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Sunday Services 8:30 & 10:30 am • Children's Church 10:30 am



General Assembly Lunch & Learn

Sunday, August 24, 12:00-2:00 PM

Presentation and Conversation

Pizza Provided or BYO Sack Lunch



Are you curious about the topics and events at this year's Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Assembly? After the 10:30 AM worship service on August 24th, join us for an informal get-together in the Fellowship Hall to see photos and hear some highlights of that event from Pastors Michelle and Matt. There will also be time to learn more about the [2025 Resolutions](#), the process for their development, and to get curious about them within our church community.

Pizza will be available, but please feel free to bring your own lunch. Personal lunches may be stored in the kitchen refrigerator during Sunday school and worship. (Please put your name on your bag.)

18th Annual SUMMERFEST

Redeemer Lutheran Church
4663 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem

Sunday, August 10, from 12:00 pm – 4:30 pm

FUN & FELLOWSHIP

This event is FREE and includes:

Family Fun • Music • Hot Dogs, Chips & Water

Children's Activities:

Fish Pond, Face Painting, Bounce House, Crafts,
Water Slide (elementary children only - bring bathing
suit and towel)

Join us for this special afternoon of fun and
fellowship!

All activities will be outdoors. Invite your friends.

Let's get to know one another!

(Please leave your pets at home.)

LIVE MUSIC PROGRAM

12:00 pm "Twisty the Great" Balloon Animals

**1:00 pm "AMPT" Salem First Christian Church
Praise Team**

2:00 pm "Melissa Espindola Terrall" Pianist from
Salem Alliance Church

3:00 pm "Michael Tourtellotte" Emmanuel
Bible Church

4:00 pm "The Redeemed" Redeemer Lutheran Church
Music Team

... where love leads community

Pastor's Message from Co-Senior Minister, Michelle Harris-Gloyer

This week, I'm praying for our Disciples Youth Camp at Suttle Lake—for the middle school and high school youth, the grown-ups (including Pastor Matt), and for the Holy Spirit's movement as they live life together for a few days. I'm also pondering how we (all ages) learn and grow in faith communities. In these areas of reflection, I offer a guest meditation. This message comes from a Catholic priest, Richard Rohr, who illustrates how Jesus' wisdom differs from intellectual knowledge. Enjoy—

-Pastor Michelle



“Suppose a couple superstars of knowledge visit your house. With multiple PhDs, they sit at your supper table each evening dispensing information about nuclear physics, cyberspace, string theory, and psychoneuroimmunology, giving ultimate answers to every question you ask. They don't lead you through their thinking processes, however, or even involve you in it; they simply state the conclusions they've reached.

“We might find their conclusions interesting and even helpful, but the way they relate to us won't set us free, empower us, or make us feel good about ourselves. Their wisdom will not liberate us, nor invite us to growth and life; indeed, it will in the end make us feel inferior and dependent. That's exactly how we have treated Jesus. We have treated him like a person with numerous PhDs coming to tell us his conclusions.

“This is not the path to wisdom nor is it how Jesus shared his wisdom with those who wanted to learn from him. Rather, Jesus teaches his disciples through his lifestyle, a kind of “seminary of life.” He takes them with him (Mark 1:16–20) and watching him, they learn the cycle and rhythm of his life, as he moves from prayer and solitude to teaching and service in community. As Cynthia Bourgeault explains, Jesus taught as a moshel moshelim, or a

teacher of wisdom. [1] He doesn't teach his disciples mere conceptual information as we do[...] Rather, he introduces them to a lifestyle and the only way he can do that is to invite them to live with him. He invites us to do the same (see John 1:39).

“But the crowds got to know where he had gone and they went after him. He made them welcome and he talked to them about the kingdom of God and he cured those who were in need of healing’ (Luke 9:11). Can't you just imagine the apostles standing at Jesus' side, watching him, noticing how he does things: how he talks to people, how he waits, how he listens, how he's patient, how

**“To understand the world,
knowledge is not enough,
you must see it, touch it, live
in its presence.”**

Teilhard de Chardin,
Hymn of the Universe

he depends upon God, how he takes time for prayer, how he doesn't respond cynically or bitterly, but trustfully and yet truthfully? Can you imagine a more powerful way to learn?

“Luke tells us that Jesus walked the journey of faith just as you and I do. That's the compelling message of the various dramas where Jesus needed faith—during his temptation in the desert, during his debates with his adversaries, in the garden of Gethsemane, and on the cross. We like to imagine that Jesus did not doubt or ever question God's love. The much greater message is that in his humanity, he did flinch, did ask questions, did have doubts—and still remained faithful. This is the path of wisdom.”

Adapted from Richard Rohr, *What the Mystics Know: Seven Pathways to Your Deeper Self* (Crossroad Publishing, 2015), 14, 108–109, 118.

Reference

[1] Cynthia Bourgeault, [The Wisdom Jesus: Transforming Heart and Mind—a New Perspective on Christ and His Message](#) (Shambhala, 2008), 23.



August 7-20

Gene Pilcher	August 7
Annie Gunia	August 11
Betty Charnholm	August 18
Logan Prater	August 19
Lu Kay	August 20

The Church Scroll POSTAGE

Each year the Post Office requires that we ask you to make a “subscription” contribution for the Scroll. We’re asking a minimum of \$5. Thank you.



Coffee Fellowship

Got a smile? And maybe a cookie? We are in need of Coffee Fellowship hosts and hostesses for the following Sundays: August 31, October 12 and 19. If you have not yet served, give it a try. If you have, how about serving again? This is fine fellowship, folks, and it is a simple and effective way to serve on Sunday mornings.

Call Virginia Krebs for particulars (503) 375-2821.

Worship Attendance

July 27	in-person	online
8:30.....	16	
10:30.....	76	140
August 3	in-person	online
8:30.....	20	
10:30.....	97	120

Prayers For...

Leslie Carlisle, bladder infection and pancreatic cancer

Nancy Jull, healing of shoulder surgery

Jonna Lee Neff, heart issues

Gene Pilcher, at Sweet Bye-N-Bye—Coral Ave

Duane Setness, health concerns

Mike Stebbins, healing for heart and vision

Terry Witter, healing from kidney stone surgery

August 10 Flowers

*Courtesy of
Penny Blackwell in memory of
her husband Jim’s birthday.*



Condolences

Our prayers for comfort, peace and sympathies go out to the families in the congregation and their extended families who have lost ones recently.

Christy Knox’s brother, **Denny Barnes**, passed away on July 22.

Sister-in-law of Dolores Vance, **Carol**, passed away on July 24.



NEW Evening Bible Study

We recognize that there is a need for more evening activities and Bible studies to accommodate those among us who have day jobs and who are unable to participate in daytime-offered activities or Bible studies. We are starting an evening inductive Bible study this fall. Leanne Griffin will be leading this group study, and she is looking for someone to co-lead with her.

Please contact Leanne if you feel led to share God’s love through the study of His Word along with her. Call 503-400-0936 or email: grifgriffin@live.com.



Join our School Supply Drive to benefit Family Building Blocks

Family Building Blocks, a local non-profit organization, is providing specialized prevention services at no cost to families facing overwhelming life circumstances. Therapeutic classrooms for children is just one of the important services they offer. A therapeutic classroom provides a safe, nurturing environment to support healthy development and healing from trauma for children ages six weeks to five years. This year, our school-supply drive will focus on helping them receive the items they need for success!

Please drop off items on the table in the Narthex by August 31. Monetary donations to purchase supplies are also accepted and appreciated.

Thank you for helping us take care of our community! We are the hands and feet of Jesus.

The Serving Ministry Team



Special Visiting "Angels"

Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, August 3, was blessed with special guests when Debbie Hegr's "Earthly Angels" came to visit. They are Leslie Rizer's dear friends, from Texas, who have devoted themselves to Debbie Hegr while she recovers. They spent the weekend with Steve and Marilyn Fine's daughters, Erin Shaw and Jamie Vandecoevering. Their picture was taken in the pew Debbie occupied for years.

General Assembly - On A Personal Note...

In the last issue of The Church Scroll, we shared "Highlights and Reflection" of our experiences during the 2025 General Assembly in Memphis, TN. Below are highlights of our family adventure time.

Matt and Kaiden enjoyed the Bass Pro Shop's "The Pyramid" in Memphis, TN, which is one of the top ten largest pyramids in the world. They had a blast watching hundreds of species of fish in the Cypress Swamp and Aquariums, including enormous lake sturgeon that, at first glance, looked like dinosaurs. In addition, they enjoyed growling with the bear (see photo), counting alligators (eight), gazing at dozens of stuffed ducks "flying" overhead and riding the tallest, free-standing elevator in the United States! Matt said, "As we walked around marveling, we talked about the beauty of God's creation and how it is our job to take care of the earth and all creatures."



Pastor Matt, with the storytelling cohort of the Proclamation Project, a Lilly Foundation funded initiative with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to enhance preachers' storytelling in the preaching context.

"I am grateful for some new preaching tools. Furthermore, I have been blessed with several new 'holy friendships'."

~Pastor Matt

Books and Backpacks for Children in Kenya

Nduta Nyoro-Cayton is collecting donations for school children to send to an operational centre located at Emanyonyi in Bunyore, Western Kenya. Collecting for male and female students, ages 6-16. Items may be used, in good condition, or new:

- Backpacks—Elementary to high school
- Books—Toddlers to high school (i.e., story books, drawing books, coloring books, chapter books, children's magazines, religious books, etc.) Please no text books.
- Crayons and Colored Pencils are welcome.

"The target is very poor children in a very rural area of Kenya. Some may actually never have seen crayons or colored pencils. I promise that they will get to them. You will be blessed to see their joyful, happy faces upon receipt of your donation."



Drop off donations at the church office by Sunday, September 14.

Gratefully, Nduta

If you are interested in applying for a Ministry Initiative please check out the forms and details in the Narthex.

CWF Kick-Off is Saturday, August 16, at Noon!

This is an invitation to ALL women of the church for our Christian Women's Fellowship Fall Kick-Off and Installation of Executive Officers and small group leaders for 2025-26. We will have a salad lunch on Saturday, August 16, at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is being provided by our four small groups.

The theme for this event is based on **Proverbs 16:24, "Kind words are like honey...sweet to the soul and healthy for the body."** There will be a short program which will include a skit, singing, and information about CWF events and small groups. As always, this will be an enlightening time of fun, fellowship, and food!

Christian Women's Fellowship is a group of smart, funny, creative, loving, God-centered, praying women who love to laugh, study the Bible, and serve God, each other, our church, and our community.

All-Church-Picnic!

**Fun! Food!
Fellowship!
Games!**



Sunday, August 17

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

River Road City Park in Keizer

Salem FCC will provide:

- Tents for Shade • Burgers • Hotdogs
- Cold Beverages • Tableware

Members, Family & Guests please bring:

- Side Dishes • Salads • Desserts • Lawn Chairs

Our mission is to develop a deeper understanding of Christ's love and salvation for ourselves and others and to provide channels of service to the church, community, and the world.

Come be a part of what CWF is all about!

~ Bambi Rux, President





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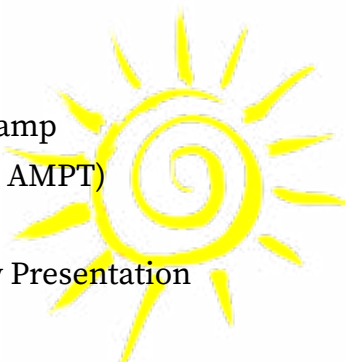
Summer Events Schedule

August 4-8: Youth Summer Camp

August 10: Summerfest (with AMPT)

August 17: All Church Picnic

August 24: General Assembly Presentation



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