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CREATOR CONNECTION
MARCH 2018

ALL ARE WELCOME

SPRING FORWARD!  MARCH 11

Wednesdays in Lent

On Wednesday evenings during Lent at Creator, we will gather at 6:00 p.m. as a community for a potluck meal of Soup and Bread. At 7:00 p.m. we will spend time in quiet contemplation and song as we gather for prayer around the cross. Following worship, the choir will rehearse in the sanctuary.

6:00 p.m. Potluck Soup and Bread
7:00 p.m. Prayer around the cross
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Please join the community in the Lenten discipline of Worship, Study and Contemplation

Creator Lutheran Church welcomes you to come – as you are, where you are, and who you are – and join us in worship, fellowship, and ministry.

The Gospel reveals God's astounding grace as an unconditional gift of love for all people, so ethnicity, socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status are not barriers to our invitation. Instead, as an inclusive community grounded in God's love and following Jesus’ example, we celebrate the diversity of God's creation.
**February / March Worship Calendar**

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Dear Creator family,

I wish for you a holy, wait-y/weight-y Lent. I wish for you increased moments to slow down, to be intentionally contemplative, to experience hope, to see the face of Christ in someone you meet, to be salt and light.

Some years ago, a friend of mine made a spoken word recording of a poem by Rainer Maria Rilke, who frequently employed spiritually evocative imagery in his poems, reflecting his own inner life and experience of God. I’ve always loved it and have found it especially meaningful during Lent, so I’d like to share the poem with you here, letting my words be few, and allowing the voluminous imagery of Rilke be a companion for your journey.

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The One who makes us whispers to us in our making,  And then silently walks with us out of the night.

And we can only faintly hear these words:

You, who were sent out before your recollection,  I am sending you now to the very limits of your being.
And there you will embody me

Like the flames of a fire that
That cast long shadows in which I might move.

Let everything happen to you: tragedy and triumph.
Yet these are still not the end; keep going  But do not let yourself lose me.

Because nearby is the land called Life,  And you will know it by its weight.

So give me your hand.

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Blessings on the journey with Jesus,

Pastor Ray
March is coming in with gentle rains. after those snowy days in February. My daffodils are blooming and I think spring will be here soon.

I have gotten all the committees sorted out. Chris is making a poster for the bulletin board. Please look at it and see what committees you are on. I went by the time and Talent sheets to make up these committees. I think we can combine some of them but for now, this is it. If you do not want to be on a committee you can scratch your name off. If you see something you would like to do, sign up.

I would like to talk about some of the committees. The facilities committee is being chaired by Craig Edberg. This committee takes care of the grounds and building. If you are a gardener or a handy man, we need you. Mary Lou Irving will not be able to take care of our gardens after April. She will be missed and we thank her for all her hard work.

We are putting a Prayer chain in place. So far I have identified 6 people interested in this. Pastor Ray will be the first contact if prayers are needed during the week for illnesses, a death, etc. sign up or let me know if you want to serve.

I set up a caring and outreach committee and a welcome committee. These two could possibly be combined at some point. Thank you for all your help and support. Let the council know if you have concerns or ideas on serving Creator.

If you want to donate any money towards the CSC meal program, put it in the envelop in the bulletin and mark Special Gifts/ CSC. All other dollars in the collection plate will go to the general fund. It cost about $166.00 to prepare and serve a meal each month. Your help with this project is much appreciated.

Let's not forget then reason for the season. God's love for us was given by the sacrifice Christ made on the cross. Let us rejoice and give thanks.

Blessings,

Patsy Salisbury  Church Council President.
HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday, March 29
7:00 p.m. Foot Washing and Holy Communion Service
… remember Jesus commandment to love one another and celebrate the Last Supper.

Good Friday, March 30
The Darkest Night 7:00 p.m.
….we leave in silence.

Easter Vigil, March 31
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Service
… tell the stories of the faith and remember that God will not abandon God’s people.

Easter Sunday, April 1
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt
10:30 a.m. Worship
… shout, “Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!”
Spring Sparkle Day

Saturday,
March 10,
9:00 a.m.—??

Creator needs a good spring cleaning inside and out!
On March 10 the Scouts of Troop 611 will be joining Creator’s members in cleaning up the grounds and making the building ‘sparkle’.

It has been rather embarrassing in past years that the Scouts have outnumbered Creator’s members in this endeavor.

Please sign up to come help out—for a short time or for the day, just show up!

To sign up, just follow this link:
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4aabaa2ba0fb6-spring

We are our Stories

Each of us has a unique story—our experiences shape us and the way in which we interact with the world. We learn from each other as we share our faith stories.

What is your story around your relationship with Creator? What draws you to this community of faith? What keeps you in community? What touches your heart and your soul?

Please consider sharing your faith story with the community. We would like to hear from you the things that draw you to God and to your community. What soothes your soul? What moves you to work for justice?

Please feel free to share your story through e-mail or print. There is an envelope on the bulletin board outside of the office if you wish to put your story there.

The Power of Writing
SPRING PLANT SALE

The Creator Youth Group is selling beautiful bedding plants as well as pots and hanging baskets again this year. This is a fundraiser for the youth to help them raise money for the National Youth Gathering this summer.

Get your order forms from the bulletin board outside the office. Orders are due by April 29, the plants will be delivered on Mother’s Day, May 13 and can be picked up after worship.

Serving Meals at the Clackamas Service Center:

On the first Monday each month, Creator volunteers prepare and serve a meal for the hungry at the Clackamas Service Center. This is a monthly commitment that Creator has made to the Clackamas Service Center. All are invited to come to Creator at noon on that first Monday to help prepare the meal and / or to come to Clackamas Service Center at 4:00 p.m. to help serve. If you wish to be a shopper but can’t come to help prepare or serve, please let Toni know.

This is a great opportunity to share your time and give to those who have very little. It is much appreciated! Next cooking/serving date is March 5

Can’t help out on a week night? Help out with your $1.00 bills. Every $1 in the collection plate will go toward purchasing food for the meals.

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. Isaiah 58:10
GOOD GIFTS

The ELCA Good Gifts Catalog is in the Narthex next week along with God's Global Barnyard piggy banks. Please take a piggy bank and feed it all of your extra change. A few dollars can help a family by providing chickens, or a goat, or for a little more you can help supply drinking water for a whole village.

The Sunday School kids are saving as well. Together we can help out a family or a community.

Bring your Barnyard Banks to church on January 21 so we can count the money. Based on what we have, we will decide how to spend it on January 28 at the Congregational Meeting. Together we can change lives.

FELLOWSHIP AT CREATOR

The Creator fellowship committee is underway. If you are interested in being on the committee or have any social events you would like to suggest please let us know. We are planning events for all age groups and would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions. Our committee member are Deb, Heidi and Suzi Sutherland-Martin. We are looking forward to coming together as a community and having some fun and we'd love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact either Heidi or Debra.

Blessings,

Debra Hibbs 971-235-9331, debhibbs@comcast.net Heidi Steen 503-709-8890, h_steen@yahoo.com

ADULT FORUM DURING LENT

'The Day the Revolution Began: Reconsidering the Meaning of Jesus' Crucifixion' by N.T. Wright

Beginning Sunday, February 18, join us for a six-week book study and discussion on one of the latest publications by renowned Bible scholar and Anglican bishop N.T. Wright. He argues that the church has reduced and distorted this central story at the heart of the Christian faith. The New Testament writers were talking about something bigger, more dangerous, and altogether more explosive than we imagined. Through the death of Jesus on the cross, we are being invited to join a revolution. Come learn more! You can find a used copy for around $12 on Amazon, or we can order one for you if you need assistance.
**Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Come to Bible Study March 8.
on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Bring your Bible and your questions.

We will be meeting at the church. The group will begin a new study on

**Wednesdays in Lent**

6:00 p.m. Soup and bread potluck

7:00 p.m. Lenten worship

Plan to come on Wednesday evenings for fellowship and a meal at 6:00 p.m.

Sign up: [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4aaba2ba0fb6-lenten](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4aaba2ba0fb6-lenten)

At 7:00 p.m. we will gather in the sanctuary for a quiet and reflective service of Lenten worship

Wednesdays beginning on February 21
Looking for a Lenten Discipline?

Looking for ways to deepen your Lenten journey? How about spending 40 days in the Gospel of Mark? This fast-paced gospel will draw you into deeper intimacy as God’s great love is revealed to us in Jesus. Here is a sample daily reading guide to help you.

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King’s Cupboard

FOR MARCH BRING PASTA, DRIED BEANS

**Items Most Used at King’s Cupboard:** Tuna, Macaroni & cheese, Hearty soups, Cereal, Toilet paper, Peanut butter, Baking ingredients (flour, sugar, etc.) Laundry detergent and dish detergent are always welcome. They still are asking for re-usable bags as well.

**Hunger knows no season.**

*The giving to the King’s Cupboard has dropped off in the last few months. Any time of year is a BAD time to have food insecurity and our neighbors in this area and beyond ARE going hungry!*  
*Please consider the hungry when you do your shopping and think to include them when you make basic purchases.*

**Here are the statistics from the Oregon Food Bank:**

*In an average month, an estimated 270,000 people are receiving food from a food pantry in the Network. The rate of food insecurity (being without access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food) in Oregon is 16.1%. About 644,000 Oregonians are food insecure, of those 223,480 are children.*

**Please Give Generously**

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**Life Pax kits available from Creator Youth**

The Creator Youth are selling Life Pax at Creator for $3 each (suggested donation). These are packs to give to those in need that we meet along our way each day.

They contain a Meal and Resource contacts.

*Carry these in your car to give as needed.*  
*Pick up your packs in the narthex after worship.*
It is time to start meeting to plan for Houston. We need to schedule a reoccurring monthly meeting. Scheduled time is the last Sunday of the month at the Church at 6pm. The schedule is as follows:

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Questions? Contact Trey Winthrop  trey@bobsredmill.com

Creator Piecemakers Quilters Meet
Saturday March 17

The Creator Piecemakers meet on the third Saturday from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. at Pat Isaac’s home. There is lots of fabric to work with and lots of creative ideas to match.

All are welcome!

Meetings are at Pat Isaac’s home:
10602 SE Isaac Dr. Happy Valley

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Backpack Buddies is a program that provides weekend food for elementary students in the area that might otherwise be going hungry on the weekends.

This year the program provides 68 weekend meals for kids at Mt Scott and Bilquist Elementary Schools.

Interested in becoming a shopper or helping deliver meals? Contact Toni in the church office if you wish to volunteer.
Each month Creator youth have FOUR regularly scheduled opportunities:

1. CREATOR GATHERING (MS- 2nd & 4th Sun/conversation w/Pr. Ray; HS- 4th Sun/Houston trip meeting)
2. Youth Collective YOUTH GATHERING (MS- 2nd Tues & HS – 2nd Sun)
3. Youth Collective SERVICE event
4. Youth Collective FUN event

**Middle School** -

- Sun, Mar 11th: 4-5:30pm, Creator’s MS Youth Night with Pastor Ray
- Tues, Mar 13th: 7-8:30pm - Middle School Youth Collective @ Creator!!  
  *(Help welcome other church’s youth!)*
- Sun, Mar 25th: 4-5:30pm, Creator’s MS Youth Night with Pastor Ray
- Tues, Mar 27th: 1 - 3pm - Adventure Hike with Debi, meet at Happy Valley Park, (1st parking lot to RIGHT after entry)

**High School** -

- Sun, Mar 11th: 1-3pm, High School Youth Collective @ Creator!!  
  *(Help welcome other church’s youth!)*
- 6-7pm Houston travelers’ meeting @ Creator.
- **Mar 16-18**
  - High School Youth Collective Retreat! Camp Magruder, Oregon Coast  ($100, or see Debi for scholarship)

Sunday, March 25th 6:00 p.m.  High School Movie night with Pastor Ray

**HEY HIGH SCHOOLERS!**

**Sunday, March 25, 6:00 p.m.**

Come hang out with Pastor Ray for a night of pizza and the movie "Napoleon Dynamite". If you’ve not seen this movie, it's the nerdiest classic movie EVER.

Pizza and beverages will be provided, but bring your own other snacks (and beanbags if you want). Friends welcome!
Answering the Call: Oregon Synod & Immigrant Justice
One-day Gathering
Friday, March 9, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.
Spirit of Grace in Beaverton

Dear Friends,

In 2016, Oregon became the first synod in the ELCA to declare itself “sanctuary.” We shared powerful stories and passed a resolution inviting faith communities to discern how they might be called to stand in solidarity with immigrants and refugees. Since that time, it’s been incredible to see the momentum and energy of lay leaders and clergy from around Oregon. From Dallas to the Dalles, Washington County to the far reaches of our state, Lutherans have taken steps to answer the call to work for immigrant justice.

Unfortunately, the work continues. Immigration and Customs Enforcement continue to separate families, young dreamers are being used as a political football, and signatures are being gathered by anti-immigrant groups throughout Oregon to repeal our three decades old law preventing local law enforcement from doing the work of federal immigration agents.

It's time to come together and answer the call once again.

On Friday, March 9th, we'll gather from 10am-4pm at Spirit of Grace in Beaverton with Bishop David Brauer-Rieke, Alaide Vilchis-Ibarra from the ELCA Advocacy office in Washington DC, Mary Campbell, the Director of the ELCA AMMPARO program, and our statewide partners at the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIrJ) for a one day gathering to deepen relationships, strategize around what we see on the horizon, and strengthen the movement for immigrant justice in Oregon and across the ELCA.

Since we’ve found this work is best sustained in teams, we hope you and 2-3 others from your faith community will join us for this important time together.

Will you let us know if you can make it? RSVP here by March 5th.

We look forward to seeing you,

Answering the Call: Oregon Synod & Immigrant Justice One Day Gathering Design Team:
Manuel Borbon, Rev. Erika Spaet, Rev. Tyler Beane Kelly, Juan Carlos La Puente, Sarah Loose, Rev. Rachel Langford, and Rev. Ron Werner, Jr

Have questions? Please contact ronwernerjr@gmail.com
GETTING TO KNOW YOU
COTTAGE MEETINGS WITH PASTOR RAY

IF YOU DIDN’T GET A CHANCE TO MEET UP WITH PASTOR RAY IN THE FIRST COTTAGE MEETINGS, WATCH THE CALENDAR. MORE WILL BE SCHEDULED.

YOGA AT CREATOR

On Thursday evenings, 6:00 p.m. join in yoga at Creator. This Class is for all abilities. Taya Gunsul will be instructing. Come and build strength, balance and flexibility, while relaxing the mind. Cost is $10 per session or 10 sessions for $90.

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