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TABLE TALK



Council President's Corner

Hello saints of CTK,

I have two topics of discussion today.

First, at the Congregation Meeting of July 15th, the Property Committee was authorized to take actions to work towards the sale of the open land next to our parking lot to Eden Housing for development of affordable rental housing. During the subsequent negotiations with Eden Housing after the meeting, it became apparent to the Property Committee that the timeframe for the current proposal, in addition to other concerns, was not adequate to negotiate agreements that would both meet our needs and protect our interests going forward as expressed at the Congregation Meeting. We also recognize that we have a valuable commodity in our land that will

bring other opportunities our way in the future and we'll continue to explore our options.

Second, we have an opportunity through the ACTS for Vitality program outlined to us by Pastor Tita after service July 18th to strengthen our relationship with our sister congregations in Fremont/Newark, and to potentially transform our ministry to our community. Please take a moment to pray for guidance and consider serving on the committee.

One door closes and another opens.

Yours in Christ,

Jim Sepeda, Council President

Pastor Tia will be on vacation from **June 28 through August 8**. In an emergency, Pastor Barbara or Pastor Tim will be available for assistance:

(510) 793-1911 Pastor Barbara Caine - Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church

(510) 793-6285 Pastor Tim - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Tri-City Kids' Theater Project starts in Fall 2021



About nine months ago, the four ELCA churches in the Tri-City area applied for a Grant from the Synod towards a joint Music Ministry. We were awarded \$10,000 and are finally able to move forward to plan an in-person afternoon camp in the fall subject to Covid restrictions. Our first play will be "Are We

There Yet?” Depending on the number of participants, we will either rehearse together with Pastor Barbara at Holy Redeemer in Newark or start a second group at CTK if we get more than 24 children. So, spread the word among your friends, neighbors, and families to see if there is an interest in participating!

Who? Grades K-12!

When? Wednesdays, starting August 25th from 3-5:30 p.m. Performances will be on Wednesday, October 6th and Sunday, October 10th.

All the information can be found under www.ctkfremont.org including the link for sign up. – *Pastor Tia*

A New Look at Stewardship

Your Stewardship committee has taken a break the last few weeks due to time away, enjoying time with family and simply needing to recharge after an extensive training period.

The last session of the CTK leadership mini-series was held on June 22. Those who were invited to attend the series will receive a survey after Pastor Tia returns from vacation. She is the “owner” of the survey that was created days before leaving and while she said she was okay with sending it, Melinda decided Pastor Tia needed a true break from her many commitments to CTK. If you were invited to attend the mini-series, please look for the online survey in your email inbox mid-August.

With training behind us, we will meet monthly on the second Monday of the month. On Aug 9th your Stewardship committee will resume making plans to share our learnings with the congregation. Our congregation putting into action Stewardship365 concepts will result in a healthy flow of the Holy Cycle of Blessings and CTK becoming more relevant to our community. We will also be equipped with strategies to build partnerships with our sister churches and develop a more sustainable ELCA presence in the Tri-City area.

Your Stewardship Committee

Melinda Kufeld (Chair), Kris Adams, Cam Bauer, Alan Claassen, Linda Paschal, Pr. Pelz, and Debbie Pollak



Backpack Project Update

Backpacks x 2 + Personal Care Items = CTK Supporting Families Limited by No/Low Wages

This year with additional reserve funds reallocated to our annual Backpack Project, CTK is supporting two backpack distribution events and will soon begin organizing a drive to support local schools that provide a “Personal Care Closet” for students whose families have difficulties providing basic necessities.

Backpack #1

CTK was connected by CityServe to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church to assist with their upcoming backpack distribution and ice cream social. CTK is providing **29 backpacks** for 7th through 12th students and a mask station.

The CTK Sewing Bees have been busy accumulating over **800 child and adult sized masks!** Five will be bagged by size and gender specific colors/prints so each student receiving a backpack will have five new masks for the school year.

Backpack #2

A rising junior at American High School has organized a backpack drive with the goal to provide 250 backpacks for Tri-City kindergarten – 6th grade students served by the Fremont Family Resource Center. She reached out to CTK asking if we could provide 10-15 backpacks. The **60 backpacks** being provided by CTK will help her meet and exceed her goal! We're in the process of working with Fremont Family Resource Center personnel regarding providing **masks** for the students they serve.

This backpack filled with school supplies, partially funded by Thrivent Financial, is a gift from members and friends of Christ the King Lutheran Church.
1301 Mowry Avenue at Peralta Ave, Fremont
<http://ctkfremont.squarespace.com>  510-797-3724

Wishing you a blessed and wonderful school year!

Personal Care Closet

While planning for the 2020 Backpack Project committee researched what students needed for distance learning, we found that families not only unable to provide school supplies, but also personal care items. Some schools, primarily junior high/middle and high schools, set aside space for personal care items for students who need them so students can care for their bodies and feel comfortable attending school. Last year, we included a Target gift card to purchase items families needed. This year, we've decided to organize a Personal Care Closet drive with information to come. In the meantime, below is a list of items needed so you can pick them up if you spot a good sale:

- Shampoo
- Hand Soap
- Toothbrush
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene items
- Bodywash
- Toothpaste
- Socks

Items can be dropped off at the homes of CTK's "backpack bees"

Patricia Bauer	290 Yerba Buena Pl, Fremont 94536	510-825-8547 (C)
Bonnie Immecker	1500 Gomes Road, Fremont 94539	510-657-0910 (H)
Melinda Kufeld	38116 Cambridge Ct, Fremont 94536	510-468-0780 (C)
Roseanne Lawrence	1111 Olive Ave, Fremont 94539	510-220-2282 (C) or 510-656-8251 (H)

OTHER UPCOMING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY/BOOK CLUB: The CTK Book Club will not be meeting again until September 9th. However, you can still join us! While we are not meeting in person during the summer, we are all reading, **“The United States of Grace, A Memoir of Homelessness, Addiction, Incarceration, and Hope,”** by Lenny Duncan. The Study Guide for the book can be downloaded from the following link:

https://ms.broadleafbooks.com/downloads/USofG-Discussion-Guide_Final.pdf

This is Lenny Duncan's newest book. Here is the video of his book launch at PLTS that some of us attended virtually <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LOA9m38HKxI>



Please e-mail Debbie Pollak at bartpollak@gmail.com for any questions or if you would like to be added to the email distribution. You can also reach Debbie

CTK COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, August 10th at 7:15 pm via Zoom.

JESUS & JUSTICE COLLECTIVE: Monday, August 9th at 6:30 pm, join **Bridges Community Church Zoom Meeting** at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83205876651?pwd=Ym10bVBvRVhsZ0drdFIUU0JQVFI1UT09>

Meeting ID: 832 0587 6651 Passcode: 732468

See attached flyer for details.

LUNCH BUNCH: Wednesday, August 11th, at 1:00 pm at **the Olive Garden, 39145 Farwell Dr, Fremont.**

All are welcome; many invite their friends. Plan for at least a 2-hour lunch, as it takes more time with a group. Best to bring cash, as separate checks are not always doable. Please RSVP to Roseanne Lawrence.

SEWING BEES COMMUNITY OUTREACH MASK PROJECT: Sewing Bees have kept up a pace and ready to supply school children with our reusable cotton face masks. They'll be given out during our Backpack distributions in early August.

As a whole, the Bees have now completed **8,275 masks**. Of that number, we're holding 870 masks (in all sizes, favoring both girls' and boys' likings) to create 174 bags with 5 masks per bags . . . now, all ready to go along with cheery well-wishes from CTK.

We thank all of CTK supporters and the Sewing Bee volunteers. We're buzzing! - *Linda Pearson*

SOCIAL HOUR: Bring your own beverage of choice, snacks or dinner, sign in to CTK Zoom and join us for a relaxing social hour in your own home on **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**. Since covid restrictions have been relaxed, there is now also an option of occasional in person social hour – stay tuned. All are welcome!

SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING: Monday, August 9th, at 6:00 – 7:00 pm via Zoom. If you have questions, please contact Bonnie Immecker.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: Monday, August 9th, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

TRI-CITY VOLUNTEERS FOOD BANK: Tuesday – Friday, 9:00–3:00 pm, drop-off times @ 37350 Joseph Street, Fremont, for urgently needed items:

- Bottled Water (16.9 oz. or Smaller)
- Individually Wrapped Beef Sticks/Jerky
- brown paper grocery bags used for food distribution

No canned goods are needed at this time. Financial donations always welcome! For more information: <http://tri-cityvolunteers.org>

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR JULY: Total attendance for the respective Sundays in July were: **24, 31 and 31** attendees (no CTK service on 7/4).

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST:

August 1st - NO WORSHIP AT CTK

August 8th @ 10:15 am Worship via CTK Zoom, Sermon by **Jim Sepeda** (THANK YOU!)

August 15th @ 10:15 am Worship via CTK Zoom, Sermon by **Pastor Tia**

Sanctuary & Office Repairs

We are sooooooooooooo close to completion!

The last two weeks have seen significant progress including preparing for carpets in the library, the hallway, the music office, the counter's office and the Pastor's office. Vinyl planks will be in the Sacristy, the main office, the printer/copier room, and the janitorial closet. The carpet in the Sanctuary was substantially completed a week and a half ago – they need to finish risers and baseboards. The ceilings are finished now that the mechanical work has been completed, and most of the electrical work. Bookshelves have been installed in three of the offices (Pastor's, music, and counter's). Exterior painting has been done. Finished carpentry is near completion.

There is still miscellaneous work to be done in addition to the flooring: minor plumbing (janitorial and sacristy sinks), completion of electrical, and other tasks – all should be complete by the end of the month.

The most significant outstanding item continues to be cabinetry for the Sacristy and the Printer/Storage room adjacent to the office: all cabinets and shelving for these two rooms were destroyed in the fire and are in the process of being custom designed and made. The Altar Guild will be sorting through vestments and linens that have been stored in the contractor's container units this week. I do not yet have an anticipated date of completion and installation but we are hoping this should not delay occupancy of the sanctuary.

I will keep you posted – stay tuned... if you have questions, please contact me. - *Peggy Claassen*





Most significant changes these past two weeks in addition to carpeting of the Sanctuary: entry door, hallway, office, counter's room, music office.

Pastor's Office - 2 views:



IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Eli Adams, Austin Alaniz, Rose Archibald, Dennis Ash, Roxie Banks, **Dianne Burns**, Ruth Carpizo, Judy Castro, Randy and Sheila Cooper, Hank Cote, **Ellie David (Peggy Claassen's sister-in-law)**, Roger Fajman, Gary Gardner, Hank & Sylvia Hanson, Renee Johnson, Fred Kemp, Jan Kerbel, Don D. Ketcham III, Bob Lawrence, Christi Loveland, Jacob Montoya, Clare Nielsen, Stan Mieras, Doug Sepeda, **Mark Sullivan (Peggy Claassen's brother)**, Betty Wargo and Richard Wightman.

AUGUST: BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

08/14 Jan Holbrook
08/21 Joan Noland
08/24 Judy Castro

08/14 Gail & John Nelson (55)
08/17 Pastor Tia & Phillip Pelz (14)
08/26 Barbara & Joe Allen (60)

2021 CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Jim Sepeda, President
Peggy Claassen, Vice-President
Patricia Bauer, Secretary
Jay Graham, Treasurer
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Dana Brambley, *Church Secretary/Office Administrator*
Christina Bauer, *Webmaster/Designer*

CTK OFFICE HOURS:

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
ctkfremont.squarespace

Jesus & Justice Collective Church Partnerships

Hi Jesus & Justice Collective!

We hope this e-mail finds you well and that you have had some summer rest.

We are looking forward to seeing you **August 9th on Zoom.**

Topic: Joint Church Meeting About Racial Reconciliation (#3)
Time: Aug 9, 2021 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83205876651?pwd=Ym10bVBvRVhsZ0drdFIUU0JQVFI1UT09>

Meeting ID: 832 0587 6651 Passcode: 732468

At this meeting we will:

- **Pick a date for all of the monthly meetings (starting in Sept. at Bridges)**
- **Review and finalize the [survey](#) and the [Mission Statement](#)**
- **Establish a method for distributing and tracking responses**
- **Discuss event logistics**
- **Develop a timeline with action items**

We will make a list of the feedback received thus far and address other concerns on the call.

****Please bring your church's dates of availability to the meeting, thank you!****

We are so honored to be working with you to bring this initiative together and know that the Lord will be faithful in granting us success!

Thanks,
Jessica, Carolyn, Debbie, Dick, and Benita
The Jesus & Justice Collective @ Bridges Community Church

[Jesus & Justice Collective Joint Education Initiative Folder](#),
includes our last [church partnership discussion meeting recording](#) and [meeting notes](#).

We believe firmly that the universal church can (and should) lead the way toward encouraging others to love all people - just as God designed - and to be active participants in the fight against injustice and hate.
