

“Keep on Keeping On”

Dear Friends in Christ,

On September 21, we had our leadership visioning day at the church. The data from our time together is still being collated, but one comment I heard that day really stuck with me.

When asked to make three statements about what you wanted to see our church doing in three years that would make you happy/satisfied about your connection to Christ Lutheran Church, one participant said, “enough new leaders trained to help us continue the most vital programs we are already doing that help our community.”

When many of us think of congregational visioning, we tend to think of the “new things” that we might do. But being a vital congregation doesn’t just mean the novel or innovative. Sometimes it also means doing what you do well and inviting others to work with you.

There are powerful ministries that Christ Lutheran carries out that predate my time among you, like the Aurora Transitional Shelter and the Giving Tree. There are others that have been around for a couple of decades like Backpack Buddies. I name these three because they are consistently lifted up by members, old and new alike, as among the most impactful ministries of our congregation.

In physics, Newton’s First Law of Motion states, “a body at rest will remain at rest; a body in motion will remain in motion, unless it is acted upon by an external force.” Among

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Daily Readings

October 01

Psalm 140;
Esther 5:1-14;
1 John 2:18-25;

October 02

Psalm 140;
Esther 8:1-17;
Matthew 18:6-9;

October 03

Psalm 26;
Job 2:11-3:26;
Galatians 3:23-29

October 04

Psalm 26;
Job 4:1-21;
Romans 8:1-11;

October 05

Psalm 26;
Job 7:1-21;
Luke 16:14-18

October 06

Genesis 2:18-24,
Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-42:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 07

Psalm 55:1-15;
Job 8:1-22;
1 Corinthians 7:1-9;

October 08

Psalm 55:1-15;
Job 11:1-20;
1 Corinthians 7:10-16;

those external forces are gravity and time.

Put a different way, how do we “Keep on keeping on” with these things that are important to us, while still reaching out in innovative, life-giving ways as our congregation inevitably ages; as gravity and time do their thing?

We are blessed to have experienced congregational servant-leaders who are passionate about what they do. But there is always more work than a handful can accomplish.

In Matthew 9:37b-38, Jesus says, *“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”*(NRSV)

This was my ordination text 35 years ago. I chose it because it reminds me that the work of the kingdom is not just for the few, but for all who serve.

So, in light of that, I ask you to consider the following...

Current leaders, are you willing to mentor folks about how you serve? Will you share your passion for serving and empower other interested servant-leaders to help us continue these vital ministries while allowing for each to use their own unique gifts?

Potential leaders, are you willing to carve out ways, big and small, to support these ministries that we are proud of and to continue them as a worthy legacy, taking up the baton and running with it in your own unique way?

As we enter our 126th year as a congregation, it is my prayer that we will continue to innovate and find new ways to minister to our neighbor. It is also my prayer that we will, with God’s help, keep doing what has been and continues to be useful.

Let’s Keep on Keeping on Together!

Peace!

Pastor Craig

October 17

Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35b;
Job 36:1-16;
Romans 15:7-13;

October 18

Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35b;
Job 37:1-24;
Revelation 17:1-18;

October 19

Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35b;
Job 39:1-30;
Luke 22:24-30;

October 20

Isaiah 53:4-12,
Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 21

Psalms 75;
Job 40:1-24;
Hebrews 6:1-12;

October 22

Psalms 75;
Job 41:1-11;
Hebrews 6:13-20;

October 23

Psalms 75;
Job 41:12-34;
John 13:1-17;

October 24

Psalms 34:1-8;
2 Kings 20:12-19;
Hebrews 7:1-10;

October 25

Psalms 34:1-8;
Nehemiah 1:1-11;
Hebrews 7:11-22;

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Chili Crisp

STEP-BY-STEP:

STEP ONE:

PREPARE THE CUCUMBER SALAD

In a medium-sized bowl, add all of your cucumber salad ingredients and stir to combine. Set aside while you prepare the rest of the dish.



STEP TWO: SEASON THE CHICKEN

Season each side of the chicken with the Mala Spice Mix and salt.

STEP THREE: SEAR THE CHICKEN

In a large skillet and the avocado oil and heat over medium-high. Once the oil is hot, add the chicken thighs and cook until golden brown and cooked through, about 3-4 minutes per side.

- Persian or Mini Cucumbers
- Green Onions
- Toasted Sesame Seeds
- Salt
- Freshly Ground Black Pepper
- Fly By Jing Sichuan Chili Crisp
- Rice Vinegar
- Fresh Cilantro
- Fresh Thai Basil
- Fresh Mint
- Boneless Skinless Chicken Thighs
- Fly by Jing Mala Spice Mix
- Avocado Oil
- Prepared Brown Rice
- Lime Wedges

STEP FOUR: SLICE THE CHICKEN

Transfer the cooked chicken to a cutting board and let rest for a few minutes then slice.

STEP FIVE: ASSEMBLE THE BOWLS

Next, add your prepared brown rice to each bowl, then add the chicken and top with the cucumber salad. Add additional herbs and chili crisp, plus lime wedges. Serve and enjoy!

October 09

Psalm 55:1-15;
Job 15:1-35;
Matthew 5:27-36;

October 10

Psalm 22:1-15;
Job 17:1-16;
Hebrews 3:7-19;

October 11

Psalm 22:1-15;
Job 18:1-21;
Hebrews 4:1-11;

October 12

Psalm 22:1-15;
Job 20:1-29;
Matthew 15:1-9;

October 13

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 14

Psalm 39;
Job 26:1-14;
Revelation 7:9-17

October 15

Psalm 39;
Job 28:12-29:10;
Revelation 8:1-5

October 16

Psalm 39;
Job 32:1-22;
Luke 16:19-31

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You're invited!

CAMP LUTHERWOOD OREGON'S
65th Anniversary
Fundraiser

October 6, 2024



Join us for an afternoon of fun, small plates, drinks, live auction, paddle raise, and celebration of the past 65 years — and raise support for the next 65!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 | 3 - 5 p.m.
 Doors open at 2:30 p.m. with festivities beginning at 3 p.m.
 22960 Highway 36 in Cheshire, OR

RSVP to fundraiser.support/Lutherwoodis65
Intended for adults 18 and up

Tickets are \$50 per person and includes the program, small plates, drinks, music, and an afternoon at camp.

October 26

Psalm 34:1-8;
 Job 42:7-9;
 Mark 8:22-26;

October 27

Jeremiah 31:7-9
 Psalm 126
 Hebrews 7:23-28
 Mark 10:46-52

October 28

Psalm 28;
 Isaiah 59:9-19;
 1 Peter 2:1-10;

October 29

Psalm 28;
 Ezekiel 18:1-32;
 Acts 9:32-35;

October 30

Psalm 28;
 Ezekiel 14:12-23;
 Matthew 20:29-34;

October 31

Psalm 146;
 Ruth 1:18-22;
 Hebrews 9:1-12;

Can't join us October 6th?

It is easy to show your love for Camp Lutherwood Oregon from afar! Gifts funding our next 65 years are gladly accepted via our event website. (<https://shorturl.at/IY7r5>)

MAGIC SHOW

Saturday, October 12, 2024 6:30PM

Zion Lutheran Church

720 Jefferson Street , Oregon City, OR

“COME AND CELEBRATE”

A special evening to thank you for your generosity of attaining our roof fund goal of \$100,000!

Pastor John and fellow magician,

T.J. will work their magic!

Bring your entire family and friends to enjoy dessert, magic, and fellowship!



Birthdays

Kimberly Macklin	5
Lynn Ries	5
Bill Lockett	10
Gail Woodard	10
Alex Saffer	20
Brenda Eggert	21
Charles Gunther	21
Kyle Zwicker	23
Gina Bayless	26
Don Greenfield	27
Cindy Caufield	27
Katie Zwicker	28
Thorsten Elliott	29

Anniversaries

Eva & Glen Nelson 20

“Who’s on Third?”

community concert series:

held at Woodburn United Methodist Church

featuring:

Roger & Nancy Wilhite

Saturday October 19, 2024

3:00 - 4:00 PM

Woodburn United Methodist Church

located at 700 N. Cascade Dr.

Freewill donations will be taken to cover concert expenses.

The Giving Tree



Helping Those in Need

Giving Tree Sign Ups

Sign ups for leadership and support for the Giving Tree are now available in the narthex. There are lots of different ways to help with this important ministry!

In Our Hearts & Prayers

Prayers for	Requested by
Abraham	Barb B.
Ann Musgrove,	PC
Anna (Grider)	Jim & Doris Grider
Bankhead Family	Wyatt Akin
Beth Brandt	Mary W.
Betty Gerhardt	Kenton and Mary
Bob and Sally	Doris Grider
Bonnie and Bruce	PC
Brian Wolfe	Kenton & Mary
Brooke	Heather W
Bruce Baker	Kevin Baker
Burt Aus	Judi Aus
Carol Smith	Helen D
Charles G.	PC
Colin Brown	Heather W
Cyndy Caufield	Susan W
Dana St. Clair	Diane Schaber
Dennis Ormseth	Mary W.
Dixie Scheehear	PC
Dyrdahl Family	PC
Ed Lapsley	Sharon G.
Ellen Paulson	Lorrie Dyrdahl
Eric Wechter	PC
Evie Berg	PC
Gayle Abernathy	PC
Heather Wechter	PC
Heidi Daniel Fami-	PC
Hollinger Family,	Kimberly Macklin
Howard & Kathy	Mary W.
Jan G	PC
Jerry McKenzie	Sharon G.
Jo Miller	Kimberly Macklin
JoAnn Caufield	Cindy C
Joanna Painter	Dixie
Joyce Colvin	Susan W

Kate	PC
Kim	Lisa
Kimberly Kyser	Cindy C
Larry Marnella	Ilene Marnella
Laurie Boyce	PC
Linda Fender	Dan and Lonnie
Lorrie D	PC
Lynn Bloomfield	Lonnie and Dan
Mary Wolfe	PC
Matt H	PC
Micah Akin	Wyatt Akin
Mike and Dixie	Dan and Lonnie
Mike McCue	Heather Wechter
Norman Colvin	Nancy
Oscar D	Sam D
Piper	Heather W
Richard Dyrdahl	Lorrie Dyrdahl
Rick Snell Family	PC
Robert	Jordain
Roy Steven	Joyce
Shirley Ann An-	Ilene Marnella
Sylvia Peter	PC
Tom Haskins	Kim M.
Traci	Barb B.
Vi Anderson	Judi

WORSHIP HELPERS



October 6

Reader: Dan Harms

Ushers: Dan and Lonnie Harms

Donuts: Mary Wolfe

October 13

Reader: Marvis Gilnett

Usher: Marvis Gilnett

Coffee Host: Kimberly Pearson

October 20

Reader: Burt Aus

Usher: Burt and Judi Aus

Coffee Hosts: Lynn Bloomfield
& Lonnie Harms

October 27

Reader: Kenton Wolfe

Ushers: Kenton and Mary Wolfe

Coffee Host: Marie Gunther

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6 pm AA	2	3	4 6 pm Wellbriety	5
6 10 am Worship 7 pm AA	7 6:30 pm Aurora Emergency Preparedness	8 6 pm AA	9	10	11 6 pm Wellbriety	2 5:15 pm AA Speaker Series
13 10 am Worship 11 am Council Meeting 7 pm AA	14	15 6 pm AA	16 3 pm Food Share	17	18 6 pm Wellbriety	19 Pastor Craig Vacation
20 Pastor Craig Vacation 10 am Worship 7 pm AA	21 Bishop's Convo	22 Bishops Convo 10 am Backpack Buddies 3-4:30 pm North Marion Services Team Meeting, 6 pm AA	23 Bishop's Convo	24 Pastor Craig Vacation	25 Pastor Craig Vacation 6 pm Wellbriety	26 Pastor Craig Vacation
27 Reformation Sunday 10 am Worship 7 pm AA	28	29 6 pm AA	30	31		

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