



THE CROWNICLE

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH



The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same

Writing a monthly "column" for the congregational newsletter is a formidable task under the best of circumstances. While pondering this month's pastoral message, I sensed a theme might have developed

since the beginning of 2020. I had no idea how prescient that theme was.

January's message was titled: **The ELCA is Always Being Made New.** These questions seemed innocent, at the time: *What will 2020 bring? Clearer vision? A clearer vision of what?* Pondering the challenges we were facing, not only as an individual congregation, but as the church universal seemed reasonable. The conclusion that month seems more than a little naïve or maybe prescient: "Here's to a New Year of possibilities". Well . . . not the possibilities we anticipated.

Don't Freak Out! Those were intended to be words of comfort in February. Christ the King was experiencing some major changes and feeling some intense loss, the kinds of losses that lead to grief. There was a reminder to allow ourselves to grieve in healthy ways that would lead to resurrection, new life.

In early March, just before we went into isolation, this was the question I asked, "What shall we do while we wait for Easter?" How could we have known how long we would be waiting? I invited you to walk with Jesus, *caminar con Cristo*. I invited you into "a season of reflection and response to the amazing grace poured out from God who loves us beyond our wildest imaginings".

We remain in a season of reflection on God's grace, even while we ask, "what do we do now?" This is hard! This is exhausting! This is frustrating! We want to gather around the table of the Lord for nourishment. We want to be together for comfort. We are the church! Yes, we are. And, go back to that article in January "We are the church, always being made new".

Our nation's leaders are at odds over how churches should operate in the midst of this pandemic. Some demand reopening, calling us 'essential'. We know that the church has always been and will always be 'essential'.

"The church does not need to "open" because the church never "closed". We who make up the Body of Christ, the church, love God and our neighbors and ourselves so much that we will stay away from our buildings until it is safe. We are the church."

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ARE YOU FOLLOWING US ON FACEBOOK?

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

Find the Sunday service videos on Youtube.

Copy and paste the underlined link into your browser

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCorfmsxM3X8qbs5GfUf_4UA

Sunday Services Videos & Texts are also on our website 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.

Finally, beloved, remember this from the February *Crownicle*

"Above all remember, we are in this together as beloved children of God, as the Body of Christ. Hold onto this promise from Jesus "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). Do not be afraid".

Be well, be safe, wash your hands, wear a mask. And may the peace of God be with you all.

Pastor Dorothy

¹Quoted from Bishop-elect of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri, Deon K. Johnson.

OUR MINISTRY GOES ON! THANKS BE TO GOD!

COMING TO YOU LIVE!

FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST – The noisy beginnings of the church!

Coffee at the pastor's house! (Virtually)

Sunday, May 31, 2020 9:30am

Oh, by the way: **WEAR RED!!!**



We have missed seeing each other so much! Pastor Dorothy is hosting a virtual B.Y.O.C. (Brew Your Own Coffee) hour in her home studio, on Zoom where we can chat and catch up. You will receive an "invitation" to the Zoom room with this newsletter.

"Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Upgraded internet installation hit a snag last week. Pray that the rescheduled installation will be glitch-free on Tuesday, June 2nd. With that upgrade, we are planning for "live" worship to begin via Zoom on Sunday June 7th. You are invited to "arrive" at worship anytime after 10am for the 10:30am worship. Keep praying.

Look for Zoom sign-in instructions elsewhere in this newsletter.

CRISTO REY IGLESIA LUTERANA MISA

Padre Roberto Maldonado and his wife Lettie continue to lead Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana by posting weekly misa live on Facebook from the sanctuary. Pastor Dorothy is recording worship from the sanctuary and her office at different times in order to comply with current regulations. Invite your friends to like or follow the Facebook page or check out Christ the King/Cristo Rey website at www.tigardlutherans.com.

CELEBRATION FLOWERS

When we are able to gather together again we will make it a celebration by decorating the sanctuary with beautiful and colorful celebration flowers. If you would like to remember a loved one with a celebration flower donation (\$6), please write your name and the name of the person you want to honor or remember on a note. Place it in an envelope with your check and mail it to the church or drop it in the office mail slot.

BOOK OF FAITH - Zoom is turning out to be a real favorite among the participants. Seriously it is fun learning to navigate Zoom together. An added bonus? when Bible Study is over, we are all in our own homes...no driving! We have room for more participants, and we'll catch you up on what you missed so far in the book of Hebrews. Call the office for the materials. They are \$15 or whatever amount you can give.

SPEAKING OF GIVING: Bless you! Thank you! Bless you! Thank you!. Your faithful, generous, and regular giving has allowed Christ the King to continue ministry relatively uninterrupted. There are at least four ways to share your tithes and offerings. First, you can mail a check to the church office. Second, you could use your online banking bill pay. Third, you can set up an automatic payment through our third-party giving platform, Vanco (if you need help setting this up, give a call to the church office, Mon/Wed/Fri mornings). Fourth, you can go to the website www.tigardlutherans.com and click on the "donate" button to make single contributions through Vanco.

Zoom! It's the new front door and meeting place! It's not difficult to learn. At least three groups have been using Zoom regularly: congregation council, Book of Faith Bible Study and the RIC Core Team. 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 the meeting.

If you're having trouble getting into worship or any other meeting, we will provide a list of folks who will be at their phones ready to assist you.

Connecting to a Zoom Meeting

Adapted from Zoom's documentation Quick Start Guide

A Zoom call is a conference call which can be joined using either:

- an app on your computer, tablet, or smartphone to see video
- or by calling in from any phone and entering the Meeting ID

Each meeting has a Meeting ID that will be required to join.

We will send you an email with the Meeting ID and/or the phone numbers you need to join.

You do not need to sign in or have an account to use Zoom.

If using your computer, you can test your audio and video any time by going to: <https://zoom.us/test>

To join from a link on your computer, iPad, iPhone or Smartphone:

The Meeting ID is part of the Zoom email invitation.

Click the link and follow the prompts to either install Zoom (the first time you use it) or open the Zoom app.

To join by phone call:

Call in using the teleconferencing number (use the phone number labeled (San Jose).

Type in Meeting ID when prompted and press #.

When asked to enter a participant ID, just press # unless you are also using an app to watch video.

If you are using the app to watch video but not listen to audio, you can get a participant ID when you select not to join via audio. Enter it and press #.

To join from an app:

Open the app on your computer, phone, or tablet. Choose "Join meeting." Type in the meeting ID and your name. Choose whether you want to use video and audio. If you don't have speakers/microphone, you should not join audio and should call in as well. You will be provided a number to call.

A Prayer by Barbara Glasson, president of the Methodist Conference, Britain

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbors' safety.

We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.

We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are, whatever it costs
For as long as it takes wherever you call us.



**Introducing PEER Grants
As Oregon Synod congregations we are organizing...
The Pandemic Emergency Relief or PEER**

PEER has been organized in response to the many people and families who are now experiencing economic and food insecurity due to the COVID19 crisis. It also addresses those of us at home, sheltering in place, wondering what we can do to help others. The Oregon Synod has received a grant of \$20,000 from the ELCA to offer matching grants to those who are struggling during this time. The Oregon Synod has partnered with the NW Conference of United Methodist Church and the Presbytery of the Cascades, both have committed to offer matching grants of up to \$100,000. By partnering with our ecumenical friends we double our gifts to those who are struggling. Pastor Melissa Read and the PEER Design Team will receive and process grant applications on a rolling basis until funds are depleted. These grant applications come from local community organizations who already have a relationship with families and can work to get assistance where it is most needed. Our local community organization is the Resident Aid Fund of Tigard or RAFT. RAFT is a community organization created by the Tigard City Council for nonprofits, faith organizations, agencies or service districts to provide immediate help to residents impacted by COVID19. RAFT works with several community organizations including: Meals on Wheels, Packed with Pride, Community Partners for Affordable Housing, St Vincent de Paul, With Love and several others.

If you would like to help others by supporting PEER grants please consider purchasing grocery gift cards or by giving an additional offering to benefit PEER (please indicate for the PEER program). Any funds collected (here at CTK) will go to buy food gift cards and to offer food or other financial assistance where it is most needed. Food gift cards may also be purchased and dropped off at the church. All money and gift cards collected from CTK will be collected and sent to Pastor Jessica Rutland at St. Matthew, Beaverton and will benefit RAFT. If you have any questions, please call Sharon Ray, 206-618-8308 or Sharon.ray57@gmail.com

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 pastordorothy@tigardlutherans.com

Three, send an email to Jeanne Durbetaki at jeannedurbetaki@gmail.com or call 503-985-3188 and the prayer chain will be activated.

And Four, go to the church's website www.tigardlutherans.com and click on the "How May We Pray For You" button.

NEW ADDRESS

Jerry & Myrna Gleason
11777 SW Queen Elizabeth St
King City, Or 97224

FOOD BARREL

Cascade Vineyard Church, our partners in ministry, continue to serve the needs of the food insecure in our community with their King's Pantry food bank. As you are able, we invite you to share non-

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kalei Lopez
- 7 Laurel Clifton
- 10 Juliann Carney
- 12 Autumn McNaught
- 17 John Hershberger
- 18 Marsi Thelin
- 22 Marlene Dutton
- 22 Mark Durbetaki
- 25 Joshua Henninger
- 26 Karen McNaught
- 26 Jeff Lambie
- 27 Cole Ness
- 29 Laurel Aszman
- 30 Martha Crimi

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

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

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

perishable food as you have so generously done in the past. You may drop by the church and the

"food barrel" is outside the door to the church office, under the porch roof. If you would like to donate and are not able to bring your donations by, members of Christ the King have volunteered to come to your house and pick up your donations, just call the church office and let us know. CVC will collect the donations and stock the pantry. Bless you.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

There are copies of the daily devotional Christ In Our Home sitting all alone in the narthex, waiting for someone to request them. If you would like to have one, please contact Linda in the office at ctkoffice@tigardlutherans.com or call 503.639.2789. There are regular and large print copies.

HOME ALTAR

If you have prepared a place of worship in your home we would love to see a picture of it. Send it to the church office at ctkoffice@tigardlutherans.com

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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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