# **Christ the King Free Lutheran Church**

# December 10, 2023

OUR MISSION: CHANGED LIVES! To EVANGELIZE the lost; To ESTABLISH Us in Christ; To EQUIP Us for Service!

Welcome

Advent Reading: Peace Candle Kenley DeWilde

<u>Worship Songs</u> # 175 (Hymnal) While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks # 182 (Hymnal) How Great Our Joy!

Praise & Prayer Time Lord's Prayer

New Member Recognition

#### **Children's Message**

### Message Christmas Miracle:

*The Miracle of the Message* Hebrews 1: 1 - 4 Pastor Tim

### **Confession of Faith**

\*Benediction & Announcements

\*Closing Song (ISing) Same God

#### \*Denotes congregation to stand

Please note: The offering plates are on tables in the back of the sanctuary.

### Welcome to worship this morning! We are a fellowship who believes the Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God which emphasizes a personal, living relationship with Jesus Christ.

### **Connecting to God's Glory:**

- \* Praise God for His love & guidance in the year ahead
- \* Praise God as we celebrate the Advent Season in anticipation of the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
- \* Praise God for all the blessings we receive throughout the year.
- \* Praise God for our new members: Donna Smith, Jane Schiefelbein, and Bruce Schiefelbein.

# Connecting to God's Heart:

- \* Keep Pastor Marc Rakow and his wife, Monica, from Glencoe, MN, in your prayers this week.
- \* Pray for Todd and Barb Schierkolk Mexico \*Two girls in confirmation class \*The mother of 4 young adults and those children \*For spiritual growth of youth and their families \*For God's wisdom and open doors regarding a church building \*For their children: Rachel & Ben Davis, Megan & Josh Hedstrom, & Kirstie \*For health and safety
- \* Pray for the committee members reviewing CTK's constitution.
- \* Pray for those dealing with colds, flu, covid, or other health issues
- \* Pray for all who have lost loved ones over the past year. May God comfort them during this holiday season.
- \* Pray for the leadership of CTK as they prepare for the Annual meeting; the Trustee nominees; the nominating committee as they begin the process of seeking people to serve on the Trustee board.
- \* Pray for the unspoken prayer concerns.

**\*Cancer Patients**: Mary Stangeland, Sharon Minet <u>Health Concerns</u>: Rose Beck, Charis Conrad, Tim Steuck, Craig Stangeland, Barb Hubner, Kyle Swanson <u>Nursing & Assisted Living :</u> Charlie Sowden, Sharon Claussen, Rich & Kathy Hess, Carol Meyer <u>Hospice</u>: <u>Military</u>: Sam Kolle, Jesse Petersen, Aaron Halbersma, Marcus Westfield, Ethan Amdahl, Derrick Timm <u>Mission</u>: Kvales

Please let the church office know if you are going into the hospital or have other prayer needs

# Message for next Sunday: Christmas Miracle: Children's Christmas Program & Youth Sunday

# Christ the King Announcements/Events

# Family of the Week:

Melissa Wait

<u>There will be a prayer time</u> every Sunday morning in the multipurpose room from 8:45 - 9:15 AM for our church family and world. Anyone is welcome.

**HELP! for Sunday morning brunch!** We need volunteers to help setup up and prepare the brunch items, serve, and clean up. The food will be purchased and at the church for your convenience.

**Next Sunday, December 17 is brunch blessing Sunday.** Those with last names starting with A - H are asked to set up, serve & clean up.

#### ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK: 122

#### **OFFERING FROM LAST WEEK:**

General Offering:	\$	10,125.00			
Children's Mission:	\$	181.00			
Total Children	's offe	ring for December	\$1	81.00	
Building:	\$	0.00			
Total Building fund for December \$ 0.00					
Memorial:	\$	10.00			
Union Gospel:	\$	150.00			
TOTAL OFFERING:	\$	10,466.00			
Total general offering received for December: \$ 10,125.00					
General offering needed each month to meet budget: \$ 29,375.00					
Thank you for your faithful giving.					
Ankeny Church Plant: November offering \$ 9,131.69					
CTK Outreach giving to Church Plant			5	00.00	

### Christ the King Announcements/Events

Sunday School children and youth will be presenting their Christmas Program and Youth-led service NEXT Sunday, Dec. 17.

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PLEASE NOTE. There will NOT be Sunday School on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24 or New Years Eve, Sunday, December 31. Have a safe and joyous Christmas.

#### Women's Christmas Tea/Coffee Party Wednesday, December 20

2:00 PM Jeanette Larson's Home 155 Ridgeview Drive, Pipestone, Join us to celebrate the Season! Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex

#### Youth and Family Study: December 10: Parent Date Night

**December 17:** 430 pm @ Joe and Sarah Larson's - Youth ONLY Christmas Party: Snacks, Games, and Fellowship. Bring a friend and let Joe know if you are planning on coming! :)

**January 7:** Next Family Study (Looking for a host)

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 21, 2024. The worship service will be at 9:30 AM with the meeting to follow the service.

**Annual Meeting Reports** Please remember to get your annual meeting reports in as soon as possible. The deadline to get them in is January 1, 2024. Thank you.

### **Community Events**

Laurie Westerbur's Son-in-law and his brothers with drummer Owen Parsley in concert for their 15 year: <u>Delaney Christmas Holiday Concert Friday, December 15 at 7:00</u> SDSU Oscar Larson Theater in Brookings Free Will Donation

**Pipestone Women's Connection** Cordially invites you to a luncheon at the Christian Reformed Church, 800 2nd Ave SE, Pipestone, MN Monday, December 11, \$10.00 (includes tax & tip) 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm First time guest tickets are complimentary Feature: "A Vintage Christmas" Paula Solma Speaker: Cynthia Sheppard, Flandreau, SD "An Exchanged Life" See poster for more details. PLEASE CALL • SUSAN: 507-920-6675 Affiliated with Stonecroft

### From Pastor Matthew:

Christ the King, please pray for our upcoming outreach called Advent with Emmanuel, December 10 & 17 from 5-7 pm. Our first Advent outreach was December 3. We are inviting children in the Ankeny community



to come and hear about how Christ brings hope. It will include singing classic carols, learning the Christmas account, snacks, crafts, and games. It will be held in a beautiful little tutoring center just off a main road in north Ankeny. We are thankful for volunteers from AFLC churches north of us who are providing the manpower to make this possible.

We also ask for prayer and invite you to consider taking part in our final program and event called Christmas Under the Stars. This event will be held in the greenhouse of a local garden center on December 20, 6-7pm. The children will sing the carols that they learned together with their families.

We will also have an evangelistic Christmas message on the hope and light of Christ. All of this will be in the setting of a beautiful, heated greenhouse with crafts, hot beverages, and cookies! Please let Pastor Matthew know if you would like to come in-person or help provide some of the materials needed to make this happen!

Public Access Channel 3 on **Wednesdays** at 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM Radio Ministry KLOH 1050 AM **Sundays** at 7:30 AM <u>Web Page</u>: www.ctkpipestone.com Check for Information on Facebook: Christ the King Free Lutheran

Christmas Miracle: The Miracle of the Message	Hebrews 1: 1 - 4	December 10, 2023 Pastor Tim
Communication can	·	
1. God has fed us His	through	1
A. In different		
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2. God has fed us His	through	2-4
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### Children Missions offering will go to

### Operation Christmas Child with Samaritan's Purse

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Church Office Hours:	Tuesday - Friday 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Pastor Tim Johnson:	Tuesday - Friday 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Pastor Joe Larson:	Tuesday - Friday 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

### **OPPORTUNITES To Connect**

Today:	8:45 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:45 - 11:45 10:50 AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM	Prayer in Multipurpose Room Worship Service & Livestream Brunch Blessing / Fellowship Confirmation All Ages Sunday School Parent Date Night Youth Night Of Worship @ the Lodge
Monday:	7:00 PM	Small Group Study @ Amdahls
Tuesday:	9:00 AM	Homeschool Group
Wednesday:	6:30 PM	Year 3 Confirmation
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
Thursday:	6:00 PM	Trustee Budget Meeting
	7:00 PM	Trustee Meeting
Friday:		
Saturday:	5-8 PM	Private Event in Fellowship hall
Sunday:	8:45 AM	Prayer in Multipurpose Room
	9:30 AM	Worship Service & Livestream
	10:30 AM	Brunch blessing / Fellowship
	10:45 - 11:45	Confirmation
	10:50 AM	All Ages Sunday School
	4:30 PM	Youth Christmas Party

- Reader 1: Last week we lit the Hope Candle. Today we light the Peace Candle Luke 2:13-14 says, "Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.'" (NIV)
- Reader 2: Jesus is sent by the Father to bring peace between God and man. We are caught up in struggle, strife, and sin against God. Jesus comes to die for the sins that lie at the heart of our rebellion against God. The Prince of Peace takes upon himself our sins and unrest. As Isaiah put it, "the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5b, NIV). Jesus truly is our shalom.
- Prayer: Father, forgive us for our selfish, rebellious hearts.
  We open ourselves to you, and invite you to come into us afresh and grant us your peace. In Jesus' name, we pray.
  Amen.

### While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

Verse 1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night, All seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down, And glory shone around, And glory shone around.

Verse 2

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread Had seized their troubled mind "Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind, To you and all mankind."

Verse 3 "To you, in David's town, this day, Is born of David's line, The Savior, who is Christ the Lord; And this shall be the sign -And this shall be the sign:

Verse 4 "The heavenly Babe you there shall find To human view displayed, All meanly wrapped in swathing-bands And in a manger laid, And in a manger laid."

Verse 5 "All glory be to God on high, And to the earth be peace; Good will henceforth from Heaven to men Begin and never cease! Begin and never cease!"

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# How Great Our Joy!

#### Verse 1

While by the sheep We watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.
How great our joy! Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

### Verse 2

There shall be born, so He did say In Bethlehem a Child today. How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

#### Verse 3

There shall the Child lie in a stall This Child who shall redeem us all. How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

#### Verse 4

This gift of God we'll cherish well That every joy our hearts shall fill. How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

# **Confession of Faith**