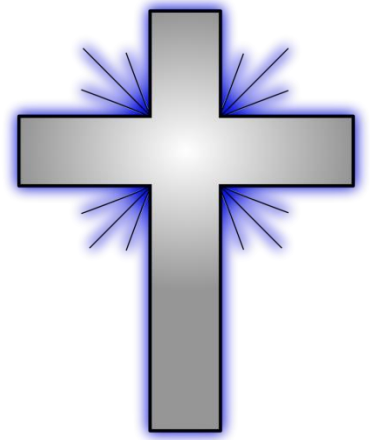


Christ the King Lutheran Church

November 2020 Newsletter



Fall is here and GREAT NEWS! We are back in the sanctuary worshipping and following required guidelines. We are not able to sing but Roxy plays the piano so everyone can enjoy the music.

**Plan for social distancing in the pews and you must wear a mask inside the building.

Communion is held with individual single served cup/wafer.

If you do not feel comfortable coming inside the building you are still able to sit in your car and listen to the service. Please park on the east end of the parking lot.

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

October cleanup was very successful the moss was removed off the roof, branches trimmed, tree moved, leaves blown, windows cleaned and sanctuary cleaned. Stan and Rick took three trips to the city's free dump day. Thank you to everyone that helped.



Thoughts from Pastor Huesby

This weekend (Saturday October 31st, is Halloween, the Eve of All Saints Day. Sunday, November 1st is All Saints Day.

The word "Halloween" is our modern English version of the ancient holiday ("holy day"), i.e. the Evening before the Holy Day known as All Saints Day, a day to commemorate the Christians who have died, who have finished the course, run the race, who now rest from their labors.

A number of related issues intersect this week.

- 1) All Saints Day – honoring and thanking God for those who bore Christian witness to us and who now await "the resurrection of the body".
- 2) The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on November 1st.
- 3) When we confess our faith, we include the words, the Communion of Saints
- 4) Our Confirmation class this week has been studying the Catechism lesson of the Lords Supper, aka the Holy Communion.
- 5) The Covid 19 virus continues to limit our full expression of this gracious impact to our lives.

All summed up with these words from our Confession of Faith: "I believe in the Christian Church, the communion of saints...." Some saints now belong to the Church Triumphant. We who are still here belong to the Church Militant. For us the battle is not yet over. We still need the refuge of that "Mighty Fortress". Hang in there, we will get there too.

Blessing Pastor Huesby



"This virus is creating new ways for everyone to think of how to keep your family and friends safe. We are in uncharted territory and we will all learn together. At one time I did not know how much time our family would have together. So I have gratitude now for every day that we get to be together."

"If I could offer advice to any family today, it would be to stick by your faith. Know that your God is with you and will take care of you all the way through."

Church Council President's Report by Chuck Pease

Man, it's November. The year 2020 is almost gone and we have had numerous changes, in the church, world and nation. I've always like November as a month the leaves are falling, it's starting to get cold. My favorite two things thou about November is the two holidays Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. Veterans Day because it honors those service men of all branches. Thanksgiving for it honors family and what we are thankful for during the year.

So what do these two holidays have to do with church, and what is occurring now days? I see it two ways. We are honoring and thankful for the service men who serviced our nation. Than we are also thankful for what we have as a free nation and the ability to have what so many others in the world can't have or get.

Just to let everyone know the council has decided that we will not be having a Christmas Eve Service in December and Advent Fair due the Corvid 19 restrictions. We are back in the church with Sunday services at 10am with communion. Had a huge church clean up in October and will be having another one at the parsonage this month. Thank you to those who attended cleaning up the outside and inside of the church. The call committee is working hard with the senate to assist us with finding a new pastor. It may be a while for there is a huge shortage of ELCA pastor's. The committee is still working hard at attempting to get results. Please give prayers to this process, for it is in God's hands to ultimately resolve. Questions about the call process get ahold of a call committee member.

Last comments is let's be thankful for what we do and what others do for us. Keep in mind those who don't have it as well as us, give them help and prayers.

Church Council

President – Chuck Pease
Vice President – Dave Bremer
Secretary – Heather Vaugh
Rick Kain
Maggie Dygert
Gretchen Brown
Steve Pommerening
Laurie Hackney
Katie Moon

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.

Community Giving - Reverse Advent Calendar

Each day add an item to a box. On Christmas Eve donate the contents to a food bank.

- December 1st – box of cereal
- December 2nd – peanut butter
- December 3rd – stuffing mix
- December 4th – boxed potatoes
- December 5th – macaroni and cheese
- December 6th – canned fruit
- December 7th – canned tomatoes
- December 8th – canned tuna
- December 9th – dessert mix
- December 10th – jar of applesauce
- December 11th – canned sweet potatoes
- December 12th – cranberry sauce
- December 13th – canned beans
- December 14th – box of crackers
- December 15th – package of rice
- December 16th – package of oatmeal
- December 17th - package of pasta
- December 18th – spaghetti sauce
- December 19th – chicken noodle soup
- December 20th – tomato soup
- December 21st – can corn
- December 22nd – can mixed vegetables
- December 23rd – can carrots
- December 24th – can green beans

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!

Comments from our Brothers and Sisters in Christ – shared by Tina Kain

A while ago Rick and I had the chance for a quick weekend getaway to Mt Hood with a few other couples from the church family. Sunday it snowed hard all day long until around 3 pm when the skies opened up and the sun shone through the clouds. It felt as though God was with us there relaxing with friends with snow all around in the hot tub. Mt Hood was a spectacular sight from the end of the pool with the evening sunrays shining upon it. As night fell the stars came out and we could see the lights of Madras and the Portland Metropolitan area. The next morning we woke to clear blue skies. It was an awesome experience being at the 7000-ft level on Mt Hood watching the sunrise on the horizon, and being able to see Mt. Jefferson, the Three Sisters, and Broken Top.

Lord, Help us remember that your light shines through the darkness of our lives and guides us along the path of life. Amen!

Financials

October 2020 Income	\$ 6963.00	
Expenses	\$ 6563.11	* Includes the parsonage land taxes of \$2407.18
Net Income	\$ 399.89	

Prayer Requests:

- Davis family as Roger Davis battles cancer.
- Andrea Barkstrom, Katie Moon sister, and the York family as Andrea's cancer has returned.
- Roxy Skold and Virginia Pease as they recover from surgery
- Maggie Dygert, Margaret & Marvin Timmons
- Krumbah & Alden family for healing
- Lane Flinnery and family as he battles Leukemia. His family is staying in Spokane at the Ronald McDonald house.
- Vern Presnell and his family
- Caysn Hiatt, the great nephew of Bruce Galbreath (LaVonne's son)
- Safe travel during the holiday season



60th Anniversary Committee

1961 The church was formed by a group of Milton-Freewater residents that were attending the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Walla Walla. A Committee is being formed to plan the celebration. If you would like to be involved contact Gretchen Brown for more information.