

King's Chronicles

"You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ..."

II Timothy 2:3

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Dear Friends in Jesus,

Are you a good warrior? Do you endure hardship and life's obstacles with faith and confidence? The truth is that because of fear, lack of faith and sinful laziness, every one of us tend to seek the easy paths of life. Because of our fallen nature, none of us like to have to strive and struggle in any area of life. Most of the time we think we are fortunate when we have nothing standing in the way of our plans and desires. In the Scriptures however, God presents a different view.

God's truth is that life's struggles and hardships are often tools He uses to shape us into the people He wants us to be. Obstacles and hardships bring us to see our insufficiency, and they drive us to Jesus with uplifted arms. Jesus always provides the grace and mercy and help that we need. The Son of God is able to help us because He is the Holy One God the Father sent to contend perfectly with sin, evil, death and Satan's power for us. He overcame them, and stands ready help us. In the process, He also draws us to a deeper faith and trust in His saving love and care for us. Truthfully, none of us can even fathom how much we owe to the resistance and hardship that God has often permitted us to experience. Not only do we grow in faith and in strength to handle life's unexpected turns, our experience also readies us to give comfort, direction and courage to others going through trials as they see Jesus living and working in our actions and words.

If learning spiritual lessons or living for our Savior Jesus were easy, our depth of learning and faith in God's promises would never be well-developed in this fallen world. Think about it this way. If work were not a necessary part of our lives, our bodies would hardly grow strong and able to accomplish new and greater things. If you and I were put

into this world to do little, to have no responsibility, given no share of this fallen world's burdens to bear, just to be cared for as little children, then given our selfish natures we would hardly become anything more than infants in character.

Having redeemed us through Jesus Christ our Contender and Savior, God calls us to greater things. The Word of God calls us to fight, that is, to contend for the faith (Jude 1:3). Having been brought to faith in Jesus, Paul says we are to believe in God's Word and to "fight the good fight of faith (I Tim. 6:12)." That means with the power of the Victorious Son of God living in us, we are called to struggle daily with choices between right and wrong, good and evil. Not only do we live glorifying God, we work out our salvation with Christ's grace and with disciplined strength that God's Spirit creates in us (Phil. 2:12)."

In every aspect of life, growth is attained through exertion, effort and striving. Having already been justified by grace through faith, our sanctified life in response to Jesus will involve exertion, effort and striving as we fight the good fight and meet our challenges.

When you have days you are not so happy about some of the trials you are enduring, consider the Scriptures, and remember that challenges also presented believers of the Old and New Testaments with golden opportunities through which God made them the strong, contending people He desired them to be.

Fighting the good fight of faith in Christ with you,

Pastor Randy Boelter

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

Rally Day is September 8, and marks the beginning of a new year of Sunday School Bible Study and the continuing of our Confirmation Program.

The Adult Sunday morning Bible Class will continue its study of the Angel of the LORD, Jesus Christ our Lord. Jesus is the center of the Hebrew Old Testament as well as the Greek New Testament. The Angel of the LORD is inextricably intertwined with the person and work of Jesus. Come and learn about the Angel of the LORD as the title appears in God's Holy Word. Your knowledge of and appreciation for the details of God's plan of salvation for you will be greatly strengthened by this study. Our class meets in the conference room each Sunday from 9:30 -10:30.

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study will complete its study of the Book of Hebrews this Fall, and will begin a verse-by-verse study of the Book of Romans at the end of October or beginning of November. Come and join us for this weekly study. We pick up our study of Hebrews this Fall at the end of Chapter 11. Class meets from 10 until 11 each Wednesday morning.

Adult Instruction for those who wish to become members of Christ the King is held on an individualized basis with Pastor Boelter. Please call the church office for details and times.

Confirmation Instruction for Levels I, II and III begin once more on Tuesday evenings beginning September 3rd. Level II meets with Pastor Boelter from 5:30-6:15. Levels I and III meet with Mrs. Jan Ropes and Pastor Boelter beginning at 6:30. As always, a light pizza supper is held for our students each Tuesday evening from 6:15 until 6:30 between classes.

At this time, our Level III Students are each completing their banner preparations this summer for Witness Sunday and Confirmation Sunday, October 10 and 17.

They are also reviewing the 6 chief teachings of the Catechism, preparing their confirmation essays, and preparing for their examination before the elders and congregation on Tuesday, October 1st at 7:00 P.M. in our church library.

Please keep these 4 Level III Confirmation Students in your prayers as they work to complete their study program and prepare to share the faith of their baptism personally and publicly this Fall.

Welcome to our New Preschool Director and Teacher, Melissa Pieper!

We warmly welcome our new Preschool Director and Teacher Melissa Pieper. Melissa and her husband Rob live in St. Clair Shores and are the proud parents of three growing boys. Melissa comes to us with 9 years of teaching experience, with an abiding faith in Jesus, a love for children and with many gifts for teaching them. Melissa is not only certified in Early Childhood Development, she also holds certification in American Sign Language. She is energetic and has a passion for teaching, and is sure to be warmly received by both preschool students and their parents alike this Fall. We believe that Melissa will be a great addition to our preschool program at Christ the King, bringing some fresh new ideas to an already amazing program of faith and learning that grows the minds, bodies and souls of our children.

Openings still exist for placement in our Fall program, so help us spread the word to other parents in our community! We look forward to an exciting new year in our preschool program!

Summer Offerings

If you have been traveling or away with your family this summer and have not had an opportunity to worship with us, please remember your church home and remain faithful in your support of the ministry of Christ the King Church and Preschool. The ministry of our Lord continues each and every day at our church and members and people of this community are served. As our monthly obligations continue at all times as we remain faithful to the work our Lord has given us to do, please join your fellow believers in faithful, weekly support of our ministry. Your regular tithes and offerings are important, especially in the summertime as many people travel. Thank you for your faithful support!

1-1-1 Mission Project

I would like to thank the congregation for the continued support of the 1-1-1 Mission program. As of Sunday and Monday Divine Services, we collected a total of \$73.00 with a grand total of \$2093.00 YTD. It is possible to reach our goal of \$5000.00 by February 2020 with your continued support. Your efforts and service show Christ to others with this program.

Charles Cantin

Church Picnic in August

Mark your calendar! On August 11 we are having a church pot-luck picnic at the Grosse Pointe Woods Park. Starting at 2 pm, we will have food, games, fellowship and fun. We will supply hamburgers & hotdogs, corn-on-the-cob, and water. You bring your favorite picnic side dish. Look for a sign-up poster in the Lobby in the coming weeks. Bring the whole family and have fun in the park!

Women's Guild

The first meeting will be held on September 10, 2019 at 11:30 A.M. Please bring a sandwich. Dessert and tea will be provided. Come and join your friends! All are welcome!

Official Acts

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

Interment

Elaine Shirley Burns, born May 30, 1928, died in the Lord January 2, 2017. Memorial Service held January 7, 2017, interment on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Holly, MI. Pastor Boelter officiating.

Memorial Service

Ned Christian Kegler, born May 29, 1948 in Detroit, MI, died December 6, 2018 in Winter Haven, Florida. Memorial Service held Saturday, June 29, 2019. Interment: cremation. Pastor Boelter officiating.

Christine Maria Lingnau, mother of Sharon Price, born November 9, 1930 in Aschaufenburg, Germany, died in the Lord Saturday, July 6, 2019 in Grosse Pointe Park, MI. Service to be held at Christ the King on Saturday, August 3, 2019. Pastor Boelter to officiate.

Baptism

Cameron Riley VandeVorde, son of Eric VandeVorde and his wife, Tracy, to be baptized Sunday, August 18, 2019 at the 10:45 A.M. Divine Service.

Doetsch Baptism on Sunday, September 1, 2019 at the 10:45 A.M. Divine Service.

Preschool Happenings



Dear Congregation and Preschool Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, Melissa Pieper, the new Preschool Director and lead 4's teacher. I am very excited about this new adventure in my life and yours! The children I am especially excited for, to learn and grow with them.

A little bit of background information about myself...

I have a degree in Early Childhood Development from Macomb College as well as Wayne State University. I have worked with children for the last 20 years from the ages three months to nine years of age. My growth in this community and congregation is one of my top priorities and I can't wait to grow more in my faith with you. God is number one in our household. I have an amazing husband (Rob) of 13 years and three beautiful boys, Connor (12), Lucas (10), and Trevor (5). Family is everything to me and I am excited to grow within your families.

We have such a wonderful support team of teachers, assistants and all church staff who are full of positive energy to make this transition in your family's life a pleasant one.

With that I am excited to say we have dates for upcoming events for preschool parents.

- **September 5th 6:30pm—8:00pm - PARENT ORIENTATION**
- **September 9th 9:00am—11:0am - 3's and 4's MEET AND GREET**
- **September 9th 12:00pm—2:00pm - 4's MEET AND GREET**
- **September 10th 9:00am—11:00am - 3's MEET AND GREET**

A mailing list will be going out to enrolled parents the 2nd week in August.

Thank you to God for this amazing journey and for your faith and prayers in me. I am truly blessed and touched by the hand of God to be here.

Sincerely,
Melissa Pieper

Our thanks to Emily Ostermeier for her donation of goods and time to refresh our children's nursery in our Welcome Center. The children's room has been cleaned, painted and brightened with children-friendly colors. Our thanks also to all who helped to paint and complete the project. Also, new audio and visual equipment now makes it possible for parents to follow the service in the nursery as they tend their children. We hope these improvements will be of great benefit to our younger parents with children, and that they are enjoyed by our members and visitors alike.

Soar Detroit

(reading tutoring program for children in Detroit)

Detroit has an urgent problem, and members of Christ the King can make a big difference with the time they can give to tutor a student. Today only ten percent of Detroit's 10,000 third grade students are proficient readers. This literacy program helps students make significant reading gains before they reach the 4th grade. In this program, students have averaged more than two grade levels of reading growth in one school year.

Nancy Josefiak and Elder Charles Cantin have committed to become involved in this tutoring program. Would you consider joining them? This is a very positive and effective way to share God's love in Jesus with children in need. We would love to have a group of committed believers from Christ the King participate in raising up people's lives through this program.

For more information, contact Ann Carter, church outreach coordinator at 313-310-0413.

Youth Group News



August & September Youth Group Activities

It took a while but we finally got an old-fashioned hot, humid Michigan summer! I know that many of you remember those hot summer road trips from childhood where air conditioning in your car was four windows rolled all the way down doing "75 on 75!"

I'm in the process of planning a couple of picnics at two of our awesome local waterfront parks the month of August. At this point, I don't have specific dates as we have to be sponsored in order to gain entrance. I can tell everyone this much -

Picnic #1 - **Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park** - this picnic will be held on a Friday and will include a barbeque lunch, swimming and games.

Picnic #2 - **Grosse Pointe Windmill Pointe Park (or Patterson Park)** - this picnic should include the above activities and maybe a freighter sighting or two!

A trip to **C.J. Barrymore's** for some mini-golf, race cars and bumper boats! Every time I'm on Hall road this property is looking more and more like a mini Cedar Point! Hoping to make this a fun mid-week outing before school starts - but the only time to go and really have fun is first thing in the morning when it opens!

Our service project for this month will be stocking the **Christ the King Pantry** - we're going to get an up to date list from Vicki and see what we can collect from our own pantries as well as do a little shopping to stock the shelves.

Soar Detroit Reading Tutor Volunteer Program - Since this is something I am involved with now and excited to be a part of, I wanted to see if any of our older youth group members might be interested in becoming volunteers too! One of our families expressed an interest and I am following up to get more information on how our children can get involved with their after school program in the Fall.

Saturday, September 7th from 9:00 until Noon will be our second and final **Car Wash** for the year. We had a small but mighty crew with overcast, drizzly weather and still managed to make over \$400 and have a good time! If we have a few more hands on deck we will definitely barbecue afterwards!

Last but not least, if I can coordinate a date in September that avoids all of the back to school activities for our very involved youth group members, I know **Marty and Noelle** would be happy to put on another **Fun Night!**

Stewardship

Living Life at its Best

Jesus tells us that He came in order for us to have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10). Just as we as parents are pleased and thrilled to see our children thrive and do well in their careers, with their families, and in their churches, our Heavenly Father, in a much more profound way, is pleased that we are experiencing **life at its best** in the years, months, and days that God has given us. We are His children and His amazing love for us was shown to us on the Cross where Christ won for us the forgiveness of sins and eternal life through faith in Him. This gift empowers us to live abundantly. It is God's desire that we live abundant lives. Just as we want the best for our children, He wants the best for us. He is so pleased when we walk by faith in ways of obedience, compassion, selflessness, and seek to follow His ways. By God's grace, we can be contented people who live **life at its best** aware of His presence and enjoying the intimacy of His companionship. **Life at its Best** is the rich life that God wants for us.

In contrast to the abundant life that Jesus came to give us, we find Satan (thief) doing all he can to make us live life at its worst. *"The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy."* (John 10:10a) Satan comes to steal our joy, kill our faith, and destroy our hope. He attempts to separate us from Jesus, and he wants us to live lives of despair and gloom.

In this tenth chapter of John, Jesus tells us that He is our Good Shepherd. As our Shepherd, He feeds us, guides us, and takes care of our needs. He even lays down His life for us! What a humbling and staggering thought that Jesus the Creator of the universe wants to be our Shepherd! He wants us to be His children in spite of our sinful and evil ways. He invites us to follow Him and to receive His affection and attention. He tells us that we, His sheep, know His voice and follow Him. As part of His flock or family, we acknowledge His authority and seek to follow His direction. Out of gratitude we attempt to live lives that please Him through our serving, witnessing, and giving. Because Jesus is our Good Shepherd, we can live **life at its best**.