

King's Chronicles

A Blessed 500th Anniversary of the Reformation to You!

"The righteous person shall live because of his faith." Habakkuk 2:4

Dear Christian Friends!

What a time to be alive! What an incredible blessing to live and worship in October 2017...in the very month and year that Lutheran Christians around the world are celebrating the 500th Anniversary of Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany (Oct 31, 1517). Unlike people who lived in the Middle Ages and were led astray by churchmen who did not know or understand the true Gospel, how blessed we are to live when the comfort and hope of the pure Gospel has been revealed to us by Word and Sacrament through faithful parents, teachers and pastors. They have led us to know and believe the central truth of the Scriptures and of the Reformation itself: we are saved **ONLY** by God's grace through faith in the work of Christ Jesus!"

Growing up, Luther knew and feared God for His holy justice. As he lived and grew, he struggled to find a God who would also be gracious, loving, merciful and forgiving to sinners like himself. He was raised in a system of faith that taught him that the holy righteousness of God, the Law which demanded God's perfection, would destroy sinners. He was taught that the way to be righteous in God's sight would only be through a combination of repentance, faith in Jesus and penance...doing good works to "cooperate with Christ's goodness" and thereby show God the earnestness of one's sorrow over sin and one's desire for salvation. Try as hard as he may under this system of repentance, faith and penance, Luther found no comfort in this process. Why? He could never be sure he was sufficiently penitent, had shown enough remorse, or accomplished enough good works to please God and secure his salvation. The problem was that one's efforts can't achieve his salvation! The Reformer recognized that even his best efforts, like ours, are still tainted with sin and therefore judged. This terrified Luther, for he realized that through the righteousness of the Law, he could only be headed for hell, even if he would work and pray himself to death.

In his quest to understand the righteousness of God and somehow find a merciful God, Luther poured over God's Word, studying both the Old and New Testaments. From Books like Romans, Ephesians and Habakkuk, he came to a startling realization! While the righteousness of God that comes by way of keeping the Law could never save us, the righteousness of God that comes to us through Christ will! God presents another kind of righteousness in His Word... the kind that God really desires... the kind that HE PROVIDES US as a free gift through faith in His Son Jesus! The only righteousness that God accepts is the one that is based on His Son's perfect atoning life, and death on the cross **FOR US!** The righteousness of God that saves us depends on Jesus Christ, not on our efforts!

The gift of Luther and the Reformation to us remains this: if you and I want to be righteous in the sight of God and live a righteous life, we must **BELIEVE** in the righteousness that God has provided for us through Jesus, applied to us by God-given faith through His Word and Baptism. Here was Luther's answer...and ours... for how we can know beyond a shadow of a doubt that God, while just and holy, is also merciful and gracious to us in His Son Jesus.

Come make history...come and join us for worship every Sunday in October, as we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Gospel's light through the Lutheran Reformation. Each Sunday we will focus on one of the primary doctrines of the Reformation, bless God for the righteousness of His Son Jesus, and for His grace and mercy to us all. Rejoice and worship with us this month...as we celebrate the confidence and hope that our Reformation faith in Jesus gives us!

"For by grace you are saved, through faith, that not of yourselves, it is the free gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast" Eph. 2: 8-9.

Celebrating this milestone Anniversary in the Church with you,
Pastor 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

Pastor Boelter will attend the English District Lake Erie Pastoral and Professional Church Worker's Conference in Port Clinton, OH on October 16th and 17th. He will return to the office Wednesday, October 18th.

500 Years Ago

A monk by the name of Martin Luther, who was intently studying the Word of God, nailed his 95 Theses or discussion points on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. This event on October 31, 1517 brought to light the truth of the Gospel that had been hidden for so long, namely, that we are saved by grace through faith. To celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, we will be enjoying a special worship series during the 5 Sundays of October, culminating in our celebration of the Festival of the Reformation on October 29. Our sermon series is entitled "Justified," and in each service, we will celebrate one of the teachings from God's Word that were brought to light again through the work of Martin Luther, Pastor and Reformer. On Sunday October 1st, we will celebrate the Reformation teaching regarding the Word of God. On October 8th, we will celebrate the Scripture's teaching about Holy Baptism. On October 15th, we will remember Luther's teachings on the Two Kingdoms. On October 22nd, we remember our vocation or callings as baptized believers, and on October 29th, we will celebrate the Central Doctrine of Holy Scripture: Justification by Grace through Faith.

Our services will include Reformation hymns and also special children's sermons. Come and join us at CtK as we devote the month of October to the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Along with our special worship services...please also note the following:

Sunday October 1: we will remember the work of the LWML in our prayers, and by reciting the LWML Pledge in worship. Attention: Mite Boxes will NOT be collected this year until the FIRST Sunday in November, which is Nov. 5, Celebrated as All Saints Sunday.

Sunday October 15th: Witness Sunday at the 10:45 A.M. Service. Our four Confirmands present their essays to the congregation in written form, and assist Pastor Boelter with the Divine Service by reviewing with the congregation how each Chief Teaching of the Holy Scriptures is celebrated every time we gather for Divine Worship.

Sunday October 22nd: Confirmation Sunday at the 10:45 A.M. Worship. We celebrate the Rite of Confirmation with: Molly Anderson, Sarah Fuller, Robert Hays and Stephanie Westrick in our Divine Worship Service, and this Confirmation Class of 2017 receives the Sacrament of the Altar with us for the first time.

Sunday, October 29th: We celebrate the Festival of the Reformation at each Service with Holy Communion (5th Sunday of the Month).

Worship Opportunities

Every Sunday: 8:15 and 10:45 A.M.

Monday evenings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM in our chapel.

Pray the Litany: the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 9:30 A.M. in our church chapel.

Sunrise Assisted Living: Mack/Aline, second floor- Services of the Word 10:30 A.M. on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Preschool Chapel Services: Monday October 9 at 10:45 AM and 1:45 PM in the Church Nave and Tuesday October 10 at 10:00 A.M.; Monday November 6 at 10:45 A.M. and 1:45 P.M.; and Tuesday November 7 at 10:00 A.M.

Thanksgiving Worship

Note: Again this year, because of the difficulty in finding parking near the Thanksgiving holiday, we will celebrate our National Day of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 19th at both services. NO Thanksgiving services will be held the evening before Thanksgiving or on Thanksgiving Day, Nov 22nd or 23rd.

Confirmation Instruction

Public Examination of our Four Confirmands: Molly Anderson, Sarah Fuller, Robert Hays and Stephanie Westrick, will take place Tuesday evening, October 10, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in our Church Library. Each of our four students will answer doctrinal questions from their study of Holy Scripture and Luther's Small Catechism, and will recite memory work relative to their area of study. Come and hear our four confirmands personally confess the faith of their baptism, and demonstrate their knowledge of salvation by grace through faith in Christ Jesus, and their understanding of God's Holy Word in preparation for their confirmation on Sunday, October 22nd.

Level III Confirmation Class: Your formal classes end Tuesday October 3, 2017. Examination will be held Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00 P.M. followed that evening by rehearsal for Witness Sunday in our church nave. Please arrive on Sunday, October 15th by 10:15 to prepare for the Witness Sunday Service at 10:45. Photographs of the Confirmation Class will take place immediately after 10:45 A.M. Service, and our Witness Sunday Dinner will be held in our Library for Confirmands, Parents, Sponsors and Teachers at 12:15. After our Witness Sunday Dinner, we will rehearse for Confirmation Sunday before departing for home. Please be with us no later than 10:15 on Confirmation Sunday to prepare for our 10:45 A.M. Service.

Level II Confirmation Classes formally end October 3rd. We ask Level II Students, as well as our Level I Students to come and witness the Public Examination of our Level III Confirmands in our Church Library at 7:00 the evening of October 10th.

Level One Confirmation Students who successfully complete their studies with Mrs. Ropes this fall will resume study with Pastor Boelter in Level II on Tuesday, January 2nd. Present Level II Students also resume study with Pastor Boelter in Level III on January 2nd.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Mornings - during the month of October, we will finish our study of the Women of the Bible and have a special Bible Study Series that presents some of the key teachings that Luther uncovered in his studies, doctrines that were at the heart of the Reformation. We meet each Sunday morning in our conference room in the office from 9:30-10:30 A.M. between services. Come and join us for this 5 week study!

Wednesday Morning Bible Class - continues its verse by verse study of the Book of Hebrews. We meet every Wednesday from 10:00-11:00 A.M. in the comfort of our office conference room.

Adult Instruction Opportunities - are being presented by Pastor Boelter from now until Advent by appointment. Call the church office should you desire to begin Adult Instruction for a refresher on the doctrines of the Christian faith. Those who complete the course are eligible for Communicant Membership in the congregation.

The following Wedding Dates have been booked at Christ the King for 2018:

June 2
June 22
June 23
June 30
September 8

Note: If you are planning a wedding and desire the services of our church and pastor, we suggest you book your date with the pastor/church secretary prior to scheduling the hall for your wedding reception. This will help to ensure that your service and required counseling can be accommodated as you request. As always, the earlier you begin making your plans with the church, the greater the chances of securing the dates you desire. Remember: It is our policy that church weddings are performed for church members and those who faithfully worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us. A minimum of 4 hours of pastoral counseling is required at Christ the King prior to the celebration of the marriage. A Wedding Schedule of Fees is available to you through Vicki Berkseth in our Church Office.

Official Acts

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

Junior Confirmation

Received into Communicant membership through the Rite of Confirmation will be:

Molly Claire Anderson, daughter of William Parent Anderson and Kimberly Irene ne'e Schmidlin Anderson, born March 24, 2004, baptized May 16, 2004 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. Baptismal sponsors: John and Kristine Anderson. Confirmation Text: Psalm 23:1.

Sarah Beth Fuller, daughter of Elliot Morgan Fuller and Stacey Tina ne'e Rosen, born May 25, 2003, baptized November 18, 2004 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Macomb, MI. Baptismal sponsors; Clinton and Janice Fuller. Confirmation Text: John 14:27.

Robert Wesley Hays, son of Steven Wayne Hays and Carolyn Ann ne'e Fine Hays, born December 20, 2003, baptized March 14, 2004 at Faith Lutheran Church, Troy, MI. Baptismal sponsors: Dr. Michael Fine and Sheryl Hubbard. Confirmation Text: Psalm 27:1.

Stephanie Anne Westrick, daughter of Gregory John Westrick and Karen Lynn ne'e Urban Westrick, born June 1, 2004, baptized August 15, 2004 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. Baptismal sponsors: Doreen McComas and John Urban. Confirmation Text: Jeremiah 29:1.

Holy Marriage

Michael Patrick Mullinger and Brooke Nichole White, married Saturday, September 23, 2017. Witnesses: Robert James Mullinger and Brianna Rae White. Pastor Boelter officiated.

Sean Gilbert Metry and Julie Nicole Paavola, married July 28, 2017 at Addison Oaks in Leonard Township, MI. Witnesses: Christopher Metry and Genna Sorget. Pastor Boelter officiated.

Holy Baptism

Charles Edward Renshaw, son of Charles Edward Renshaw and Vivian ne'e Coots Renshaw, born March 11, 1990, baptized August 17, 2017 at St. John Hospital, Detroit, MI. Sponsor: Vivian Renshaw. Officiant: Pastor Boelter.

Amelia Eleanor Canko, daughter of Klajdi Canko and his wife, Jillian Elise ne'e Isherwood Canko, born June 8, 2017, baptized August 20, 2017. Baptismal sponsors: Jenna Isherwood, Brad Isherwood, and Olta Canko. Officiant: Pastor Boelter.

Christian Internment

Robert Donald Kromm, internment of cremains at Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak, MI on July 26, 2017. Pastor Boelter officiating.

Preschool Happenings



The preschool is enjoying the beginning of our 2017-2018 school year. We currently have 45 children enrolled in our Threes- and Fours- programs and 4 children enrolled in our fall Moms and Twos Program. We will accept new enrollees at any time so keep talking up these programs to friends and neighbors. To God Be All Glory!

Our Classrooms

The Lord has set before us an important ministry to feed our precious lambs. The children so enjoy our Jesus time together every day as well as free play, centers, snack, projects, gym, alphabet time, stories, and so much more! Our three-year-old groups are enjoying learning about the farm and then will start having their color days to help them master their colors. The four-year-old groups are learning all about fall, leaves, apples, and pumpkins. All classes enjoy learning the story of Noah's Ark to help get us ready for our classroom Noah's Ark parties. In November, we focus on Thanksgiving and all the blessings God has given us.

Fundraisers

Thank you to everyone who participated in our August TCBY Night and our September Ram's Horn Night. It is so fun to see so many school and church families gathering for fellowship in the same place!

October Fundraiser

Our next fundraiser is our Savory Foods Cookie Dough and Popcorn Sale which runs from October 9th—October 24th. There will be order forms out after Sunday services if you wish to place an order. All tubs of cookie dough and popcorn sell for \$15.00. The delivery day for our orders is Wednesday, November 15th between 11:00 and 1:00.

November Fundraiser

Our Scrip Gift Card Fundraiser begins in November. If you purchase gift cards for Christmas, please consider doing it through our Preschool fundraiser.

Youth Group News



October & November Youth Group Happenings

First, I would like to start by welcoming my new Assistant Youth Group Leader, Miss Bethany Vandevorde! Bethany was kind enough to volunteer to assist me with the various youth events throughout the year and the kids love her....so do I. We are very lucky to have her on board!

This Fall we are starting something new! The regularly scheduled Wednesday evening Fun Nights geared towards our confirmation-aged kids (held at St. Paul's) will continue to be held but on an every other week basis in order to try out a High School Youth Dinner/Bible Study. As of this writing, we have had one meeting with five young people in attendance - and for a "first time" anything, we enjoyed having a nice meal together and afterward had a discussion about what the Bible has to say about responsibility and what our young people felt their individual responsibilities were. We're hoping these meetings "catch on" and develop a real dialogue with the kids that would pertain to their everyday lives. I attend all of these events and would be happy to provide transportation for any of your children.

Here are the dates

Youth Fun Nights - St. Paul's - October 4th & 18th - November 1st & 15th

High School Dinner/Bible Studies - St. Paul's - 6:30 -7:55 p.m. - October 11th & 25th - November 8th

Some of the other activities we will be looking into scheduling these next two months include a Fall Pumpkin Carving party, Bowling at Lakeshore Lanes, and Laser Tag in Clinton Twp. Dates and times will be sent via email to all of the parents and also printed in your Sunday church service bulletins. As always, please feel free to contact me. Nancy Josefiak

News Briefs

FALL CLEAN UP TIME IS HERE AGAIN We are looking for volunteers to help with this task on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Please bring gardening tools and waste bags.

TASKS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED:

- Blow/rake leaves
- Cut back perennials
- Remove dead shrubs and small trees
- Weeding
- Remove any remaining annuals
- Divide and transplant perennials

As you can see, to accomplish all these tasks we need many volunteers. Please donate a few hours of your time as our budget does not allow for hiring these duties out. Many hands are needed to maintain the outside grounds at CTK. Call the church office if you can help. Any amount of time you can give is appreciated. If we know ahead of time that you will be there we are going to have a BBQ after we finish our work.

Vestry Meeting and Membership Meeting

CtK Vestry will meet on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

Our next Membership Meeting will be held Sunday, November 19, 2017 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.

Message Regarding our Memorial Flower Program Next Spring

We thank all who contributed flowers to beautify our church property this year, and especially those volunteers who faithfully watered the flowers on our dry, warm summer days. While we all enjoy the beauty our memorial flower project provides, it is going to be imperative that we have even more volunteers next summer to take a few hours each week and water our flowerbeds, especially the ones that are not in the path of our lawn sprinklers. Keep in mind this opportunity to serve next summer, so that we may continue this wonderful project in memory of loved ones, and beautify the outdoors of our church home.

Fall Fellowship Event

Join us Sunday, October 29, 2017 at NOON in our Large Auditorium as our Elders present a German-style Dinner as we celebrate the Festival of the Reformation. Featured will be German Bratwurst, sauerkraut, red cabbage, hot German potato salad, bread, apple strudel and beverages. Join us as we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, and as Pastor Boelter presents a special slide show of his trip to Germany and Luther-land this past summer. Please sign up for our dinner so that we can have an approximate number for our preparation.



Christ the King has a Facebook Page

We thank Mark Gade for helping us maintain this media, for keeping our calendar and ministry before the community/world, and for the special Bible Devotions that he regularly posts. Have you checked our Facebook Page, and our Preschool's Facebook page? Do so, and hit "Like," and share the page with family members and friends. It is a great way to share our ministry with others!

Fall Church Cleaning Day - Saturday, October 7, 2017 10:00 A.M.

Please join us as we gather together to spruce up our church and do some Fall housecleaning at the Lord's House. The projects we are addressing are things that are not a part of our custodian's regular job description, and some projects that we are not able to get to on a weekly basis. In the past we have paid McCoy Maintenance to do these extra chores, but this time we are trying to save some money. We do, however, need volunteers to accomplish these goals, or we will once again have to employ McCoy Maintenance and incur a substantial cost. "Many hands make the burden light," says the Holy Scriptures. Come and help us for a few hours, and enjoy a good lunch at noon. What a great way for us to fellowship, and to take pride in the beautiful church home God has provided. See you there on Saturday, October 7th at 10:00 A.M.

Elder's Corner

Paul Nuechterlein, Elder

What is truth? Pilot asked Jesus this question. Jesus told him that He came to testify to the truth. The answer to truth was standing right in front of him. Jesus did not need to answer in words. God Himself was standing before Pilot. Jesus in the flesh is the Word of God come to fulfill God's promise to all men. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God's promise of salvation had come.

Jesus assures each of us that there is evidence to this truth. "I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you." "He will not speak on His own authority, He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you." (John 14:16-17 and John 16:13-14)

The love of God has been poured out to us by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. He who is joined to the Lord is one Spirit.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. The Spirit also comes to help in all our weaknesses. Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of malicious behavior. The Spirit lives in us. We do not always know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

This is how Jesus came to testify to the truth. God's promise is before us and inside of us. This gives special meaning to our benediction that we hear at the end of the service. "May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with you all. Amen."

Stewardship

Helping the Less Fortunate

In Proverbs 14:31 we read, *"Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors Him."* In the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31), Jesus describes a rich man who certainly insulted his maker when he chose not to offer any food or assistance to Lazarus. The Rich Man ignored the needs of Lazarus. When we read through the entire story, we see that Jesus places great importance to the good works that we do, or fail to do, for the needy. Unfortunately, we along with others, selfishly seek to keep what we have rather than freely share it. Money becomes overly important.

The Yaguey tree in Cuba is a living parable of the story that Jesus told about the Rich Man and Lazarus. The Yaguey tree begins its life when a bird or the wind deposits its seed in the trunk of another tree. If the seed takes root, it sends string-like roots down the tree and eventually into the earth. Then, the Yaguey begins to grow upward. New roots form, gradually creating a net encasing the host tree. Slowly, the outer tree strangles the inner tree, and the parasite that arrived as a guest becomes the only tree remaining alive. That is what Jesus says happens to us if we selfishly refuse to give assistance to someone in need. Deuteronomy 15:7-8 tells us, *"If...one of your brothers should become poor...you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need..."* The money we have in our pocket starts to control us and takes over. We become interested only in ourselves and in the accumulation of money. May God help each of us seek opportunities to help those in need with our time and money.