

CHRIST THE KING  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# King's Chronicles

## "God Nurtures Our Hope"

"We glory in tribulation, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance, perseverance produces character, and character produces hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." (Romans 5:5)

Dear friends in Christ,

We all experience times that fill us with great hope. Anticipation of a marriage, a grandchild's birth or the day of retirement are just a few. Many days are also filled with hope in the life of a congregation. That has been our experience when plans have been made for the calling of a pastor, the celebration of an anniversary, or for embarking on an extensive project. The reality is that our hopes and dreams are not always easily realized. Illness, death or changes in employment can quickly change our personal plans. Emergencies, tragedies or financial difficulties can also thwart our hopes. How well our church family learned this when our hope of a renovated, nearly debt-free facility would become much harder to obtain due to an embezzlement.

Sometimes our hopes are not always easily realized, and unless our hopes for the future are nurtured, they can quickly turn to despair. If our life focus is on ourselves instead of Jesus, the problems that we face at home or at church can easily replace hope with despair. Satan loves when that happens! You and I propose endeavors, but only our faithful God can bring our plans and dreams to pass. We all know that life can quickly leave us bloodied and wounded. If our focus is primarily on our know-how or on what our eyes can see, despair can soon follow. With a negative attitude, hope dies and worse for the church and the world, we fail to witness the power and salvation of our Living Lord Jesus to others who are watching.

Here is something that every member, officer and pastor needs to remember: our hope needs to be nurtured. No one can nurture us or offer us greater hope day by day than Jesus our Savior. In Word and Sacrament, He continually comes to strengthen us by His Spirit, and nurture us in the hope of grace, life and help that He gives through His death and resurrection. Jesus lives, and focusing in faith on our powerful Savior and His open tomb will nurture us, give us courage, change our perspective and sustain our faith, and help us continue to walk in the light. God who did not spare His Son but gave Jesus up for us promises to grant us all other needful blessings in His own time.

The Christian life is not done all at once, but it is lived day by day through thick and thin alike. We live out our faith one day at a time, remembering

God's faithfulness to the saints of old and to us. Jesus and His cross gives us the eyes of faith to daily recognize and trust in His merciful care and provision.

The hope that Jesus and His open tomb gives us, as well as daily evidences of His care move us believers at Christ the King to great thankfulness that expresses itself in words and in deeds. God is surely keeping His promises to us. Along with making it possible for us to continue our day-to-day ministry through our church and preschool, God has continued to help us reduce our mortgage debt. From nearly 2 million dollars 14 years ago, our mortgage balance is now \$787,518.98 with the blessing of our faithful God and His grateful people. Hopes and dreams which at times have seemed impossible to us have been no problem for our Great God and Savior. With faith and hope given to us through Jesus, our story at Christ the King continues to be one of God's grace, mercy and provision, not one of tragedy. What hope our God-given faith in Jesus instills in us!

God has continued to provide faithful leaders in our congregation. We are, however, ALL leaders when it comes to witnessing our Gospel of hope! We are ALL called by God to share the hope He gives us in Christ with others. Our hope cannot be based on our personal strength, our hope is and will always be based on the power of Jesus our Living Savior. What we do for Him is a continuous response to His saving love for us all.

Consider what God has done for you on the cross and at the open tomb. Consider also how God has blessed our congregation and preschool. Take a good look...and believe! In Jesus, God continues to keep His promises in His good and perfect time. As we continue our work together here at the corner of Mack/Lochmoor, be sure your witness and life perspective is being regularly nourished by Word and Sacrament. Good news of real hope often travels slowly, so with that being said, let's make sure our hopes are nourished in Christ. That will ensure that our witness will be one of faith and hope, not of doubt or despair. With God's strength in Word and Sacrament, hope will be kept alive in us... for all to see.

Living with hope nourished by Christ,

Pastor Randy Boelter

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## Divine Worship

**Sunday Worship**  
8:15am & 10:45am

**Holy Communion**  
1st & 3rd Sunday  
8:15am

2nd & 4th Sunday  
10:45am

**Monday Worship**  
7:00pm  
2nd & 4th Mondays of  
the month

### **Sunrise Assisted Living**

We continue to faithfully share the Word of God and pray with our friends at Sunrise, Aline and Mack Avenues, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month at 10:30 A.M. Our services for the residents last approximately 20 minutes, with time remaining for personal visits with the residents and staff. You are cordially invited to come along and join us in reaching out to the residents of Sunrise with the love of Christ our Lord.

### **Monday Evening Worship for August and September:**

We worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday evenings of each month at 7:00 P.M. in our chapel. Services last approximately 45 minutes and always include the Sacrament of the Altar. If you for some reason are not able to worship with us on Sunday morning, you may join us at this service, which has been a blessing especially to those in the medical field and those who travel often on the weekends. Our next Divine Worship Services are: August 13 and 27, and September 10 and 24.

### **Pray the Litany**

We gather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month at 9:30 A.M. for a brief reading and devotion, usually based on the text that will form the basis for the Sunday Sermon. This devotional thought helps us set the context for the sermon, and prepares our minds and hearts to receive the Word of God in worship on Sunday. In praying the Litany, we remember those who need our prayers in our congregation, as well as friends, neighbors and those who are in authority over us. Join our prayer group anytime in our chapel near our elevator and the church offices. Special prayer requests are always welcome, and give us an opportunity to take God at His Word and bring our many requests and thanksgivings to Him with faith.

### **Sunday School Rally Day—Sunday, September 9th**

At Christ the King, we hope you are enjoying the summer and using the time to reconnect with family, nature and all the blessings we receive from God! We welcome all children ages Preschool through 5th grade to join us for the annual Balloon Kick-off and the start of another year of Sunday School before late service at 10:30-10:45 am!!! We look forward to seeing the whole family there and another great year of learning God's Word!!



### **Our Adult Education Program for 2018-2019 begins on September 9<sup>th</sup>**

- **The Adult Sunday Bible Class** will resume study each Sunday from 9:30-10:30 in our Conference Room in the office concourse. We continue our study of the Doctrine of Prayer.
- **The Wednesday Morning Bible Class** meets each Wednesday morning in our Conference Room from 10:00-11:00 A.M. We are continuing our study of the Book of Hebrews.

**Confirmation Instruction will resume on Tuesday nights, beginning on September 4.**

Level II Confirmation Class meets again this fall from September 4 until October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Level II students** - the assignment on your syllabus requires you to come with Lessons 40 and 41 prepared, and for you to memorize "The Nature of Baptism." Also, read Luther's Small Catechism questions and answers 239-247. This will prepare you for our first lesson upon our return.

**Level III Confirmation Class** - will meet from September 4<sup>th</sup> until September 25<sup>th</sup>. Examination before the Board of Elders is Tuesday evening, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Witness Sunday will be celebrated on October 7<sup>th</sup>, and the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Late (10:45) Divine Service.



**Women's Guild**

The Women's Guild meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month September through May. The first meeting is September 11, 2018 at 11:30 A.M. Please join us for fellowship with friends. Everyone is welcome!

**Official Acts**

The following acts were performed or are scheduled to be performed by your Pastor on behalf of the congregation:

**Holy Baptism**

Tessa Sarah Quartana, daughter of Rocco Anthony Quartana and Sarah Beth ne'e Alexander Quartana, born May 8, 2018 at St. John Hospital, Detroit, baptized Sunday, June 24, 2018. Baptismal sponsors: Christopher Bodanza and Katherine Gast. Pastor Boelter officiated.

**Holy Marriage**

Kyle Raymond Josefiak and Brianne Elizabeth Zayac, to be married Saturday, September 15, 2018. Witnesses: Tina Ristouski and Zachary Josefiak. To officiate: Pastor Boelter and Pastor Timothy Holzerland of Shepherd King Lutheran Church, West Bloomfield, MI.

**Christian Burial**

Gordon Russell Michaelson, born June 1, 1917, died in the Lord at home May 25, 2018. Memorial Service held at A.H. Peters Funeral Home on June 1, 2018. Pastor Boelter officiated. Burial: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

Philip Francis Pomber, born March 1, 1929, died in the Lord at home in Elk Rapids, MI on June 8, 2018. Memorial Service held at Elk Rapids, MI on June 15, 2018. Pastor Boelter officiated. Burial: Cremation.

**Funeral**

Susan Ann Weidinger, born August 28, 1942, died in the Lord at McLaren Hospital, Mt. Clemens, MI on May 30, 2018. Funeral Service held at A.H. Peters Funeral Home on Saturday, June 2, 2018. Burial: White Chapel, Troy, MI. Pastor Boelter officiated.

## Preschool Happenings



**Preschool begins their 2018-2019 school year on September 10<sup>th</sup>.** Our enrollment is doing well with 46 students registered at publication time. We are still accepting enrollment and have space in all the three and four year old classes. We will also begin another Moms and Twos class in late September. If you know anyone interested in any of these classes, have them call the preschool at 313-884-5998.

### Fundraisers



Please plan to attend our next **TCBY fundraiser on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**. Visit the TCBY across the street from Christ the King between **7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.** and the preschool will receive a percentage of all sales! Invite a friend.

### Make sure your Preschool lawn signs are out for people to see.

If you do not have one there are a couple in the church office and we hope to have more soon. It's a great way for people in all communities to see our name and that we have a preschool. If you don't know specifics about our program that's okay. If someone has a question you can have them call the phone number on the sign. Thanks for your support!

## Youth Group News



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The first thing on our calendar for August is an opportunity to volunteer at Gleaners Food Bank downtown on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup>. We're scheduled to arrive at 9:00 a.m. to sort and pack food supplies for shipment as well as assemble items to be used at food drives. We'll also be given a tour of their warehouse! I'm really excited to be able to take the kids to work for this great organization. Our shift ends at 11:30 – perfect time to pick up some lunch on the way home, maybe stop at one of our parks to eat!

On Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> we will head over to Shores Lanes on Harper just south of 13 Mile at 6:30 and bowl until 8-8:30 p.m. Afterwards we'll head over to Wally's for some dessert. Hope we can get some Moms and Dads out on the lanes with us!

Mrs. J found a great deal on Groupon for an activity that sounds like a lot of fun! It's called WhoaZone Aqua Park located in the Holly State Park. It's a giant inflatable obstacle course in Lake Heron (you can see it all on their website). We're going to try to head up there on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> leaving sometime early morning as it will be an hour's drive. Each participant will get to be on the obstacle course for just under an hour to wear themselves out (while Mrs. J watches from shore). The cost will be minimal, more details to come.

Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> Pastor Rutter will be starting up his weekly Youth Games & Bible Study meetings. They run from 7:00 until 8:30. Pastor would like to see even more children be able to attend and is taking an informal survey to see if perhaps a Sunday late afternoon/early evening hour and a half might be a better time to get together. Please let me know if you would like your son or daughter to have the opportunity to participate in these meetings.

We have tentatively scheduled Marty, Noelle, Holly and Steve to run one of their awesome Youth Friday Games, Music & The Gospel Nights on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 until 10:00. Pizza, snacks and dessert – Group games – Great guitar playing, singing and a relatable message for one and all. More information and updates via email – we were unable to get a confirmation from them at press time!



**A BIG VBS THANK YOU!** Thank you so much to everyone for our fun and successful Splash Canyon VBS! There were 53 enrolled children (31 in preschool and 22 in K-5) who enjoyed daily crafts, snacks, games, music, and lesson time. Our “Mission Madagascar” mission project will be sending offerings collected to help provide Bible-based books to children in Madagascar and all over the world. Thank you to congregational members who helped with our snack donations, donated money, and prayed that God would work through us for this mission. And thank you for the many volunteers whose love for Jesus was shining all week long!

*Sharon Ziegler*

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## Stewardship

### True Life Belongs to the Unselfish

The pattern of our world today is to acquire and to hold on to material things, but Scripture says, *“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind...”* (Romans 12:2). This transformation is brought about in us through our relationship with Jesus. The Holy Spirit, through Word and Sacrament, renews our minds so that, instead of following the pattern of the world, we seek to follow our Savior. Rather than acquiring and hoarding, which lead only to misery rather than self-fulfillment, we will want to give freely, even sacrificially, as Christ has and does for us.

I Timothy 6:18-19 exhorts, *“They are to do good, to be rich in good works, and to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.”* Life that is truly life belongs to those who are unselfish givers. Giving is an indicator of our unselfishness and an outward litmus test of the inner condition of our hearts.

The astonishing thing is that, in God’s economy, the more we give, the more we have left to give. Because God replenishes us, our giving can be a daily and a lifetime activity. *“You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.”* (II Corinthians 9:11)

May God grant each of us giving hearts so we *“may take hold that which is truly life.”*