

TABLE TALK

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Saints!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The other day someone approached me after our worship service and said: "Pastor, I think it's time to reintroduce the passing of the peace again." It's one of the liturgical elements that was omitted when the pandemic hit at first. On Zoom we then adapted it into breakout-rooms where people shared about a question. Those 6 minutes every Sunday helped us build and strengthen relationships within our community and nurtured a sense of belonging.

Now, we are back in the sanctuary, with the majority joining us in-person and a stable number watching via Zoom. Breakout-rooms aren't a good option anymore. So, the sharing of the peace should be back, right? Which made me revisit why we do it in the first place. And no, it's not to check-in with each other and to share the latest news on your kids and grandkids. Even though, that's important, too. The sign of peace is not simply a public, large breakout-room where people observe closely whom the pastor and greets. And whom not. Where we learn about

each other's health, sorrows and happiness. It's not an in-church coffee-hour before we get together for the wine. It's not about fellowship even. So, what is it about?



Within the liturgy it's located somewhere after the prayer of the people and before sharing bread and wine at the table of the Lord. It's an act of reconciliation after we heard about the example of Jesus Christ and the saints and before we share the body and blood of Christ as the body of Christ. It's an act of feeding our souls through reconciliation and eye-contact. Knowing that it's not our own peace we offer. But God's.

"So, when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:23-24)

Right, so, it's not about shaking hands or bumping elbows with everyone in church. It's about looking the people in the eye that you might hold a grudge against. The one that you aren't sure is doing God's work in this world exactly how you would like it to be done. The one you haven't talked to for a while. The one you might overlook at times.

And, it's the greeting the risen Christ used to say "Hi" to his friends and make sure they got an idea of who he was. Especially, when he didn't knock at the door and just stood in the middle of the room. And said: "Peace be with you." (John 20,19) Imagine a world, where that was the way to acknowledge and greet each other.

Dear Saints, Peace be with you during this Easter Season! Peace be with our world!

Blessings,

PASTOR TIA!

CURRENCY OF TIME AND PLACE

Stewardship has been primarily focused on launching the Safe Parking program at CTK. The hours for our guests to check in and out have been established to accommodate Kidango drop off in the morning. Guests may check in between 6:00 and 8:00 PM in the evenings. In the morning, guests must check out by 6:45 so that the parking lot is clear for Kidango parents. We are still hoping for more help with hospitality, especially in the mornings. It would be nice to be able to offer a cup of coffee and a bagel or breakfast bar to our guests before they leave for the day. If you'd like to help provide something, please contact Dana in the church office.

In keeping with the currency of time and place, CTK will be the site for a performance of the Mission Peak Chamber Singers on June 18 at 7:30. Our Safe parking guests will be checking in at 10:30 that evening but can stay until 8:30 Sunday morning. Maybe someone will want to stay for church!

SAFE PARKING UPDATES

Alan, Jim and pastor Tia have been finalizing the MOU and a liability waiver for CTK to be signed by the participants of the program. Both happened in collaboration with the City of Fremont and our lawyer Fred. Council approved both documents and authorized our president Jim to sign them on behalf of CTK.

Meanwhile, we attend bi-weekly Zoom calls with representatives from the City of Fremont and from other participating churches. It's a great community offering support and insights and help! Cam Bauer started

spearheading a group inviting neighbors to join our hospitality efforts during the month of June, when we will potentially be hosting.

It's amazing to see so many of us rally around this work.

On April 26th and May 25th we hosted a zoom call with **neighbors** who had expressed interest in supporting the program in different ways. Seven joined us in April!! It was a great, productive, mutually respectful meeting. God's at work! Now, we are trying to work out **hospitality** efforts. What we learned from the other host sites is that there are 3 main needs: gas cards, Target cards and time to connect as people. If you are willing to give your time and/ or gift cards, please let Cam Bauer or pastor Tia know. **Gift cards** can be dropped off at the office as well.

For the month of June we will be hosting unhoused neighbors and we are most excited to do so! A huge shoutout to Alan, Jim, Bunny and Cam for helping coordinate the work. And to our volunteers Kris and Steve, Linda, Debbie, Janet, Lin (Holy Redeemer), Rene and Neal (Holy Trinity) and Jason. If YOU want to provide hospitality or help in other ways, please let Cam or pastor Tia know.

Pastor Tia

PANERA FUNDRAISER FOR BACKPACKS

On Tuesday, June 28, from 4PM to 8PM we will have a fundraiser for our Backpack Project at the Panera store at 2650 Mowry Ave., Fremont, 94538. We will receive 20% of the value of our food orders (if we meet \$100 minimum) which will be used to purchase backpacks and school supplies for tri-city children in need. If you order online at www.panerabread.com you must enter code FUND4U at checkout so that CTK will get the funds. You can also bring the **attached flyer** or show 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.

FLOWER ARRANGING REQUEST

Due to the lack of volunteers to help with altar flowers, changes need to be made. Instead of weekly blooming fresh arrangements, plants or something at the arrangers discretion can be chosen and hopefully will last for the month. The plants will not be delivered to our shut-ins. Hopefully, in the future we will not have to use artificial plants.

Church members can still sponsor the plants in honor or memory of someone using the envelopes and designating the person & month—since we are doing the arrangement monthly, two or more sponsors per month. The donation would be \$35. each.

Arranger may present the bill for plants to the treasurer for reimbursement.

This plan is a trial. Should more people wish to help out, changes can be made.

Myrna Stephenson

Chairperson

CHOIR CONCERT AT CTK

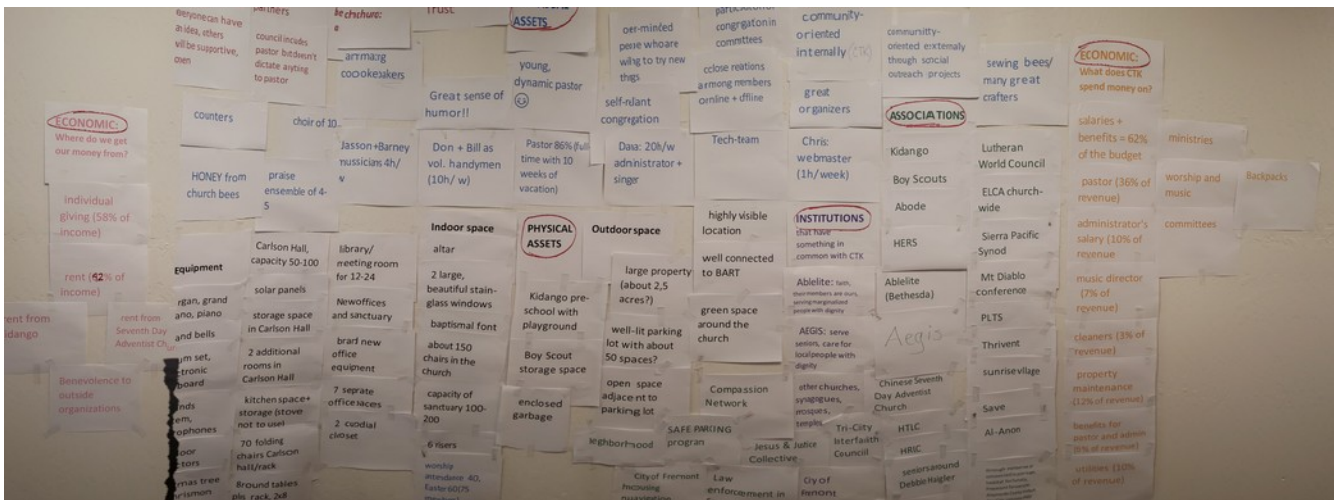
We are pleased to announce that CTK will be one of two musical venues for an upcoming concert to honor the many people who have had to leave their homes because of conflict, especially those in Ukraine, Venezuela and Colombia. Performances will be June 18th, 7:30PM, at CTK and June 19th, 7:30PM, at First Presbyterian Church of Livermore by a combined chorus of the *Mission Peak Chamber Singers* and the *East Bay People's Choir*. See the attached flyer for more information.

Celebration of life for Dennis Ash

On May 21st, we had a wonderful celebration of Dennis with his many friends, caretakers and brother. Memories were shared and tears shed over a beautiful life that we still miss dearly. There were members from a catholic church and an episcopal church present as well as from CTK, because Dennis loved church so much, he attended several throughout the week! Rest in peace, Dennis, and keep winning those tic-tac-toe games!

ACTS for Vitality

As many of you heard at church on Sunday, April 24th, we have been mapping our assets. It's our current homework (!) and with a former teacher on our team, we are rather good at following through. We mapped our physical assets as well as our people power, our connections to other organizations and our economical assets. These are all taped to the wall at church now, please check them out. And if there is anything missing, grab a pen and write it down, please.



Why are we doing this? Don't we know all of this anyway? Well, yes, maybe. And, it's good to truly visualize what we have. To see what we might be able to offer to our community and where we might need help. To see how our assets correlate with the ones from our sister churches and how can be stronger and more effective in proclaiming, being and living God's Word.

Obviously, we are just a small group of 4 in our CTK Acts team: Joe, Jim, Kris and pastor Tia. We cannot do this work alone or for you. What we can do is be the scouts for you. Exploring new ideas and areas. Yet, in the end, you all will have to walk along with us. That's what church is about. It will be easier if you stay updated as much as possible. We promise to try our best in providing you with as much information as we have (and you want to spend time thinking about)!

BACKPACKS are Back

We will again provide backpacks filled with school supplies for children in need in our tri-city area. This year we plan to partner with Connecting for Education, a nonprofit started by five juniors from three high schools in Fremont. Last year we contributed 60 backpacks to their group. We will need to fill backpacks by mid-July to be distributed to students before school starts. Donations can be made on our CTK website by indicating your donation is for "Backpacks for kids in Tri-City." If you write a check or make a cash donation, please be sure to mark it for "Backpacks."

Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Immecker.

In our Thoughts and Prayers

Austin Alaniz, Rose Archibald, Judy Castro, Sheila Cooper and the Cooper family, Ellie David, Roger Fajman, Gary Gardner, Paul Gerboth, Debbie Haigler, Hank & Sylvia Hanson, Renee Johnson, Fred Kemp, Jan Kerbel, Don D. Ketcham III, Bob Lawrence, Christi Loveland, Gail & John Nelson, Chris O'Halloran, Emma Kate Rinker, Angelica Ruiz, Marge Sanford (friend of Debbie Ward), Doug Sepeda, Jeremy Strain (Pat Cote's nephew) and his family, **Barney and Jason Tiller**, Mark Sullivan, Debbie Ward, Betty Wargo

May/June Anniversaries

Debbie and Douglas Ward, May 9th (35)

Nikki and Jack Jackson, May 11th (60)

Mimi and Cam Bauer, May 14th (28)

Linda and Robert Paschal, June 3rd (44)

Rebecca and Don Schaffer, June 9th (32)

Roseanne and Bob Lawrence, June 13th (52)

Peggy and Alan Claassen, June 17th (44)

Debbie and Michael Pollak, June 21st (42)

Linda and Terry Pearson, June 27th (52)

Melinda and Bob Kufeld, June 28th (42)

May/June Birthdays

Kris Adams	May 5 th	Cynthia Pollak	May 13 th
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Terry Pearson	May 23 rd	Robert Virgilio	May 23 rd
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Barbara Allen	May 26 th	Debbie Ward	May 26 th
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Wendy Wolfe Vis	May 26 th	Thomas Curfman	May 28 th
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Melinda Kufeld	June 3 rd	Bonnie Immeker	June 11 th
Elena Bryant	June 15 th	Jason Tiller	June 15 th
Doug Ward	June 28 th		

Other Upcoming Events / Announcements

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING Wednesday, June 1st at 10AM via CTK Zoom.

FAREWELL TO PASTOR TIA June 19th will be my last Sunday with you all. I hope to see many of you there to hug or "wing" you and to say **thank you** for the wonderful time I had being your pastor.

SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING Monday, June 20th, at 6PM via CTK Zoom

JESUS AND JUSTICE COLLECTIVE After a year of work and events, the group is working out next steps and will be back with events in the fall.

LUNCH BUNCH Wednesday, June 14th @ 1PM. We will be celebrating Bonnie and Jason this month at B J'S Brewhouse at 5699 Mowry Ave., Newark, 94560. Seating will be indoors. Separate checks will probably be allowed, but best to bring cash if not. Please come even if you have not come before, we are friendly and won't bite. Chocolate cake will be on the menu! Call Bunny Dubel for RSVP (cell: 510-366-4069).

TRI-CITY VOLUNTEERS FOOD BANK Tuesday – Friday, 9:30AM to 3PM drop-off times @ 37350 Joseph Street, Fremont, for 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)
- **No frozen food**
- Brown Paper Grocery Bags used for food distribution

CTK BOOK CLUB via Zoom Thursdays, 10-11AM. We will be starting our new book A Year of Biblical Womanhood: How a Liberated Woman Found Herself Sitting on Her Roof, Covering Her Head, and Calling Her Husband 'Master' by Rachel Held Evans in June. It's an entertaining, provocative and thoughtful view on what a "biblical woman" is. Please join us for this summer read! If you need financial help getting the book, please reach out to Dana or Pastor.

Reminder about e-mail addresses and your contacts list

Remember to double check the e-mail 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.

Please Note: Mimi Bauer's e-mail address is: cmbauer97@gmail.com

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Attachments:

1. *panera_fundraiser_flyer_june_2022.pdf*
2. *choir_concert_flyer.pdf*


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Sid Quinsaas
Janet Holmes,
Conductors

FAURÉ REQUIEM

CAROLINE SHAW ~ CARLOS CORDERO ~ JOHN DENVER

June 18, 2022 at 7:30pm

Christ the King Lutheran Church
1301 Mowry Ave
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June 19, 2022 at 4:00pm

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