

**Christ the King Lutheran Church
September 2020 Newsletter**



Are you missing Church?

Love listening to Gordon online but need your church family?

We will be having an outdoor

Worship Service

August 30th at 9:00am

On the grass at the east end of the church.

Plan to bring something to sit on from home (ie folding chair)

Plan for social distancing!

++Plan to wear your mask++

We will have Communion!

We will get to see each other and to worship our Lord together!
(we will notify you if the weather or the rules of Oregon prevents this!)

If you feel uncomfortable coming, please know you're in our prayers!

Call Committee Report

- The Oregon Synod of the ELCA continues to look for a potential pastoral candidate for us! There are 22 vacancies throughout Oregon! Keep praying for God to send us a Pastor! And let us all thank God for Gordon filling in, and pray that he will remain healthy!

Kings Kids Preschool

We are awaiting the final decisions from the MF school district to guide the preschool's opening. The board will be meeting on August 24th at 4:30 to finalize (hopefully) our planned opening! Kim has been working with the YMCA Summer Camp with the Covid restrictions this summer and feels comfortable with the process required. Pray for the board as they make this difficult decision!

Prayer Requests:

- Marv Dahl recovering from illness
- Roxy Skold , Maggie Dygert, Margaret & Marvin Timmons
- Christy Pease for healing
- Krumbah & Alden family for healing
- Gretchen's Dad, Ken Ellertson, for healing prayers
- Prayers for Karen Shelton as she transition into a new position with John Day School District.
- All those leaving for college, Thayne, Lexy, Eric, Hunter
- Prayers for thanksgiving for Andrew & Mary Kain who were married August 1st and purchased their first house in Poulsbo, Wa.
- Prayers for the students and teachers as they figure their way through learning and the flexibility they need to have.

Address changes

Karen Shelton
642 ½ SE Hillcrest Road
John Day, OR 97845

Andrew & Mary Kain
21152 Brevik PI NW
Poulsbo, WA 98370



Church Council

Karen Shelton resigned off the council at the last meeting. Karen has moved to John Day and accepted an assistant principal position with the John Day School District.

The council appointed Laurie Hackney to finish out Karen's term at the August 11 council meeting.

Financials

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| July 2020 | Income | \$5,290.00 |
| | Expenses | <u>\$4,951.75</u> |
| | Net Income | \$ 338.21 |
| August 2020 | Income | \$3,773.00 |
| As of 8/18/2020 | Expenses | <u>\$3,522.85</u> |
| | Net Income | \$ 250.15 |

Comments from our Brother and Sisters in Christ

Shared by Roxann Skold

"Teach me your ways, O Lord, and make them known to me. Teach me to live in truth your servant here to be. I put my trust in you for days I cannot see. Teach me your ways, O Lord, and make them known to me. Teach me your will, O Lord, and make it known to me. Teach me to live in love, a friend to others be. I put my trust in you for days I cannot see. Teach me your will, O Lord, and make it known to me." Choir Anthem

Undoubtedly there are times in each of our lives when we need an extra "boost" to get through whatever has landed in our life. I've had several times when a "boost" is just what I needed. It was during one of these times the choir sang the particular selection. I don't know if anyone else felt much emotion when we sang these words, but they spoke to me in the most comforting and strengthening way.

I like the quiet and contemplative times in my day. It allows me to be still for a time, letting God's way be known to me.

Dear Lord, thank you for the gift of music, for the wonderful peace and comfort it brings to me personally. Be with us all as we move through our daily lives. With whatever lands in our lives. Good or bad, give us your comfort, your strength and your leading for the journey. Amen

Christmas Angels Project

Looking ahead to our Christmas "Angels"...we have been asked to support 5-10 children who have a parent in prison. There will not be gifts for care givers, only the child. It has been suggested that you buy a Walmart gift card and put them in a Christmas card with a note for the child. The suggest amount is \$20

Please talk to Gretchen if you are interested in participating in this mission!

Lutherhaven News.....

I've been hanging out a lot these days in the book of Hebrews in the Bible. You maybe know how chapter eleven begins: "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." And then chapter twelve starts out, "since we're surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders... and run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the starting line and the finish line of our faith."

This is certainly not the race either I nor you would have plotted out for camp this summer. But we know in this season for new community at Lutherhaven Ministries, it's the race marked out for us by God, a race that we run together—with campers, staff, parents, pastors, grandparents.

And we're equally confident that—sure of what we hope for, certain of what we do not see, and fixing our eyes on Jesus—our finish line is secure!

We can't wait to see you at camp!

Your servant in Jesus,

Bob Baker
Executive Director

Quote for the Month

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, I used everything you gave me.

By Erma Bombeck, American Humorist

Newsletter Help Needed - Have you missed getting a monthly newsletter? Looking for a few folks who would be willing to work together to put a monthly newsletter together. Contact Tina at 509-876-1259. If you have any thing you wish to submit for the newsletter please email it to Tina Kain at tskain65@gmail.com by the 25th of every month.

Presidents Report by Chuck Pease

In the 2016 church annual meeting, I quoted as saying which I was given when I was working in my Corrections supervisor career. That saying being: *"When life is tough, you have two choices, #1 don't do anything and accept the failure or #2, or become brave and bold, adjust positively as an individual and/or a group to ensure that failure don't occur."* Again as wrote in 2016 this is where the church is at presently, we have to change the culture to become the standard of #2. Without this change we'll become like many church's in the United States become a failure and not functioning. My promise to you is number #2 standard which is *become brave and bold, adjust positively as an Individual and/or a group to ensure that failure don't occur."* Again, as wrote in 2016 this is where the church has to go with all the COVID-19 virus issues. His is knowingly effecting the call process for new pastor.

Again addressed to everyone this short lesson about change in in my 2016 annual meeting letter when first addressed processes to the congregation. I've seen this work and know it will bases on my experiences.

Fact: The culture we live in is changing constantly. **Here's another fact:** Churches rarely adapt quickly enough to changes in culture in order to have a relevant voice. The truth is that societal culture change happens like shifts in a weather system — they're frequently unpredictable, quirky, short-lived and sometimes extreme.

Organizational culture change is more akin to steering a cruise ship: It happens slowly and on purpose. There are people out there who might say that this is a bad thing, but it isn't. If organizational culture could change on a dime, how many churches out there would have replaced "Friend Day" with "Pet Rock Day" and would have looked foolish? There's a reason why organizations change slowly ... in order to prevent misguided shifts. The problem happens when an organization simply decides that it will never change. When this happens, the church has set a course that will inevitably end in destruction.

So as addressing the facts a lot researchers have found which keeps churches from choosing to change their culture are related to this three reasons.

- When a person, church or organization has decided that the best days are in the past. Then it is unlikely to be change. Change requires that every person in the church believes in a better, brighter, more successful future. When decide to set forward with change, than everyone starts thinking out of the box from the past.
- When a church decided that a particular practice, is not directed by the bible, it will not change. When believing that method or methods is more important than mission, impossible for change.
- Change is different in all situations, when disrupts occur on very plans or some ideas out of the box, from individuals and groups this produces a negative approach, thus making it more difficult to except change by the entire group. It is a hard one to keep out of the process so ensure that roadblocks are addressed as soon as possible, this will assist this roadblock from not keeping progress moving forward.

I ask you as you have read this letter please address concerns, situations and communicate with the church council. I'm looking forward to councils approach to improve the church communication more and build a set sound foundation for all of us to work on together positively for the years to come.