



THE CROWNICLE

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From the Pastor

Independence Day! The day of national celebration commemorating the 1776 United States congressional resolution declaring independence from Great Britain is recognized not only in the U.S. but throughout the world. The holiday is marked by fireworks, parades, picnics, and vacations.

On July 1, 1776 John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail:

"The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty" (italics mine).¹

What "*acts of devotion to God Almighty*" have been or will be performed on this Independence Day? If we are honest, we will admit that the holiday commemorates triumphant war against British oppression. July 4, 2022, is far removed from the passion and pain of that era. Today, the holiday is little more than a day off from usual work, the beginning of personal or family vacations, and an excuse to blow things up. Very few people consider it a "... *day of deliverance*" from any personal or national oppression. Fewer yet would think to mark the day by *solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty*.

As Christians, we celebrate every day as independence day. By his compassionate ministry, painful death, and glorious resurrection, Jesus has freed us from the oppressive laws that had, as Paul puts it, "*imprisoned all things under the power of sin*" (Galatians 3:22). We are now free from bondage to the old law and no longer must vainly attempt to keep perfect obedience to it. We are, by grace, made right with our Creator, the one whom John Adams calls *God Almighty*.

We are now free to live out the new commandment Jesus gave us:

... love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength, and love your neighbor as yourself (Luke 10:27).

We are now free to do what God requires of us:

... to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8).

Together, let us declare each day our spiritual independence day by loving the Lord, loving our neighbors, and walking humbly with our God!

Happy Independence Day!

Pastor Dorothy

¹Letter from John Adams to Abigail Adams, 3 July 1776, 'Had a Declaration....' Adams Family Papers. Massachusetts Historical Society. Retrieved July 17, 2013.

Cristo Rey

Padre Roberto Maldonado has accepted a new appointment in National City, CA (suburb of San Diego) and will be leaving the Portland area in early September. Pray Godspeed for Padre Roberto and his wife Lettie. They are very excited about living closer to family—oh, and better weather.

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

Christian Education Opportunities

We continue the Book of Faith series with our study of the books of Jeremiah and Lamentations. There is always room for new disciples. Materials are available from the office (contact Tim). Meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Click on [this link](#) to join the Zoom meeting.

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

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

Thursday nights we continue to engage in safe and lively anti-racism conversation. We have completed the ELCA study *Now Is the Time*, exploring the 2019 Churchwide "Declaration to People of African Descent." You can find the Declaration and the study guide on the church website

(www.tigardlutherans.com) under the Education/Anti-Racism tab.

The conversation will resume July 21 on Zoom. Our new conversation will center around the history of Black Christians, particularly Black Lutherans in the United States beginning in 1669. The book *Black Christians: the Untold Lutheran Story* by Jeff G. Johnson will be available at the church. Copies are available to borrow, or you may purchase one for \$20. Contact Tim or Pr. Dorothy. Meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. Beginning July 21. Click on [this link](#) to join the Zoom meeting.

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

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

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**

Reconciling in Christ. Now what?

What do we do with this new designation, besides the glorious celebration? You will notice the RIC logo in various places around the building and on our publications. The Welcome Statement is prominently displayed on bulletin boards and publications. The reader board will include a permanent rainbow banner. We have a new delivery of RIC rainbow buttons—drop by the office and pick one up to wear proudly. It has been proven that when folks see the rainbow displayed, they know that it means they are safe when entering this building. This long process is not over. Remember we are *Reconciling*, not *Reconciled*—we are on a journey reconciling with God and one another.

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.

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!



July Church Calendar

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| Sunday | July 3 | Worship, 10:30 a.m. ZOOM ONLY |
| Wednesday | July 6 | Book of Faith, 7 p.m. |
| Sunday | July 10 | Worship, 10:30 a.m. |
| Tuesday | July 12 | Council, 7 p.m. |
| Wednesday | July 13 | Book of Faith, 7 p.m. |
| Sunday | July 17 | Worship, 10:30 a.m. |
| Wednesday | July 20 | Book of Faith, 7 p.m. |
| Thursday | July 21 | Anti-Racism, 7 p.m. |
| Sunday | July 24 | Worship, 10:30 a.m. |
| Wednesday | July 27 | Book of Faith, 7 p.m. |
| Thursday | July 28 | Anti-Racism, 7 p.m. |
| Sunday | July 31 | Worship, 10:30 a.m. |

July Birthdays

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| 20 | Sharon Larsen |
| 21 | Mark Simmers |
| 25 | Cathy Renken |
| 26 | Brian Larson |
| 27 | Jan Cornutt |
| 30 | Emilie Cunningham |
| 30 | Sonja Apple |
| 31 | Don Knutsen |
| 2 | Mary Rennebohm |
| 3 | Jane Honeyman |
| 5 | Nancy Skirvin |
| 7 | Hank Westersund |
| 7 | John Westersund |
| 11 | Judy Potts |
| 18 | Sally Brown |

- 31 Adam Klein
- 31 Sherman Case



July Anniversaries

- 2 Laurel and Kip Aszman
- 3 Tim and Sara Lagasse
- 8 Roger and Cindy Heikens
- 11 Mark and Tracie Henninger
- 15 George and Leanne Klein
- 24 Sharon and Stephen Ray
- 29 Brian and Marnie Larson

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