ahead a little further.

For those keeping score: Holy Week begins April 10, 2022 with The Sunday of Palms and Passion, continuing with Maundy Thursday's New Commandment; the Solemn Good Friday remembrance; a recorded Easter Vigil; culminating with the glorious Festival of the Resurrection on Sunday, April 17! May we be prepared for whatever the Holy Week of celebration may bring!

WIDER WELCOME MINISTRY TEAM UPDATE

The team has received several letters from the congregation for our new welcome statement. Thank you for your prayers and thoughts for this important journey. This month we will solidify the writing team members (word crafters) and schedule some meetings. If you haven't sent in your letter with welcoming input, please send it in or drop by the church office. One of our goals is to make this a group process, including the congregation in our efforts and progress as we move towards a vote to become an RIC church. Any questions can be directed to any of our team members.

Blessings,

Kathleen Carney, Ruthanne Rusnak, Sherm and Mary Case, and Sharon Ray

THE SPENDING PLAN IS PASSED

We boldly stepped out in faith by passing a deficit-based spending plan at the annual meeting on January 30th. Now what?

We are asking you each to prayerfully plan how you will continue to support Christ the King and that you would increase your giving even by a small amount. Even those small increases have a significant impact on our ministry presence in the community.

There are other means of supporting the work of God's church in this place:

- 1. Worship regularly at Christ the King, on Zoom.
- 2. Invite others to join you at worship, Bible Study, Quilting, Anti-Racism conversation . . .
- 3. Volunteer your time: Count money? Fold bulletins? Stuff envelopes? Assist in Worship
- 3. Give electronically making it easier to remember, even when you are worshipping remotely
- 4. Make Christ the King ministries a beneficiary of part of your estate, there are folks at the Synod level who can help you plan that.
- 5. Will you make a written commitment to give a specific amount to Christ the King in 2022

\$_____ per (circle one) week/month/quarter/year

This form is to help you determine your level of financial commitment. We pray that as you consider your faith journey you will remember the many blessings you have received and share those blessings with others through the ministries of this church.

CTK PRESCHOOL NEWS

CTK Preschool had it's Open House and Registration last month for the coming 22-23 school year. Parents and children had the opportunity to see the Preschool, engage in activities, and meet the Teachers.

During January we had fun learning about Penguins and Winter. We explored Outer Space and created a solar system bulletin board. The last week of the month, we did activities for Chinese New Year.

We have 2 classes. Tues/Thurs class for 3-year-olds and Mon/Wed/Fri class for 4-year old. Both classes: the TTH and MWF, have openings for this fall. Please invite neighbors and friends to call for a tour and or talk with our teachers. For any questions, please contact Heidi Livingston, Director, Preschool cell ph. 503-333-5331 or email

<u>Director@christthekingpreschool.com</u> Or see our website at

www.christthekinapreschool.com.



GIVING

Thank you for your generous contributions to the work of the church. Giving options are:

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.

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Lorna Kautzky
- 3 Del Metcalf
- 6 Sandy Clifton
- 6 John Lof

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- 8 Nicole Foreman
- 10 Kathy Gutow
- 12 Dawn Stell
- 13 Sharon Ray
- 17 Glenn Hershberger
- 17 Scott Hershberger
- 21 Mary Case
- 21 Marilynn Walker
- 28 James Case

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



FROM THE LIBRARY

Better Not Bitter: Living on Purpose in the Pursuit of Racial Justice is a new addition to our library. The author, Yusef Salaam, is one of five youths wrongly accused in the Central Park jogger case. Yusof writes about his experience in jail and how he channeled his pain into something positive.

Although this seems like a subject filled with angst, readers describe Yusof's book as uplifting, powerful, and inspirational. I look forward to reading it.

Many people read <u>Black</u>
<u>Beauty</u> by Anna Sewell in their youth. Published in 1877, it became a top-selling novel for children, even though the author intended <u>it</u> for an adult audience. Sewell's book changed the way that people thought about and treated horses.

The relationship between this animal novel and the slave narrative has recently been recognized. Reading this story as an adult while looking at it through a different lens reveals a message on how to treat people with kindness, sympathy, and respect.

New books can be found on the bookshelf by the check-out counter for your convenience Ruth Cooley, Librarian.

QUILTERS

The quilting group will NOT meet until Tuesday, March 1st. We would gladly welcome new quilters! Hope you can join us! Even if you don't feel you are a quilter, there is always something you can do to help. For questions call, Gloria Barnum at 503-593-1266.

THE KING'S PANTRY

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



A POSITIVITY CALENDAR

A member of Christ the King, George Klein, would like to share his positivity mindful calendar for people to print for the new year. It has many helpful thoughts for wellbeing, love, and compassion during these trying times. Hold control and click on the link below

https://drive.google.com/file/d/16wSYV nb2wnKdWttcfTBDcB0bm74VhFh/view?usp=sharing

CHURCH FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 10:30am Zoom Worship Feb. 8 7pm Church Council Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 7pm Book of Faith Feb. 2, 10, 17, 24 7pm Anti Racism

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

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Dorothy Cottingham, Pastor Linda Wesolowski, Business Administrator Tim Ditch, Music Director Heidi Livingston, CTK Preschool Director **Sunday Service**

10:30 am Zoom Worship

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