

# CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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## Build your life on The Rock

My family and I love visiting the North Shore of Lake Superior. Last October we reserved a cabin near Gooseberry Park. The owner called me, asking if I would like to move to a cabin located on the rocks right above the water. YES PLEASE! My favorite part was sitting on the deck at night. There's something about the sight of water stretching from one horizon to the other that restores my perspective. My worries and anxieties get smaller in the scope and majesty of God's creation.

More often than I like to admit, my perspective gets warped by my own thoughts and fears. I worry about things that may never happen, or I'm disappointed by my unrealistic expectations. Several of my recent devotional readings have reminded me that God's Word restores our perspective. God is the maker of all things. His Word aligns our understanding to what the world really is. His Word is more than just information. It is meant for us to build our lives upon, so that our lives conform to the reality our creator made.

*Luke 6:46-49 "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great."*

Jesus asked His followers: "why aren't you doing what I've taught you?" This isn't a piece of information meant to be regurgitated on a test and then forgotten. It is meant to be lived. J.I. Packer once wrote "we are cruel to ourselves if we try to live in this world without knowing about the God whose world it is and who runs it. The world becomes a strange, mad, painful place, and life in it a disappointing and unpleasant business, for those who do not know about God. Disregard the study of God, and you sentence yourself to stumble and blunder through life blindfolded, as it were, with no sense of direction and no understanding of what surrounds you. This way you can waste your life and lose your soul."

Commenting on Psalm 139, Packer wrote "the psalmist's concern to get knowledge about God was not a theoretical but a practical concern. His supreme desire was to know and enjoy God himself, and he valued knowledge about God simply as a means to this end. He wanted to understand God's truth in order that his heart might respond to it and his life be conformed to it."

We don't do this to avoid life's disasters, but so that in God we can endure them. Through life's trials, we often discover how we have ruined ourselves by doing things our way. But God's grace intervenes in our disasters. Jesus says He has forgiven your sins, and offers to transform your heart. He will lift you out of the ruins, and set you on a secure foundation. In Jesus Christ we find true joy, delight, and contentment. In Him is the way of life everlasting. Have a blessed Summer. Intern Sam



August 1	<i>God's Own Possession</i>	1 Peter 2:1-10	Pastor Matthew
August 8	<i>Trusting Submission in the World</i>	1 Peter 2:11-25	Pastor Tim
August 15	<i>Trusting Submission in Marriage</i>	1 Peter 3:1-7	Pastor Tim
August 22	<i>Responding to Evil</i>	1 Peter 3:8-22	Intern Sam
August 29	<i>End-Time Ethics</i>	1 Peter 4:1-19	Pastor Tim
September 5	<i>Humble Service</i>	1 Peter 5:1-14	Pastor Matthew

NEW PLAN

**August 13**

**POOL PARTY AND  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**Pool Party 6 - 7 PM**

**Ice Cream Social 7 PM**

at the picnic shelter  
just north of the pool

Everything will be provided

**Invite a FRIEND or two**



Cash Basis

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church  
Financial Report  
As of June 30, 2021

Balance Sheet

Revenue / Expenditures

	<u>Jun 30, 21</u>		<u>Jun 21</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>Revenue</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		<b>Building and Grounds</b>	100.00
<b>Bank Total</b>		<b>Discipleship</b>	100.00
<b>Building</b>		<b>General Revenue</b>	13,188.35
Altar Guild	108.92	<b>Outreach Revenue</b>	3,473.20
Building Fund Account	1,112.09	<b>Total Revenue</b>	16,861.55
Wedding Deposits	500.00	<b>Expenditures</b>	
<b>Total Building</b>	1,721.01	<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>	6,149.55
<b>General Total</b>		<b>Conferences/Meetings</b>	446.52
General	5,210.30	<b>Discipleship Expenditures</b>	352.99
Truth Help	234.48	<b>Family Events</b>	15.00
<b>Total General Total</b>	5,444.78	<b>Misc.</b>	540.82
<b>Outreach</b>		<b>Office</b>	362.62
20% Offering	3,296.80	<b>Outreach Disbursement</b>	
Children's Mission Offering	79.40	20 %Outreach	3,658.40
Thrivent	1,268.99	<b>PAS Wellness</b>	100.00
<b>Total Outreach</b>	4,645.19	<b>Bible Translation-Wycliff</b>	97.47
<b>Share And Care</b>	450.00	<b>Total Outreach Disbursement</b>	3,855.87
<b>Special Accounts</b>		<b>Payroll Expenditures</b>	18,729.31
Internship Fund	6,567.20	<b>Prayer and Worship</b>	47.89
Local Outreach Ministry	5,223.71	<b>Share And Care</b>	100.00
Church Missions	1,493.74	<b>Youth</b>	1,657.34
Marriage Ministry	307.98	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	32,257.91
Scholarship	322.26	<b>Net Revenue (Deficit)</b>	<b>(15,396.36)</b>
Youth	10,953.93		
<b>Total Special Accounts</b>	24,868.82		
<b>Total Bank Total</b>	37,129.80		
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	37,129.80		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>37,129.80</b>		

## Trustee Meeting Minutes: July 8, 2021

**Present:** Jim Gawerecki, Jim Otter, Morgan McNickle, Marcine Olsen, Laurie Bruns, Heather De Wilde, Bill VanderPlaats, Brandie Hulstein **Absent:** Dave Sutherland

**Also Present:** Pastor Tim, Intern Sam Willard, Collene Landgren, Mike Morgan.

**President Jim Gawerecki** called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Pastor Tim reading from Matthew 7:24, about the wise man built his house on the rock. If we don't heed and follow Jesus' words, we are like the foolish man that built his house on the sand. If we base our life on God's word, we have a good foundation. Both houses stood during good times but in the tough times and storms of life, we need a good foundation. Both hear the Word of God but the wise one acts on the work, the foolish one ignores it. Be wise and be in scripture and act on it. Pastor Tim led in prayer. Jim Otter will lead devotions in August.

**Elders' Consultation:** Pastor Tim reported for the Elders. They met and discussed the different categories of ministry. They agreed outreach is the most important part of ministry. Discussion continues on how to utilize 3 pastors.

**The Treasurer's report** for June was presented. Jim O. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Bill V. Motion carried.

**The Payment of bills,** Brandie H. moved to approve the bills, seconded by Laurie B. Motion carried.

**Outreach was discussed;** Bill V. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Jim O. Motion carried.

AFLC \$ 96.80 Food Shelf \$ 100.00  
CRU-Jeff \$ 500.00 Paul \$ 500.00 Steeles \$ 100.00  
Brazil Student \$ 100.00 Local Outreach \$ 300.00  
Alpha Center \$ 300.00 Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500.00  
Atlas for Life \$ 200.00 Children's Life \$ 200.00  
Intern Account \$ 100.00 San Antonio Church \$ 100.  
PAS Wellness Room \$ 100.00 Matthew Abel \$ 100.00

**The secretary's report** from the June 10, 2021 meeting was presented. Laurie B. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Heather D. Motion carried.

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

**Youth Ministry:** Intern Sam reported for the youth ministry. A printed report was submitted with the activities completed and the upcoming ones. Sam and Pastor Matthew have been discussing curriculum to be used for the youth program this fall. The trus-

tees agreed it is good CTK is working with and doing events with other community churches.

**Family Ministry:** Pastor Tim reported for the family ministry. They are discussing a picnic for rally Sunday for the start of Sunday school. August 13 a picnic and pool party is being planned. CTK will supply the meat with Morgan McNickle preparing smoked meat. A progressive dinner is being discussed for August 21. The ministerial is discussing participating in a Love of the City on August 21, all churches work together to serve the city, through a car wash, helping with laundry, and other things still being discussed.

### **Pastors' Report:**

**Pastor Tim** submitted a report of activities for the last month. Pastor Tim was on vacation June 25 through July 4. June was busy with VBS, AFLC Annual Conference, regular activities, and vacation.

**Pastor Matthew** submitted a report for May & June.

### **Old Business:**

**Bus:** The repair shop is waiting for parts.

**Elder recommendations for pastor job description:**  
Tabled

### **New Business:**

**Van rental / purchase:** Tabled

**Live stream equipment:** Intern Seth reported for Pastor Matthew. He is researching equipment to help streamline the live stream issues.

**Request to use fellowship hall:** Marcine O. moved, seconded by Jim O. to approve a request from Delilah DeZeeuw to use the hall August 14 for a baby shower for her niece.

**Other:** Marcine O. asked about removing the tree stump just south of the fellowship hall. Bill V. will check on it. He had talked to someone about removing the stump.

Collene L. mentioned the landscaping north of the entrance needs work. Will look at it this fall.

Bill V. will talk to someone about cleaning and painting the cross on the roof of the entry.

Marcine O. moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim G. adjourned the meeting, Intern Sam closed in prayer. Collene Landgren, recording secretary {Draft subject to approval by the trustees}



- 1 Marge Johnson
- 2 Leona Carlson
- 4 Bill VanderPlaats
- 5 Denis Parsley
- 6 Justin Hoheisel
- 7 Delilah DeZeeuw
- 7 Jonalyn Rood
- 7 Mike Hellie
- 15 Jesse Johnson
- 16 Ted Stangeland
- 17 Keegan Otter
- 18 Dianne Rood
- 19 Mike Bloemendaal
- 21 Nickolas Bruns
- 21 Kris Schiager
- 24 Lynn Gorder
- 26 Mark Mitchell
- 29 J.D. Rood
- 30 Steve Viland
- 30 Brittany Forness

Chatter-sewers  
(Quilting)  
Will  
Meet  
Tuesday  
August 3  
@ 1:00 PM



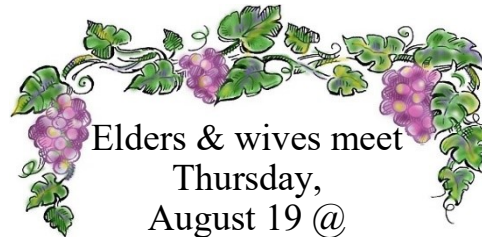
Trustee Meeting  
August 12 @ 7 PM

NewsLetter  
**DEADLINE**

Messenger  
Articles Due  
August 22



Youth Ministry  
Meets Sunday  
August 15 ?  
@ 10:30 AM



Elders & wives meet  
Thursday,  
August 19 @  
7:00 PM @ TBD



Family Ministry Meets  
Tuesday, August 24 @ 7 PM

Love Pipestone Event  
Saturday, August 21.  
9 AM—Noon

See youth page for more information.



Sam and Rachel Willard thank all those who helped unload their moving van, and those who provided meals their first week here. Each of you have made us feel so welcome!



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**August 21**

## Progressive Dinner.

Enjoy a 3-course meal in 3 different homes.  
August 21. More information to come.



## VIM Back to School Backpack Program

All Pipestone County Churches are being called on to reach out in Jesus' love with the opportunity of helping with the annual VIM Back to School Backpack Program. Choose a grade from the list to

purchase items to fill a backpack for a student. Please return the backpacks to the church by August 8 or to the VIM Thrift Store. If you have questions contact Lu Bosma at 507-215-0155 Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus within our community. The backpacks are available in the foyer.



### Coming Events:

- |      |    |                                     |
|------|----|-------------------------------------|
| Aug  | 13 | Pool Party & Ice Cream Social       |
| Aug  | 21 | Love Pipestone Event                |
| Sept | 1  | Confirmation Parents' Meeting       |
| Sept | 1  | Forge & Aftershock Parents' Meeting |
| Sept | 8  | Confirmation Starts                 |



## Love Pipestone Event August 21

Join Christ the King and area churches to Love Pipestone on August 21, 9am-noon. Our goal is simply to love the members of our community in the name of Jesus. We will meet at A&J's Laundry for a time of worship and prayer before splitting off into groups to wash cars, pay for laundry, hand out goodies, etc.



## Confirmation Parents' Meeting

7, 8 & 9 Grade Students

Wednesday, September 2, 6:30-7 PM

@ Christ the King Fellowship Hall.

\*Please plan to attend this meeting for new information and to get your questions answered. We encourage the students to attend this meeting with their parent(s).

Forge & Aftershock parent(s) Meeting to follow.

## Missionaries to Tanzania

Pastor Andrew and Alexis Olson Mariah, Selah, and Eliana

The Olson's are serving in Tanzania with Lutheran Bible Translators, as a Translation Coordinator, helping to translate God's Word into a local language. Rev. Andrew and Alexis Olson are excited and honored to serve the Lord their Savior through assisting with Bible translation work in Tanzania.

At age 13, Andrew's family was called to teach at a Bible College in Tanzania for nine months. During this time, he felt the call to serve in Bible translation ministry. Andrew received a BA in Christian Ministry from Northwestern College in St. Paul, Minnesota. He then spent a year in Uganda helping to translate curricula for the Ambassador Institute. Upon his return to the U.S, Andrew attended seminary and received a Master's in Divinity in 2017.

When Alexis was 17, she and her family moved from North Carolina to Uganda to serve as missionaries. She saw the great need for the soul-saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to spread across the world.

Andrew and Alexis were married in 2015.

An excerpt from their latest newsletter:

We thank God for the safe travels He gave us. The girls all traveled very well and enjoyed some in-flight entertainment. Our luggage also arrived safely, and we passed the Covid screening. Since then, we have been enjoying many sweet reunions. The local Lutheran Church has welcomed us warmly once again. The girls are, of course, very happy to see their dog and cat again. Andrew is excited to be back to the office. He loves being able to see the team and interact with them in-person. He is continuing to teach a course on Translation Basics and the team is now doing a team check of the book of Acts.



### Prayer Concerns

- \* Pray for safety from Black Mamba snakes, which have been sighted in Muriti, including in the translation office. One of our friends was bit but miraculously recovered.
- \* Pray that the Lord would open the door for increased community engagement this next year.
- \* Pray for Mariah who is starting Kindergarten in the fall and Alexis who will be homeschooling her.
- \* **Praise the Lord** for our work permit which was granted in May.



## Honeybees



David was struggling to provide for his wife and two children. But through our beekeeping project in Kenya, he received his own hive of bees and learned how to harvest their honey. Now David earns enough income to pay his children's school fees, and he was able to buy goats so his family will have milk. He said that God has blessed him more than he ever thought possible! "To Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think ... to Him be the glory" (Ephesians 3:20-21). **Your \$20 gift can provide a starter hive and training, offering a family hope for a brighter future.**





*Therefore, as we have opportunity,  
let us do good to all people,  
especially to those who belong to  
the family of believers.*

-Galatians 6:10

## Serve Communion

### Altar Guild

Jan Muller

### Acolytes

August 1	Hailey Goebel
August 8	Laura Minet
August 15	Braden Otter
August 22	Cayden Zephier
August 29	Mataya Pantekoek

### Family of the Week / Greeters

August 1	Merlin Westfield
August 8	Sam & Rachel Willard; Caleb, Simeon
August 15	Lori Williams; Jacie
August 22	Cristin Winter; Logan, Jackson
August 29	Gary & Joanne Winter

### Money Counters/ Trustees

Jim Gawerecki  
Dave Sutherland

### Kitchen Clean-up

Rose Beck  
Joanne Griebel

### Ushers

Jason Steuck

### Hospitality Greeters



### Nursery

### Worship Leaders

August 1	Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Susan Parsley
August 8	Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Lynn Hellie, Judy Steuck
August 15	Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Char Prins
August 22	Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Jane Smith, Susan Parsley
August 29	Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Susan Parsley

# AUGUST



Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

<b>1</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service Live stream 5:30 PM Bible Study @ CTK	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1:00 PM Quilting  _____ Pastor Matthew at SIT Classes	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service Live stream 5:30 PM Bible Study @ CTK	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 PM Trustees	<b>13</b> 6-7 PM Pool Party 7:PM Ice Cream Social	<b>14</b> Private Baby Shower
<b>15</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service Live stream 10:30 AM Youth Parents Meet 5:30 PM Bible Study @ CTK	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM Elders & wives meet @ TBD	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9: AM Love Pipestone Event Progressive Dinner
<b>22</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service Live stream 5:30 PM Bible Study @ CTK Messenger Articles due	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 PM Family Ministry Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> DeRuyter / Koch Wedding
<b>29</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service Live stream 5:30 PM Bible Study @ CTK	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

