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The New Reality—Go, Make Disciples

Driving west up Bull Mountain Road a few weeks ago, the construction sign warned that there was a flagger ahead, be prepared to stop. Well, sure enough, we stopped. We sat ... and sat ... and sat I was happy that my Prius's engine shuts down automatically in these situations. Staring into space, thinking about other things, I saw a most unusual sight ... it took a minute to register ... a large evergreen tree toppled over, away from the road. After seeing the dust, the sound reached my ears seconds later. Well, I thought that's something you don't see every day.

Then I remembered that a new subdivision is going in. But why cut down all the trees? And, Bull Mountain Road is already at capacity. And, when will the development stop? And ... insert your own lament here.

We sensed a change coming in the church at least 30 years ago and didn't want to acknowledge it. The last two and a half years have forced us to adapt to a new reality for the world, our community, and for the church. The church and our ideas about it have changed, probably irrevocably. The days of 140+ people in worship on a Sunday and a full Sunday School classroom or two are gone. A large choir and monthly potlucks serving 100 or more are an activity of the past. Those were the good old days. And ...

These are the good new days: communion at our chairs may be the new covenant in Christ's blood; the new reality is hybrid worship using the amazing technology that is available. Our gifted Music Director and our faithful Remote Tech Assistant create a worship space that is welcoming to in-person and online worshipers. Just think, there are worshipers who would otherwise not have access to live worship because of physical limitations. There are worshipers who would not have access to worship at all who can now worship when their schedule allows.

It is a surprise to see that there are more people attending Sunday worship in cyberspace than in the sanctuary. Instead of lamenting their absence, we rejoice over the increasing worship attendance. We reach over 100 people per week on Zoom, YouTube, and Facebook combined! I know! I'm thrilled, too! We are spreading the good news in new and creative ways and people are responding. Thanks be to God.

So, there's a gaping hole in the skyline on Bull Mountain Road that will soon be filled with housing. Some might say there are gaping holes in the sanctuary of Christ the King I invite you to step over to the Zoom Balcony that is filled with members of the Christ the King community and greet them in the name of Jesus. This is our "new reality" that fulfills Jesus' commandment to "go, [preach the gospel] and make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19).

Peace be with you,
Pastor Dorothy

CTK Preschool Had a Fun-Filled October

We had a fun night with the T/Th families who joined us for Pumpkin Night. We carved pumpkins together, sang songs, and ate cookies.

The MWF class picked out pumpkins from the playground. Al's Garden donated the pumpkins and we are so thankful! We compared pumpkins, measured them, pounded golf tees into them, cleaned them, explored them, and painted them!



All Saints—All Are Welcome!

Being a Reconciling in Christ designated church means that we provide a safe place of welcome and affirmation for all of God's people with all their differences, along with their similarities and gifts. We purposefully recognize that skin color doesn't matter, and how you express your true self doesn't matter.

We will be celebrating our commitment on November 6, All Saints Sunday.

As a part of our commitment we will be asking for a special offering on that day for Reconciling Works to support the work of expanding full inclusion in ELCA churches.

Please consider what God asks you to give to this important work of seeking full welcome for all. Thank you from the Wider Welcome Ministry Team!

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!

Help Keep Our Grounds Beautiful

We are looking for someone to pick up trash around the church property now and then. Please contact George or Steve if interested in helping.

Deck the Halls

Make your plans now to stay after worship on Sunday, December 4, to celebrate the Greening of the Church.

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 will be available in the office in late November.

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.

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**

Now Is the Time to Prepare

Have you thought about your tithes and offerings personal giving plan for 2023? Would you be willing to share your plan, even anonymously, with the leadership team so that we can begin to make our spending plan for 2023? Write it down on a piece of paper, no need to sign it, and give it to Steve Larsen or Diane Wearne. They are the team responsible for guessing what ministries we can imagine for the coming year. They will present their guesstimate to the council who will then present it to you, the entire congregation. 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 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.



November Birthdays

- 1 Nathan Henninger
- 2 Tim Ditch
- 3 Jake Ness
- 4 Katie Shay
- 6 Diane Wearne
- 8 Sharon Dickerson
- 8 Lauri Stollberg
- 11 Margaret Westersund
- 14 Judy Maggio
- 18 Laura Simmers

- 21 Myrna Gleason
- 23 Carey Cornutt
- 26 Dick Renken
- 28 Ned Snow

November Anniversaries

- 4 Sharon and Larry Dickerson (22 years)
- 14 Sandy and Roger Clifton (58 years)

Advent

The New Year dawns on November 27. We begin a new liturgical year by preparing for the coming of Jesus. We leave the gospel according to Luke behind and open the gospel according to Matthew. Take this November challenge ... read the gospel according to Matthew through the month of November. Come to Advent with your questions, insights, hopes, and dreams.

You're Invited to the Party

December calendars fill up fast. Mark yours now so you don't miss the party! The pre-party is scheduled for Saturday, December 24, at 7 p.m. Jesus' Birthday Party is Sunday, December 25, at 10:30 a.m. Live, in-person and on Zoom!

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!

Make a Difference for Young Families!

Would you like to make a positive difference for Tigard/Tualatin School District families with young children? We would love your help at TTSD's Family Resource. We are looking for a volunteer to pick up an order of items for babies and small children (bags of clothing, diapers, toys, etc.) once every other week on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Rolling Hills Church at 3550 SW Borland Road and then drive it to the Family Resource Center on the campus of Templeton Elementary School in Tigard.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call or email Catherine West at 503-603-1588 or cwest@ttsd.k12.or.us.

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