

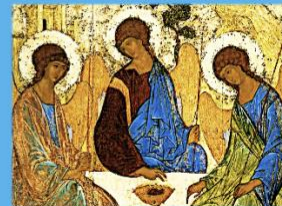


TABLE TALK

MAY 2024

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President's Corner

Webster's defines the term "discernment" as the quality of being able to [grasp](#) and comprehend what is [obscure](#). Synonyms include [insight](#), [perceptiveness](#), [wisdom](#).

Discernment refers to the ability to recognize small details, accurately differentiate between similar things, and make intelligent judgments based on keen observations. It involves perceiving or comprehending what might be obscure or less evident. In Christian contexts it is perception in the absence of judgment with a view to obtaining spiritual guidance and understanding:

[First Thessalonians 5:21-22](#) teaches that it is the responsibility of every Christian to be discerning: "But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil." The apostle John issues a similar warning when he says, "Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world" ([1 John 4:1](#)).

When congregations enter into a call they are first asked to discern the purpose and values they espouse and the future direction of their ministry to find a match with a prospective pastor. It is a period of self-awareness and self-reflection. In many ways CTK has been in a process of discernment since Pastor Warren left us. We went through a call process with Pastor Ray's help as our interim; we barely got to know Pastor Tia when she was called away; and we continue that process today led by Pastor Ray and our Ad Hoc Committee.

Healthy individuals and organizations continue to grow and expand their capabilities by questioning their current situation and the world around them, the skills and abilities they have and the needs they can meet. It is a requirement to growth.

The Ad Hoc Committee is meeting next month with the leadership of Holy Trinity so we can begin together to discern the direction of the ELCA in the Tri-City area. If you have thoughts to share please reach out to any of the members of the committee: Pastor Ray, Kris Adams, Joe Allen, Alan and Peggy Claassen, Pat Cote, and myself.

Yours in Christ,

Jim Sepeda

510-206-6351

New Book for Book Club

Come join our book club, Thursdays at 10 am on CTK Zoom. Our new selection is *A Faith of Many Rooms: Inhabiting a More Spacious Christianity* by Debi Thomas.

This is a new book, just out this spring. The author's writing style is engaging and relatable while providing new and compelling ways to expand our faith that has lost its relevance to many that see the church as outdated and too confining for our society today.

We read small portions at a time and spend time sharing our reactions to the chapters we read. We also find time for keeping up with what is on our hearts about our family and friends. Gail Queenan and Patricia Bauer are able to join us from afar.

The book is available from Barnes and Noble and Amazon (kindle and hardcopy). Not yet available in the Fremont library.

Please feel welcome to drop in and give the book club a listen to see what it's like. The Zoom link is the same for services online.

Bunny Dubel



Panera Fundraiser for Backpacks



On Tuesday, May 7, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. we will have a fundraiser for our Backpack Project at the Panera, 2650 Mowry Ave., Fremont 94538 location. We will receive 25% of the value of our food orders (if we meet \$150 minimum in orders) which will be used to purchase backpacks and school supplies for tri-city children in need. If you order **online** at www.panerabread.com or the **Panera App**, you must enter code **FUND4U** at checkout so that CTK will get the funds. **Show the attached flyer or a digital version** to the cashier when ordering at the café to ensure that CTK gets a portion of the proceeds.

Please share this information with friends and neighbors and enjoy dinner at Panera!

If you have any questions, contact Bonnie at immeker@comcast.net or (510) 657-0910.

Bonnie Immeker, Social Ministry Committee



Spring Concert at CTK!

Mission Peak Chamber Singers and the East Bay People's Choir return to CTK Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 7:30 pm for their spring concert.

Join the Mission Peak Choirs for a light-filled evening featuring Elaine Hagenberg's exquisite choral masterpiece, *Illuminare*, as well as Moroccan guest artist Fattah Abbou, as he joins both Mission Peak choirs with songs from his homeland of love, longing, and life. You don't want to miss this light-filled concert that will leave all inspired and heartened through song.

Tickets are available on the MPCS website, chambersingers.org, and at the door. Prices are \$15 to \$45.

The *Illuminare* concert flyer is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Alan Claassen



Safe Parking at CTK in June

Safe Parking will be at Christ the King for the month of June, led by the CTK Stewardship Committee. June will be two years to the month since CTK first hosted Safe Parking. The most recent time was in January. The City of Fremont recently reported that the program served 51 individuals in 2023. If you are interested in helping with participant check-in for an hour some evenings or check-out for an hour some mornings, please contact Alan. The volunteers also help make drinks and snacks available. The Stewardship Committee uses your donations to provide the participants with gift cards for gas or other items. Donations may be made by check to CTK or on CTK's website by selecting "Give to Safe Parking". Your prayers for the participants and program are appreciated. Thank you.

Alan Claassen



UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CTK BOOK CLUB: The CTK Book Club meets every Thursday at 10am on Zoom. All are welcome. Our new book is *A Faith of Many Rooms: Inhabiting a More Spacious Christianity* by Debi Thomas. We read her previous book, *Into the Mess, And Other Jesus Stories* and were very uplifted by it.

CTK COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, May 14th at 7:15 pm via CTK Zoom.

LUNCH BUNCH: Wednesday, May 8th, Lunch Bunch will meet at 1pm at Smoking Pig BBQ, 3340 Mowry Ave. Fremont. All are welcome; feel free to invite your friends. Plan for at least a 2-hour lunch, as it takes more time with a group. If possible, please bring

cash as separate checks are not always doable. Cost will be your order plus tax and tip. Please RSVP to Bonnie Immeker: (510) 378-1860; immeker@comcast.net.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING: Wednesday, May 1st, at 10am via CTK Zoom.

SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING: Monday, May 20th, at 6pm via CTK Zoom.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, May 13th, at 7pm via CTK Zoom.

TRI-CITY VOLUNTEERS FOOD BANK: Donations may be dropped off Monday to Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 37350 Joseph Street, Fremont.

Urgently needed items:

- Bottled Water (16.9 oz. or Smaller)
- Individually Wrapped Beef Sticks/Jerky
- Canned Goods and Packaged Foods (No dented cans and no items past their expiration date)
- Fresh Fruits and Vegetables from your Garden

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, May 6th at 7pm via CTK Zoom.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY:

5/5	6 th	Sunday of Easter	Rev. David Bowman
5/12	7 th	Sunday of Easter	Rev. Ray Waespi
5/19		Day of Pentecost	Rev. Ray Waespi
5/26		The Holy Trinity	Rev. Ray Waespi

Reminder about e-mail addresses and your contact list

Remember to double check the email address of any mail you want to send. You may have deleted or changed an e-mail address in your Contacts List but old e-mail addresses can still pop up when you are sending e-mails. If you want to verify a CTK member's address, please contact Dana.

2024 CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Jim Sepeda, *President*
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Dana Brambley, *Office Administrator/Table Talk Editor*
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Panera Fundraiser May 7th 2024 Backpack Project
2. Mission Peak Chamber Singers Concert May 18th at CTK
3. Jesus & Justice Collective May 19th Seminar at CTK.

Panera
FUNDRAISING

Help support us!

BACKPACK PROJECT - CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

25%
**OF SALES
WILL BE
DONATED**

**May 7, 2024
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm PDT
2650 Mowry Avenue, Fremont, CA**

**Use code FUND4U at online checkout, in the Panera App, or at
the kiosk in-cafe.***

Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe or enter the promo code FUND4U at checkout on Panerabread.com or the Panera App to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.** Learn more at fundraising.panerabread.com

*Gift card and catering order placed on Panerabread.com, and delivery orders placed through third-party sites are excluded and will not count towards the event. Other restrictions apply. For complete details, visit: <http://fundraising.panerabread.com/terms-conditions/>. **Services vary by café.

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ILLUMINARE

May 18th at 7.30pm
Pre-Concert Talk at 6.45pm



Featuring Hagenberg's *Illuminare*
&
Moroccan guest artist Fattah Abbou



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tickets here!



ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

JESUS & JUSTICE COLLECTIVE
PRESENTS A SEMINAR ON

STOP AAPI HATE & GROWTH FROM TRAUMA

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2-4 PM

LOCATION: CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
1301 MOWRY AVENUE, FREMONT, CA 94538

Join us to honor and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of AAPI communities. We will delve into important conversations about AAPI trauma and resilience, convey firsthand perspectives on navigating adversity, and discover lessons about post-traumatic growth.

Register at: shorturl.at/vPQX9



Guest speakers: Pastor Brian Hui of LSCC East Bay and Dr. Russell Jeung, Asian American sociologist at SF State & co-founder of "Stop AAPI Hate."



More info at JesusAndJusticeCollective.org