

King's Chronicles

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Faithful Fathers

June brings us to Father's Day, which we will celebrate on June 17th. Jesus lovingly called our Heavenly Father "Abba," which is translated "Father," or perhaps more accurately "Daddy," indicating an intimate relationship with God. Most of our attention on Father's Day is usually placed on us honoring our earthly fathers and grandfathers. That is good, but certainly it is a day for us to honor our Heavenly Father for Creating and Redeeming us. We also need Father's Day to help us remember what God expects of fathers.

Jesus reminds us that the father is a pattern to be copied by his children. In John 8:41 Jesus says: "You do what your father did." Whether we want to be patterns or not, we still ARE patterns, for our attitude toward worship, toward God, toward His Name and His Word will all be copied and reflected in our children...or not. Children do not readily leave fathers they admire or places they feel loved. Love produces love, and sacrifice produces sacrifice. The pattern of love and sacrifice that God the Father has given us in Jesus is the power a man needs to be the best pattern possible for his children and for others. God blesses Christian men with great responsibility, but He graciously blesses us with great power and grace in the Gospel. This helps us fulfill our calling to live our days in such a way that in us, our children and others who need us are able to see Jesus and our Heavenly Father.

In the Old Testament, God the Father also commanded fathers to teach His Word and will to their children. Most of this was done by word of mouth in the family setting. To this

day, a faithful father functions in a sort of prophetic role...for he continues to take the prophet-like lead in speaking God's Word in family devotions, in bringing the family to church, and seeing that children are taught the Word of God. Jesus said: "I have given them the words which You gave to Me, and they have received them." (John 17:8) Along with this prophetic role, a father also functions as a priest in leading his family. In the sense that a priest prayerfully pleads to God for others, a good father will also pray daily for his children's salvation. The Bible says that Job would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings for his 7 sons and 3 daughters saying: "It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts (1:5)." The point is that he daily remembered his children and their spiritual needs, and prayed for the welfare of their souls.

We all have seen examples of fathers and mothers doing everything they should do, and still their children fell away. When this happens, it is truly a grievous thing. But let it not be said that WE as fathers, grandfathers and Christian men have led them astray by our weakness or lack of faith. This Father's Day, let's begin first by honoring God as our Heavenly Father, and then make His sacrificial love for us in Jesus the power and the example we need to fulfill our roles faithfully and honorably.

A blessed Father's Day to you!

Pastor Boelter

Join us Sunday, June 3, 2018 for our guest preacher and Bible Class Leader: Pastor Dan Conrad

Sunday June 3rd will mark a special time in worship for us as Pastor Dan Conrad and his family return on furlough from their missionary work in Mexico City! Pastor Conrad will preach at both services, and will conduct a special bible study at 9:30 that morning! Our Easter Breakfast Free Will Offering and CtK's proceeds from the Chili Cookoff this past winter have been given to help Pastor Conrad in his work. Our Youth Group also sponsored a car wash on Saturday, May 26th and have donated a portion of their proceeds to Pastor Conrad.

It is our endeavor at Christ the King to do as much as possible to help extend God's Kingdom of Grace beyond the doors of our church, and our joint partnership in the Gospel with Pastor Conrad gives us a wonderful opportunity to participate. A special offering will be taken for Pastor Conrad on June 3rd!

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

Join us for worship on Sunday, July 1st, as we gather in God's House to **celebrate** our National Day of Independence with special readings and our beloved hymns.

Monday Evening Services will be held in our chapel on the following dates in June and July: June 11 and 25, and July 9 and 23. Services are held at 7:00 P.M. with Holy Communion, and are approximately 40 minutes in duration. If you cannot join us for worship due to work or travel, come Monday evenings!

Please Remember- while many of our members travel this time of year, don't forget that the daily ministry of our church and preschool continues uninterrupted. Please be faithful in your contributions, so that there is adequate cash flow all year to meet the needs of our Lord's ministry here. Should you be traveling and need a list of LCMS congregations near your destination, do not hesitate to stop in the office. We can provide you with the addresses and contact information for congregations so that you and your family may faithfully worship while travelling.

Our Chapel Services at Sunrise Assisted Living continue every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month! Join us as we greet our friends at Sunrise Assisted Living, Aline/Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Our worship services begin at 10:30 A.M., and provide a wonderful opportunity to extend God's love and grace to our friends in the Memory Care Unit of Sunrise. Services are approximately 15 minutes, with time to greet our friends there. Come and join us as we reach out to our community!

The English District Convention will be held June 19-21 in Concordia University in Ann Arbor, MI. Jessica Garrett and Pastor Boelter will be representing Christ the King at the convention. *Pastor will not be holding regular office hours Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of that week.*



Vacation Bible School

Plunge in to VBS 2018! Mark your calendars for **June 25th – 29th from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** when our *Splash Canyon* VBS will take place. Students who have completed a year of preschool through students who have completed grade 5 are welcome. Every child will learn that God keeps His promises on life's wild ride! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where our faithful God keeps His promises to be with us and gives us life and hope through Jesus, our Savior. **Registration forms are now available** in the Welcome Center and the church office. Invite your friends and neighbors!

ATTENTION VBS VOLUNTEERS Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with our Splash Canyon VBS. We will have a **short meeting on Thursday, June 21st at 4:00 p.m.** Volunteers are still needed and we would love to have you join our team! Please fill out the attached volunteer form and return to Sharon Ziegler or the church office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DONATIONS Please check the church Welcome Center for items needed for our Vacation Bible School. Your donations are so appreciated in helping to keep the cost of VBS to a minimum. Please take a tag or two, buy the requested item, and return it by the date requested. Thank you so much for your help!

Confirmation Instruction Breaks for Summer

Our Confirmation Instruction program has officially ended this spring, and will resume on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

One Level Three Student, Brigitte Zook, is preparing to be confirmed this October. This summer she is in the process of writing her Confirmation Essay, designing her confirmation banner, and reviewing the 6 Chief Parts of the Catechism for her examination before the elders an congregation this fall.

Level II Students are completing their course work and will take an examination on Saturday, June 9th to complete their spring studies.

Level II Students are: Owen Scott, Maren Anderson, Sarah Westrick and Karly Harris.

Official Acts

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

Holy Baptism

Harper Madeleine Flanigan, born January 6, 2018 at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. Daughter of Nathan James Flanigan and his wife, Elizabeth Leigh Madeleine Flanigan. Baptized Sunday, April 29, 2018. Baptismal sponsors: Aaron and Allison Flanigan and Scott and Kristina Madeleine. Pastor Boelter officiated.

Connor Bush, son of Gordon and Lisa Bush, born April 10, 2018, to be baptized Sunday, June 10, 2018. Sponsors: Craig Bush and Aimee Spencer. Officiating: Pastor Boelter.

Holy Marriage

Paul Michael McNeff and Julie Marie Hardoin, to be married Saturday, June 2, 2018. Witnesses: Julie Sisk and Brian McNeff. Pastor Boelter to officiate.

Brian Edward Sluck and Beth Sherry Piotruchowski, to be married Friday, June 22, 2018 in Casco, MI. Witnesses: Robin St. Aubin and Robert Regulski. Pastor Boelter to officiate.

Steven Joseph Quagliotto and Holly Terese Fleszar, to be married Saturday, June 23, 2018. Witnesses: Lucas Verge and Kaylie Davis. Officiating: Pastor Boelter and The Rev. Dr. David Martin.

Brad Michael VandeVorde and Ashley Noelle Mucha, to be married Saturday, June 30, 2018. Witnesses: Eric VandeVorde and Shelby Vandermerwe.

Christian Burial

Eileen Dorothy Zielesch, born April 16, 1927, died April 9, 2018 in Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. Funeral: April 17, 2018 at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Burial: Forest Lawn Cemetery, Detroit, MI. Psalm 119:44ff. Pastor Boelter officiated.

Julie Ann Pomber, born April 17, 1933, died May 8, 2018 in Elk Rapids, MI. Service held in Elk Rapids, MI on May 11, 2018. Cremation. Phil. 1:21. Pastor Boelter officiated.

Betty Miller, born December 5, 1921, died April 8, 2018 in New Baltimore, MI. Service held Saturday, May 12, 2018 at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Cremation. Burial: White Chapel Cemetery. Psalm 137:5-6. Pastor Boelter officiated.

Frank Lenhardt, born May 30, 1929, died May 5, 2018 in Sterling Heights, MI. Service held Saturday May 12, 2018 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Sterling Heights, MI. Interment: pending. Luke 7:11-12. Pastor Boelter officiated.

Patricia Ann LaVeque, born October 13, 1937, died May 11, 2018 at Grosse Pointe Beaumont Hospital in Grosse Pointe, MI. Funeral Service: A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods, MI on Wednesday, May 17, 2018. Interment: Veteran's National Cemetery in Holly, MI on May 18, 2018. Mark 14, selected verses. Pastor Boelter officiated.

Preschool Happenings



The preschool has completed their school year and everyone enjoyed the end of the year graduation programs and our all school picnic. We are now enjoying our Summer Extended Program. We are looking forward to next year and are praying that God will continue to send children to our ministry and keep our program alive and vibrant! We have a great start to our 2018/2019 program with 40 children registered.

We always need and appreciate your help with advertising and being an advocate for our preschool. Please encourage people you know to send their preschoolers to Christ the King. There are several ways you can promote our program.

- Put a lawn sign in your yard this summer and be ready to talk to neighbors about our great program. A limited number of signs are available in the church office.
- Grab a preschool brochure from our Welcome Center and give it to a prospective preschool family. It outlines our program hours/days/tuition/curriculum in detail. It also has the preschool phone number and our website information.
- Pray for our preschool ministry that God would bless our efforts and that He will bring families in our midst that we can minister to at our preschool and other ways.

Fundraisers

The preschool will be having two TCBY fundraiser nights this summer. Mark Tuesday, June 5th and Tuesday, August 28th on your calendars and get yourself a treat at the TCBY across the street from Christ the King. TCBY will donate a percentage of **all receipts placed in the bucket by the cash register** as well as half of all tips. The hours are 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Enjoy!

Youth Group News



Summer Youth Group News

The kids are just about out of school for the summer and I'm happy to report that a good number of our Confirmation/Youth Group members will be assisting with CtK's Vacation Bible School this month. If any of you find that you are able to volunteer the week of June 25th, please contact Sharon Ziegler. She would be so happy to hear from you and let you know what jobs are available.

Since attempting to schedule outings that don't conflict with the kids' summer activities and family vacations have proven to be unsuccessful, I think we will take these next couple of months "off." I would be up for planning a picnic at one of our Grosse Pointe/St. Clair Shores parks this summer if we have any interest? I would also like to know if any of our families would be interested in joining me on scheduling a couple of CtK shut-in member visits. This would be a real blessing for all involved – a couple of hours to chat, maybe play a board game or cards and we could bring some cookies to share.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or offers to join me in an outing with the kids....Nancy Josefiak

News Briefs

CtK Vestry will meet on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.

Our next Membership Meeting will be held Sunday, June 24, 2018 between the services at 9:30 A.M. Plan to join us to conduct the business of God's Kingdom through our Church and Preschool Ministries.

Our thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to beautify the lawn and gardens of our church. Please remember: regular helpers are needed to water our flowers, especially in some areas that are not as adequately watered by our lawn sprinkling system. Please sign up and take a few turns to help keep our lawns and gardens green and growing! Thanks to all!

Stewardship

A Fresh New Start

The soloist began to sing a special song during the worship service. It was awful! She had somehow started on the wrong note, terribly out of tune with the accompanist. She abruptly stopped and announced she needed a new start. She then began anew with a beautiful addition to the morning worship. Had she tried to limp through the first try, people would have remembered the off-key solo. Instead, by her second start, the congregation was assisted in their worship of the Lord.

That is the way it is with our lives, too. Our first start in life, our birth, is awful because of sin. We are born with a sin condition that makes it impossible for us to please God no matter how hard we try. We are captive to disobedience of God and His Law, to "doing it our way," and to the passions of sin. But unlike the soloist we often don't even recognize that we are out of tune with God.

Then it is God Who comes to us by His Word to show us our sin. It is He Who offers us grace and forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ. It is He Who by His Holy Spirit gives us that new start through Baptism. Through Baptism, we are united to Christ. In Baptism, we are cleansed from sin through Christ's atoning death. Because Christ died for our sins, we are baptized into the death of sin with Him, that we may be raised to new life with Him.

Now our lives can be pleasing to God, like the soloist's second start. Not because of our work, but because of the power of God's gracious gift to us, Holy Baptism.