

TABLE TALK

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Saints of CTK,

I need to give you two updates:

First, the Call Committee, with the help of Synod staff and Bishop Claire Burkat, is narrowing down our search for an interim pastor. We should have an announcement on that appointment soon.

Second, the Worship & Music Committee has decided that it would be best for us to partner with our sister churches, Holy Redeemer and Holy Trinity, for Reformation Sunday, October 30th. Therefore, CTK will be closed that day and we would urge you to attend services with one of our two other local ELCA congregations, either in person or virtually.

Yours in Christ,

Jim Sepeda

Council President

BOOK CLUB UPDATE

In September, CTK Book Club began reading [Into the Mess and Other Jesus Stories: Reflections on the Life of Christ](#) by Debie Thomas. The book is a collection of essays that explores the life and teachings of Jesus. I became acquainted with her essays about faith via a Webzine (online magazine) *Journey with Jesus: A Weekly Webzine for the Global Church*. I appreciated her observations about scripture and her honesty about her

own faith struggles. I was delighted to discover that she had written a book and recommended it to our book club. So began our journey.

As a result of members' enthusiasm about the book and a suggestion from a member, I contacted Debie Thomas to see if she would join us at one of our meetings. Debie participated in our conversation at the end of September. How lucky were we! Debie is real people - delightful, intelligent, warm, open, honest, and enthusiastic about her faith.

A quote from the author Debie Thomas, "I love writing about faith as an explorer, a believer, a doubter, and a wonderer. I write because faith is hard, and because "living the questions" as deeply as I can gives me hope. I pray that my journey gives others permission to wrestle with the questions, too."

All are welcome to join us at any time. We meet Thursdays, on CTK Zoom from 10:00-11:00am. If you need assistance in purchasing the book, please contact me or Dana in the office. CTK is here to help.

Patricia Bauer

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ADVENT WREATHMAKING RETURNS



An Invitation to an Advent Season Fellowship
Join us for Friendship, Music & Carols, Cookies & Beverage

**Pick up your Advent Devotional
provided by the CTK Stewardship Committee**

**Advent Wreath Making,
bring your own greens**

***Pre-registration required
via CTK website***

**Christ the King, Carlson Hall
Sunday, Nov. 27 at 2pm**

***To protect each other,
please wear a mask.***

November 27 is the first Sunday in Advent, which means we will be making fresh green Advent wreaths. If you wish to participate, please contact Kris Adams, kresl@comcast.net or text (510)468-8709 by the end of October so that all the materials can be ordered. You should sign up via this [online form](#) to reserve materials. Cost will be \$15.

FALL IS IN THE AIR

This lovely picture was provided by Bonnie Immecker to accompany the Lunch Bunch announcement. Enjoy!



Potluck! Potluck! Potluck!

It's time to fend off the "Brr - it gets dark so **early!**" doldrums with our favorite Lutheran pastime – eating together! Debbie Pollak and Kris Adams are organizing "chilly/chili" (get it?) themed event on Wednesday, December 7th @ 6:30PM in Carlsen Hall; please see their attached flyer for more info and how you can contribute.

Abode Cards and Calendars

Abode would appreciate any spare calendars and greeting cards you have. Residents of Sunrise Village Shelter and other Abode Housing sites enjoy being able to give a card to their family and friends. You may leave your items on the table in the narthex or give them to me.

Thank you!

Bonnie Immeker

Prayers for Those Serving in Our Military

Ian Immeker, undergoing basic training in Fort Jackson, South Carolina

In our Thoughts and Prayers

Renee Johnson, Jan Kerbel, Bob Lawrence, Gail & John Nelson, Chris O'Halloran, Emma Kate Rinker, Angelica Ruiz, Marge Sanford (friend of Debbie Ward), Doug Sepeda, Mark Sullivan, Barney & Jason Tiller, Debbie Ward

October Birthdays

Mary Lee Tripi	October 3 rd	Mimi Bauer	October 6 th
Christy Bauer	October 17 th	Linda Pearson	October 26 th
Bob Lawrence	October 28 th	Jim Sepeda	October 30 th

Other Upcoming Events / Announcements

JESUS AND JUSTIC COLLECTIVE Presents “Radical Inclusivity” with Mark Charles on Sunday, Nov. 13th via Zoom. See the attachment for more information.

ADOPT AN ANGEL Adopt an Angel tags are available from Pat Cote (patcoterealtor@gmail.com, 510-928-1317) and arrive at the end of October.

TREE DECORATING CTK tree decorating will be 9:30 am Dec. 3rd and take down will be Jan 1, 2023 following the service that Sunday.

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 Into the Mess and Other Jesus Stories: Reflections on the Life of Christ. If you need financial help getting the book, please reach out to Dana or Patricia.

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.

2022 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL CTK STAFF

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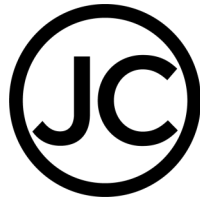
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Attachments:

1. Potluck Signup Sheet
2. Jesus & Justic Collective Presents Radical Inclusivity



**JESUS & JUSTICE
COLLECTIVE**

Presents...

Radical Inclusivity

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH | 2:00 PM | ZOOM



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We are excited to welcome back

MARK CHARLES

to discuss the Bible, Jesus and inclusion.

**CLICK HERE TO
REGISTER!**