

# Christ the King Free Lutheran Church

**December 31, 2023**

OUR MISSION: CHANGED LIVES!

To EVANGELIZE the lost;

To ESTABLISH Us in Christ;

To EQUIP Us for Service!

## Welcome / Mission Moment

Opening Scripture    1 John 1: 1 - 4

Worship Songs        (iSing) *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*  
                                  (iSing) *As With Gladness Men of Old*  
                                  (iSing) *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Praise & Prayer Time    *Lord's Prayer*

## Children's Message

Special Music            *The Virgin's Lullaby*    Bill Steuck

Confession of Faith    1 John 1: 5 - 9

Message    **Christmas Miracle:**

*The Miracle of the Mystery*    John 1: 1 - 18    Pastor Joe

## \*Benediction & Announcements

\*Closing Song            # 636 (Hymnal) *The Light of the World is Jesus*

*\*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 Glory:**

- \* Praise God for His love & guidance in the year ahead
- \* Praise God for those willing to serve on the Trustee board.
- \* Praise God for all things new & old, as we look forward to a new year!

**Connecting to God's Heart:**

- \* Keep Pastor Jim Rasmussen and his wife, Jane, from Maple Grove, MN, in your prayers this week.
- \* Pray for Darwin & Alma Jackson: Mexico \*Wisdom to lead, serve and teach in such a way to create multiplying generations of trainers in evangelism, discipleship and church planting. \*Open hearts to receive and put into practice new teaching and methods. \*Our children and other family \* Pastors /workers \*Travel mercies as we travel \*More prayer support by those who will commit to be informed and pray on a regular basis.
- \* Pray for Rose Beck as she recovers from surgery.
- \* Pray we keep our focus on Jesus, our Savior, throughout the year.
- \* Pray for those dealing with colds, flu, covid, or other health issues.
- \* Pray for all who have lost loved ones 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 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:** Kvaless

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

**Message for next Sunday: God's Hall of Faith**

*What is Faith?* Hebrews 11:1 - 3 Pastor Tim

**Christ the King Announcements/Events**

**Family of the Week:**

Don & Barb Westerbur

**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.

**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.

**ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:** 125

**OFFERING FROM LAST WEEK:**

**General Offering:** \$ 3,135.00

**Children's Mission:** \$ 16.00

Total Children's offering for December \$ 217.00

**Building:** \$ 0.00

Total Building fund for December \$ 0.00

**Union Gospel Mission:** \$ 150.00

**TOTAL OFFERING:** \$ 3,301.00

Total general offering received for December: \$ 23,160.00

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

Thank you for your faithful giving.

**Christmas Eve Offering:** \$ 205.00

**Christ the King Announcements/Events**

**PLEASE NOTE.** There will NOT be Sunday School TODAY, Sunday, December 31. Have a safe and blessed New Year.

**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.

**Men's study, Saturday, January 6 @ 7 am.** Last 1-1.5 hrs. Done in time to get back to weekend projects. Study is on men's leadership in the family, church and community.

**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** Let one of the committee members know as soon as possible if you would like to be on the ballot. The committee members are: Jim Gawerecki, Morgan McNickle, Jerry Remund, Rod Altena, Amy Steuck

**Youth and Family Study: December 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

### **Mission Moment**

**Missionaries** Darwin & Alma Jackson in Mexico

Darwin & Alma serve the Lord on the US-Mexican border in and around the two sister cities of Nogales, AZ and Sonora, Mexico. Their day-to-day ministry entails youth ministry, Gospel proclamation, discipleship and mentoring of leaders for the Alianza Apostólica Luterana Mexicana (AALM).



**Alpha Center Baby Shower** Throughout the entire month of January, you can drop off baby items at AMaVo Boutique or any Sioux Falls Lewis Drug location. The Alpha Center uses all donated baby items for its client incentive programs. The children's offering will be given to the Alpha Center to be used for items for the Baby Shower and the client incentive programs. You can also donate any item or take them directly to the mentioned locations.



**Pastor Joe's New Office Hours: Starting January 8**

Mondays and Wednesdays: 9:30 – 3:30 // Fridays: 9:30 – 1:30

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](http://www.cktpipestone.com)

Check for Information on Facebook: Christ the King Free Lutheran

The mystery of \_\_\_\_\_ . (1-5)

Who is the \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Evidence notes:

The mystery of \_\_\_\_\_ . (6-8, 15)

Who is this \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Evidence notes:

The mystery of \_\_\_\_\_ . (9-11)

Who would \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Evidence notes:

The mystery of \_\_\_\_\_ . (12-14, 16-18)

Who can \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Evidence notes:



## 1 John 1: 1 - 4

**1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup> the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

## Confession of Faith

1 John 1: 5 - 9

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all



## *The Light of the World Is Jesus*

### Verse 1

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin

The Light of the world is Jesus

Like sunshine at noonday His glory shone in

The Light of the world is Jesus

### Chorus

Come to the Light 'tis shining for thee!

Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me

Once I was blind but now I can see

The Light of the world is Jesus

### Verse 2

No darkness have we who in Jesus abide

The Light of the world is Jesus

We walk in the Light when we follow our guide

The Light of the world is Jesus

### Chorus

Come to the Light 'tis shining for thee!

Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me

Once I was blind but now I can see

The Light of the world is Jesus

### Verse 3

No need of the sunlight in heaven we're told

The Light of that world is Jesus

The Lamb is the Light in the City of Gold

The Light of that world is Jesus

### Chorus

Come to the Light 'tis shining for thee!

Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me

Once I was blind but now I can see

The Light of the world is Jesus





