

# King's Chronicles

## "The Believer and Electing People to Office"

Dear Friends in Christ,

The recent political and social climate in which we are living has been tense to say the least. With the mid-term elections coming up November 7<sup>th</sup>, there is a huge push in our land right now entreating people to exercise their civic duty and cast their vote in a way that reflects their views and aspirations for our country, letting their voices be heard. Does everything depend upon us? Yes and no. Groups like Vote Biblically encourage us Christians to be responsible by getting out and voting, and in the process, letting the Word of God guide us in choosing candidates whose platforms remain in line with the clear, expressed will of God found in Holy Scripture. The Word of God is inspired and inerrant, and will always lead us in the paths of righteousness where God would have us go. Elections indeed have consequences for the moral life of a nation, so what is important is for us to vote for candidates whose platforms do not run contrary to God's Holy will. At the end of time, we won't be judged on our party preference, we will be judged on whether we have honored God and His Word, whether or not we have let His ways come to bear on our words and actions. Doing our part in this regard is important, for it is exercising our Christian freedom and responsibility.

That being said, we need to remember that the Kingdom of God will not rise or fall merely by who we elect to public office. Our God and Savior is Sovereign and Ruler over all, even the kings and princes of our nation.

Our Christian faith and the Word of God may lead us to vote for certain Christian candidates, but it does not COMPEL us to support ONLY Christians. It may seem a paradox to us, but Martin Luther wrote that it is absolutely possible and it often happens that a leader, as God's representative for our welfare, can be a sinful unbeliever, and yet rule people with justice. Isaiah 45 is an important chapter in the Bible in this regard, because it demonstrates to us how in history the LORD used a pagan King, Cyrus the Persian, to rule for the welfare of God's own people. In First Timothy 2 St. Paul encourages us to pray for ALL who are in authority over us, and that includes non-believers in government leadership roles. We may elect leaders, but it is God who sets those leaders in their positions for our welfare. We also can learn from the life of St. Paul. Look at the value he places on Felix and Agrippa, as well as the great respect with which he treats them. They are two unbelieving leaders in office at the time of Paul's hearings (Acts 24ff). In I Peter 2 and in Romans 13, the Apostles Peter and Paul both talk about the

blessings that good government can bring to believers in the Church. In both of these cases they are also referring to non-believers bringing benefit and blessing to believers as they faithfully serve in their leadership positions.

If a candidate's leadership is in harmony with the Word of God, it is good, right and proper for us believers to elect such a candidate. When it comes to **any** leader, we believers are to follow them in so far as they lead us in ways that are God-pleasing. Should they however, lead us to places God would not have us go, we cannot and do not follow such leadership, but must work within Godly means for change.

The one thing we must keep straight in our thinking, however, is that the advancement of the cause of Christ does not solely depend upon us believers electing Christians to office. The mission and advancement of the Kingdom of Grace is and always has been in the hands of Jesus Christ our King. He is Lord of life and death, and He has placed the mission and the advancement of His Kingdom in the hands of His followers (Mt. 28: 19). The power believers have to advance God's Kingdom of Grace comes by God's Means of the preaching and teaching of the Gospel. Electing leaders who will not hinder God's Word or the Gospel's proclamation is sensible and helpful, but the mission AND ITS ADVANCEMENT depends upon our Crucified and Risen Lord and His leadership and power.

The personal faith of an elected official may be helpful, but is not as important as is the faithful, day to day proclamation of God's Word and Gospel by us believing Christians. We would pray to always be living under a government and under leaders that will not hinder the Gospel. World history, even current history in China, shows that this will not always be the case. Even then, all is never lost! God has promised that a remnant of faithful believers will remain. Even if a government should prohibit the public proclamation of the Good News, our Lord Himself promises to advance His Kingdom through us believers and His powerful Word.

What is our duty in these days? Pray. Trust God and His view on these matters, not us. Cast your vote keeping God's Word and His will in mind. I Peter chapters 2 and 3 also give us some very sound counsel: "having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles...honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the King...always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you..."

Yours In Christ,  
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's Adult Instruction Class has assembled and is meeting most Saturday mornings at 10:00 A.M.**

This course is a refresher in basic Christian doctrines, and is an avenue by which those who wish to join our congregation may do so upon completion of the class. Classes run approximately one hour and 15 minutes, and are often taught individually to help those whose work schedules need special accommodation. For information call Pastor Boelter.

**Examination of our Confirmand Brigitte Zook** will take place in our Library on Tuesday evening, October 2nd at 7:00 P.M. The congregation is invited to hear Brigitte demonstrate her knowledge of her baptismal faith and her readiness to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper October 14th.

**LWML Sunday October 7th!** We will hold our annual celebration of the work of the Lutheran Woman's Missionary League with a special service and liturgy on October 7th. Please bring your Mite Box offerings. You may deposit your Mite Boxes in the LWML offering box at the time of the congregation's offering and receive a new Mite Box for mission work.

**October 7th at the 10:45 A.M. Service** Brigitte Zook will share her confirmation essay on the Lord's Supper at our Late Divine Service in preparation for her confirmation on Sunday, October 14th.

**Sunday, October 14th** We will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation for Brigitte Zook, our Level III Confirmand at the 10:45 A.M. Divine Worship Service. Brigitte will join us in receiving the Lord's Supper for the first time at that service.

**Reformation Sunday, October 28th** We will celebrate the Festival of the Reformation at both services on Sunday, October 28th. Come, join us for worship as we sing our favorite Reformation Hymns and mark the close of the 500th Anniversary Year of the Lutheran Reformation.

**All Saints Sunday is Sunday, November 4th.** We will commemorate our faithful departed here at Christ the King in both services with a special liturgy.

We will celebrate our **National Thanksgiving** together at both services on **Sunday, November 18th** with Holy Communion.

**Monday Evening Services** will be held on the following Monday evenings in October and November at 7:00 P.M. in our Chapel: 10/8, 10/22, 11/12, and 11/26.

**The Lake Erie Pastor's Conference for the English District Pastors and Church workers will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 16, 17 and 18** in Dorr, MI. Pastor Boelter will be attending the Fall Conference and will return to the office Friday, October 19th.

### Looking Ahead

**Wednesday Advent Services** begin December 5, 12 and 19 at 11:15 and 7:00 P.M.. We will host **Advent Dinners** on Wednesday evenings in our Library from 5:30 to 6:45. We are seeking groups and individuals who would like to take charge and prepare meals for our congregation. Please call the church office if you are able to help.

**The Judelaire's Concert will take place at Ctk on Friday evening, November 30 at 7:00 P.M.** followed by a coffee and cookie reception in our Library. This will be the first performance of the Judelaire's for the Christmas season. Mark your calendars, for this event occurs in NOVEMBER and not on the first Friday of December as in most years.



## Mission Support

### Fall Zone Rally of the LWML

A Fall Zone Rally of the LWML will be held at Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church on Sunday afternoon, October 7, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. LCMS Seminarian Tyler McMiller and his wife Yanella will speak of their experience serving God's people in the Dominican Republic. The event will include music, food and fellowship. Ascension of Christ is located at 16935 14 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI. A \$10.00 registration fee and prayer service offering will help support our missionaries. Please bring a non-perishable food item to stock the food pantries at St. Paul's and Christ the King Lutheran Churches.

### Lutheran Church of Venezuela

Our sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed thus far to the special door offering we are taking for the Lutheran Church of Venezuela, which has fallen on hard times. We are joining English District congregations across Metro Detroit in raising funds to assist the Venezuelan church. Our offering will be taken to Venezuela to help provide transportation for the President of the ILV to make calls on pastors and congregations in his domain. Sadly, the automobile which they were using was destroyed in an accident, and with the present ravages of socialism, the ILV is not able on its own to acquire the funds necessary to purchase another vehicle for the Lord's work. We thank everyone who has contributed, and thank everyone who is planning on making a donation. Monies will be sent to Zion Lutheran, Detroit, and forwarded by wire to the ILV. For more information, see Pastor Boelter or one of our Elders.

### LC-MS Relief Effort for the Carolinas

Hurricane Florence struck the southeastern coast last weekend affecting thousands. One of this storm's greatest threats is its anticipated amount of rainfall, with some areas already reporting up to 40 inches. Rain is causing extensive flooding, echoing the damage from Hurricanes Harvey and Maria just a little over a year ago.

**LCMS Disaster Response** is walking again alongside the Synod's Southeastern District and local congregations to bring effective relief and human care to those suffering from Florence. Our congregations in the affected areas again will be the focal points of Gospel-centered relief and human-care work over the months and years ahead.

**LCMS World Relief and Human Care**, thanks to your same compassionate generosity, continues to share the mercy of God in Christ. I am bold to invite you to help those who are hurting and those who are also grieving. You have shown confidence in our World Relief and Human Care disaster response team to walk alongside our congregations.

**I encourage you to prayerfully consider a gift specifically designated either for general disaster relief (wherever the needs for disaster response efforts are greatest) or for general hurricane relief work.** These two options afford the greatest flexibility to meet needs as they arise. You have my reassurance that we will wisely use each penny to do the kind of work you want and expect to see happen. Thank you.

*Rev. Matthew C. Harrison*

#### **Make check payable and mail to:**

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod  
P.O. Box 66861  
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

*(Note how you want your gift used on the memo line or in an enclosed note such as: Disaster - where needed most, flood relief, hurricane relief, etc.)*

**To make a credit card gift by phone** call the LCMS toll-free donor care line between 8:00am and 4:10pm Central Time. **888-930-4438**

## Preschool Happenings



The preschool has enjoyed their first month of preschool. We currently have 48 children enrolled in our threes and fours programs and 5 children enrolled in our fall Moms and Two's program. We will accept new enrollees at any time so keep talking up these programs to friends and neighbors. WE HAVE SOME NEW LAWN SIGNS. SO IF YOU NEVER GOT ONE OR IF YOU NEED A NEW ONE, THEY ARE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

### Fundraisers

Thank you to everyone who participated in our August **TCBY Night** and our September **Jets Pizza Night**. Our next fundraiser is our **Savory Foods Cookie Dough and Popcorn Fundraiser**. There will be a table in the Welcome Center with the information on Sunday October 7th and 14th. You may place your order at that table or see a preschool staff member. Orders will be delivered for pick-up on November 14th between 11:00-1:00. In November we will be selling our **Scrip** gift cards. If you purchase gift cards for Christmas gifts, please consider doing it through our preschool fundraiser. Thank you so much for your support!

### Our Classrooms

The Lord has set before us an important ministry to feed our precious lambs. The children really 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 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 and will enjoy a field trip to Blake's Big Apple. All classes enjoy learning the story of Noah's Ark to help get ready for our classroom Noah's Ark parties. In November we focus on Thanksgiving and all the blessings God has given us.

## Youth Group News



On **Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** we are excited to be kicking off our Fall season with a CtK Fun Night! Marty, Noelle, Holly and Steve will be back to lead (as well as participate with) our kids in some of their creative group games, hang out in our youth room for a game of pool or air hockey and also share an inspirational Christian message and music. This event will run from **7:00 until 10:00 p.m.** and includes dinner and dessert - no cost!

Pastor Rutter proposed trying something new with our collective youth groups this fall. First, he's trying a new day and time - **Sundays at 4:00 p.m.** We also have another parent on board to assist from St. Paul's - his name is Ryan Koepf (he has youth group aged children). Ryan is adding some fresh new ideas that we think the kids will really like. Each meeting will start off with a devotion and a couple of ice breaker games. The focus will then be on service projects and field trips...naturally there will be a snack at each meeting. I hope this new day of the week and format will appeal to our kids!

**Bowling and Wally's Wednesdays - October 10<sup>th</sup> and November 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.** - We always have a good time when we get together to bowl! We will meet up at Shores Lanes at the corner of Harper and 13 Mile Road for 2 games of bowling and take a trip over to Wally's Frozen Custard for dessert afterward.

**Pumpkin Carving Party - Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> - St. Paul's 4:00 p.m.** The Youth Group meeting will be turned into an afternoon of creativity! We will enjoy some cider and donuts while creating some sure to be unique Jack-o-lanterns. Everyone will have their very own pumpkin to work on and take home afterwards. \*Alternate date and time would be Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the Christ the King big room - an email confirmation will be coming as we get closer to the date.

**Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Cookie Making & Baking** - We were able to do this the last couple of years and had a lot of fun in the kitchen. The kids were all able to take a plate of freshly baked cookies home while helping to provide some homemade treats for the Judelaires Concert afterglow. I will be at church early to get organized and invite the kids to arrive any time after 4:30 meeting down in the basement kitchen. I plan to have something available to eat for dinner if they come hungry, besides sampling cookies!

If you have any questions or would like to RSVP for any of the above activities please feel free to contact Nancy Josefiak by calling the church office 313-884-5090.

### Official Acts

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

#### Confirmation

Brigitte Zook, to be confirmed on Sunday, October 14, 2018.

#### Holy Marriage

Kyle Raymond Josefiak and Brianne Elizabeth Zayac, married Saturday, September 15, 2018. Witnesses: Tina Ristovski and Zachary Josefiak. Pastor Boelter officiated.

#### To be Married

William Eric Tiemann and Aimee Elizabeth Spencer, to be married Friday, October 12, 2018. Witnesses: Joe Buford and Rachel Javorcky. To officiate: Pastor Boelter.

Jan Eric Hendrickson and Allison Jeanine Vauer-Shanley, to be married Saturday, November 10, 2018. Witnesses: Katey Stapleton and Tyler Watson Bean. To officiate: Pastor Boelter.

#### Funerals

Thomas Richard Ziemiecki, born February 16, 1988, died in the Lord at Karmanos Hospital, Detroit on July 25, 2018. Funeral Service held July 30, 2018, burial at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township, MI. Pastor Boelter officiated. Psalm 37:5.

John George Arthur Harms, born May 1, 1920, died in the Lord in Sterling Heights, MI July 27, 2018. Funeral held at Christ the King on Saturday, August 4, 2018. Burial at the Great Lakes National Cemetery on Monday, August 6, 2018. Pastor Boelter officiated. Psalm 46.

Christopher Robert Jacobi, born September 2, 1983, died in the Lord in Seattle, WA on August 13, 2018. Funeral Service held on Monday, August 21, 2018. Cremation. Interment pending. Pastor Boelter officiated. I Peter 1:3.

## Stewardship

### Overflowing Joy

The thought of anything overflowing is normally seen in a negative light. When we fill containers to their limit and beyond, the contents will pour out of the container resulting in a mess to clean up. We've all experienced putting too much water, soda, or milk in a glass causing an overflow. However, in a spiritual sense, an overflow is what we want. When we are filled with God's love and joy, His love and joy overflow from us to others. As God continues to fill us, we have more to share with our family, friends, and all people.

An example of being filled to overflowing is found in the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Corinth. In the eighth chapter of 2 Corinthians, Paul encouraged the people in Corinth to give generously to the needy brothers and sisters in Christ in Jerusalem. To encourage the Corinthian people to give generously, Paul referenced the generosity of the people in Macedonia, who were filled to overflowing with an abundance of joy. Paul wrote, *"We want you to know brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty on their part have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part."* (2 Corinthians 8:1-2) In these verses, we find four significant thoughts. There is severe affliction and extreme poverty and in the midst of these troubles, we find an abundance of joy that is overflowing in generosity. The joy of the Macedonians flourished even with *"severe test of affliction"* and *"extreme poverty."*

The joy of the Macedonians was in Jesus. They were filled with joy because they experienced Jesus' love. They knew that because of their faith they were forgiven. Their hope and security were in Jesus, and they wanted to share their blessings with others. Having been filled by God, they had much to share. Their joy could not be contained. Their joy grew and became complete as they shared their joy in Jesus with others as they gave their money *"beyond their means."* (2 Corinthians 8:3)

Where and in what you and I find joy will determine how we view and use the blessings that we have. If our joy is in the things of the world, we will want to hold onto and keep enjoying what we have for ourselves. When our joy is in material things, we become protective and possessive of them. If our joy is in Jesus, as was the Macedonians, our joy will prompt us to want to share our blessings. We want others to have the joy that we have in Jesus.

May God fill each of us with His joy and may He bless us as we share that joy with others.

## News Briefs

### Counters Needed

Can you spare 1 to 1 ½ hours per week for four weeks? Counting usually takes place after the late service on Sunday or on Monday. The only skill needed for this volunteer job is a knowledge of basic arithmetic and accuracy. There are four groups of counters that count 3 months a year. One counter is needed for the months of January, May and September. There is also a vacancy for the months of March, July and November. Please contact Noel Paavola by calling the church office 313-884-5090.

**You will notice...**that we have removed three pews in the right front (Mack Avenue side) of the church nave and one pew at the back of the church on the lake side of the nave. First and foremost, this provides designated space for our handicapped members and friends who come to worship with wheelchairs and walkers. They will no longer need to be seated in the aisles, which was uncomfortable for them and unsafe for others. The pews were removed and are stored in our Large Auditorium. The grand piano has now been moved to the pulpit side of the nave, making possible room for our choir and our children to sing at the front of the nave for worship and other festivals. The baptismal font and Christ candle have been returned to their original location on the lectern side of the church nave, where they were first placed years ago. The baptismal font was moved in the mid 1990's when the grand piano was purchased for worship during the construction of our new pipe organ. The only place it fit, until now, was on the lakeside of the church at the front. This change will be helpful in many respects, and was facilitated by the need to have our carpet stretched in the front, center aisle. The carpet had loosened due to frequent movement of the piano to the Mack Avenue side of the nave for concerts. Now our beautiful (and very heavy) piano need not be moved, nor the carpeting affected by wear and movement.

### Women's Guild

The Women's Guild meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30am. Come join your friends and bring your lunch. Dessert and tea will be provided.

### Christmas Wreath Sale

Our Church fall/winter calendar is being finalized, and before you know it Advent and Christmas will be upon us as well. This year Christ the King Lutheran Church will be holding a Christmas wreath sale to benefit ongoing projects of our building and programs. Order forms are available in the church office. We will be taking orders (with payment) through October. We must place our order with the wholesaler *before* November 1st. The deadline to place an order is Friday, October 26th.

Pick up will be at Christ the King after 12pm on Saturday, Dec. 1st. These greens are constructed the same week we pick them up. They are SO fresh and remain so for weeks. The two choices offered, both very full fresh, balsam wreaths measure approximately 24" for \$13, and 40" for \$40. They both have waterproof red velvet ribbons, with no additional ornamentation, and a wire hanger affixed. They will be bagged for your convenience and ready to hang and enjoy.

For our CtK members wishing to have a memorial wreath for cemetery placement, we can also provide a 30" stand at a reasonable cost of \$4.00 each.



### Fall Clean Up Time is Here Again

We are looking for volunteers to help with this task on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The rain day will be Saturday, November 17, 2018. Please bring the following tools if you have them (if you don't have any we will gladly share what we have): rake, leaf blower, outdoor extension cord, yard waste bags, pail for weeds and debris, weed pulling tool, shovel for perennial dividing, tree trimming loppers/pruners.

#### TASKS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED:

- Blow/rake leaves
- Cut back perennials
- 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. Coffee, water and bagels will be provided.