

# CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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Last year it was petunias, this year it was pansies. My wife and I planted them in the spring with great anticipation. We cared for them as best we knew how. We enjoyed their beauty. But suddenly in midsummer they went from full bloom to full doom! Dead!

This reminds me of a familiar passage from Isaiah 40:6-8:

*A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*



As I write this article, my heart is heavy from the loss of a dear friend. She flourished on this earth. She was a delight to all she met. She loved the Lord. She was like a flower in God's garden. In many ways, it seemed like she would always be with us. But then she was gone – withered like the flower of the field.

Have you considered life and death recently? God loves life. After all, He created life! But sin and death entered the world and spread to everyone living being (Romans 5:12). This is why Isaiah compares people to grass. Like flowers, our life on this earth is very limited. None of us know the number of our days. No matter how accomplished, successful, or powerful you are, death will always find you. You and I will become part of the ultimate statistic: 19 out of 19 people die!

In contrast to flowers and flesh, Isaiah considers the Word of God. He confidently states that "the Word of our God will stand forever." This is the same Word that spoke the world into existence. The same Word that turned dead dust into living humans. The same Word that became flesh, lived a perfect life, suffered death, and defeated death once for all – Jesus Christ. Which would you rather trust? Your fading flesh or the Living and Eternal Word of God?

For months we have been eating, drinking, and breathing statistics about COVID-19. It is not wrong to be informed, but **it is wrong to fear a virus**. The virus is not in control – God is! The virus does not decide our final breath – God does. The virus is not God. Quarantine may protect you from the virus (for a time), but nothing can separate you from the Almighty God. One day, your body will fail and you will stand before the judgement seat of God. No quarantine, mask, or sanitizer will protect you. You will stand "naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." (Hebrews 4:13, ESV) On that day your only hope will be found in the crucified and risen Word of God. Yes, "the grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." Praise the Lord!

Trusting the Living Word, Pastor Matthew

## AUGUST SERMON SERIES



# WORRY

August 2 *A Question of Focus?*

Matthew 7:7-12 Pastor Tim

## GETTING REAL IN THE PSALMS



August	9	<i>Two Worldviews</i>	Psalm 1	Pastor Matthew
August	16	<i>Caved In</i>	Psalm 4	Pastor Tim
August	23	<i>A Higher Plain</i>	Psalm 15	Pastor Tim
August	30	<i>In the Storm</i>	Psalm 29	Pastor Tim
September	6	<i>Inside Worship</i>	Psalm 122	TBD

Minutes of CTK Congregational Vote completed June 13, 2020

At the Trustee meeting of May 28, 2020, the Trustees reviewed several shingling/roofing quotes/advice, selected a company and then discussed the shingle project and the need to comply with the constitution of CTK for congregational approval to borrow funds for any reason. Due to the pandemic it would be difficult to hold a congregational meeting at this time and to include people who are at risk or have concerns to take part in a meeting. To prevent further damage to the building the shingle project needs to be completed soon.

Morgan M. moved, seconded by Brandie H. to send an email to voting members of CTK with instruction to reply within 10 days their vote for or against borrowing funds for the shingle project. A letter will be sent to those without an email address on file. Motion carried. The Trustees acknowledge this is not ideal but with the current events it will give the congregation the ability to vote and express any questions or concerns.

The ballot sent was as follows:

Approve Christ the King entering loan agreement for shingle project

\_\_\_\_\_ YES borrow funds

\_\_\_\_\_ NO

The letter included the names of the voting members in the household and a ballot for each one.

An email was sent to the main email address for the household and included the names of the voting member in the household and voting instructions as follows:

This correspondence contains the names of the voting members in your family, they are listed below. We may not have updated addresses for your child. Votes must be returned by Saturday, June 13.

**Results from Congregational vote:** Approve Christ the King entering loan agreement for shingle project 89 YES borrow funds 8 NO. A quorum of 53 votes was obtained. Voting was completed through regular US Post Office and by email due to the COVID pandemic.

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

Cash Basis  
Balance Sheet

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church  
Financial Report  
As of June 30, 2020

Revenue / Expenditures

	<u>Jun 30, 20</u>		<u>Jun 20</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>Revenue</b>	
		Building and Grounds	5,202.00
		General Revenue	15,635.21
		Outreach Revenue	5,302.75
		Visa Reward Points	100.00
<b>Bank Total</b>		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>26,239.96</u>
<b>Building</b>		<b>Expenditures</b>	
Altar Guild	324.67	Building & Grounds	52,692.89
Building Fund Account	12,438.09	Discipleship Expenditures	456.08
<b>Total Building</b>	<u>12,762.76</u>	Misc.	510.99
<b>General Total</b>		Office	317.22
General	40,810.58	Outreach Disbursement	
Truth Help	308.09	20 %Outreach	4,733.60
<b>Total General Total</b>	<u>41,118.67</u>	PAS Wellness	100.00
<b>Outreach</b>		Samaritan's Purse	531.25
20% Offering	3,807.00	<b>Total Outreach Disbursement</b>	<u>5,364.85</u>
Children's Mission Offering	64.75	Payroll Expenditures	15,866.25
Thrivent	1,869.00	Share And Care	80.00
<b>Total Outreach</b>	<u>5,740.75</u>	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>75,288.28</u>
<b>Share And Care</b>	424.49	<b>Net Revenue (Deficit)</b>	<u><u>-49,048.32</u></u>
<b>Special Accounts</b>			
Internship Fund	300.00		
Local Outreach Ministry	2,548.70		
Church Missions	1,493.74		
Marriage Ministry	307.98		
Scholarship	322.26		
Youth	10,325.19		
<b>Total Special Accounts</b>	<u>15,297.87</u>		
<b>Total Bank Total</b>	<u>75,344.54</u>		
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>75,344.54</u>		

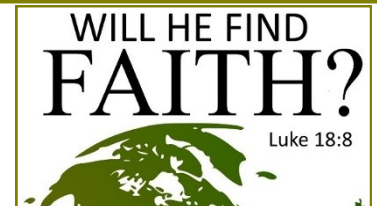
## AFLC Conference Information 2020

Host: ARC - Association Retreat Center, Osceola, WI

AUGUST 10- 12, 2020

Due to the Coronavirus epidemic, the AFLC Conference Committee, a shortened version of the Annual Conference will be held starting at 9 a.m. on Monday August 10th and will close with the business session on Wednesday August 12th at 5:30 p.m. We confess that we certainly see through a glass darkly right now, but believe the most helpful thing we can do for our future planning is to set these dates and trust that we will be able to move forward when the time arrives.

**PLEASE PRAY for the AFLC Annual Conference**



## Trustee Meeting Minutes: July 9, 2020

**Present:** Dave Sutherland, Jim Otter, Brandie Hulstein, Laurie Bruns, Jim Gawerecki, Heather DeWilde, Morgan McNickle, Bill VanderPlaats  
**Absent:** Matthew Amdahl

**Also Present:** Pastor Tim, Pastor Matthew, Collene Landgren, Mike Morgan

**President Jim Gawerecki** called the meeting to order. Social distancing was observed. Devotions were led by Dave Sutherland by reading a passage from National Prayer Room based on Isaiah 12:2. As God is our salvation we don't need to fear. The word "behold" is the wonder of a new experience. Behold in modern language would be "Look! Can you believe this?" We need to be careful to not let fear control our hearts. If God is on our side, what can we fear? Dave S. led in prayer. Jim Otter will lead devotions in August.

**Elders' Consultation:** The Elders and wives met last month and continued the study of "Dark Side of Leadership." It examined how past events shape our lives. How do we use that in our lives? They discussed how to honor the government authority and yet honor God especially with the current restrictions with covid. We must honor God first.

**COVID report:** Was reported as of 7/9/20 Pipestone had 66 cases and 4 deaths.

**The Treasurer's report** for June was presented. Dave S. moved, to accept treasure's report. Seconded by Jim O. Motion carried.

**The Payment of bills,** Dave S. moved to approve the bills, seconded by Heather D. Motion carried.

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

Food Shelf	\$ 100.00	Share N Care	\$ 607.00
CRU-Jeff	\$ 500.00	CRU-Paul	\$ 500.00
Brazil Student	\$ 100.00	Steeles	\$ 100.00
Alpha Center	\$ 300.00	Matthew & Ednay Abel	\$ 100.00
Atlas for Life	\$ 200.00	Kvale's(Wycliffe)	\$ 500.00
Local Outreach Ministry	\$ 300.00	Children's Life	\$ 200.00
San Antonio Church	\$ 100.00	Intern Account	\$ 100.00
PAS Wellness Room	\$ 100.00		

**The secretary's report** for the June 11, 2020 meeting was presented. Laurie B. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Bill V. Motion carried.

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

**Youth Ministry:** Pastor Matthew reported for the Youth ministry: They helped at the Banquet and have been meeting at homes. Participation has been spotty and is to be expected considering the current restrictions.

**Family Ministry:** Has not met since March. They are checking on the possibility of hosting a pool party and kick ball game. The pool is having staffing issues and at this time aren't planning any after hours events.

**Pastors' Report:** Pastor Tim submitted a report of activities for the last month. Much of the contact with people has been through phone calls or zoom meetings. He returned from two weeks of vacation on July 6. He requested two days of vacation time on Aug 5-7 (will work Monday the 3rd to save a vacation day), Bill V. so moved, seconded by Heather D. Motion carried.

**Pastor Matthew** submitted a report of activities for the last month. Most of his contact has also been through phone calls or zoom meetings. He will be at FLY Beyond July 19-23 and Pickereel Lake Bible Camp July 26-30. Pastor Matthew requested vacation time from August 25-27 to replace the previously requested time last spring. Morgan M. so moved, seconded by

Laurie B. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

**Review of CTK Constitution:** Continue to review and suggest items to improve, especially in areas that were affected by the pandemic, such as the congregational vote. The goal is to have something to present to the congregation at the Annual meeting held in January.

**Results from Congregational vote:** Approve Christ the King entering loan agreement for shingle project 89 YES borrow funds 8 NO. A quorum of 53 votes was obtained. Voting was completed through regular US Post Office and by email due to the COVID pandemic.

**Roof:** The roof project has been completed. Thanks Jim G. and Morgan M.

**Serving at the Banquet:** Was done on June 16, thanks to everyone serving.

**VBS alternative:** Brandie H. and Laurie B. reported VBS will be 6:00 to 8:30 PM on July 14 for the 3 year olds to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and July 15 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grades. People have volunteered or agreed to help.

### **New Business:**

**Use of folding chairs:** Cristin Winter requested to use some August 1 for Jackson's graduation reception. Lynn Glidewell requested to use 40 for her wedding reception to be picked up on August 6. Heather D. moved to approve, seconded by Dave S. Motion carried.

**CCLI due for renewal \$510.00:** This included the copyright & streaming license and SongSelect Advance. Dave S. so moved, seconded by Jim O. Motion carried.

**Donation to Our Daily Bread:** Last year we donated \$200. Morgan M. moved to give \$200 out of the Thrivent fund, seconded by Dave S. Motion carried.

**Novel Energy Solutions:** A request was received to CTK to participate in a solar garden project. The trustees agreed to email a thank you to the company indicating we are not interested in participation in the project at this time.

**Use bus for VBS:** Pastor Matthew would like to use the bus for VBS, Ross L. has offered to drive. The batteries may need to be replaced.

**Denis Parsley request to rent bus:** Denis needs to check if his insurance will cover the bus while he is using it, if it does, then he can rent the bus. So moved by Dave S., seconded by Heather D. Motion carried.

**Automatic hand sanitizing station:** Collene L. submitted information for ordering a hand sanitizing station. The station, which includes an automatic dispenser and stand, for smaller churches will be \$139 plus shipping. Laurie B. suggested to check reviews before ordering. Laurie B. moved to order the smaller dispenser and stand, seconded by Jim O. motion carried.

**Other:** Ginger McNickle suggested the ash trees on the west side of the property be removed and replant some other varieties of trees. She recommended removing about ¼ and replacing them to start with and it would be best to do it in the winter. Tabled Bill V. will check if the city will remove the trees.

Heather D. moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim O.

Pastor Tim closed in prayer. Jim G. adjourned the meeting.

The trustees will continue to meet in the fellowship hall until restrictions change.

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

## New to Medicare Virtual Class

**Mankato, MN, August 1, 2020** – Learning what to do when you become eligible for Medicare can seem overwhelming. This class is for people who will be new to Medicare and would like to learn about Medicare Parts A, B, C and D. Topics will include a comprehensive introduction to Medicare including what Medicare covers, supplemental insurance and Part D prescription coverage. During the class you will learn the Medicare enrollment details, how to get the most from your benefits and how to research your Medicare plan options using the Medicare.gov site. Please contact Senior Linkage Line to sign up for the class, as space is limited.

**WHAT:** New to Medicare Virtual Class

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, August 5th from 8:30 – 10:30 AM** or  
**Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 5:30 PM**

**WHERE:** Online Virtual Class

The Senior LinkAge Line is a service of the Minnesota Board on Aging in partnership with Minnesota's local area agencies on aging. It is the state's federally designated State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP).

Call the Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm or visit [www.MinnesotaHelp.info](http://www.MinnesotaHelp.info)<sup>®</sup> to chat with a specialist during business hours.



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

Chatter-sewers  
(Quilting)  
Will  
Meet  
Tuesday  
August 4  
@ 1:00 PM



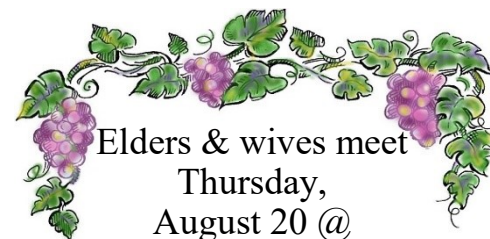
Trustee Meeting  
August 13 @ 7 PM

NewsLetter  
**DEADLINE**

Messenger  
Articles Due  
August 23



Youth Ministry  
Meets Sunday  
August 9 ?  
@ 10:30 AM



Elders & wives meet  
Thursday,  
August 20 @  
7:00 PM @ TBD



Family Ministry Meets  
Tuesday, August 25 @ 7 PM ?





Members of Christ the King Free Lutheran Church  
 Again we thank you for your monetary donation to our Lake  
 Benton Food Shelf. We appreciate it very much. Stay Safe  
 Lake Benton Food Shelf Committee

Dear Christ the King Quilters

Thank you for thinking of me on my graduation. I really appreciate the beautiful quilt you gave me. Your support to me and my family is appreciated. Thanks again. Sincerely, Isaac Berg

Dear Christ the King

Thank you for thinking of me on my graduation.. I really appreciate the devotion book you gifted me. Your support to me and my family is appreciated. Thanks again  
 Sincerely, Isaac Berg

Dear Congregation,

As you know Gov Walz signed Executive Order 20-81 which requires Minnesotans to wear a face covering in indoor businesses and indoor public settings. We know that a fair percentage of people who have the virus do not show symptoms, yet they can pass the virus on to others. Social distancing is one of the best ways to avoid COVID-19 and CTK encourages social distancing between families as we gather for meetings and services. However, studies do show that masks can protect people from you should you be carrying the virus as they can help reduce the amount of droplets released into the air around you. For that reason, masks can help slow the spread of the virus and CTK will have masks available if you need one.

CTK does acknowledge that some are adverse to wearing masks for various good reasons and we will honor the right of each person to make decisions that are best for them & the people around them. Please know that CTK will continue to provide the multiple worship options of in-sanctuary, livestream to the fellowship hall, fm-transmission to the parking lot and livestreaming at home or anywhere else. May Christ be glorified in all we do!



A Fun Event for All!

Fellowship Picnic & Mission Update

WHEN: August 2

WHERE: Southwest Park

WHAT: Potluck Picnic Meal @ 5 PM

Brent & Emily Raan Share

Kickball game

WHO: Everyone!!



Meat, chips & water will be provided.

Pastor Brent & Emily Raan, missionaries from Uganda will be present and give an update on their mission.

A game of kickball for all ages will follow.





### Coming Events:

- |      |    |                                     |
|------|----|-------------------------------------|
| Aug  | 2  | Fellowship Picnic & Kickball game   |
| Aug  | 5  | Youth Group @ DeWildes              |
| Aug  | 12 | Youth Group @ TBD                   |
| Aug  | 19 | Youth Group @ Winters               |
| Aug  | 30 | Youth Kick-Off Event                |
| Sept | 2  | Confirmation Parents' Meeting       |
| Sept | 2  | Forge & Aftershock Parents' Meeting |

The Youth gatherings are at various members' homes. They meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. This will include some informal time to just hangout, play games, and close with a devotional and prayer.

Watch Remind or contact Pastor Matthew for directions and details.



### Fellowship Picnic & Kickball Party August 2 at Southwest Park

8th Ave SW from 5-7 PM.

Meat, chips & water will be provided.

Pastor Brent & Emily Raan, missionaries from Uganda will be present and give an update on their mission.

A game of kickball for all ages will follow.

Tentatively

### 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 Uganda, Africa

Pastor Brent & Emily Raan; Amaleah, Sarala, Isaiah

Thank you so much for reaching out to us and for praying for the family. We appreciate it and it is so encouraging. We are looking forward to seeing you all in a couple of weeks. In Christ, Brent

Brent and Emily began their work in Uganda in September of 2017. They have spent their first years studying the culture, building relationships and reaching out to people in their community. The Raans were called to Uganda with the vision of planting free and living Lutheran congregations. Brent and Emily are praying over a strategic location to make that a reality.

Brent also continues to work with the Ambassador Institute program in Uganda. The Ambassador Institute program is overseen by a leadership team made up of nationals and classes continue to expand out from the Jinja area. Brent is also working as a trainer with the Ambassador Institute program in India.

### The following is an excerpt from their latest newsletter.

The home that so graciously hosted our family for the past two months in North Dakota has a picture that says, "Until God opens the next door, praise Him in the hallway." We are in a "hallway" time right now, wondering how long we will be in the US and what God has for our family through this time. Many people have asked when we're going back. Well, we still have tickets to return in October, but since Uganda's borders are still closed with no talk about when they might re-open, we are holding those plans loosely in the hands of our Provider, who knows better than we do. Would you please pray with us for God's leading for our family and for peace in the midst of all this uncertainty?

While in this hallway, we are praising Him! Praise Him today, friends - no matter your situation. In the good and the hard times. Rejoice that He is still God and He is on His throne and He is still good!



## Prayer Concerns

Pray for Uganda, they have roughly 1,050 cases within the country and praise God that no one has passed away. Pray as the country is still in lockdown and it is causing some difficult times for the Ugandan nationals.

Pray that the borders will open up so that we can return to the country at the end of October.

Pray for our ministry partners, the Jores, as they continue to minister in the midst of this season.

Pray for the Acholi people. This is the people group that we will be moving up to when we return.

Pray for our family as we are moving around a lot during this furlough & especially our kids.



## 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 Pipestone County Salvation Army, United Way, VIM Back to School Backpack Program.

As with everything this year, the backpack program will be different. VIM will not be providing backpacks at this time however they will still be collecting and distributing backpacks and supplies to area children. If you would like to supply a backpack and/or school supplies there are supply lists in the foyer. The supply lists are by grade and where applicable, by teacher.

**We will also be donating the cash from the children's offering in August.**





*“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

### Greeters

- August 2 Gary & Elke Olivier  
August 9 Marcine Olsen; Chelsea, Dustin  
August 16 Cheryl Ossenfort  
August 23 Jim & Jenny Otter; Braden, Keegan, Amelia  
August 30 John & Sharon Paetkau

### Money Counters/ Trustees

Heather DeWilde  
Jim Otter

### Kitchen Clean-up

Rose Beck  
Joanne Griebel

### Ushers

### Hospitality Greeters



### Nursery



### Worship Leaders

- August 2 Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Judy Steuck  
August 9 Hannah Minet, JT Tinklenberg, Jane Smith  
August 16 Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Susan Parsley  
August 23 Bill Steuck, Lynn Glidewell, Irene Warner, Judy Steuck  
August 30 Matthew Pillman, Julia Pillman, Jane Smith

# AUGUST



Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

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<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service Live stream 5-7 PM Fellowship Picnic Mission Update Kickball game	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1:00 PM Quilting 	<b>5</b> 6:30 PM Youth Group at DeWildes	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service Live stream 10:30 AM Youth Ministry ?	<b>10</b> AFLC Annual Conference at the ARC	<b>11</b> AFLC Annual Conference at the ARC	<b>12</b> 6:30 PM Youth Group at TBD	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM Trustees	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service Live stream	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM Youth Group at Winters	<b>20</b> 7:00 PM Elders & wives meet @ TBD	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service Live stream <b>Messenger Articles Due</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7: PM Family Ministry Meeting ?	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service Live stream Youth Kick-off Event	<b>31</b>	