

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church

December 24, 2023

OUR MISSION: CHANGED LIVES!

To EVANGELIZE the lost;

To ESTABLISH Us in Christ;

To EQUIP Us for Service!

Welcome

Advent Reading: Love Candle Kynslee Hulstein

Worship Songs # 190 (Hymnal) *Angels from the Realms of Glory*
175 (Hymnal) *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*
185 (Hymnal) *Away in a Manger*

Praise & Prayer Time *Lord's Prayer*

Children's Message

Special Music *Jesus Came A-Walkin'* CTK Choir

Christmas Confession of Faith

Message **Christmas Miracle:**

The Miracle of the Method Luke 1: 26 - 38 Pastor Tim

Special Music *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* Janelle, Kiera & Lydia Brockberg

***Benediction & Announcements**

***Closing Song** # 177 (Hymnal) *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

****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 as we celebrate the Advent Season in anticipation of the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
- * Praise God families can celebrate the birth of our Savior together
- * Praise God for the Youth & children that participated in the Youth-led Service & Sunday School Program last Sunday

Connecting to God's Heart:

- * Keep Pastor Eric Rasmussen and his wife, Rachel, from Fergus Falls, 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: *For health and safety
- * Pray for Rose Beck who is having surgery this Tuesday in Sioux Falls.
- * Pray for Heidi Staples as she recovers from knee surgery.
- * 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 travel mercies for all those traveling 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 family of Ryan Brown as they mourn his passing.
- * Pray for the unspoken prayer concerns.

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

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

Message for Tonight: Christmas Miracle:

The Miracle of the Manger Matthew 1 : 18 - 25 Pastor Tim

Message for next Sunday: Christmas Miracle:

The Miracle of the Mystery John 1: 1 - 14 Pastor Joe

Christ the King Announcements/Events

Family of the Week:

Alan & Irene Warner

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

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK: 212

OFFERING FROM LAST WEEK:

General Offering:	\$	6,082.00	
Children's Mission:	\$	20.00	
		Total Children's offering for December	\$ 201.00
Building:	\$	0.00	
		Total Building fund for December	\$ 0.00
Memorial:	\$	700.00	
TOTAL OFFERING:	\$	6,802.00	

Total general offering received for December: **\$ 20,025.00**

General offering needed each month to meet budget: \$ 29,375.00

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Christ the King Announcements/Events

Messenger information is due TODAY

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

TONIGHT will be the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 PM

Pastor Tim will be on vacation December 26 - 31.

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.

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.

The members of the nominating committee are working on their assignment to fill the ballot for four Trustee positions on the church board. Let one of the committee members know in the next few weeks if you would like to be on the ballot. If asked, please, before you make your decision, we ask that you pray about this and ask God to be a part of your decision making process. The committee members are: Jim Gawerecki, Morgan McNickle, Jerry Remund, Rod Altena, Amy Steuck

The Constitution Review Committee is encouraging the congregation to join them for an informational meeting on their recommended changes to our constitution after worship on December 31 and/or after brunch on January 7. You will be receiving the current constitution and proposed constitution in your box at church as well as **the proposed one** in the mail. These changes will be considered at our Annual Meeting on January 21.

Youth and Family Study:

December 24 & 31: Not meeting

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

Baby Shower for Sarah Larson & baby will be Sunday January 14, at 2 PM. Sarah & Joe are registered at <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/sarah-larson-january-2024-pipestone/1SNUAZE1F0YHL>

New Zoom Bible Study: Viewing Current Events Through the Bible, led by Pastor Tim every 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 7:20 PM, beginning January 17. A Zoom link will be sent out via email to all CTK emails in our Prayer Chain system. If you have certain events you would like covered, please contact Pastor Tim.

Community Events

Retirement Open House for Luann Bosma, the Volunteers In Mercy coordinator, will be Wednesday, January 3 from 2 - 4 PM at the VIM Thrift store in Pipestone.

Lost Timber Bible Camp We have some great events coming up at camp this winter for your middle and high school age kids!

The MS Winter Chillout is January 26 - 28 for 6-8 graders

The HS Winter Chillout is February 16 - 19 for 9-12 graders

Praise the Lord for the 52 individuals that attended the Ankeny church plant outreach event this past Wednesday evening. Also praise the Lord for those within the church plant and the neighboring AFLC churches that helped welcome the community. Christ was glorified through conversations, Scripture and song while under the stars in a local greenhouse.

Public Access Channel 3 on **Wednesdays** at 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Radio Ministry KLOH 1050 AM **Sundays** at 7:30 AM

Web Page: www.cktpipestone.com

Check for Information on Facebook: Christ the King Free Lutheran

Christmas Miracle:

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The Miracle of the Method Luke 1: 26 - 38

Pastor Tim

Question #1 – What kind of _____ is this?

Question #2 – How _____?

1) The _____

2) Nothing is _____

The _____!

4th Sunday of Advent.

Reader 1: We have lit the candles of hope, peace and joy.
Today we light the Love Candle John 3:16 says,
“For God so loved the world that he gave his
one and only Son, that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have eternal life.” (NIV)

Reader 2: This is probably the best-known verse in the
Bible. John 3:16 is flashed in ball parks and
memorized in Sunday school classes.
Why is it so beloved? Because it tells us about
God’s love – the reason that the Father sent his
Son on Christmas day. Though we struggle,
are confused, sometimes depressed, and sinful,
He loves us! That is why Jesus came.

Prayer: Father, thank you for your undeserved love that
reached out us that first Christmas. Thank you for the
reminder of your forgiving love every advent season.
In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Verse 1

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Verse 2

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light;
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Verse 3

Wise men, leave your contemplation,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen his natal star:
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Verse 4

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear;
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

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!"

Away in a Manger

Verse 1

Away in a manger,
no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus
laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky
looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus,
asleep on the hay.

Verse 2

The cattle are lowing,
the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus,
no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus!
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side
until morning is nigh.

Verse 3

Be near me, Lord Jesus!
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever,
and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children
in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven
to live with Thee there.

Christmas Confession of Faith

We believe in God, the Father, who sent His only Son to be born to a virgin.

He was named Jesus, because He would save His people from their sins.

He was also called Immanuel, which means God with us.

In His death and resurrection, we have the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

He is the light of the world and through His Spirit, we are given power to proclaim His message to the world. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life. In this, we celebrate and believe.

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Verse 1

Good Christian men rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Give ye heed to what we say
News! News!
Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before Him bow
And He is in the manger now
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Verse 2

Good Christian men rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye hear of endless bliss
Joy! Joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door
And man is blessed forevermore
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Verse 3

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave;
Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!