

# MESSENGER

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The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. They still bear fruit in old age; they are **ever full of sap and green**, to declare that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

(Psalm 92:12-15, ESV)

One of my favorite memories of spring as a child was tapping maple trees. My brothers and I would don our mud boots, coats, and work gloves and climb a steep hillside with tools in hand. One person would drill into a sugar maple tree with a hand brace and large drill bit. As the drill bit touched the sapwood layer, the precious sweet liquid would begin flowing. Immediately we would insert a spigot into the tree which caught the sap, channeled it through some tubes, and collected it into a bulk tank at the bottom of the hill. Then the real work began—boiling the sap into the delicious syrup that we all love so much on our pancakes!

The verse above is the only place where the ESV translates the word sap (Job 8:16 and Psalm 104:16 are occasionally translated with the same idea). Psalm 92 was a precious song that the Israelites would sing on their holy days. It was a beautiful reminder for them of God's work among his people. Notice how God's people are described: (1) "the righteous flourish", (2) "they are planted", (3) "they bear fruit", and (4) "they are ever full of sap."

When we tapped maple trees, we could tell a lot about the health of the tree by how well the sap flowed. Sometimes the tree looked healthy on the outside, but lacked sap on the inside. In this case, we could expect that the tree would be partly or completely dead within a year or two. Usually, a lack of sap was an indication of poor roots. How are your roots? Or maybe we should ask, where are your roots seeking nourishment? Psalm 1 warns against the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, [or] stands in the way of sinners, [or] sits in the seat of scoffers. Instead of flourishing trees, the psalmist says that these individuals are like chaff that the wind drives away.

How are your roots today? Are you flourishing spiritually? Are you planted in the house of the Lord? Psalm 1 describes a person who delights regularly in God's Word: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. What a beautiful picture! It is our prayer at Christ the King that our members are firmly rooted in God's Word. We pray regularly that God's people would flourish in their spiritual walk. God never fails on His promise to meet our spiritual need.

Would you join me this spring in considering your spiritual health? Jesus died and rose again to give us abundant life (John 10:10). As we celebrate green grass and Easter Sunday, praise God for new life and pray that each of us in Christ's church are *ever full of sap and green*.

Rooted in the risen King, Pastor Matthew

April 3 The Zacchaeus Road Luke 19:1-9 Pastor Tim

April 10 The Triumphal Road Luke 19:28-40 Pastor Matthew

April 17 The Stone is Rolled Away Matthew 28:1-10 Pastor Tim

April 24 The Emmaus Road Luke 24:13-35 Intern Pastor Sam



#### **LENT: Journey of Stones**

April 3 FLBC Concert Choir Presentation

April 14 Maundy Thursday – **Stones or Bread?** 

Matthew 4:1-11 Intern Sam

April 15 Good Friday – **The Final Stone** 

Matthew 27:60 Pastor Matthew

April 17 Easter Sunday – **The Stone is Rolled Away** Matthew 28:1-10



### Scripture Memorization and Meditation for the Strong of Heart and for the Faint of Heart "I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word." Psalm 119:16

Why is it important for me to memorize and meditate on the Word of God? Here are a few more reasons: 5. It helps us in temptation (Psalm 119:9,11), 6. It trains us for witnessing about Jesus to others (1 Peter 3:14-16), 7. It helps us know God's will (1 Thessalonians 4:1-8), 8. It equips us for defending the truth (Ephesians 6:17), 9. It is more precious than our daily food (Job 23:12; Matthew 4:4), 10. We will grow in our faith in Christ (Colossians 3:16; 2 Peter 3:18).

So, we have considered some of the excuses people use to avoid memory work and some of the reasons to memorize God's Word. But how does a person memorize? Let me encourage you to find what works best for you. For me, these three things have helped. 1. Take a verse at a time, break it into phrases, meditate on it (focus your mind on it), and then say that phrase several times aloud. Read it first, then say it without looking. Next add the previous phrase and say them together. Keep building and repeating. 2. The "Charlotte Mason method of Recitation" is reading aloud the verse or passage you are memorizing once or twice each day. Repeat it daily until you and/or your family has it memorized. 3. Pastor John Piper's method is as follows: "So I would just encourage people to set aside 5 or 10 minutes, and then repeat, repeat, repeat. Read the verse 10 times, say it 10 times, close your Bible, and then review it during the day from a piece of paper." [Desiring God Foundation © 2013. Used by Permission.]

Memorize and meditate on God's Word this month. If you would prefer to memorize more slowly, less verses, or a different section, that is perfectly fine. Do this however it works best for you. Don't, however, neglect or forget God's Word.

Pastor David Nelson

Balance Sheet

#### Christ the King Free Lutheran Church Financial Report As of February 28, 2022

Revenue / Expenditures

	Feb 28, 22		Feb 22
ASSETS		Revenue	
		<b>Building and Grounds</b>	140.00
Checking/Savings		Discipleship	112.00
Bank Total		General Revenue	19,883.75
Building		Outreach Revenue	5,124.20
Altar Guild	108.92	Total Revenue	25,259.95
<b>Building Fund Account</b>	2,636.09	Expenditures	
Total Building	2,745.01	<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>	1,337.23
General Total		Discipleship Expenditures	295.00
General	40,005.03	Family Support	100.00
Truth Help	278.93	Misc.	123.93
Total General Total	40,283.96	Office	491.82
Outreach	Outreach Disbursement		
20% Offering	4,970.20	20 %Outreach	4,325.28
Children's Mission Offering	154.00	Samaritan's Purse	159.21
Thrivent	1,251.41	Special Outreach	139.99
Total Outreach	6,375.61	<b>Total Outreach Disbursement</b>	4,624.48
Share And Care	1,248.05	Payroll Expenditures	17,877.83
Special Accounts		Youth	133.85
<b>Local Outreach Ministry</b>	7,623.71	Total Expeditures	24,984.14
Church Missions	1,493.74	Net Revenue	275.81
Marriage Ministry	307.98		
Scholarship	322.26		
Youth	11,103.93		
<b>Total Special Accounts</b>	20,851.62		
Total Bank Total	71,504.25		
Total Checking/Savings	71,504.25		
TOTAL ASSETS	71,504.25		

### Trustee Meeting Minutes Christ The King Free Lutheran Church March 10, 2022 7:00 PM

**Present**: Jim Gawerecki, Dave Sutherland, Morgan McNickle, Laurie Bruns, Marcine Olsen, Jim Otter, Gene Bouw, Heather De Wilde Absent: Brandie Hulstein **Also Present**: Collene Landgren, Mike Morgan, Pastor Matthew, Pastor Tim, Wayne Smith Absent: Intern Sam Willard

President David Sutherland called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Wayne Smith by reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-26 about the diversity of the spirit and spiritual gifts. We are all member of the church body and each has their own importance just as each part of the body is important and has its purpose. Wayne S. opened in prayer. Pastor Matthew will lead devotions in April.

**Trustee Orientation:** Pastor Tim led through a trustee orientation briefing he wrote.

**Elders' Consultation:** Wayne Smith reported for the elders. Most of their last meeting was with Pastor Matthew discussing church plant. The Elders brought names of 9 people they are recommending for membership. Rachel Nelson, Casey & Clarissa Wilson Jocelyn, Carson, Emily & Olivia, and Charles & Carolyn Hoffman.

The Treasurer's report for February was presented. Jim O. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Heather D. Motion carried. There was discussion how the rental deposit was paid. Also the final intern expenses to be paid.

The Payment of bills, Laurie B. moved to approve the bills, seconded by Morgan M. Motion carried.

Outreach was discussed; Jim G. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Laurie B. Motion carried.

AFLC \$ 370.20 Food Shelf \$ 200. Lake B. FS \$ 100. CRU-Jeff \$ 500.0 CRU-Paul \$ 500. Steeles \$ 100. Brazil Student \$ 100. Abels \$ 100. Alpha Center \$ 300. Kvale's \$ 500. Atlas for Life \$ 200. Children's Life \$ 200. Intern Account \$ 800. San Antonio Church \$ 100. PAS Wellness Room \$ 100 Ambulance Assoc \$ 200. AFLC Youth Ministry \$ 500. Father/Daughter \$ 200.

**The secretary's report** from the February 10, 2022 meeting was presented. Jim G. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim O. Motion carried.

#### **Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:**

Youth Ministry: Pastor Matthew reported for the Youth ministry. 5 youth and two adults attended the confirmation retreat March 4-6. Saturday Nights Alive (SNA) will be March 12 hosted by CTK. District churches have been invited, Intern Sam will be the speaker and Pastor Jason Holt will be attending as part of Intern Sam's internship requirements.

**Family Ministry**: Pastor Matthew reported for Family ministry. A family game night planned for April 9. **Pastors' Report: Pastor Tim:** Submitted a report for

his activities for the last month. Pastor Tim also listed the names of the new members. The Free Lutheran Bible College Concert Choir will be at CTK on Sunday, April 3. They will be joining us for the soup supper which will be at 6 PM and they will be presenting their concert at 7 PM it will be in place of the Lent service. There will be 19 women, 11 men, and 6 staff; CTK is asked to provide housing for the group. There will be a free will offering at the concert for the choir. Pastor Tim also reported Living Word is asking for help to fill the pulpit as their Pastor will be going on a sabbatical this summer. With Pastor Matthew leaving there will be discussion on how to proceed with confirmation; continue with a three-year program or change to a two year, continue on Sunday mornings or back to Wednesdays.

**Pastor Matthew** submitted a report for activities for the last month. Pastor Matthew explained more about CTK's role for church planting. May 23-27 there is a church plant intensive in Baltimore that Pastor Matthew and Julia will be attending. There will be discussion next month on reimbursement of costs and time off for the training.

Old Business: Mission Trip: Only Pastor Matthew & Julia went on the mission trip to Nogales, AZ, Feb 21-28. Shepherding the Shepherd: This will be withdrawn for now. VBS Update: Tabled. Brandie H will coordinate VBS Church Plant: Pastor Matthew. There was much discussion about the church plant and the role and responsibilities of CTK. Discussion about the March 20 congregational meeting.

Jim Gawerecki moves the following motion to be submitted to the congregation at the March 20, 2022 special congregational meeting: The Trustees and Elders move that Christ the King Free Lutheran Church serve as a sending congregation for Pastor Matthew Pillman including the provided account guidelines. Jim Otter seconded. Motion carried. An email will be sent out to the congregation with information about the congregation meeting on March 20 including there will need to be a quorum and the meeting will be completed in a timely manner.

**Informational Committee**: Dave S. reported they have had their first meeting.

**New Business: Daddy/Daughter Dance:** request to make a donation to this. It was done during the outreach discussion. **Replace one of the north doors in the sanctuary:** Jim O. will check on it.

**Parking Lot repair:** Jim G. will check on cost to resurface. **Music/Praise Director:** Tabled Brandie H.

**PPP Loan:** There was discussion at the Annual meeting about using part of the funds for outreach. The specifications of the PPP Loan required funds to be used for payroll and utilities only.

**Jim O. moved to adjourn,** seconded. Dave S. adjourned the meeting and Pastor Tim closed in prayer.

Collene Landgren, recording secretary {Draft subject to approval by the trustees}

#### Christ the King Free Lutheran Church Special Congregation Meeting: March 20, 2022 11:45 AM

A sign in sheet was passed for attendance signatures. 75 in attendance at the meeting; 3 through zoom.

Dave Sutherland calls the meeting to order.

Prayer done by Pastor Matthew Pillman

Dave Sutherland makes the following motion: The Trustees and Elders move that Christ the King Free Lutheran Church serve as a sending congregation for Pastor Matthew Pillman including the provided account guidelines.

Dave Sutherland states the guidelines were placed in the church mailboxes.

Wayne Smith seconds the motion.

Pastor Matthew Pillman states that his and Julia's heart is to share the life-giving message of the forgiveness of sin through the faith in Jesus Christ with 40,000 plus unchurched people in Ankeny, IA. Pastor Matthew is thankful to CTK for asking good questions. He states he is thankful for taking 49 days to pray about this decision and for considering the motion today.

Pastor Matthew states they are not asking for these things. First, they are not asking CTK to be church planting experts or know what is all involved. He is not asking CTK to single handedly fund this project. Lastly, he is not asking CTK for an indefinite time of administrative support.

Pastor Matthew and Julia are asking for the support of the congregation. During the next year's annual meeting it should be asked "where are we at and how are things going"? Pastor is asking for continued prayer from CTK. Also, they are asking to affirm God's call on their heart by being a sending church. They are asking for CTK to be the administrative support and have a restricted fund for people to donate. The restricted account would have funds come in and go out. They cannot draw money out past zero. The last ask is that CTK has unity in the decision. The decision is up to congregation.

Dave Sutherland opened up time for discussion, please use the microphones.

Deb Blaue asks Pastor Matthew to explain the time line. Pastor Matthew states to refer to the phases on the document. Residency begins in August to first of September, 2022. Pastor Mathew would be off the CTK budget by end of July. Residency is one year, then in August 2023 they would be moving to Ankeny, Iowa. At that point, the goal would be to start services. Within one to one and a half years move to a weekly service.

Denis Parsley explains that CTK has recently formed a committee of six members who are determining the direction for CTK going forward. Denis asked if CTK should wait to see what this committee concludes, to see if Pastor Mathew's plan fits in. CTK and Pastor Matthew have never started a church before. Denis states individuals can be contacted to give support. CTK currently supports individuals through outreach funds. CTK should not be put in the middle. Pastor Matthew has funds through January so let them go with the funds they currently have. Then CTK could reevaluate in January to see if the church wants to give or just have individual giving. Denis explains this is a big decision and big decisions take time to make.

Janelle Brockberg states "we also have to take a step of faith".

Dave Sutherland calls for a vote. Yes means you want to be a sending church. No means you do not. Pastor Tim closes the meeting in prayer.

Alan Warner makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Otter seconds the motion.

Final count results: 53 yes votes. 21 no votes. 1 abstain.

FREE LUTHERAN BIBLE COLLEGE

#### CONCERT CHOIR





Soup supper at 6:00 PM Concert at 7:00 PM

FLBC.edu



Intern Pastor Sam Willard is pleased to announce that he recently accepted a Call to serve as Pastor at King of Glory Church in Shakopee, MN. He will begin serving there in June.

Please be in prayer for his family that they will be able to find a house soon and will have a smooth transition



Free Lutheran

Maundy Thursday, April 14 @ 7 PM Good Friday

April 15 @ 7 PM











#### April Birthdays

- 2 Bernice Dykstra
- 3 Sharon Amdahl
- 4 Jackson Winter
- 5 Kynslee Hulstein
- 5 Judy DeRuyter
- 10 Bode Bruns
- 10 Tracie Fey
- § 10 Leann Bloemendaal
- 🕯 11 Eugene Bouw
- 13 Sonja Wait
- 18 Caleb Willard
- 20 Glenn Van Essen
- 21 Susan DeClerk
- 21 Sheryl Wait
- 22 Helen Jensen
- 22 Sarah Nelson
- 23 Cal Hulstein
- 24 Kyle Swanson
- 25 Charlene Prins





Youth Ministry will meet April 3 @ 11:45 AM







April 19 @ 7:00 PM







Nathan Sutherland & Corrie Thomson



Caden Kulm, Owen Minet, Cole Paulson,
Josie Sutherland, Jacie Williams, Connor Zephier

Christ the King family,

We want to thank you for all your prayers for brother, Kenny. He can rest in peace now. Many I thanks to Pastor Tim for his visitations with Kenny. We know that he really appreciated them. Many thank to all that had a part in the service.

bered and appreciated! Thank you for standing with us faithtors. Your friendship, prayers, and financial support has enabled all of us to

God's blessing to you all. Jerry & Dianne Rood Dear Christ the King family, Your generous support of \$500 /month has been rememfully since 2007 when the Lord called us to serve with Wycliffe Bible Translabring God's Word to those still waiting t hear & read it in a language that speaks to their hearts! Love & prayers, Steve & Glenda Kvale



To my church family, Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers, and food. They were much appreciated. A special thank you to Pastor Tim for his visit and the flowers from Christ the King.

I'm doing well and plan to stay on the farm. God is Good all the time. In Jesus' Love. Barb Hubner





Alpha Center is hosting the Descendants Dinner on Friday, April 29, 2022 with the Welcome Reception beginning at 6:15 PM. The event will take place at the Sioux Falls Convention Center and because seating is limited, your reservation is required. Dinner is complimentary and will be

served at 7:00 PM. During the program there will be an opportunity to make a financial faith investment in the ministry. Adults only, please. Featured Speaker: Dr. William Lile

Dr. William Lile has delivered over 4,000 babies in his medical career as an OB/GYN physician residing in Pensacola, FL. He is also a Medical Advisor of the Florida Human Life Protection Amendment and serves as a member of Focus on the Family's Physicians Research Council. Contact Sharon Amdahl for more information.



Please join us for an enchanted afternoon. We invite young girls and their father or father figure for an afternoon of dancing and games.

**Sunday, May 1, 2022** Pipestone Area School Gymnasium

2:00 - 2:30 PM Doors Open & Pictures 2:30-4:00 Dance and Activities: Doors closed to the public

~SHE IS clothed with~

STRENGTH & DIGNITY

~ LAUGHS without FEAR of the future

~Proverbs 31:25

Note: This special event is for young girls and their father or father figure.

For more information: Angie 820-1051; Marci 215-1012 Brandie 605-595-3358; Hollie 828-4785

Sponsored by: Area Churches, Pipestone Area Schools



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#### **Watch for Details!!** Forge

### Wednesday Youth Night April 6 6-8 PM Hunt 'N Click

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By popular demand, hunt 'n click is back!

★ Together with your team, rack up the most points by hunting down the best photos around ☆ our church & community. Come at 6pm for food, devotions, and explanation. Hunt will finish at 8.

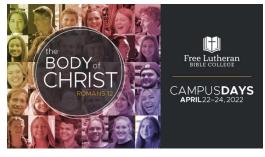
Grades 7-12 welcome!





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### April 22-24 is FLBC Campus Days.

9 - 12 grade students are invited for a weekend full of learning and fellowship. While students can learn more about FLBC, this event is designed specifically for students and youth

groups to enjoy FLBC campus life, spiritual encouragement, and fellowship with other high schoolers and FLBC students. Christ the King encourages students to attend to become more familiar with the AFLC and to make great Christian Contact Pastor Matthew for more information. friends.

#### Upcoming Dates to remember:

April Parents' Meeting

April Hunt 'N Click

17 Easter Breakfast April

April 22-24 FLBC Campus Days

May **Confirmation Sunday** 1

**Graduate Sunday** May 15

Last day of Sunday School May 15





#### Pastor Darwin & Alma Jackson; Missionaries to Mexico

Thank you Collene for your greetings on the part of Christ the King.

We sure enjoyed having Matt and Julia with us for the week, only wish we could have kept them longer :-). What a blessing to be included in your prayers here in Nogales for the month of April. Lord knows we need your prayers. In April we will lose a large portion of our congregations because they are

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"snow birds", only spending a few months a year with us. So, it can be discouraging when they leave. Carmen is a lady Alma and I met on our "door to door" visits and has been growing stead-

ily, even during the pandemic. We are now training her in Evangelism Explosion, so we ask for prayer for her zeal to memorize the material and understand what she's learning.

We have almost reached the halfway point of visiting every home in the city of Nogales (7,500 homes) personally with the DVD of the Jesus Film, tracts and invitations to our Church. So we ask for prayer that many people would see, hear and read about our Wonderful Lord Jesus and be saved. Also, as we follow up on the visits, that God would open doors for evangelism and discipleship.

I am praying specifically for a "Timothy" to be able to disciple and train for ministry here at Triumph. Pray God make clear who that person is to me. We still do not have a Sunday School for lack of a teacher!

#### **Prayer Concerns**

- \* That many people would see, hear and read about our Wonderful Lord Jesus and be saved
- \* God would open doors for evangelism & discipleship
- \* For a Sunday School teacher
- \* Those who were involved in the church in the past would return
- \* Pastors or lay pastors
- \* A director for the Crossroads rescue mission

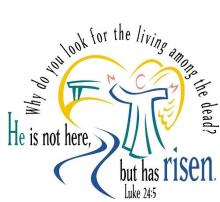
Pray as we seek to find and encourage some of those who were members, or had participated in this Church in years past to come and join us once again. The Crossroads rescue mission here in Nogales desperately needs a director. The former director just retired. We have a good group of folks that come for our services on Thursdays. But there is no one else that brings God's Word to the people. Pray other pastors, or lay preachers would desire to participate. If it's ok, as other things arise that need prayer, I'll send it along. Also, a picture, haha, I'll get Alma on it... I don't want to give you a bad one... if you know what I mean :-) Thank you again Collene, and all of the Christ the King church, **Darwin & Alma Jackson** 



#### Feed a Hungry Baby

In developing countries, food is scarce, and those who suffer most are often children. Extreme hunger can be especially dangerous for children under 5—leading to stunted growth, infection, and death. Samaritan's Purse seeks out little ones who are at risk, giving them nutrient-dense food that will help their bodies develop. We also monitor their growth, and offer therapeutic care for those who are already malnourished. For \$9, you can provide a week of food for a child, and show them that "we love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19, ESV).





# Altar Guild

Sue DeClerk

# **Ushers**

# **Acolytes**

# Sound Tech

Dave Sutherland April

April 10 Alan Warner

Kyle DeWilde April 17

Dave Sutherland April 24

### **Money Counters**

Brandie Hulstein Heather DeWilde

Keegan Otter April April 10 Kenley DeWilde Jordan DeRuyter April 17 Kynslee Hulstein

April 24

# Family of the Week / Greeters

Bernice Dykstra

April 10 Andrew & Shenoa Farmer

April 17 Carol Farmer

April 24 John & Brandi Feske; Jaelyn, Jaxon, Bentley



# Worship Leaders

April

April 10

April 14

April 15

April 17

April 24

# Nursery

Marcine Olsen April

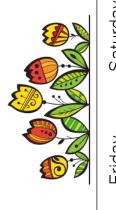
Amy Steuck April 10

April 17 Rachel Willard

April 24 Ashley Hoheisel







Saturday	द	<b>9</b> 4 PM Family Game Night	16	23 FLBC Spring Campus Days 22-24	30
Friday	1	<b>&amp;</b>	15 7: PM Good Friday Service	22 FLBC Spring	29
Thursday		<b>7</b> 7: PM Trustees meet	14 7: PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service	<b>21</b> 7:00 PM Elders & wives TBD	87
Wednesday		6:00 PM Youth Group Hunt N Click 8:00 PM Choir Practice	<b>I 3</b> 6:30 PM Youth Group	<b>20</b> 6:30 PM Youth Group	<b>27</b> 6:30 PM Youth Group
Tuesday		5 1: PM Quilters meet	12	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM Family Ministry meets	<b>26</b>
Monday		<b>4</b>	11	81	ر ا ا
Sunday		9:00AM All Ages Sunday Schoc Confirmation 10:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Youth Parents Meet 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM FLBC Choir Concert	Palm Sunday 9:00 AM All ages Sunday School Confirmation 10:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship Service	BASTER  No Sunday School 8:30 AM Easter Breakfast 9:30 AM Easter Worship Service Messenger Articles Du	9:00 AM All ages Sunday Schoo Confirmation 10:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Pot Blessing Meal 5:00 PM Bible Study @ CTK