

KING'S CHRONICLES

Longing for Home

Daniel 6:10 "And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, He (Daniel) knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days."

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Holy Scriptures make it clear to us that while exiled with God's people in Babylon, God's faithful servant Daniel remembered the LORD, faithfully worshiped Him and communicated with Him often in prayer. As hard as it was to be exiled from the homeland, Daniel continued to trust in God, live in repentance and faith, and believe that God allowed this exile to occur for the spiritual good of His people. But make no mistake here, Daniel experienced a tremendous homesickness for the fatherland, for Mt. Zion and the city of Jerusalem. So great was Daniel's yearning for God and Jerusalem that when he prayed, he would always open the window of his room toward Jerusalem. Not only was the Holy Land the home God gave His people, Jerusalem and particularly Mt. Zion was ever the focal point of life with the LORD. It was a place God had interacted so intimately with His people over time. It would eventually be the place God's greatest intervention would take place: the place where He would redeem His people through the death and resurrection of His Son. Daniel knew that one day he and God's people would return, but they waited in patient hope for an even Greater Day!

Daniel 6:10 sheds light on Daniel's worship life as it states that he diligently continued his worship and prayers in exile **just as he had done since his early days**. In other words, he worshiped all of his life, never letting exile to a foreign land stand in his way of worshipping and praying to his God and Savior.

This is one of my very favorite verses of the Scripture, and I have mentioned it often in my preaching and teaching over the years. I guess you could say that over the past year and one half, we have also experienced a sort of exile because of Covid-19. The pandemic has interrupted our public worship, our Christian education program and our fellowship as a congregation. Many of our members have expressed a feeling of isolation and loneliness. In other words, it has been like living in exile.

We are thankful to God that we now seem to be closer to the end of the Covid-19 exile. Restrictions are being lifted and thankfully we are beginning to be able to move about more freely at this time. Beginning June 1, our church is now open to a 50 % capacity recommendation, and those who have received both of their vaccinations no longer need to wear masks when entering the building. Come July 1, we are opening to 100%

capacity with all restrictions lifted. This means that we will finally be able once again to host fellowship gatherings at our church, as well as host various community groups that wish to gather at our facility for meetings. While recommendations are lifted July 1, the pastor and elders will continue to wear protective equipment for the celebration of Holy Communion. We hope this will provide an added measure of security for a time. Those with underlying health conditions are also urged to continue to wear masks, and anyone who is not feeling well or who is running a fever should remain at home to protect others.

It has been a long exile for us at Christ the King, but not only for us, but for all pastors and congregations everywhere. We have been most happy that in this Covid exile, God has given us the technology to bring His Word to you through our Facebook Services. These have been provided for your welfare during this epidemic, and these services will continue to be broadcast in the future. We hope however, that during this epidemic you and your family have availed yourself to these means and have remained diligent in your worship and prayer life at home. When all is said and done and this pandemic has ended, I pray that it may be said of you that like Daniel, your heart has yearned for God and His house, just as it has been your custom since early days.

Thinking of Daniel 6:10, I would also pray that each one of you associated with Christ the King Congregation can look back over these days and truthfully say that you have experienced the very same yearning in your heart for the LORD and His gifts as did Daniel, and that you have missed coming into God's presence for in-person worship in this special place. I pray that your hearts have yearned to return to this sanctuary, to a place that is holy and set apart, a place where God has promised to be present in Word and Sacrament, a place where His grace and mercy are assured to you in Jesus Christ. Our church is indeed a holy place, as was Jerusalem, because in this place, God comes to you personally and locally in His Word and Sacrament. Here He creates and sustains in you the new life that is required for those who one day wish to see the Kingdom of God. We can only attain the Kingdom of God through faith in God's crucified and resurrected Son Jesus Christ.

Why yearn for your church home and for public worship? God knows that there are simply things we will not do at home. At home you can not receive the spiritual strength that comes from worshiping in a congregation of believers. At home you can not publicly confess your faith. At home you can not inspire others by your very own, unique presence. At home you can not help another person worship. At home you cannot receive the Sacrament of the Altar.

When the exile ended, some people chose to stay in Babylon, but many faithful souls returned to Jerusalem. As conditions now improve and God brings an end to our Covid exile, it is time for you to come home again too.

Return so that hearing the Word, you may bear fruit (Matthew 13:23). Return so that you will continue to build your life on a solid, unchanging foundation (Matthew 7: 24). Return and live as a disciple of Jesus (John 8:31). Return to be strengthened in your witness of Christ (Luke 10:16). Return so that the Word of Christ shall dwell in you richly (Col.3:16). Return so that you do not neglect the Lord's Day (Hebrews 10:25). And return so that you can rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn (I Cor. 12:26).

The exile is ending. It's time to come home soon.

Yearning to worship again with you,
Pastor Boelter

Official Acts

The following official acts have been performed or are scheduled to be performed by your pastor on behalf of the Congregation:

Christian Burials & Interments

Cathi Lou Cordner, daughter of the late Vivian Burns, born June 25, 1953, died in the Lord April 23, 2021 at Henry Ford Hospital, Macomb, MI. Service held at Muir Funeral Home, Romeo, MI on April 27, 2021. Cremation. Burial pending. Pastor Boelter officiating.

Interment: Fred and Margaret Wittwer, Christian burial with Words of Committal at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI on Friday, April 30, 2021. Pastor Boelter officiating.

To be interred June 16, 2021: Eva Bruske, mother of Edie Bruske. Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township, MI. Pastor Boelter to officiate.

Funerals

Hannah Hedwig Beskange, born September 13, 1927, died in the Lord at American House, Fraser, MI on May 6, 2021. Funeral Service held at Christ the King on May 13, 2021 with burial at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, MI. Pastor Boelter officiating.

Richard Herbert Burt, born January 14, 1934, died in the Lord at his home in Grosse Pointe Woods, MI on May 17, 2021. Funeral Service held at Christ the King on May 24, 2021 with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia, MI.

Reaffirmation of Holy Marriage

David and Regina Jennio, reaffirmation of wedding vows Saturday, May 22, 2021. Pastor Boelter Officiating.

Junior Confirmation of the Class of 2020

Grace DeSantis- received into communicant membership by the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 23, 2021.
Zoe DeSantis- received into communicant membership by the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 23, 2021.

Gretchen Zook- received into communicant membership by the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 23, 2021.

Madison Hays- received into communicant membership by the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 30, 2021.

Keira Finley- received into communicant membership by the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 30, 2021.

Preschool News

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I want to first apologize for not being in touch with you all much sooner!!! This year has been an absolute Blessing!! Lots of positive changes and many new adaptations due to the Covid-19 pandemic. A few highlights and announcements.....

*Our program grew leaps and bounds this year and at one point we had 82 students enrolled!!!

*With following all safety and health guidelines I am happy to announce there was not one Covid positive case within the preschool program!! The staff has done an absolutely amazing job in keeping up with sanitization and safety procedures!!

*Our Fall 2021-2022 school year has already over 50 enrolled!! - Keep spreading the word about our program and we greatly appreciate the support!! Lawn signs are available.

*Our school year for 2020-2021 will be coming to an end as of May 21st!!! There will be a 4's Graduation Celebration at 11am on both May 20th and May 21st starting at 11am in front of the church entrance doors. Pray for good weather!

*Due to the Covid-19 pandemic unfortunately VBS, for the open community, will not be taking place. Instead, we will be having an Extended Preschool Summer Program for our already enrolled preschoolers that will run from May 26th to June 18th. The last week of the program will be a Preschool VBS program!!! While we are very disappointed that we cannot open this to the public, we are still very grateful to be able to provide VBS to our preschoolers!

Again, thank you all for your support and prayers this school year!!!!!!

In Christ,
Melissa Pieper

Sunday School News

A Big Congratulations to **Sissy Garrett and Brady Cooper** for earning 4 TCBY Gift Cards each! 🏆 Harlan Garrett for earning 3! 🏆 Other participants include Evelyn Sloan, Elli and Shannon Shanley. Four returned postcards earns you a gift card. 📧 You have until **June 30th** to turn in Postcards! Mark your Calendars 📅 Sunday School returns Live and in person **Sunday, September 12, 2021.** Have a great summer! 🌞

Sunday School Teachers,
Kim, Chris, Jan, Linda

Bible Classes

Our Sunday morning Bible Class held each Sunday from 9:30-10:30 between Divine Worship Services has now concluded its lessons for the summer and will resume after Labor Day.

Our Wednesday morning Bible Class- has elected to meet throughout the months of June and July each Wednesday morning from 10:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. Normally pausing for the summer months, our Wednesday class participants have chosen to continue this study through these months of summer to make up some time that was lost the last year during the Covid Pandemic. We are currently enjoying a verse-by-verse study of the Book of Romans, and are currently through half of the 4th Chapter. You are most welcome to join us for this great class!

Confirmation Instruction has continued

During the pandemic, we are happy that our Level I and Level III Confirmation Classes continued to meet with Kyrstyn Sloan and Pastor Boelter. Currently, one student in Level I will be returning this Fall to complete his studies with Mrs. Sloan, and will advance to the Level II Class next January. One Confirmand studying with Pastor Boelter in Level III will be returning in September to finish his remaining units of study in preparation for Witness Sunday (October 17) and Confirmation Sunday on October 24th. This summer, Will Scott is completing his summer assignments in preparation for his confirmation this fall by writing his essay, completing his banner, and completing his comprehensive question review in preparation for the Rite of Confirmation.

NOTE: Parents who are contemplating having their children begin Confirmation Instruction may enter their students in our program at the end of the year. New Classes will begin January 4, 2022.

Rededication of Flagpole



The rededication of our flagpole on our front lawn will occur Sunday, July 4, 2021 at 10:15 A.M. We will gather together outdoors for some refreshments and fellowship at 10:00 A.M., and rededicate our flagpole thereafter. After many, many, many years of disuse, all that once obstructed a clear view of our flag has now been removed. This has made it possible for us to properly fly our flag once more. Over the years, several families have gifted our church and preschool with U.S. flags given to their families during military honors at the death of their loved ones. We

thank all families past and present who have given us these beautiful flags. Not only were limbs of our large Oak Trees raised, LED lighting has now been added to our flagpole, making it possible for us to fly our nation's colors even in the evening and night time. We therefore rededicate Christ The King's flagpole to the glory of God, and to the honor of all veterans who served, and in thanksgiving for all current military personnel who serve to protect our land and its people. To God be the glory!

Monday Night Worship

continues throughout the summer months on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Holy Communion is celebrated at each Monday evening Service. Our next Monday Services will be: Monday, June 14 and 28 and July 12 and 26.

Sunrise Assisted Living

at Aline and Mack Avenues, GPW, have reached out to us requesting that we return to conduct worship on the first and third Thursdays of each month. With the pandemic coming to a close and assisted living centers now reopening to the public, the staff at Sunrise is eager to have us return. Prior to the pandemic, we had conducted worship for the residents at Sunrise for more than 13 consecutive years! It is our hope to resume worship for our neighbors at Sunrise on July 1 and 15! Those who would like to come and assist the pastor and elders, please call the church office! We would love to continue our outreach to our friends as soon as possible! Come and join us as we worship with the residents, share the love of Christ, and share a friendly visit!

NOTE: AS OF JUNE 1, ALL WHO HAVE BEEN DOUBLE VACCINATED MAY NOW ENTER THE CHURCH WITHOUT MASKS. OUR FACILITY WILL BE OPEN AT 50% CAPACITY AS OF JUNE 1.

AS OF JULY 1, ALL RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED. OUR ENTIRE CHURCH PROGRAM WILL BE OPENED AGAIN JULY 1, AND COMMUNITY GROUPS MAY ONCE MORE MEET ON OUR PREMESIS FOR MEETINGS, ETC. FOR THE COMFORT AND SURETY OF OUR MEMBERSHIP, THE PASTORS AND ELDERS WILL CONTINUE TO WEAR PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT DURING HOLY COMMUNION FOR A TIME. AGAIN REMEMBER, IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL OR ARE RUNNING A FEVER, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM ATTENDING PUBLIC WORSHIP UNTIL YOU ARE FEELING BETTER. THOSE WHO HAVE UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS ARE ALSO ENCOURGED TO CONTINUE TO WEAR MASKS IF NEEDED.

Be on the lookout

for any further correspondence regarding fellowship events. It is our hope and prayer to be able to gather together, perhaps in August, for a church picnic or fellowship event on our church lawn. More to come as we pray for an end to this epidemic, and a return to what will be a more normal parish life.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Stephanie Westrick	1	Edward Fleck	8
Susan Wenskus	2	Denise Isherwood	8
James Ziemiecki	2	Deborah Gough	8
Owen Engel	2	Jillian Canko	8
Beverley Pack	4	Amelia Canko	8
Juliana Toy	4	Berkley Samyn	9
Josef Nagy	5	Lucy Watkins	9
Gretchen Zook	5	Hans Stuhldreer	10
Brianne Josefiak	6	Jason Apostolos	10
Keira Finley	6	Charles Drummond	11
Katelyn Carroll	7	Courtney Carroll	11
Robert Isherwood	8	Randy Boelter	13
		Gregory Westrick	13

Avery Thomson	14
Christina Wilson	14
Natalie Anderson	23
Lisa McNeff	26
Paul McNeff	26
Neil Madler	27
Mark Touhey	27
Mary Stempfle	28
Karly Harris	28
Logan Mayers	28
Charles Cantin	29
Ian Donahue	29
Ella Zimmermann	29

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Kenneth and Nancy Josefiak	1
Paul and Lisa McNeff	2
Dennis and Michon Kochanowski	8
Hans and Kayleen Stuhldreer	8
Matthew and Heidi Genzman	11
John and Mary Stempfle	11
Conor and Jennifer Wolohan	15
Robert and Denise Isherwood	19
Bret and Lauren Samyn	19
Thomas and Joann Miller	20
Edward and Beth Sluck	22
Kevin and Julie Shanley	23
Daniel and Lindsey Bohannon	24
Robert and Faith Bowen	25
Gary and Christine Rhoton	26
Michael and Lauren Nowicki	30
Brad and Ashley VandeVorde	30

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Matthew Genzman	1
Emmy Linton	1
Kurt Newman	1
David Fabry	3
Douglas Engelhardt	4
Matthew Carroll	5

Erin Fleck	6
Landon Kujawski	6
Jillian Peters	6
Tyler Peters	6
Robin St. Aubin	6
Maren Anderson	8
Persis Graf	8
Amy Mullinger	9
Thomas Harms	13
Mariana Cassell	14
Julie Shanley	14
Edward Sluck	15
Victoria Canko	16
Larry DeSantis	16
Allison Hendrickson	16
Lee Barber	17
Daniel Bohannon	19
Jeffery Knapp	19
Carolyn Wilson	19
Charles Bommarito	20
Robert Wicks	21
Eric Pomber	22
Kathleen Patterson	25
Trent Garrett	26
Lauren Maiale	28
Harlan Garrett	30
Lillion McBrien	30
Owen Nowicki	31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Lee and Julie Barber	3
Richard and Diane Kay DeNardis	8
Alan Brenner and Michelle Allen	10
Steven and Susan Reinke	11
Charles and Claudia Drummond	12
Grant and Heather Harris	13
Mark and Linda Kusch	23
Paul and Michelle Navetta	24
Sean Metry and Julie Paavola	28

Gifts and Memorials

The following gifts and memorials were received at Christ the King Lutheran Church. While we are most grateful for all gifts received, only gifts of \$25.00 or higher are publicly acknowledged. We thank the Lord for the Christian generosity and kindness of each giver. Gifts were received from the following individuals:

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Garrett
 Ms. Emily Ostermair
 Mr. & Mrs. Louis Mueller
 Ms. Meg Oster

Mrs. Zimmerman
 Ms. Anne Cherry
 Mrs. Sue Mack
 Ms. Joan Pochert

Mr. & Mrs. Westrick
 Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Kirk
 Mr. Robert Heiss

Ms. Joanne Gerstner
Ms. Paula Harms
Mrs. Shirley Fabry
Ms. Laura Leonard
Ms. Rhonda Ward

Mrs. Nancy Fabry
Rev. Dr. Glenn Nielsen
Mr. Richard Burt
The Beskange Family
Mr. Samuel Pruitt

Dr. Jacqueline Tilles
Mr. Stephen Beskange Jr.
Mrs. Helen Michaelson
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Touhey



Wed Jun 2, 2021

10 am Bible Study

Sun Jun 6, 2021

8:15 am Service with Holy Communion
10:45 am Livestream Service on Facebook
10:45 am Service

Wed Jun 9, 2021

10 am Bible Study

Sun Jun 13, 2021

8:15 am Service
10:45 am Livestream Service on Facebook
10:45 am Service with Holy Communion

Mon Jun 14, 2021

7 pm Divine Worship with Holy Communion

Wed Jun 16, 2021

10 am Bible Study

Sun Jun 20, 2021

8:15 am Service with Holy Communion
10:45 am Livestream Service on Facebook
10:45 am Service

Wed Jun 23, 2021

10 am Bible Study

Sun Jun 27, 2021

8:15 am Service
10:45 am Livestream Service on Facebook
10:45 am Service with Holy Communion

Mon Jun 28, 2021

7 pm Divine Worship with Holy Communion

Wed Jun 30, 2021

10 am Bible Study

Sun Jul 4, 2021

8:15 am Service with Holy Communion
10:00 am Dedication of Flagpole
10:45 am Livestream Service on Facebook
10:45 am Service

Wed Jul 7, 2021

10 am Bible Study

Sun Jul 11, 2021

8:15 am Service
10:45 am Livestream Service on Facebook
10:45 am Service with Holy Communion

Mon Jul 12, 2021

7 pm Divine Worship with Holy Communion

Wed Jul 14, 2021

10 am Bible Study

Sun Jul 18, 2021

8:15 am Service with Holy Communion
10:45 am Livestream Service on Facebook
10:45 am Service

Wed Jul 21, 2021

10 am Bible Study

Sun Jul 25, 2021

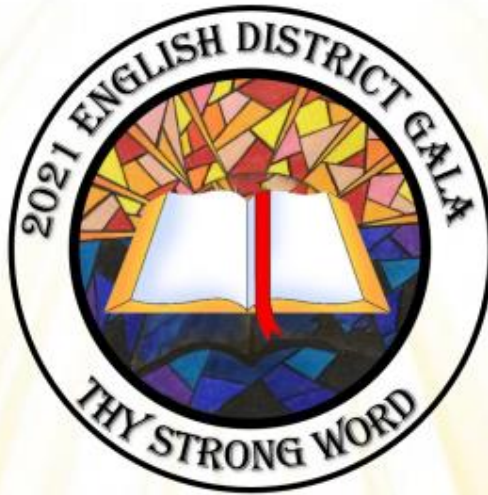
8:15 am Service
10:45 am Livestream Service on Facebook
10:45 am Service with Holy Communion

Mon Jul 26, 2021

7 pm Divine Worship with Holy Communion

Wed Jul 28, 2021

10 am Bible Study



Virtual Gala

for the benefit of the

English District Endowment Fund

In the beginning, God spoke and it was so. **THY STRONG WORD.**

Today ministry and mission work is done with our hands and feet, our actions and our words. **THY STRONG WORD.**

God also inspires us to give of our treasures. **THY STRONG WORD.**

Our English District has an Endowment Fund that assists congregations and pastors with ministry and mission work. The 2021 English District Virtual Gala is a time for our district to gather online and recognize the work of our ministries and missions that received assistance from our Endowment Fund. It is also an opportunity for all members and congregations to donate to this important fund so it may continue supporting our district's work in ministry and mission.

Join the English District on June 13, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time for the Virtual Gala—**THY STRONG WORD.** There will be inspiring speakers, award presentations, opportunities to donate, an online auction, a celebration of our missions, and beautiful music.

[Register here](#)

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