

THE CROWNICLE

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From the Pastor: SNOBs

My husband and I are both native Oregon born. A movement began in the late 1970s called Society for Native Oregon Born. The founder, James Cloutier, expressed concern(?) that more than half of the state's residents were not native. He wanted to ensure that natives had advantage over transplants. I considered joining just to get the SNOB birth certificate and bumper sticker.

We love the beauty of this state, even if we don't know most of its history. Some native Oregonians are fiercely proud of their nativity in Oregon. You will hear them say "I have lived here all my life, this is *my* state" as if that gives them privilege of place, position, or opinion. The same could be said about life-long Lutherans. In our enthusiasm about our heritage, we can sound exclusive when we tell ethnic, Northern European jokes, or refer to this place as "my church" or "my church family."

At Christ the King/Cristo Rey we recently expanded our welcome to intentionally include LGBTQIA+ people and persons of color. Now is the time to update the language we use when talking about this faith community. This is a good time to remember that this is God's holy house, God's cleansing water, God's banquet table, and God's holy word. We are not only inviting others in, we are inviting each other to go out like the disciples and tell the good news of Jesus Christ's wide welcome!

Do we need some group therapy, some strengthening exercises to make the work easier? Think of it like physical therapy for your spirit ... call it spiritual therapy. Join the group Bible Study, start a book study group or a prayer circle ... intentionally engage in spiritual and theological conversation. What if we practice by telling each other, out loud, "God loves you more than you can even imagine"? More than "God loves me," say to others "God loves you!" Practice saying it out loud in strange places. Practice an expansive welcome that includes a specific invitation to Christ the King/Cristo Rey.

Practice going out to tell all the nations and all the peoples

that Jesus Christ is Lord. Go! Tell the good news to all you meet: God loves you! Bottom line? Don't be a SNOB who keeps God's love and grace a state secret. Tell it to everyone you encounter.

Peace be with you always,
Pastor Dorothy

Quilt Group Needs Volunteers

The quilt group needs you to help tie charity quilts. We sew 35 12-inch fabric blocks (5 across in 7 rows) to make the top. It is then layered with a flat bed sheet and polyester batting. Large-eyed needles and crochet thread are used to tie these three layers at corners and centers of the blocks. The flat sheet edges are then folded forward over the top and machine sewn.

We meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month around 9 a.m. and go until 11 or 11:30 or so. Plan to join us October 4!

Reconciling In Christ! Now What?

We are not alone. At a special assembly held May 27-30, delegates from the nations' largest Mennonite denomination shifted the Mennonite Church USA's (MC USA) position toward LGBTQIA people to an affirming position, one of acceptance. They passed a resolution to retire the membership guidelines that, among other policies, prohibited MC USA pastors from presiding at same-gender weddings. The resolution says that current MC USA policies do violence to LGBTQIA people by failing to affirm their full, God-given identities (from *Christian Century* magazine, June 29, 2022). Members of the Mennonite Church said "The resolution promotes justice and peace. Peace requires action, this resolution takes steps toward justice ... the purest form of peace." We join other people of faith as we welcome and affirm all of God's beloved children.

Christian Education Opportunities

Christian Education is on vacation for the month of August. We begin again the week after Labor Day in September.



The Narthex takes on a new look, ready for gathering, chatting, reading. And check out the delightful new space for the kids!

Come Out and Play!

You are cordially invited to come out on September 11 to the courtyard at Christ the King/Cristo Rey for a meal and conversation (COVID decrease permitting and appropriate precautions taken). The congregation council believes it is time to gather. They are hosting an after-worship lunch of grilled hot dogs and hamburgers with some typical sides of salads and fruits. All we ask of you is that you RSVP when you get the email and that you make a small donation to help cover the cost of the food and drink (donation is *not* required to attend).

The event will include opportunities to check in on the ministries of Christ the King/Cristo Rey and how you can refresh your involvement. There will also be a moment of remembrance for the lives lost on September 11, 2001. Set aside this day to celebrate God's Work. Our Hands, the ELCA day to celebrate community ministry. It has been so long since we enjoyed fellowship over a meal. We look forward to seeing you in person.

WWMT: Activating Our Wider Welcome

Did you know that transgender folks and those who identify as non-binary are sometimes uncomfortable using men- or women-designated restroom facilities?

An all-user or gender-neutral restroom can be used by persons of any gender or gender identity. This type of restroom benefits parents with children of a different gender; people with disabilities who require an attendant of a different gender; and transgender, non-binary, and otherwise gender-diverse people.

At CTK we already have a unisex/accessible restroom in Haven Hall. It is now designated as an all-user, accessible, gender-neutral restroom.

CTK Is on Zoom

Weekly Worship

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

Click on [this link](#) to join the Zoom meeting.

Phone in 1-253-215-8782

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](#) to join the Zoom meeting.

Phone in 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 826 0765 2262 Passcode: 417394

The King's Pantry

Please 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. Thank you!

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 www.tigardlutherans.com and click on the Donate tab to set this up.
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Cristo Rey

We continue to seek God's guidance for the Spanish-speaking members of Christ the King/Cristo Rey. Creative possibilities are brewing with the help of Father Beto and Juan Roman. Please continue to pray as we discern a way forward.

School Supplies Needed

Cascade Vineyard Church is having a school supply drive through August 20. The following items are needed. They ask that supplies be new, in their original packages. Drop your donations in the bin in the Narthex. In addition to these items, they also need backpacks in good condition (no rolling types) and money donations (payable to Cascade Vineyard Church). For more information, contact Donna Schroder at 503-701-2675.

- spiral notebooks (8½ x 11, wide- and college-ruled)
- filler paper (wide- and college-ruled)
- composition books
- math grid books
- file folders
- pencils or mechanical pencils
- blue or black writing pens
- color markers in box or pouch
- color pencils (box or pouch of 12 or 24)
- Crayons (box of 24 or 48)
- highlighters
- Sharpies
- erasers or cap erasers
- glue or glue sticks
- 3- or 5-inch scissors
- 12-inch rulers
- pencil sharpeners
- index cards
- transparent tape
- sheet protectors
- tab dividers
- small tissue packages
- small bottles of hand sanitizer

August Birthdays

5 Jane Hershberger

7 Greg Lof

24 Judy Nesvold

August Anniversaries

17 Mark and Laura Simmers

20 Ed and Judy Maggio

21 Hal and Melita Schmidt

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