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“Loving God, Loving Our
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The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Christ the King



*The original of this icon is in the church of Santa Maria Maddalena in Venice.
It was photographed by Jozef Sedmak and is licensed for St. George's use.*

The icon of Christ the King represents Jesus' powerful and yet gentle nature. The images in the four corners represent the gospel writers. The representation of Jesus as both the King and the Bringer of Peace is a duality that fits our modern understanding of Jesus.

Pastor Gail's Ponderings

Christ the King— Willing Subjects of the Kingdom

Christ the King Sunday is celebrated on the last Sunday of the season of Pentecost; this year it is on November 20. The next Sunday of the liturgical year is the First Sunday of Advent. Christ the King celebrates Christ's messianic kingship and sovereign rule over all creation. The Prayer Book collect for the last Sunday of the church year prays that God, "whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule" The feast was originally instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and celebrated on the last Sunday in October. It has been observed on the last Sunday before Advent since 1970.

Jesus talked about the kingdom of God more often than any other subject. He used various stories and images to communicate "the Kingdom of God's" beauty and value. Jesus told us that God's kingdom is within us, and at the same time all around us, and yet we still look forward to its full realization when Jesus comes again.

The idea of Jesus as king might seem dated, or too patriarchal, or it might clash with our view of Jesus as teacher, healer, prophet, and compassionate friend. But we all need the annual reminder that Jesus is the one to whom we bend in obedience and that his rule of love sometimes leads us in directions that we might not want to go.

A song from the Taizé Community describes the realm when Jesus rules:

The kingdom of God is justice and peace,
And joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us,
The gates of your kingdom.

Jesus changes the worldly vision of power and might into a gentle vision of justice and peace. We in the church work as co-creators of God's kingdom. We keep our confirmation promises in mind: "to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth." Placing our lives and our decision-making under the lordship of Jesus our King is not always easy. It is hard work and requires courage, openness, humility, and patient persistence. Yet our deepest partnership with Jesus our King happens when we do the work of God's kingdom.

The Gospel writer Luke tells us in his Passion narrative, Chapter 23, "Then Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'You say so.'"

Let us pray:

*Heavenly King, we ask you to rule
our hearts and equip us to work in
your kingdom. Give us the courage
to affirm our baptismal life by keeping
its promises and make us instruments
of your justice and peace.*

Amen

Pastor Gail



Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

We had a nice turnout for our meeting with great food provided by Sue Phelps. She also brought our program speakers: Carol Sherwood and Brenda Mickowski from Youth for Christ. We learned that Youth for Christ is the umbrella organization for City Life, Parent Life, and Campus Life. There are many more programs under the umbrella in larger cities.

Youth for Christ started in 1945 and came to Douglas County in 1981. They help and support the youth in our community. They meet with young people both in and away from school. They are very active and provide a lot of information and support for young families and single parents as well as expectant mothers and dads and those looking for spiritual guidance.

They shared a lot of information. They noted that the young people today are not growing up in the same world we grew up in, so they are in need of different help and information than when we were young.

Children's Services has already contacted us for our **Giving Tree**; they will bring us 22 names. Mik Carlson has already made the adorable name tags.

Sue pointed out the Auto Accident information forms on the bulletin board by Pastor Gail's office. That is also where we post thank you notes sent to our church and newsletters from community organizations. Check it out. (See page 4 for details.)

Our next meeting will be Nov. 17, 11:00 with lunch provided by . . . ?

Thelma's Thought for the Day
*"We all have guardian angels
and they never take
a vacation or a day off."*

The business part of the meeting was mainly **RUMMAGE SALE**. We will be open

**Thurs., Nov. 10, 4-6,
Fri., Nov. 11 (Veterans Day), 9-4
Sat., Nov. 12, 9-noon**

We are hoping the parade on Friday will bring us customers. We will do a \$5 bag day on Thursday and Friday and a \$2 bag day on Saturday. Remember your donations!

Help Wanted

I appreciate the help you all have given the ECW ladies in past rummage sales. This time, I am asking for help from all of the congregation.

The sale will be on Nov. 11 and 12. (Yes, we know that will be on the same day as the Veterans Day parade. We hope people will visit our sale before and after it.) We will start setting up on Sun., Nov. 6, after church.

There will be an area for individually priced items. I am asking you to price your own items for this area that you do not want to be in the bag sale. You can use stickers or masking tape. When pricing, think about when you go to a sale and you find something priced that you can't possibly pass it up. Keep in mind, our goal is to offer items that people want or need at a price they can afford and don't want to miss out on.

If you are able, your help sorting items during the week and your help on Saturday cleaning up will be greatly appreciated. Remember, first come, first "gets!" We have the opportunity to purchase items before the sale as we sort, so we get really good deals. And, of course, we need your donations to have a successful sale.

Thank you for your help in the past and this November.

~ BJ Hoffman, ECW President

Upcoming and FYI

All Saints' Sunday

Nov. 6: Bring photos to put on the altar in memory of those who are saints in your life.

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See details on page 3.

FISH Food Sundays

We haven't done this for a long time! We will have a FISH Food Sunday Nov. 13. Let's try to fill up our FISH basket. And just in case you forget or won't be in church on the 13th, we will have Food Sunday on the 20th.

Decorating the Church for the Holiday Season

Yes, it is time to start planning for Christmas. The first Sunday of Advent is Nov. 27, so the greens swags need to go up around the rafters on or before the 26th. We will turn on the lights Dec. 4. We will also have the **Giving Tree** up for you to take names on Nov. 27th. We will put up the rest of the decorations around the church on Dec. 10. The large wreaths will go up about Dec. 17. Your help is always appreciated.

Thank you,
BJ

Had an Auto Accident?

There are forms for recording information on the bulletin board next to Pastor Gail's office. Thank you, David Sayers!

AUTO Accident Forms
Please Take One

This is a form I designed when I was still in law enforcement. Keep it in your car and use in case of a car accident.

When an accident happens, it's quite natural to be distraught and concerned. It's easy to forget to do certain things that must be or should be done at the scene and while your memory is fresh. This form will help you thru the process and lessen the chance of forgetting to do or get done that which needs to be done. Trying to remember what happened, how it happened and other details of the accident are easy to forget when under stress. Having this form handy can help.

Have one in each car.

STAY SAFE!!

David Sayers

Auto Accident Information Form

The insurance company (among others) will want a description of what happened when it is fresh in your mind will help answer questions later on when you're

Date _____ Time _____

Location _____

Other party information

Name _____

Address _____

Insurance company _____ Driver's Lic. # _____

Witness #1 Name _____ Ph. _____

Witness #2 Name _____ Tel # _____

Law Enforcement officers name and I.D. (if any) _____ Tel # _____

Injuries Were there any injuries? Y/N Which car? _____ Driver or passenger? _____ Did you call 911? _____

Was Ambulance needed? _____

General Accident info:

Street or Hwy where accident occurred: _____

Nearest Cross Street, road, mileage marker or other location: _____

Weather conditions: Clear, Fog, _____

Misc. observations: _____

Impact? _____

Southern Convocation Quarterly Meeting

Sat., Dec. 3, at St. George's. Even if you aren't a delegate, you are invited to come observe. And your homemade treats would be welcomed!

Blessing of the Animals



On October 1, the Annual Blessing of the Animals took place in front of Jacoby Auditorium at Umpqua Community College. The Rev. Nancy Gallagher of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church in Springfield presided, along with our own Pete Benham and Captain Edith Dye-Mabie of the Salvation Army. This occasion is organized every year by Cheryl Donahoo.

Pete blesses the cat in its carrier as well as the dog. All but two of the participating critters were canines, with the exceptions being this cat and one tortoise.



Captain Edith blesses Ellie Benham while Faye looks on.



Rev. Nancy blesses the basket of stuffed animals.

Parish News



*And
I will give you
shepherds
after my own heart,
who will feed you
with
knowledge
and
understanding.
Jeremiah 3:15*

**Left:
Pastor Appreciation Day
in honor of
Pastor Gail**



**Left:
45th Anniversary Blessings
for
Pastor Gail and Dr. David Duba**

**Right: Birthday Blessings
for
Margaret Thomas**



The Columbarium Fence



Above: Before the installation.
Photo by Pete Benham.

Performance Fab of Roseburg installed the fence around the Columbarium on Oct. 24-26. Only the gate remains to be completed.

The gate will be kept locked and the area will be entered through the church. Appointments can be made for access when the church office is closed.



Above: first panel is secured at the corner by the back of the church.
Photo by Pete Benham.



Above: completed north side of the church.

All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day

The feast day of All Saints has its origins in the feast of All Martyrs, a day on which the Church remembered those martyred for the faith who were not individually remembered by name. Eventually the feast became "All Saints," and the date was moved to the first of November. On this feast, which comes at a time of year when the days are darkening, we hear readings that depict the persecuted with their white robes washed in the blood of the Lamb. It marks a sharp turn from the themes we have been hearing since Pentecost (the teachings of Jesus and stories of his ministry), and begins to emphasize an eschatological reality that leads us to face into the darkness and death all around us.

All Saints' Day is, therefore, one of the four principal feast days on which baptisms are especially appropriate. The connections with death and the dead highlight the fact of baptism as a death and the incorporation of the baptized into a communion of saints past as well as present.

Often the feast of All Saints is confused with All Souls: a day on which the church remembers the beloved of the community who have died. Most Americans have heard of the Mexican-American "El Dia de los Muertos" (Day of the Dead) celebrations, which include cleaning and decorating the graves of departed loved ones and constructing shrines in the home to commemorate the dead.

Many Episcopal Churches include in their liturgy for All Saints or All Souls the recitation of the names of those buried on the church grounds and names of other deceased loved ones of the community. The recitation is often conducted during a procession through the church graveyard, memorial garden, and/or columbarium area. Such a recitation reinforces the status of the dead as members of the body of Christ who can continue to illumine our way in the life of faith.

The yearly remembrance also gives the community an opportunity to surround those who mourn as part of the regular rhythm of liturgical life.

While the contemporary cultural norm would have us stringing up reams of twinkle lights to combat the darkness and our fear of death, the Christian tradition would have us look directly into this reality unflinchingly, with the Saints as our luminaries. Indeed, we will need their light more and more as we move to and through the season of Advent, with its readings depicting a world turned upside down.

~ The Associated Parishes for Liturgy and Mission

<https://liturgyandmission.org/2017/05/25/all-saints-day/>



Members of Christ Church, Redding Ridge, CT, process through the graveyard on All Saints Day.

Financial Report

by Kathy Glockner

	August	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$ 5,280	\$ 5,484	\$ 53,057	\$ 43,873
Other Income	2,474	3,758	44,057	30,067
Total Income	7,754	9,242	97,114	73,940
Expenses	11,366	9,477	75,186	75,906
	\$ (3,612)	\$ (235)	\$ 21,928	\$ (1,966)
	September	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$ 5,185	\$ 5,484	\$ 58,222	\$ 43,873
Other Income	4,385	3,758	48,462	39,309
Total Income	9,570	9,242	106,684	83,183
Expenses	9,323	9,477	84,509	85,383
	\$ 247	\$ (235)	\$ 22,175	\$ (2,200)
Although our monthly pledges were under budget, our Year-to-Date budget is still above budget. Much of that is because the gift we usually receive at year end came after the first of the year and is therefore included in this year's budget. That being said, we are considerably behind where we should be. Please get your pledges up to date. Thank you for your help and support!				

Inspiration

The student was crying when he boarded John Lunceford's bus. Lunceford noticed how red the student's exposed hands and ears were after he'd waited for the bus in the freezing temperatures that morning. "I put my gloves on him and told him it'll be OK, it'll be OK," says Lunceford, a U.S. Army veteran in his third year driving buses for Kennewick School District.

Right after dropping his bus full of students at school, Lunceford headed to a dollar store. He bought ten stocking hats and ten sets of gloves, in black or pink, and headed back to the school. He didn't know the student's name so had an administrator help track him down.

They found the boy in the library with his class and Lunceford handed a hat and pair of gloves to him.

"I'm a grandfather, you know," Lunceford says. "No one wants a kid to suffer like that."

The onset of winter weather means families need to send their students off each day wearing heavy coats as well as hats and gloves or mittens. Our staff is always willing to help families find any items they need. The little boy won't be the last student Lunceford helps out.

He told all the students in the school's library that if they were on his route and didn't have hats or gloves, he'd take care of them.

"There was a little girl who said 'I don't have a hat,' and I said I'll take care of you, sweetie," Lunceford says.

~ Kennewick School District

Sue's King Ranch Chicken Casserole

Whip up a little taste of Texas.

By **Southern Living Editors** Updated on July 6, 2022

Prep Time: 35 mins

Cook Time: 35 mins

Total Time: 1 hr 10 mins

Ingredients

1 chopped green bell pepper

1 chopped onion

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

2 cups chopped cooked chicken

1 can cream of chicken soup

1 can cream of mushroom soup

1 can diced tomato and green chiles

1 teaspoon chili powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

2 pinches garlic powder

2 pinches pepper

12 corn tortillas, torn into 1-inch pieces

2 cups grated Cheddar cheese

Directions

Step 1

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, sauté bell pepper and onion 5 minutes or until tender. Stir in chicken and next 7 ingredients; remove from heat.

Step 2

Layer one-third of torn tortillas in bottom of a lightly greased 13- x 9-inch baking dish. Top with one-third of chicken mixture and 2/3 cup cheese. Repeat layers twice. Bake at 350° F for 30 to 35 minutes.

Chef's Notes

Note: Freeze casserole up to 1month, if desired. Thaw in refrigerator overnight and bake as directed.

Stamp Club News

Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents
the November Stamp of the Month



Honoring Richard E. Byrd

On November 28, 1929 Byrd and
3 crew members were the first to
fly over the South pole. On the
18 hour and 41 minute flight
from Little America they dropped
much needed supplies for a
geological party .



2388, part of a 4 stamps set
honoring Antarctic explores was
issued on September 14, 1988

The Umpqua Valley Stamp Club meets monthly every 3rd Monday except for June and December.
Here in the Parish Hall at 7:15. Visitors welcome.

Poster by Clarence Adams, Umpqua Valley Stamp Club

Inspiration

Let the birds rise up from the wetlands,
pin-wheeling through the salty sea air, sun
sparkling on their wings. Let the herds walk
majestically by, in long train arrayed, crossing
the prairie with a dignity countless years old.
Let the fish dart between the cold river rocks,
silhouettes of life almost unseen, so suddenly
do they turn in their weightless world.

Let the human family proclaim, across the
breadth of this spinning blue ball, calling out
to their kin from every clan of sentient being:
we see you, we need you, we honor you still.

~ The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston



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10 am—2 pm
Monday through Friday

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP
10 am
Sundays
and
Last Wednesday of the Month

