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CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Will you come and follow Jesus?

Jesus asked them "what are you looking for?" They said to him, "where are you staying?" He said to them "Come and see." John 1:38-39

I recently heard of a church member who decided to quit giving to their church, saying, "Why should I throw money at an organization that is dying?" It made me sad. It made me angry. It made me think. Martin Luther is reported to have said, "If I knew the world was going to end tomorrow, I would plant an apple tree today." In other words, faith in God compels us to live with hope and courage. Withholding financial support based on worldly metrics just doesn't make sense. We have no fear because God is with us.

What would it sound like, though, if we reframe that member's statement—if we change the language? First, what if we call ourselves a *community*, not an *organization*. The church is a community, made up of real, breathing, living, caring people. An organization is not.

Second, let's not rely on unsubstantiated hearsay. "People are saying ..." is one of the least helpful phrases church folks use ... a LOT. Let's drop this phrase from our vocabulary. If there is a question about the health of this or any congregation, ask the leaders, the congregation council. This group of dedicated members of the community are committed to discovering creative solutions for the long-term well-being of the whole community. Let's all shift our language from scarcity and fear to abundance and joy.

Third, share the good news! *I have told the glad news of deliverance ...* Psalm 40:9. It is our job to *invite* everyone, not to *convince* anyone. Who have you told? Who will you invite to "come and see"?

The gospel is good news to all who hear it. We won't thrive unless we share the good news with all who we meet. It's no joke! When we boldly and enthusiastically admit where we spend our time, others will be curious.

My personal mantra, when tempted to spiral into thoughts of scarcity and fear, is these three words: "There is enough." This past year, more than ever, we have seen so clearly God answer our prayer, "give us this day our daily bread," providing exactly what we need, when we need it.

Ash Wednesday is February 22. Here is your Lenten challenge: Invite one person to come and see ... online or in person.

This is Jesus' invitation to *you*: Come and see!
Peace be with you,
Pastor Dorothy

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22. There will be no midweek gatherings this year. Instead, listen to the midweek offerings on the newly launched "Lutheran Lessons" podcast.

The Lent series is called "Eating with Jesus." The focus is on first-century Palestine meal and hospitality practices. How do those practices inform 21st-century Christian hospitality? The podcast will be dropped onto the Facebook page each Wednesday beginning February 22. Tune in!

February 22 **Ashes, Ashes, We All Fall Down – What Is Ash Wednesday?**

March 1 **Jesus Eats with Levi, the Tax Collector** – Luke 5:27-39

March 8 **Jesus Eats with a Pharisee at Noon** – Luke 11:37-54

March 15 **Jesus Eats with a Pharisee on the Sabbath** – Luke 14:1-24

March 22 **Jesus Eats with 5000 Friends at Bethsaida** – Luke 9:10-17

March 29 **Jesus Eats with Zacchaeus** – Luke 19:1-10

April 6 **Maundy Thursday – Jesus Eats with the Disciples** – Luke 22:7-30

April 7 **Good Friday** – TBA

April 8 **Easter Eve/Vigil** – TBA

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!

Mark Your Calendars

Congregation Council Retreat—February 11 (all day)

Council Installation—February 12 (during worship)

Ash Wednesday—February 22 (stay tuned for details)

Midweek Lent Series: Lutheran Lessons Podcast "Eating With Jesus" begins March 1

Christian Education Opportunities

Book of Faith Bible Study—the gospel according to **Matthew** is the focus! Join us Wednesdays to hear the good news. Call the office for materials.

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

Phone in **1-253-215-8782**

Meeting ID **860 5524 4817** Passcode **347647**

Anti-Racism Conversation and Book Study—The group agreed to take a hiatus through Easter. Watch this space for new details and a shift in focus. Stay tuned!

February Birthdays

2 Paul Gross

3 Del Metcalf

6 Sandy Clifton

10 Katherine Gutow

13 Sharon Ray

17 Glenn Hershberger

17 Scott Hershberger

21 Mary Case

21 Marilynn Walker

Preschool News

CTK Preschool had its Open House and Registration on February 4 for the coming 2023-24 school year. Parents and children had the opportunity to see the preschool, engage in activities, and meet the teachers. Both classes, T-Th and MWF, have openings for this fall. Please invite neighbors and friends to come for a tour and talk with our teachers. Call Preschool Director Heidi Livingston, 503-333-5331, to set up a time.

During January we had fun learning about winter and animals that hibernate. We did activities for Lunar New Year. We explored Antarctica and the penguins that live there.

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**

A Gospel Reading Challenge

Read the gospel according to Matthew in eight hours or eight days or eight weeks or eight months—however long it takes.

1. Read Matthew chapters 1 to 4
2. Read Matthew chapters 5 to 7
3. Read Matthew chapters 8 to 14 in seven installments
 - a. Chapter 8:1–9:8
 - b. Chapter 9:9–38
 - c. Chapter 10:1–11:1
 - d. Chapter 12
 - e. Chapter 13
 - f. Chapter 14
4. Read Matthew Chapter 15:1 to 17:9
5. Read Matthew Chapter 17:10 to 18:35
6. Read Matthew chapters 19 to 27 in seven installments
 - a. Chapters 19 – 20
 - b. Chapter 21
 - c. Chapter 22
 - d. Chapter 23
 - e. Chapters 24 – 25
 - f. Chapter 26
 - g. Chapter 27
7. Read Matthew 28
8. Summarize the gospel according to Matthew based on your reading.

Blessings on your reading discoveries in this gospel!

Join The Mowing Team

We are in need of a few more volunteers to help with lawn mowing around the church grounds about six times a year. Contact George Klein at 503-318-9637 if you can help. The schedule is flexible!

Quilting

The quilting group meets 9:30 to 11:30 on the first and third Tuesday of each month in Haven Hall. Come join in the fun!

Social Media Update

The church's front door is no longer limited to the fixed-address, brick and mortar door. The "real" front door of the church is now virtual. We are long overdue launching into this virtual world. The response to the Advent podcast bears this out. But, we need assistance. We are looking for someone who is able to coach us in the use of social media. If you know someone who is social-media-savvy or interested in becoming social-media-savvy, ask them to call Pastor Dorothy. It is one of the 21st century methods of "go and tell."

Giving

Thank you for your generous contributions to the work of the church. There are several ways to share your tithes and offerings:

- Place your offering in the plate on Sunday morning.
- 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 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.



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.

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