

Our heart and call is to bring the hope of the forgiveness of sins and life in Jesus to the precious human souls in Ankeny, Iowa.

OUR MISSION

To reach the lost by establishing a Free Lutheran congregation where God's Word is preached and the sacraments are rightly administered. This community of faith will be a place where believers live in fellowship and are equipped to live out their faith right where God has placed them.



Meet the Pillmans

Pastor Matthew and Julia Pillman, with their two children, love people and long to tell them about Jesus. After three years at the Free Lutheran Seminary, Matthew served 4 years at Christ the King in Pipestone, MN as Intern and Associate Pastor. We are thankful to transition into church planting with our Pipestone church family serving as our primary sponsor to handle donations and accountability.



“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

– Jesus

MATTHEW 13:37-38



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ANKENY
FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANT

Reaching precious souls with the hope of **Jesus' forgiveness**



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2X

growth of unchurched in the U.S. from 1991-2004

60-80%

of new members to an average church plant were previously unchurched

120 MILLION

non-churched people in America

Residency in San Antonio

Trinity Church together with church planting pastor Matthew Ballmann have welcomed us to a one-year residency in San Antonio, Texas. We value residency as a time to be equipped for the ministry God is calling us into. Its focus is on developing theological clarity and practical church planting philosophy and skills. Residency will also provide us a great environment to formulate a comprehensive plan for the church plant in Ankeny.

Partner With Us!

Scripture is clear that God has designed the Church to function as a body and that we are most effective in our mission that we work together. We cannot and must not accomplish this vision of church planting alone. We invite you to partner with us in touching hearts and lives in Ankeny:

PRAY

Would you to stand with us in daily prayer for all aspects of this ministry? Sign-up on our website for our monthly newsletter and prayer requests:

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CONNECT

If you know someone who lives in the Ankeny area, we would love to connect with them. Share their information with us at:

ankeneychurchplant@gmail.com

SERVE

There will be various opportunities to individuals and congregations to visit Ankeny to serve the church and community. Consider how you or your church could come and help over the upcoming years!

GIVE

In order to effectively prepare and launch a ministry to the people of Ankeny, we need individuals and congregations to financially partner with us. These funds help to cover things like rental space, sound equipment, outreach, and salary. Prayerfully consider making a one-time gift or a monthly pledge of any amount (\$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, etc.) for the next 2-4 years. You can mail a check to Christ the King with our pledge card or give online at rebrand.ly/ChurchPlant



Why Plant a New Church?

Planting churches is the single most effective way to reach souls with the hope of Jesus.

Statistics show that for every 10 people reached by an established church, 1-2 are unchurched. In contrast, for every 10 people reached by a church plant, 6-8 are unchurched. Church plants are uniquely equipped to reach the un-churched and de-churched in the United States. In order to be faithful to God's heart for the world, it is right to commit ourselves to invest time, energy, resources, and lives to establishing free and living congregations.

Why Plant in Ankeny, Iowa?

Ankeny is a thriving northern suburb of Des Moines, IA where there is a great need to share the message of salvation through Christ alone. God has used personal connections, prayer, and discernment to lay a clear call to Ankeny on our hearts. A new AFLC church in Ankeny would also serve as a center for church planting in places such as Ames and Des Moines.

70K

currently live in Ankeny, IA

2X

population growth in Ankeny the past 15 years

75-80%

of Ankeny residents do not attend an evangelical church