

The King's Courier

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PASTOR'S PAGE

I recently saw a TV commercial stating that the popular movie, "*Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves*" is about to be released in DVD format with some extra scenes included. The movie features Kevin Costner playing the role of Robin Hood. It was an interesting movie, and I mention it here in my message to you because it helps to make a point.

In one of the movie's memorable scenes Robin Hood came to a young man who was taking aim at an archery target. Robin asked, "Can you shoot amid distractions?" Just before the boy released the string of his bow, Robin poked his ear with the feathers of an arrow. The boy's shot went high by several feet.

After the laughter of those watching died down, Maid Marian, standing behind the boy, asked Robin, "Can you?" Robin Hood then raised his bow and took aim. His eyes focused intently on the bull's-eye while his friends shouted loudly hoping to distract him, but his concentration was intense. Just as he was about to release the arrow, Maid Marian leaned beside him and flirtatiously blew gently onto the side of his face. His arrow not only missed the target, it then glanced off the tree behind it, and scarcely missed striking a bystander.

Distractions. They come in all types, sizes and shapes; and whether they are painful or pleasant, the result is always the same: when we are distracted, we miss hitting the mark, and our attention is drawn away from what is truly important.

How are you doing? Are you easily distracted? What is it that distracts you? Is it power, possessions, prestige? Are you weak to the temptation of alcohol, sex, fashion, money? Can you identify what it is that is drawing your attention and your focus away from prayer, daily Bible reading, weekly worship, and growth giving for the mission and ministry of the church?

As God's people, we all know that we should be living as present-day disciples of Christ. We are to be focusing intently on the Word of God and striving to hit God's mark. Nothing short of a bull's-eye will do. But in reality, we all fall short. We say in our confession, "...we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone." We get distracted.

But this wonderful God has mercy on us and forgives us, and then God gives us another chance to concentrate and try again.

If you should ever find yourself being distracted, tempted away from where you know your focus is supposed to be drawn; stop for a moment and identify what it is that is distracting you. Identify it and call it by name, and then say, "I won't let you control me like this." Then refocus on what is right, and do it! Repentance is all about turning away from what leads us astray so we can see the face of Jesus.

Can you live your life as a follower of Jesus amid distractions? The answer is: Yes it is possible, and Christ offers the help that we need.

WE THANK YOU!

Your understanding, love and support are truly heartwarming – and we are most sincerely grateful!

Darlene and I have shared similar feelings with all those who have had loved ones deployed to this "Operation Iraqi Freedom" or any war. We share

all the feelings including separation, fear, anxiety, sorrow, pride, joy, patriotism, and so on. Like so many parents, we wait to hear any word at all from our children. A letter, a phone call, or an email, provide us with those brief but precious moments of being connected with our special children who are so very far away from home and living in harm's way to defend ideals we value like freedom, justice for all, and peace.

When James called to say he was headed home we were thrilled and the tears flowed freely. When he asked if we could be there when his ship arrives, how could we say "no" to him?

It has been so helpful for us to hear your words of encouragement and support from all of you. Darlene, Emily and I will be there waiting as the USS Bataan is secured to the dock. James' grandfather (a former Marine) will also be there with Staci (James' girlfriend) and some of James' best friends. We can't wait to kiss him, hug him and hold him close; so we can see him, taste him, touch him, breathe him again. He knows he was missed. We want to let him know how much is loved!

Darlene and I want to thank you for permitting us this opportunity to be together with our Emily and James for this brief time before our lives pull us all in different directions again. I remain committed to my family – to Darlene, Emily and James. And I remain committed to my family – to the people of Christ the King. God has brought us together, and it is good.

Congregational Life/Care

Pancake Breakfast

Join us for a pancake breakfast on Sunday, July 27 in the fellowship hall. We begin serving after the 8:00 a.m. service, and will continue to serve for those attending the 9:30 a.m. service. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Gone Fishin'

The half-day fishing trip aboard the "Blue Heron" is set for Saturday, July 19, and we have 20 people signed up so far. We will go out of the Jupiter Inlet departing at 8:00 a.m. and returning at Noon. Please show up at 7:30 a.m. The cost is \$25 for adults, \$20 for children 6-12. We still have room for more, so if you are interested, please sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex.

Church Night at Roger Dean Stadium

WAY-FM will be hosting another "Church Night" at Roger Dean Stadium on Saturday, August 16. If you are interested in getting a block of tickets with our church, please sign up in the narthex.

Progressive Dinner

We are planning a Progressive Dinner for Saturday, September 6, and we are in need of hosts for refreshments and appetizers, and hosts for dinners in your home. The idea is to come together at one home for refreshments and appetizers, and then split off to individual homes for dinners. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the Narthex if you are interested in participating, and if you are interested in being a host.

Scrappin', Crafting & Quilting Saturday

Our next meeting will be Saturday, August 2 from 9:00 a.m.-noon in the fellowship hall. We will not meet July 5 due to the July 4th weekend. Bring in your favorite craft items. If you are interested, please call Michaela Washburn at 744-0942.

Annual Rummage Sale

The date for our annual Rummage Sale has been set for Saturday, September 27. Please begin collecting your old treasures to donate to the sale. If you need help with any large items that you cannot store, please contact Jane Wille 746-2211.

Phone Angels

This is a "mutual ministry of care" for those who would like to participate in a phone ministry of checking-in with a "telephone angel" partner. Please call Dixie McGaffick (747-6321) if you would like to learn more.

Afghans for Shelters

Anyone who knits or crochets can participate in our ongoing ministry of making afghans for the children at Connor's Nursery and The Children's Place, and for the adults at the Alzheimer's Care Association. A good size for the afghans is 1 yd. X 1 ½ yards. If you need yarn, or would like to learn how to knit or crochet so you can help with this ministry, contact Carol Culver at 747-3511.

Good Time Fridays

Come enjoy an evening of fun with friends for Good Time Fridays on July 25, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Troy & Kim Priesmeyer, 4754 SW Long Bay Drive, Palm City—call for directions 772-781-2213. Bring your favorite beverage and munchies to share.

Worship, Music & Prayer

Worship & Music Committee

- Worship & music committee does not meet during the summer months of June and July. Meetings will resume August 12, 2003. Thanks to those who have turned in “favorite hymns” for the 8:00 AM service.
- During the summer communion will remain by intinction at all services. In the Fall, we will resume alternating between the 8 and 9:30 service using bread cubes and individual cups.
- You are welcome to submit your favorite hymns to be used at the 8:00 AM service during the summer. Please indicate name of hymn(s) on a yellow pew card and give to B. J. Simon or place in offering plate.

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study

The Wednesday morning prayer and Bible study group meets every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room. All are welcome to join.

Outreach

Do You Know Someone who is looking for a church home? Is there someone you know, who you believe would benefit from being a member of Christ the King Church, and who would be a blessing to all of us? If so – please speak to Pastor Saurman, Vicki Knauff, or any member of the Evangelism/Outreach committee. We are always adding to our list of prospective members and we’d love to add the names of people you know and care about to all those we are inviting to join us.

AI Anon & AA Meetings

AI Anon meetings are held in the fellowship hall

Monday nights (Family Group) from 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday mornings (Freedom to Grow) from 10-Noon. AA meetings are Saturday nights at 8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Indiantown Ministry

Opportunity Knocks: Thanks to Paul and Carol Culver the Indiantown Ministry has thrived. They have tended this ministry for years and faithfully cared for selected families in Indiantown, providing them with food and other donated items on a monthly basis. It is time for them to pass the torch and in doing so provide an opportunity for another family to serve the needy and underprivileged in this area. Prayerfully consider being one of those families. The Culvers will inform you of the duties involved and accompany you with your first visit. If you are willing to volunteer for this ministry, please call Tina in the church office at 746-7085. “I tell you the truth whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40.

Stewardship/Finance

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Stewardship is a way of life. It is a fully Christ-oriented life. Christ must share in every phase of our existence.

In the true spirit of Stewardship, we find a great joy in sharing with God. Our return of Time, Talent and Treasure (money) is an external demonstration of our faith, love and devotion.

Love gives, and if you have never experienced the happiness and satisfaction of really sharing your life with Christ, you must try it.

In 1998 Eleanor Boyer, a retired buyer of chemicals and office supplies won the New Jersey lottery, in the amount of \$11.8 million. There was

never a doubt in her mind about what to do with the money. She gave it always, about half of it to the church she worshiped in all her life, and the rest to the town rescue squad, the volunteer fire department and some of the other groups that serve the town she grew up in.

“No new car, no vacation,” she said. “My life is no different. I’ve given it up to God. I live in His presence and do His will, and I did that from the start.”

“In an age when people are so driven by material forces,” said Ron Czajowski, who is a vice president of the New Jersey Hospital Association, “the idea of somebody turning over all that sum of money to the community and to the church is inspiring. It kind of makes you step back and think what our priorities are.”

Ms. Boyer, who has never married and whose closest living relatives are three nephews, said the church is her true home. She taught catechism classes, worked at the church office for ten years, helped count the collection money. Her life is stewardship in action. It is for Eleanor a way of life and Christ shares in every phase of that life.

(Next month: “tithing” and “eight simple reasons for tithing”)

Finance Committee

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be Tuesday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m.

General News

New Additions

A gift was received from Thrivent Financial, a fraternal company for Lutherans. Thrivent has provided us with some books that will be in the church library. These new books are intended to be a helpful resource to people experiencing sor-

row and grief.

The first book “*When Your Baby Dies*” deals with the many emotions and questions that arise following a stillbirth or the death of a newborn. It is written by a clinical psychologist and nurse specialist.

The second book “*Step by Step*” is a wonderful guide to making practical decisions when a loved one dies. It deals with issues such as making funeral arrangements, completing administrative tasks, and settling the estate.

The third book “*A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance*” is an excellent book that takes us through and beyond the grieving process associated with any loss, from death, divorce, job loss, etc. It is well illustrated and a pleasure to read.

These books are in the church library and are here for you to borrow and share with your friends. Come on in and ask for any one of them the next time you are here.

Council Meeting

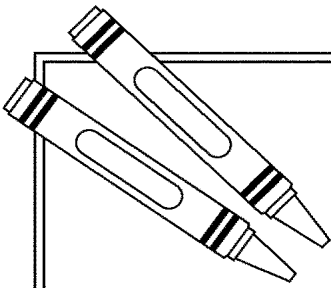
The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline & Folding

- The newsletter deadline for the August issue of *The King’s Courier* is Tuesday, July 15. We will fold the newsletter on Tuesday, July 29.
- Do you have good news to share with your CTK family? Submit it to the church office by the newsletter deadline.

Bequest

Christ the King Lutheran Church was named as a beneficiary in the Estate of Eyleen Simpson, and has recently received a partial distribution in the amount of \$25,000.

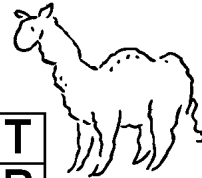
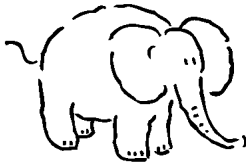


Just for **KIDS**

Hop on the Bus?

In Bible times it was not easy for people to travel or to transport items. There were no buses or airplanes or bicycles or cars or moving vans. So how did the people travel? How did they move things from place to place?

Find some answers in the Scriptures. Find others from hints given below. Fit the words into the puzzle.



Genesis 24:61					T		
Genesis 22:3					R		
Hybrids, Psalm 32:9					A		
Acts 27:2					N		
James 3:3					S		
1 Samuel 6:7					P		
Need washing often, Genesis 18:4					O		
Used in war and also for their ivory					R		
					T		
Acts 8:28					A		
Matthew 4:21					T		
Had wheels of wood					I		
					O		
					N		





Preschool News

Summer camp continues through July 18. There is still room the last few weeks. Please stop by for information or call 746-7095.

We are thankful for our CTK helpers so far: Rachel Grant, Kylie Pelton, Mark Leiken and his friend Stefan, and Kyle Donham.

Camp themes have been: space, jungle, children around the world, we love America, zoo, and under the sea. Pizza and chicken lunches are available on Mondays and Fridays. Water sprinkler play is on Wednesdays each week, weather permitting. Group tennis lessons are held on Friday mornings.

Our regular school year begins on August 14 and 15 with Orientation for students (in the classrooms) and for parents (in the sanctuary). Regular classes begin Monday, August 18. Spaces are still available for 2 ½- 5 years.

The Preschool advisory committee would like to thank Ben and Barbara Meyburg for their labors in our playground, spreading more mulch and filling our sandbox with fresh new sand. Thanks are also extended to Beth Buehler for re-painting the playground picnic table. Thanks, friends!!!

—BJ Simon

July Birthdays:

- July 1 Barbara Bisesi
- July 2 Wolfgang Hoesel
Leisa Shindoll
- July 3 Jon Carroll
- July 4 Lynn Keyes
- July 7 Kimberly Lynch
Ben Meyburg
Cathy Rhodes
- July 8 Beth Buehler
Chelsea Hall
- July 9 Tina Peroni
- July 12 Tanya Webb
- July 13 Vicki Knauff
- July 14 Mabel Hecker
Gerry Washburn
- July 16 Shirley Sinn
- July 19 Linda Fiester
- July 22 Kyle Donham
- July 25 Jeff Vorpapel
- July 26 Mary Nossal
Tom Patri
- July 27 Marilyn Sharp
- July 28 Arlene Davis
Andy Milejczak
- July 29 Tristan Carey
Ryan Reid
- July 30 Thia Carroll
Sue Kirk

July Anniversaries

- July 1 Glenn & Janet Krabec
- July 4 Toivo & Marjorie Nevala (60)
- July 12 John & Carole Freeburn
- July 26 John & April Donham
- July 30 Henry & Julia Pallmeyer

Thrivent Financial News

County Board Holds First Meeting



On Monday, May 12th the newly elected officers of the Palm Beach County Chapter Leadership Board met. The meeting was held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Lake

Worth. The evening was one of fellowship, as well as some training and planning. Many ideas were shared about how we as a board can serve our county.

Overall, we are very excited about the opportunities our coordinators, congregations and county will have to serve our community under the new program with Thrivent Financial.

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**WE
NEED
YOU!**

Attention all Congregations and Congregational Coordinators! We need you for our first branch training and activity this month.

Please join us Sat. June 28th from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. A continental breakfast will be offered at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1615 Lake Ave. Lake Worth, FL. (Corner of Lake Worth Road and A Street)

We will be reviewing the chapter program and answering your questions. In addition, we hope that we can all share our ideas for what we, as a county, would like to achieve this year.

If your church does not have a team of three congregational coordinators yet, please send someone to represent your church. It is our goal to help each church have representation. Don't miss the opportunity to earn your congregational matching funds this year!

Please contact one of the branch officers for more information or directions.

Celebrate Join Hands Day Saturday June 28th, 2003

In the spirit of Join Hands Day, the Palm Beach County chapter of Thrivent will be collecting new and gently used baby items i.e. clothes, blankets and toys, for the many needy families of Indiantown, FL.

Please bring any collected items with you to the branch training Saturday morning. Due to space restrictions we ask that no furniture be donated. We will be coordinating the delivery of these items to Indiantown. If you have any further questions, please contact Theresa Cogar @741-7627.

Thrivent Financial Abounds In Resources!

Did you know?

In addition to the \$1200 in Congregational Matching Funds that Thrivent Financial for Lutherans grants churches each year, that there are a host of other resources that we can tap into.

- Funding for Outreach programs
- Thrivent Financial 4-Year Scholarship*
- Baptismal Medallions
- Confirmation Crosses
- FREE resources such as music, books, reference material, games, videos, etc.
- Financial products for the entire family
- And MUCH more!

Is your interest peaked yet? Check out www.thrivent.com to see how our fraternal organization serves communities, churches and individuals, or contact your Congregational Coordinators Janet Krabec, Bert Beytes and Pastor Saurman for more information.

*Scholarship is for graduating Lutheran high school seniors attending 4-year college or university. Student must have a Thrivent Financial product. Applications accepted in the fall.

Next Thrivent Congregational Team Meeting

Wednesday, July 16th
7:00 p.m.

All Thrivent Financial members (formerly AAL & LB contract holders) are welcome to attend. If you are not currently a Thrivent Financial Member, associate memberships are available. Come find out what Thrivent is all about!

Worship Assistant Schedule for July

July 6 Comm.

Asst. Min.

Comm. Asst.

Ushers

Teller

Greeter

8:00

Ben Mohlenhoff

Wayne Wille

—

Carol Schneider

9:30

Doris Wereszak

Ilse Miller

Tom & Nancy Richards

Sandy Curtis

Nancy Graham

July 13 Comm.

Asst. Min.

Comm. Asst.

Ushers

Teller

Greeter

8:00

Cynthia Cooper

Charles Henriksen

—

Don & Arlene Davis

9:30

Jim Clark

Debi Miller

Ben & Barbara Meyburg

Gertrude Licklider

Phyllis Stafford

July 20 Comm.

Asst. Min.

Comm. Asst.

Ushers

Teller

Greeter

8:00

Joyce DeFrancesco

Rich DeFrancesco

—

Carol Schneider

9:30

Scott Swigart

Cindy Swigart

John Bryan

Ilse Miller

Mary Morrow

July 27 Comm.

Asst. Min.

Comm. Asst.

Ushers

Teller

Greeter

8:00

Joyce Mohlenhoff

Ben Mohlenhoff

—

Paul & Carol Culver

9:30

Paul Culler

Marlene Culler

Jim Simon & Don Russell

Ceil O'Neil

Mickey White

Thank you for volunteering to serve as worship assistants. In the event you cannot serve on the date or dates assigned, please arrange for a substitute and notify the church office. If you would like to volunteer to serve as Assisting Ministers, Ushers, Greeters, Teller and Communion Assistants, contact Cecilia O'Neil at 546-7123.

In Our Prayers:

Our Church Family: Ellen Allen, Carole Freeburn, Mabel Hecker, Milton Lutz, Gayle & Ken Retkowski.

Homebound or in Assisted Living: Katherine Briggs, Gussie Connelly, Marie Krull, Lilyanne McCarthy, Peg Seitter, Dorothy Sinicrope.

Our Friends and Family:

Julia Baker (Mary Jane Custer's friend)
Jill Barrett (Phyllis Stafford's daughter)
Gordon Clausing (Gail Ganzlin's father)
Kathleen Fahey (Joyce Mohlenhoff's cousin)
Dorothy Giller (Jean Dempsey's cousin)
Alice Howells (friend of Tom & Nancy Richards)
Allen Jensen (Russell Dempsey's cousin)
Eleanora Kennedy (Michael Kennedy's mother)
Eric Larson (friend of Marjorie Lohman)
Judy Lohman (Marjorie Lohman's daughter-in-law)
Scott Lohman (Marjorie Lohman's grandson)
Jeanette McCready (Paul & Marlene Culler's sister in law)

Irma Mehne (Chris Rajan's Great Grandmother)
Marilyn Parker (Marjorie Lohman's sister)
Glen Prielip (friend of Paul & Marlene Culler)
Jeff Rathgeb (friend of Kim Mohlenhoff)
Kathleen Son (Barbra Kennedy's sister)
David & Beth Stewart (friends of Vicki & Jeff Knauff)
Kay Worth (friend of Russell & Jean Dempsey)

(At the beginning of each month, we will begin a new Prayer List. Please use a yellow message board card from the pew rack to add to or delete a name from the prayer list. Just fill out the card and place it in the offering plate.)

CTK Family Serving Our Country in the Military

Michael Culler—Air Force
Paul Culler's Nephew

Daniel Miller—Army
Debi Miller's Son

Brian Gibson—Navy
Joyce & Rich DeFrancesco's Nephew

James Saurman—Marines
Pastor & Darlene Saurman's Son

Michael Hill—Army
Linda Hill's son

Jason Shindoll—Army
Wayne Shindoll's son

Christopher Kosiorek—Army
Pastor Sinn's nephew

Eric Sinks—Navy
Joyce & Rich DeFrancesco's Nephew

Howard Link, Jr.—Navy
Eleanor Link's Son

Christopher Speicher—Navy
Shirley Cardella's Grandson

J.D. Upchurch—Air Force
Mickey White's Great Nephew



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Please sign-up to host a
Sunday Social Hour**

July 6
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July 20
July 27

Pancake Breakfast

**2003 Congregation Council
Officers and Members**

David Rhodes, President
Scott Swigart, V.P. (Education/Youth)
Tom Patri, Treasurer (Finance/Stewardship)
Vicki Knauff, Secretary (Outreach)
John Bryan
Ray Kaldor (Mission Endowment)
Ben Meyburg (Property)
Ilse Miller (Congregational Life)
Cybele Seeds (Worship & Music)

Summer Worship Schedule:

8:00 Traditional Service

9:30 Praise & Celebration Service