



# THE CROWNICLE

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## What Makes You Happy?

A couple of weeks ago I got to share the good news of Jesus with 80 children at Trinity Lutheran School in NE Portland, my alma mater.

Based on the text: *Rejoice, always!* (1 Thessalonians 5:16), I asked them, "What makes you happy?" They were raucously enthusiastic in their responses: *When my brother is nice to me. When I get extra cookies. When I hit a home run.* They all wanted to share their happiness. We sang that old favorite, "If you're happy and you know it ..." Well, it is confirmed that my new hearing aids work ... REALLY well.

Then I asked them, "What makes you sad?" The energy in the room shifted immediately. I shared some of my own sadness and gave them space to share theirs. The answers were told by quieter voices: *When my cat died, I was sad. When my friend cried, I was sad. When my mom was unhappy, I was sad.* Children are deeply empathetic. And children are resilient.

The lesson concluded with the promise of the gospel ... Jesus is with you always, whether you're happy or sad. I wondered with them if there was a song that we could sing when we're feeling a little ... or a LOT ... sad?

How about this repeat-after-me-song:

This is the day!	<i>This is the day!</i>
That the Lord has made!	<i>That the Lord has made!</i>
We will rejoice!	<i>We will rejoice!</i>
And be glad in it!	<i>And be glad in it!</i>
This is the day that the Lord has made!	
We will rejoice and be glad in it!	
This is the day!	<i>This is the day!</i>
That the Lord has made!	

That 30 minutes with those children in the space where I grew up with my sister as my teacher, where my own children grew up with Mr. Seleski (who is still there!) filled me with deep gratitude and a new appreciation for God's steadfast presence in my life. You see, on the altar and pulpit hung two beautiful, quilted paraments. The tree-of-life pattern fashioned in bright green and forest green, they were crafted more than 40 years ago by my mother's hands.

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice, always.

May your Advent season be filled with love and light and rejoicing.

Pastor Dorothy

## News from the Nominating Committee

We are quickly moving toward the first of the year and our annual meeting at the end of January 2023. There will be positions to fill on our church council and other committees. The nominating committee has had one meeting in beginning the preparation for asking members to serve our congregation in various ways. There will be three open council positions. Sharon Ray is completing a three-year term and is eligible for

another three-year consecutive term. Nancy Skirvin has served two three-year terms and is retiring. The third position was vacated by resignation two years ago. There are also positions available on the nominating and endowment committees. The nominating committee has one-year terms, and the endowment committee has three-year terms.

We will continue to hold our council meetings on Zoom in the coming year. We have found this venue to be useful. Please pray for this nominating process and be open to the leading of the Lord in the matter of service to our congregation.

Be blessed, and many thanks for all your support.

—Nancy Skirvin for the council

## "Meet John the Baptizer" Advent Podcast

Tune into our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page each Wednesday in Advent to hear a podcast message from Pastor Dorothy about that wild, outlandish "cousin" of Jesus known as the Baptizer. The first episode is an overview of the series. Subsequent episodes highlight the four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, who each tell a slightly different version of this "voice crying out in the wilderness." Come, listen, and discover this story anew. It's a podcast, audio only. Reaching out to the community in new and innovative ways. (Five episodes: November 27, 30, December 7, 14, 21)



## Cristo Rey

*Hermanos y hermanas, ven a celebrar la misa bilingüe el segundo y el cuarto domingo de cada mes a las 5 p.m. Gracias a Dios!* Brothers and sisters, worship at bilingual mass the second and fourth Sundays of every month at 5 p.m. You don't have to speak Spanish—the service is printed in both languages. Come, be a part of something new! Thanks be to God!

## End-of-Year Giving

Your faithful giving throughout 2022 has maintained the ministries of this church. As we count down the days to the end of the year, remember to make your final monetary contribution to Christ the King/Cristo Rey before Friday, December 30. All contributions received after December 30 will be reflected on 2023 giving statements.

## Bilingual Christmas Eve

Bilingual Candlelight Christmas Eve worship, December 24 at 7 p.m., in person and on Zoom. *Adoración bilingüe a la luz de las velas, 24 de diciembre a las 7 p.m. en persona y en Zoom.*

## CTK Preschool Prepares for Christmas

On November 4 the MWF class had a Fiesta Potluck with parents providing great tasting Mexican food and our class singing Spanish songs as well as performing the Mexican Hat Dance. We had Dia de los Muertos decorations on the tables and on our preschool wall and we talked about the difference between Halloween and the special Mexican holiday honoring loved ones who have passed away.



In November, we talked about all the things we and thankful for. With the spirit of giving, children brought items to give to the Thanksgiving boxes Cascade Vineyard made for families in need.

In December all classes will be preparing for their Christmas programs. You are invited! The MWF class will be performing their annual Christmas play on December 16 at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The TTH class will have a Christmas Program in Haven Hall on December 15 at 11 a.m. Refreshments will be provided at all events. We hope to see Christ the King church members there! Please come and celebrate with us the birth of Jesus!

## Quilters Meet Once This Month

Quilters will meet December 6, the first Tuesday of the month as usual, but *not* the third Tuesday. We will rally again in the new year, January 3 and 17.

## Christian Education Opportunities

**Book of Faith Bible Study**—Bible Study is on hiatus until January 11, 2023. We will resume on Zoom to study the gospel according to Matthew. This will be fun! Join us Wednesdays to hear the good news. Materials are available in the office.

**Anti-Racism Conversation and Book Study**—Also on hiatus until January 12, 2023. Have you read any good books lately? Join this safe conversation as we explore, little by little, the wealth of resources that tackle subtle and overt racism in the world, the country, and the church. The conversation is lively, we don't always agree, and we always look to Jesus for wisdom and grace.

### December Birthdays

10 Betty Nesvold  
13 Ken Morrow  
28 Bill Dressel  
29 Zeke Aszman

### December Anniversaries

7 Gail and Marvin Barzee  
(54 years)  
14 Cathy and Dick Renken  
(48 years)

## 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: **299 944**

### 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: **417 394**

## 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 a single or recurring contribution through our third-party giving platform, Vanco. Visit [www.tigardlutherans.com](http://www.tigardlutherans.com) and click on the **Donate** tab to set this up.
- Scan the QR code (right) with your mobile device to go directly to our giving page.



## Poinsettias

Help decorate the Sanctuary with beautiful poinsettias by donating a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one. The cost is \$10 per plant. Place a check in the offering plate with instructions on the memo line (e.g., *in memory of John Doe*). You can also mail a check to the office or use our online giving by visiting the church website. Click on the **Donate** tab, then click the Poinsettia tile.

## 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.

Plastic and glass bottles and aluminum cans with Oregon redemption value can be dropped in the barrel in the Youth Room. Cascade Vineyard will redeem them to purchase food for the food bank. Please be sure to rinse bottles and cans before you drop them in the barrel!

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