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When Thoughts and Prayers Aren't Enough

Pray and then pray some more and then pray without ceasing. Pray for the sick, the homeless, the widow, the orphan, the dying, the war-ravaged. And then pray for the leaders, ALL the leaders. Well, God, I don't want to pray for corrupt leaders. I don't want to pray for evil leaders. I don't want to pray for demigods and oppressors. And God says: pray, pray for them all: *I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness* (1 Timothy 2:1,2).

But, the warmongers are destroying peaceful, quiet lies. Do I really have to pray for them, too?

Yes, we have to pray for them, too. We don't necessarily have to set aside our opinions about the atrocities being perpetrated by some leaders. But, we are commanded to pray for all leaders, and, I believe that includes the ones we think are bad leaders. I mean, I'm fairly certain that John the Baptist's prayers for Herod were colorful, to say the least. I'm sure he gave God an earful about that corrupt leader. But, still, John prayed, even while imprisoned by Herod.

How do we pray for our enemies? What do we say to God? Look no further than the Psalms of lament. These are the Psalms that cry out to God in moments of despair. *Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy* (Psalm 130).

God is attentive to our cries for mercy...mercy for ourselves and mercy for those who are in harm's way. When I heard the news of another massacre of Black bodies, this time in a grocery store parking lot, I

screamed: *"How long, O Lord?"* A lament from our Black and Brown-bodied siblings daily is, *How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?* (Psalm 13). This may be the best prayer to pray right now.

I am no longer content offering thoughts and prayers in the wake of this carnage. I want you to know what your pastor is up to. The week following that shooting in Buffalo, NY, I dragged my life-long best friend with me to the sidewalk outside the King City Safeway where

we began gathering signatures to get Initiative Petition #17 put on the November 2022 Oregon ballot. I will be standing in grocery store parking lots for the next few weeks doing this. You see, I am safe in a grocery store parking

lot...unlike those men and women in Buffalo.

One of the key figures driving this initiative is The Rev. Dr. Mark Knutson, pastor at **Augustana Lutheran Church**, Portland. Pr. Knutson inspired me, by his example of selfless leadership in the public square, to get out and do something, even something small.

To find out more about this initiative and the organization behind it, go to **Lift Every Voice Oregon—Reduce Gun Violence**. The title of the organization is taken from the well-known South African freedom song "Lift Every Voice and Sing." You can read the lyrics in our Lutheran hymnals—Lutheran Book of Worship #562; Evangelical Lutheran Worship #841—or search the internet for recordings and printed lyrics. The final phrase of the first verse sums up our never-ending call to justice in the public arena: *"let us march on till victory is won."*

Peace, safety, and blessings to you all,
Pastor Dorothy

As I was writing this newsletter article on May 24, horror was unfolding in Uvalde, TX: 19 children and 2 adults are dead inside Robb Elementary School. I cannot be silent! I will pray, out loud, in public. I will stand outside Albertson's, Safeway, and any other public location gathering signatures for Oregon IP #17. Stop by my office to sign the petition. It will also be available on Sunday mornings. We cannot remain silent! We cannot hide behind so-called separation of church and state. We are called to speak the truth...the massacres of God's beloved must stop. —PD

Worship in person and live on Zoom Sundays at 10:30. Visit **tigardlutherans.com** and click on the Join Us button.

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Watch past worship services and download Sunday worship folders at **tigardlutherans.com**. Click on the Worship tab.

New Members Join CTK on Pentecost

On Pentecost—June 5—we welcome new members to Christ the King! Jon Erickson has been worshiping with us for a couple of months. He comes to us from Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church, Beaverton. Cody Schnauffer joins us with his sons Noah and Max. Max was baptized a year ago, live on Zoom in our sanctuary. We are so happy to welcome these beloved children of God.

Wider Welcome Ministry Team (WWMT)

At our congregational meeting on May 22, the congregation voted unanimously to approve the motion to be an RIC congregation and voted to accept our beautiful welcome statement.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7

Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana is a community of children of God who are seeking to know God by following the teachings of Jesus Christ, who welcomed all.

This community of faith is enriched and strengthened by diversity. We welcome all to share in the life and ministries of worship, sacraments, responsibilities, leadership, and blessings of participation in this congregation. We are committed to the work of racial equity.

Believing that God's unbounded love and grace are offered to all and meant to be shared and celebrated by all, we embrace differences of age, race, ethnicity, language, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities, appearance, economic status, marital status, and family situation.

No matter what your life experience is or has been, you are a child of God and you are welcome here.

I want to thank everyone for their patience, listening, sharing, and questioning during this three-plus-year journey.

On Sunday, June 5 (Pentecost), we will receive new members into CTK, and we will celebrate our new inclusive designation as a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation. A celebration with treats and conversation will follow our church service. Come, invite friends, and meet our new members. Wear your favorite rainbow colors!

Blessings,

Kathleen Carney and the WWMT

(Ruthanne Rusnak, Sharon Ray, Mary and Sherm Case)

Relief for Ukraine

The headline in a recent publication from Lutheran World Relief reads: *Your Love Is Helping Ukrainian Refugees in Lutheran Church Shelter.*

Pastor Lukasz Ostruszka of St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Krakow, Poland, was asked, "What do you need?" His answer was simple, "supplies." Supplies that would allow his congregation to welcome and care for Ukrainian refugees. The supplies the church was able to purchase included toys and milk for the children, toothpaste and toothbrushes, hygiene products, toiletries, energy bars, and so much more.

St. Martin's has converted their basement meeting spaces into shelter space for 25-30 refugees at a time. The congregation gave up their seldom-used Sunday School rooms so families, widows, and orphans could have a "place to sleep, to be warm." They renovated the bathrooms to include showers and privacy for families.

Your generous, "noisy" offering added nearly \$800 to LWR's fundraising drive for Ukrainian relief. The need continues as the war rages on in Ukraine. Please consider even a small regular contribution for LWR. When our small offerings are added together, we can make a difference.

To read more about Lutheran World Relief, visit www.lwr.org.

Endowment Fund College Scholarships

The Endowment Committee is pleased to offer scholarships to members of the congregation who will be attending college or other post-secondary education in 2022-2023. Applications can be requested by an email to the church office at ctkoffice@tigardlutherans.com. The deadline for receiving the completed applications is June 30, 2022.

CTK Is on Zoom

Weekly Worship

Sundays at 10:30 a.m. "Doors open" at 10 a.m.

Click on [this link](#).

Phone in **1-253-215-8782** (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: **865 1710 7296** Password: **299944**

Monthly Council Meeting

Second Tuesday of every month. Gather at 6:30 p.m.

Click on [this link](#).

Phone in **1-253-215-8782** (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: **826 0765 2262** Passcode: **417394**

Book of Faith, Jeremiah/Lamentations

Meets Wednesdays through June 22. Gather at 6:30 p.m.

Click on [this link](#).

Phone in **1-253-215-8782** (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: **865 3064 0555** Passcode: **163034**

Book Study and Anti-Racism Discussion

Meets Thursdays, June 2 and 23. Gather at 6:30 p.m.

Click on [this link](#).

Phone in **1-253-215-8782** (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: **840 9872 0009** Passcode: **677456**



CTK Preschool

Christ the King Preschool is at the end of its 18th year of ministry to the community. In May, we celebrated our families with a Mother's Day Tea. We also had a fun field trip to the Oregon Zoo. This was our first time being able to do a zoo field trip since 2019. The animals were very active and we all had a good time! Our end-of-year programs are in Haven Hall at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 9, and Friday, June 10.

We look forward to our Summer Camps this summer!

CTK Preschool is supported by our board members: Leanne Klein, Mary Case, and Ruth Cooley. We are looking for an additional board member! Board members meet four times a year in the preschool room after the church service. If this is a ministry that you feel called to, please contact one of the current board members. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Livingston, CTK Preschool director, at 503-333-5331.

Cristo Rey

We continue to seek God's guidance for the regular members of Cristo Rey. There are some creative possibilities brewing with the help of Father Beto and Juan Roman. Continue to pray as we discern a way forward.

The King's Pantry

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!

Mowing Team Keeps Grounds Green

We are grateful to the team of mowers who care for the church grounds. This team faithfully keeps the grass mowed, sometimes even in the pouring rain! A big thank you to Paul Gross, Sherm Case, Carey Cornutt, Bill Dressel, Ed Maggio, Larry Dickerson, and George Klein.

Red Cross Seeks Volunteers

The American Red Cross sponsors a blood drive in Haven Hall every Friday afternoon. Their long-time registration volunteer recently retired, and they are seeking a volunteer or two to work Fridays from 1:15 to 7 p.m. to register donors. Volunteers should be comfortable typing on a laptop and must be at least 17 years old. Contact Jeanie at jeanie.greisser@redcross.org if you're interested in volunteering.

Giving

Thank you for your generous contributions to the work of the church. There are several ways to support CTK with your offerings:

- Mail a check to the church office.
- Use your online banking bill-pay service.
- Set up an automatic payment through our third-party giving platform, Vanco. Visit tigardlutherans.com and click on the Donate tab to set this up.
- Set up a single contribution through Vanco. Visit tigardlutherans.com and click on the Donate tab to set this up.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kalei Lopez
- 10 Juliann Rathburn
- 12 Autumn McNaught
- 17 John Hershberger
- 22 Marlene Dutton
- 25 Joshua Henninger
- 26 Karen McNaught
- 27 Cole Ness
- 29 Laurel Aszman
- 30 Martha Crimi

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Kris and Margaret Westersund
- 5 Chris and Dawn Stell
- 16 Eric and Ruth Cooley
- 19 John and Jane Hershberger
- 21 Ron Fishback and Jane Honeyman
- 25 Mark and Susan Gohlke

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JUNE CHURCH CALENDAR

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| Wed. | June 1 | Book of Faith, 7 p.m. |
| Thurs. | June 2 | Anti-Racism, 7 p.m. |
| Sun. | June 5 | Worship, 10:30 a.m. WWMT Celebration, 11:30 a.m. |
| Wed. | June 8 | Book of Faith, 7 p.m. |
| Sun. | June 12 | Worship, 10:30 a.m. |
| Tues. | June 14 | Council, 7 p.m. |
| Wed. | June 15 | Book of Faith, 7 p.m. |
| Sun. | June 19 | Worship, 10:30 a.m. |
| Wed. | June 22 | Book of Faith, 7 p.m. |
| Thurs. | June 23 | Anti-Racism, 7 p.m. |
| Sun. | June 26 | Worship, 10:30 a.m. |

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

Rev. Dorothy Cottingham, Pastor
Tim Ditch, Parish Administrator and Director of Music
Heidi Livingston, CTK Preschool Director

Sunday Worship Service

10:30 a.m. In person and
on Zoom

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