

# King's Chronicles

*"...Pray for one another."*

James 5:16

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Dear Friends in Christ,

We are all happy that God has given us the gift of prayer, but if truth be told, we probably don't often wander too far outside of the box of self when it comes to our prayer life. We often go to our Heavenly Father with our concerns, but the last place that we should ever be selfish is when we are on our knees imploring God for His mercy and help.

What would your prayer life be if I asked you not to offer one single word of prayer for yourself for one month? No prayers for you, for your family or for any of your own concerns? That would make us stop and more greatly consider "What then should I pray for?" The answer in this case would be: "Anything that is in your heart or on your mind, however, for these 30 days, ask not even once for yourself!" Do you think that you could do that? As you began this spiritual exercise, would it be hard for you to find something to pray for? You might find yourself beginning with a familiar petition but having to stop, since upon second glance, you'd find that you were again, in the end, asking something for yourself. The exercise might be far harder to complete than you or I might think! If we would submit to this exercise, it might be a rather serious 30 days spiritually speaking, but we might learn a

huge lesson, and most likely learn more about our true selves.

To one degree or another, most of us would find that we pray most of the time for ourselves and our own households. We really don't devote as much real time to taking the welfare of others to God in prayer. With Summer sometime lending itself to a change in our schedules, it can be a blessed time moved by God's Word and Spirit, to improve our serve to God and others in our life of prayer.

The Lord's Prayer teaches us to pray for others as well as ourselves. Think about this small truth: The LORD's Prayer does not teach "give ME this day MY daily bread" (as I think we are most prone to think). Rather, it teaches us: "Give US this day OUR daily bread." Pray for ourselves? Of course we do. But remember, God intends that no other hungry person is left out of our prayers, or left out of our loving acts of mercy.

Join us in worship this Summer as God reshapes our hearts and minds by His Word and Spirit to pray for all people.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Randy Boelter

### Sharon Ziegler departing as Preschool Director

We bless God for the 18 years of faithful service that Sharon Ziegler has dedicated to the preschool ministry at Christ the King. In May, Sharon indicated to us that she is accepting a position at one of our English District Congregations on Detroit's West Side as Teacher. We wish God's blessings to Sharon as she departs and writes a new chapter in her service to God and His Church.

With that being said, we are already beginning our search for another qualified Preschool Director/Teacher to fill our vacant position this Fall. Please pray diligently that the LORD will send a qualified teacher to us who loves Christ Jesus and has the gifts for teaching preschoolers. We will announce the progress in our search for a Director throughout the summer months, and will be conveying information to the congregation as soon as we are able to secure a teacher. Thank you for your diligent prayers in this regard.

## 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

**Adult Instruction** continues on an individualized basis. Several people are receiving instructions in the faith for Church membership. Classes will be held periodically during the weeks of June and July, and will be suspended for the month of August, resuming again in September.

**Pray the Litany** with us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month. We meet at 9:30 Saturday mornings for a brief message, the singing of a hymn, praying the Litany and remembering the needs of our church members in specific prayers.

**Our outreach to Sunrise Assisted Living** continues on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. We meet promptly at 10:30 and conduct a small service of prayer and preaching for the residents at Sunrise on Aline/Mack. You are welcome to join us, and to help bring friendship and the love of Jesus to residents who greatly look forward to our services and visits. One resident recently said to us: "(Your service) is the best thing that we have here." That is how much our work of sharing Christ the last 14 + years has meant to the staff and residents of Sunrise. How about sharing some of your time and life to help gladden the lives of our friends at Sunrise? The only thing it will cost you is a small amount of your time....to make a loving difference now, and perhaps an eternal difference on the Last Day to come!

### Summer and Offerings

If you plan to vacation or be away for an extended time this summer, please do not forget to faithfully send your offering for the ministry of our church and preschool. Your offerings provide the sufficient cash flow that is needed so that our Lord's ministry proceeds uninterrupted even in the warm summer months. Thank you for your faithfulness in providing for the Lord's work at Christ the King.

### 1-1-1 Mission Project

At the present time, nearly 59 congregations of the English District are participating in the 1-1-1 mission program. 1-1-1 means each person of every congregation giving one extra dollar each week for mission work. So far, English District churches have remitted over 35,000.00 this year to plant churches in the U.S. and Canada and to supply aid for the teaching of pastors in the Dominican Republic, where we have established a seminary. This is something in which even our children can participate, and make a huge difference for Christ and His ministry. Thank you to all who are contributing, and thank you to those who are considering this worthy cause. All monies collected in 1-1-1 go to missions and are not kept for our work at Christ the King.

I would like to thank the faithful who have been contributing the last three weeks to the 1-1-1 Mission Project. The last three weeks that faithful givers gave were in the amounts of \$53.00, \$63.00, and \$57.00. Much appreciation for your continued enthusiasm and faithfulness in your part of bringing The Good News of Christ to others. Our year to date total is now \$1579.00.

It is my hope and prayer that we will have everyone involved in this program in our church. Our goal is \$100.00 a week and 100% participation. And between the two services, we average 139 people attending church each Sunday.

Its simple. Very simple. Its not burdensome, nor sacrificial. It involves every baptized member of the body of Jesus in our congregation, from the newest baby baptized to the oldest member. It demonstrates the power of the beautiful body of Christ working together, prompted by faith. It shows how much can be accomplished by many giving little.

Remember to bring that dollar to church.

This funding model is based on the belief that "there is power and strength in many giving a little."

*Charles Cantin*

**Confirmation Level III Students Summer Work**

Our Level Three Confirmation Class students have completed their studies on the Lord's Supper and are proceeding with their Summer assignments in preparation for this Fall and for their public examination, Witness Sunday and the Rite of Confirmation. Students working on summer essays, banners and a review of the 6 chief doctrines are: Maren Anderson, Owen Scott, Sarah Westrick, and Karly Harris. Pray for each of these confirmands this summer as they work toward the completion of their studies and prepare to make their own public confession of their baptismal faith in Jesus Christ.

For the planning of all, the following dates have been set for our Level III Confirmands:

Examination before the Elders and Congregation: Tuesday evening, October 1, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in our Church Library. All are invited.

Witness Sunday: Sunday, October 6, 2019 at the 10:45 A.M. Service.

Confirmation Sunday: Sunday, October 13, 2019 at the 10:45 A.M. Service. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Dear members of Christ the King,

Thank you for your generous support of our Military cookie project again this year! Our Girl Scout troop was able to send 180 boxes of cookies to our military personnel overseas, and we were able to take another 167 boxes to the John Dingell Veterans Administration Hospital in Detroit and personally pass them out to our veterans receiving medical care. It was wonderful to see the smiles brought to their faces that day. All of our servicemen and veterans are grateful that they are remembered and appreciated! This is one of our Girl Scout troop's favorite outreach programs, and it would not be successful without the support of the many members of Christ the King and our community. So again, thank you for your generosity and kindness in supporting our Girl Scout troop, and most importantly, our military and veterans.

Sincerely,

*Stephanie and Karen Westrick*

**Youth Group News**



**Summertime Youth Group News**

We're going to take a little break for the Summer but we'll be working Christ the King's **Vacation Bible School!** Mrs. J is planning to volunteer for the very first time this year! I would be happy to provide transportation to or from VBS for any one in our youth group who would like to join me!

**New Car Wash Date** We had to postpone our Memorial Day Car Wash and are hoping that our new date will not only provide better weather, but a full car wash crew. **Save the Date – Saturday, June 15th from 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.**

**Landscaping News**

**Watering & Weeding Crew:** Please help us keep our church grounds looking good throughout the summer. We are looking for people that can devote an hour once a week to water the flower beds and the 6 flower containers. Volunteers are needed for the following days: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Please sign up for a day by contacting the church office.

## 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.

As you all have heard, it is with a heavy heart that I have made the decision to accept another teaching position and will be leaving Christ the King at the end of July. I am so grateful to Christ the King for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful preschool ministry for the past 18 years. I will be in prayer with all of you asking the Lord to speedily fill my position with a Christian, qualified candidate.

In the mean-time, the ministry goes on and as always please advertise our program with your lawn signs, brochures from our Welcome Center, and word of mouth. Enrollment is fantastic for our 2019-2020 school year with 53 students already registered. Let's keep the momentum going and have a prosperous fall program!

Blessings,  
Sharon Ziegler



### Vacation Bible School

**Blast in to VBS 2019!** Mark your calendars for **JUNE 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** when our *Miraculous Mission* VBS will take place. Students who have completed a year of preschool through students who have completed grade 5 are welcome. Every child will discover God's miraculous mission to save you, me, and the whole world! The Bible accounts of God's mission for us share how God made the universe; His promise of a Savior to Abram; the birth of Jesus our Savior; Jesus' death and resurrection; and Jesus' ascension. **Registration forms are now available** in the Welcome Center, church office. Invite your friends and neighbors!

**VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED** Thankfully we have secured all of our site leaders but many volunteers are still needed. We need team leaders to take a group of children from station to station and some helpers for our different stations. Please fill out the attached volunteer form if you are able to help us out.

**VOLUNTEER MEETING** If you have volunteered already for VBS or are planning on volunteering, please mark your calendar for our volunteer meeting on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.

**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!

**Official Acts**

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

**Funeral Service**

Duane K. Krause, born April 30, 1930, died in the Lord in Battle Creek, MI on May 1, 2019. Funeral Service held at Christ the King Lutheran Church on May 7, 2019. Pastor Karl Strenge, Preacher. Pastor Randy Boelter, Officiant. Interment: Christian Memorial Cemetery in Rochester Hills, MI.

**Christian Burial**

Ronald Engel Sr. and Karen Engel, to be interred at the Great Lakes Veteran's Cemetery in Brighton, MI on June 19, 2019. Pastor Boelter to officiate.

**Memorial Service**

Ned Kegler Jr. Memorial Service on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Pastor Boelter to officiate.

**Baptism**

Baptism of Riley VandeVorde. August 18, 2019, 10:45 A.M. Service.

**Stewardship**

**Checking on our Job as Stewards**

A young boy walks into a small drug store and asks the druggist, "Could I use the telephone?" The druggist replies, "You certainly can," and shows him where the telephone is. The boy calls a grocery store and asks the man who answers the phone, "Is your grocery store looking for someone to stock the shelves?" The man says, "No, we already have a stock boy." The boy inquires, "If he isn't doing a good job, maybe you need to get someone who will do a better job." The man replies, "No, we are pleased with the work the boy is doing," so the boy hangs up the telephone.

The druggist hears the conversation and says to the boy, "I'm sorry you didn't get the job." The boy says, "I don't need a job, because I am the stock boy. I was checking to see what they thought of my work."

What if we could call God to ask about the job we are doing as His stewards? If it were possible to call, what kind of response would you expect to hear? Would God see you as a person who acknowledges all that you have as having been given to you by Him and yourself as a manager, not an owner? Would God tell you that you are using your time, talents, and money in ways that please Him? Would God commend you for feeding the hungry, for sheltering the homeless, for giving generously to those in need? Would God be pleased with what you are giving to His Church? Would God tell you, "*Well done, good and faithful steward,*" (Matthew 25:23)?

Unfortunately, we all fall short of God's standards, but, because of what Christ did for us on the cross, we are forgiven for all the times that we have failed to be faithful stewards. With God's grace given to us through His Son, we can be molded and transformed into God-pleasing stewards. In Christ, we can be stewards who do God's work well.