

CHRIST THE KING'S MESSSENGER

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Thermometer or Thermostat?

After studying John 5:1-18 for our adult VBS, I was struck by Jesus approaching the man who had been paralyzed for thirty-eight years. Jesus said to him, "Do you want to get well?" The man explained that he had no one to help him into the pool of Bethesda and by the time he got to the stirring water, someone would get in ahead of him. What struck me was that Jesus didn't even acknowledge the man's complaint or problem. Jesus simply told him, "Get up, pick up your mat and walk." The man instantly got up, picked up his mat and walked. The Word of God had the power to change what the paralyzed man was incapable of changing. Jesus told him to do something and as soon as the man trusted and obeyed, he found that everything changed.

That made me think of a message I heard at a Promise Keeper's rally decades ago. It was about the difference of being a thermometer versus a thermostat. A thermometer just reports the temperature of the environment. It doesn't do anything about it and can't do anything about it. Humans are good at being thermometers. In the summer months, many report (complain) about how hot it is and in the winter months, many report (complain) about how cold it is. They don't do anything about it nor can they. So, in this respect, what good is it to be a thermometer? It doesn't help the person complaining and it doesn't help those who hear the complaints. Similarly, the paralyzed man was focused on his problem, but insightfully, Jesus doesn't talk about his problem. Instead, Jesus just gives the man direction to do something that he has probably never done.

Jesus was a thermostat and was inviting the man to be one as well. A thermostat changes the environment. The paralyzed man became a thermostat when he trusted and obeyed Jesus' Word. People even noticed the change. What if the man hadn't trusted Jesus and obeyed His Word? He would have remained a thermometer.

How does this play out in the church? A thermometer complains about what isn't happening or what's wrong with what's happening. That's all you get. It is the opposite of helpful. How did Jesus deal with the paralyzed man's complaint? He said, "Get up..." What would Jesus most likely say to someone who complains in church? "Get up..." Now that thermometer has an opportunity to become a thermostat simply by trusting and obeying God's Word where they are actually involved in changing the environment. People notice such changes.

Do you see a need in the church? Perhaps it's a ministry that is lacking or a need being missed. Perhaps someone or some group needs help or encouragement? Maybe someone is struggling? Jesus is saying, "Get up..." The fact that you see it is Jesus offering you an opportunity to trust and obey Him. "Pick up your mat and walk." Become a thermostat that changes the environment. The ability to do so comes from God as you trust and obey.

The overall theme of this text was to reveal that Jesus was truly God in the flesh. Jesus said in verse nineteen, "For whatever the Father does, the Son likewise does."

However, when Jesus revealed His identity with signs, it always affected people. How will you be affected? Will you be a thermometer that just reports/complains about the environment or will you be a thermostat that actually does something to help change the environment? Jesus says, "Get up..." Now what happens?



In God's Amazing Grace & Power, Pastor Tim

August Sermon Series:

KNOWING JESUS



August 7	His Value	John 12:1-11	
August 14	His Resolve	John 12:12-26	
* August 21		Ephesians 4:1-16	Pastor David Nelson
August 28	His Purpose	John 12:27-36	Pastor Tim
September 4	His Mission	John 13:1-20	Pastor Tim

* The August 21st message will be a stand-alone message from Ephesians from the focused memory verses that have been printed in the Messenger.

Christ the King church family,

Thank you for your encouragement and generous support (prayer and financial) for the church plant residency! You have sharpened us as believers and leaders during our time of ministry in Pipestone. We will miss the regular connections with you. Please know that you are truly family to us and we look forward to connecting with you in the future as we are able. Our doors are open to you in San Antonio and Ankeny.

By way of update, we anticipate loading our moving truck on Sunday, August 21. We have established a team of prayer warriors, an advisory team, and accountability systems through Christ the King. At the time of writing, we are only \$8k short of our \$75k expected budget. This means that \$67k has been generously provided or committed through individuals, congregations, and the AFLC Home Missions. Would you consider helping us close the gap? We are asking 14 individuals to commit to monthly giving (3 at \$100/month, 5 at \$50/month, and 7 at \$25/month).

Praise Notes

- Praise the Lord for safety, endurance, and energy through various travels
- Praise that we are expecting our 3rd child
- Praise for the pending sale of our home
- Praise for a growing prayer/support team
- Praise for great meetings with our Advisory Board and AFLC Home Missions

Prayer Requests

- Pray for calm hearts as we face numerous unknowns over the next month
- Pray for the provision of a rental home in San Antonio
- Pray that we reach our goal for support so that we can stay on schedule to make the move to San Antonio in August
- Continue to pray for a smooth move and transition to San Antonio

Pastor Matthew & Julia; James, Benjamin, & baby Pillman

Closing the 1-year financial gap



Cash Basis

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church
Financial Report
As of June 30, 2022

Balance Sheet

Revenue / Expenditures

	<u>Jun 30, 22</u>		<u>Jun 22</u>
ASSETS		Revenue	
Checking/Savings		Building and Grounds	50.00
Bank Total		General Revenue	15,475.97
Building		Outreach Revenue	4,109.57
Building Fund Account	3,216.09	Total Revenue	19,635.54
Total Building	3,216.09	Expenditures	
General Total		Building & Grounds	21,675.09
General	21,751.55	Conferences/Meetings	692.30
Truth Help	278.93	Discipleship Expenditures	667.49
Total General Total	22,030.48	Family Support	632.76
Outreach		Misc.	1,014.44
20% Offering	3,822.00	Office	371.42
Children's Mission Offering	287.57	Outreach Disbursement	
Thrivent	1,432.41	20 %Outreach	5,015.10
Total Outreach	5,541.98	Samaritan's Purse	165.75
Share And Care	1,128.99	Total Outreach Disbursement	5,180.85
Special Accounts		Payroll Expenditures	15,086.73
Internship Fund	100.00	Share And Care	119.06
Local Outreach Ministry	7,623.71	Youth	92.89
Church Missions	1,493.74	Total Expenditures	45,533.03
Marriage Ministry	307.98	Net Revenue (Deficit)	(25,897.49)
Scholarship	322.26		
VBS	425.00		
Youth	10,503.93		
Total Special Accounts	20,776.62		
Total Bank Total	52,694.16		
Total Checking/Savings	52,694.16		
TOTAL ASSETS	52,694.16		



Giving to the Ankeny Church Plant can be made by check or scheduled online (www.cktpipestone.com/ankeney). Make checks out to Christ the King and memo "Ankeny Church Plant".

If you plan to give monthly or would like monthly prayer emails, please fill out a partnership card in the foyer!

Trustee Meeting Minutes: July 14, 2022

Present: Dave Sutherland, Morgan McNickle, Marcine Olsen, Heather De Wilde, Jim Otter, Laurie Bruns Absent: Jim Gawerecki, Brandie Hulstein, Gene Bouw
Also Present: Collene Landgren, Pastor Tim, Pastor Matthew, Mike Morgan, Wayne Smith
President David Sutherland called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Marcine Olsen with reading John 15:9-17, God commands us to love one another. We are called to be friends and love each other. Marcine O. opened in prayer. Dave Sutherland will lead devotions in August.

Elders' Consultation: Wayne Smith reported with a follow up of the Know Your Church survey. 41 surveys were completed. Three areas were identified as strengths for CTK: prayer, worship and fellowship. Three areas were also identified as weaknesses for CTK: ministry, evangelism, and discipleship. CTK needs to be more intentional in relationships.

The Treasurer's report for June was presented. Marcine O. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Heather D. Motion carried.

The Payment of bills, Heather D. moved to approve the bills, seconded by Marcine O. Motion carried.

Outreach; Jim O. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Morgan M. Motion carried.

AFLC \$ 272. Food Shelf \$ 300. Kvale's(Wycliffe)\$ 500
CRU-Jeff \$ 500. CRU-Paul \$ 500. Tim Steele \$ 100.
Brazil Student \$ 100 Alpha Center \$ 300 Atlas \$ 200
Children's Life \$ 200 Intern Account \$ 500 PAS \$ 100 M
Abel \$ 100 Daily Bread \$ 250 Church Plant \$ 500

\$ 300.00 from the Local Outreach account to ATLAS for the Tent America 2022 to be held on July 30. This event is sponsored by Awaken the Dawn Ministries and the local ministerial.

The secretary's report from the June 13, 2022 meeting was presented. Jim O. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Heather D. Motion carried.

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:

Youth Ministry: Working on moving forward with the youth ministry.

Family Ministry: The Ice Cream Social, complete with a kick ball game was July 13, approx 32 - 35 attended. An outdoor movie night is being planned for August 13 and showing *I Can Only Imagine*. Possibly work with Sunday School for the fall kickoff.

Pastors' Report: Pastor Tim: Submitted a report for his activities for the last month. Pastor Tim reported the Elders want to meet jointly with the Trustees to develop a plan to encourage intentional relationships within the congregation. There may be a possible change up in how Sunday mornings will look. Pastor Tim also reminded the Men's Retreat will be August 19-21.

Pastor Matthew submitted a written report of activities for the last month. Pastor Matthew reported several people walked in the Watertower parade and handed out juice boxes and freeze pops. He spoke at Galilee Bible Camp June 26-July 2. He reported much of his work parallels the report for the church plant/residency program.

Old Business: North door in sanctuary: Jim O. reported he is waiting for estimates. He contacted Viking Glass in Sioux Falls for a bid. They will stop and measure when someone is in the area.

Railing on steps by piano: Working on it. Jim O

Landscaping by entry: Working on it. Brandie H. & Ginger M. Thank you, Ginger, for working on this project.

Ankeny/Residency Program: Pastor Matthew submitted an example of a call letter for a church plant pastor. He also submitted an organization chart for a church plant.

Research Committee: Marcine O. reported the following people have agreed to be on a search committee for a youth and family ministries director with the recommendations for a job description by the Research Committee. Ashley Hoheisel, Jason Steuck, Dawn Sutherland. Marcine reported they are waiting for a few more responses. Pastor Tim reported that Pastor Jason Holt, director of the AFLC Youth Ministry has provided 3 names of people that would fit the job description.

Building Insurance quotes: Pastor Tim reviewed the submitted quotes and Church Mutual has better coverage and rates so it would be best to remain with CTK current provider. Morgan M. moved to continue with Church Mutual, seconded by Jim O. motion carried.

Cross on entry: Jim O. is working on it.

Time off: Collene L. will be out of the office August 11-17.

New Business: Request to use CTK for wedding June 10, 2023: Lexy Manderscheid & Dalton Kor requested. Laurie B. approved, seconded by Heather D. motion carried.

Offering envelopes: Laurie B. moved to order pew envelopes, seconded by Marcine O. motion carried.

Social Media management/content and Website management/design: Pastor Matthew suggested to have someone take over these items. He will check into it.

Dave Sutherland commented if CTK wants to continue to provide livestream of the worship service more people will need to volunteer. There has to be more than one person responsible to do it every Sunday.

Ice Rink: Pastor Matthew reported Rod Altena will continue to set up and maintain the ice rink next winter.

Thank you to Pastor Matthew for the time he has served CTK as the associate pastor.

Heather D. moved to adjourn, seconded by Laurie B. Dave S. adjourned the meeting and Pastor Tim 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 Mike Hellie
- 9 Micah Nelson
- 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
- 30 Steve Viland
- 30 Brittany Forness

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



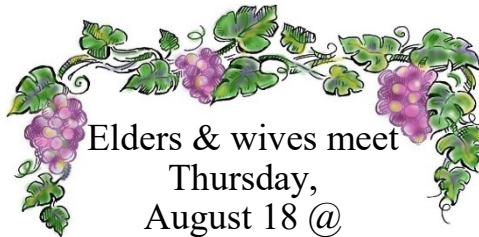
Trustee Meeting
August 11 @ 7 PM

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Messenger
Articles Due
August 21



Family Ministry Meets
Tuesday, August 23 @ 6:30 PM



Elders & wives meet
Thursday,
August 18 @
7:00 PM @ TBD



Youth Ministry
Meets Sunday
August 28
@ 10:30 AM

Youth & Forge Parents' Meeting

5- 12 Grade Students

Sunday, August 28, following the worship service

@ Christ the King Fellowship Hall.

*Please plan to attend this meeting to help decide the future of the CTK youth ministry. We encourage the students to attend this meeting with their parent(s).

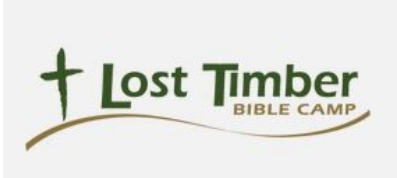


Christ the King Church,
 Thank you for celebrating my graduation with me. I really appreciate your thoughtful gift.
 I am grateful for your gifts
 Cole Paulson

Thank you for all of the prayers and support over the years. Thank you for the super cool quilt that I will bring with me to college.
 Caden Kulm

CTK,
 Thank you so much for the quilt. Also, thank you for helping to grow my faith from a young age. The church has been a real rock for me especially through high school.
 Thanks!! Josie

Thank you for the graduation gifts you sent to me! Thank you also for coming to my party if you were able to make it.
 Thanks for the great quilt—it is on my bed.
 Micah Nelson



The following are thank you notes received from Lost Timber campers:
 Thank You! Thank you for helping me go to Lost Timber. I learned so much more about God. Alyssa Steuck
 I loved doing chapel. Thank you for paying part of the camp. Keegan Otter
 Dear Christ the King. Thank you for helping me go to Lost Timber camp! One thing I liked was capture the flag. - Lauren Steuck
 Thank you for getting me to camp. My favorite part is rockets. I learned that you can't say I believe in God to get to heaven. Caden Haag



VIM Back to School Backpack Program

All Pipestone County churches are being called on to reach out in Christ's love to families unable to afford back to school needs. Volunteers are asked to help fill book bags. School supply lists are online @ the school website. Simply choose a grade. You can also add bibles, personal notes, or buy a backpack along with supplies. If you don't see a bag in your church to participate, please call Luann Bosma at 507-215-0155.
 Please return to the Volunteers in Mercy thrift store by August 10.
 Thank you for blessing our little ones.

Men, Let's become thermostats – agents of change who affect the environment around us. It's time to get together!

Men's Retreat @ Lost Timber Bible Camp (Rural Chandler, MN)

August 19-21 Friday evening – Sunday morning

Lost Timber has hiking trails, spring fed fishing pond (crappies, perch & sunfish), campfires, all kinds of recreational fields & equipment, surrounded by woods. Meals, Lodging, Snacks and everything else will be provided. All men 16 years & over are welcome and cost is \$25/person Contact Pastor Tim if you need help with the cost.

Seth Forness will be speaking in the sessions on *Weathering the Storm* from Acts 27 while sharing some of his personal struggles and victories over the years.

GENERAL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

- 6:00 PM Arrival/Getting Settled/Get Acquainted
- 7:00 PM Worship & Session 1
- 8:00 PM Snacks/Group Game(s)
- 8:45 PM Campfire Fellowship
Bed as desired

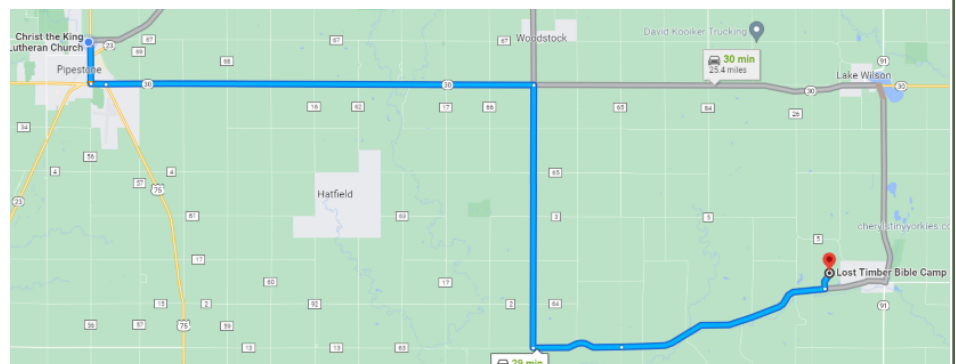
SATURDAY

- 8:30 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Group Devotions with a Personal Activity & Sharing
- 10:00 AM Free Time
- 10:30 AM Session 2 with Breakout Discussion Groups
- Noon Lunch
- 1-2:30 PM Friendly Competitions
- 2:30 PM Free Time
- 4:00 PM Session 3 with Breakout Discussion Groups
- 5:30 PM Supper
- 7:00 PM Session 4 with Breakout Discussion Groups
- 8:30 PM Campfire Fellowship
Bed as desired

SUNDAY

- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 8:45 AM Worship w/ Communion
- 9:30 AM Begin Heading Home

Disclaimer: This schedule will change as needed and as the Spirit of God leads.





Missionary to Uganda: Michael Rokenbrodt



Michael Rokenbrodt is a seasonal missionary, working with Ambassador Institute in Uganda for half the year and coming home to the United States for assisting youth camps. Originally a teacher, Michael loved investing in his students but felt restless. By invitation of his good friend Micah Berger, he traveled to Uganda and has felt called back ever since. He was commissioned as an AFLC missionary in 2018.

For part of the year, Michael is in Uganda serving in his role as a support to the national leaders and the full-time missionaries stationed in Jinja. Because of his unique position, his focus of the ministry can be flexible and adapt to the needs of the time. In 2018, Michael spent time with Micah, exploring locations for possible church plants and speaking in local schools.

The following is in response to an email. Hello Collene,

Thank you and Christ the King for your awareness, support, and prayer for our ministry in Uganda. If you look at my last newsletter, you will see a detailed summary of the highlights of my last ten months in Uganda.

As I am here in the U.S., I have been looking at drama ministry opportunities among our Association churches to help promote our ministry in Uganda, and prayers for that endeavor would also be appreciated. I am praising God for the two act play on King Josiah, that I was able to perform this June at a church in Long Prairie, MN, and at Galilee Teen Camp in Lake Bronson, MN. I have attached a flyer. Michael

The following is an excerpt from Michael's latest newsletter. The complete newsletter can be found on the AFLC website at <https://www.aflcworldmissions.org/wp-content/uploads/Newsletters/MRNewsletter.pdf> or in the Missionary folder on the table in the foyer.

I landed in the U.S. last Thursday, and now I am gearing up for a summer of travel and sharing the tidings of my 2021-22 season in Uganda.

I sit at my sister's dining room table as I write this next to my nephew Felix who I got to meet for the first time last night. He is seven months old. As I look back at my last ten months in Uganda, I am amazed at all that has happened in what seems to be too short a time to contain it all. This newsletter seems to be an opportune time to overview the highlights.

Prayer Concerns

- 1) Nancy, Charles, Rapha, Frank, and Godfrey as they work alongside Brent Raan and his family
- 2) those we are ministering to in Paicho, the Remand Home, and other doors God is opening for us in Gulu
- 3) the Ambassador Institute under Nate Jore and their mission of encouragement
- 4) our Council of Elders as they look outward.



Bring Clean Water to a Community



When Hurricane Dorian struck the Bahamas, many freshwater wells were contaminated by the massive storm surge. Families had no access to well water, and no financial means with which to buy bottled water. Samaritan's Purse set up community filtration systems, creating access to safe drinking water and opportunities to share the Gospel. Your gift will help us bring water access to communities hard-hit by disaster, or villages where clean water is always hard to come by. **Suggested gift \$ 75.00.**



*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

Altar Guild

Jan Muller

Money Counters/ Trustees

Jim Gawerecki

Dave Sutherland

Acolytes

August 7 Keegan Otter

August 14 Makenley DeWilde

August 21 Jordan DeRuyter

August 28 Kynslee Hulstein

Family of the Week / Greeters

August 7 Justin & Ashley Hoheisel; Colton, Lincoln, Everly

August 14 Dustin & Nicki Holt; Connor, Carter

August 21 Barb Hubner

August 28 Cal Hulstein

Ushers

Jason Steuck

Mark Mitchell

Nursery

August 7 Marcine Olsen

August 14 Ashley Hoheisel

August 21 Alyssa Steuck

August 28 Amy Steuck

Sound Tech

August 7 Dave Sutherland

August 14 Alan Warner

August 21 Kyle DeWilde

August 28 Dave Sutherland



Worship Leaders

August 7 Dawn Sutherland, Jane Smith

August 14 Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Irene Warner, Judy Steuck

August 21 Praise Band; Sheila Westfield, leads

August 28 Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Charlie Hoffman, Susan Parsley

AUGUST



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	1	2 1:00 PM Quilting	3	4	5	6
7 9:00 AM Worship Service Live stream Fellowship Time	8	9	10	11 7:00 PM Trustees	12	13
14 9:00 AM Worship Service Live stream Fellowship Time	15	16	17	18 7:00 PM Elders & wives meet @ TBD	19	20
21 9:00 AM Worship Service Live stream Fellowship Time Messenger Articles due	22	23 6:30 PM Family Ministry Meets	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 AM Worship Service Live stream Fellowship Time Youth Parents Meet	29	30	31			

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