



CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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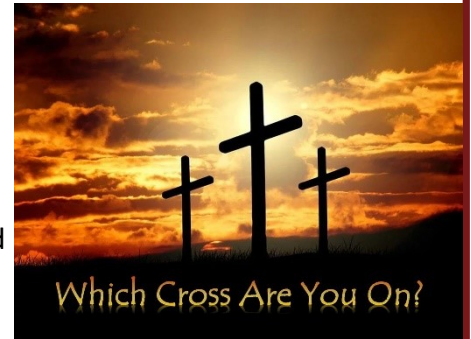
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When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. (Luke 23:33)

The day that Christ was led to Golgotha and crucified was the day that made eternal reconciliation with God available for all who would receive it. In essence, there was a hill with three crosses—one cross where a criminal died IN SIN; one cross where a criminal died TO SIN; a center cross where the Redeemer died FOR SIN.

How many people will die in their sin? According to Jesus in Matthew 7:13, "For the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who go through it." The criminal who died in sin, or so it seems, mocked or insulted Jesus with his rejection. And why not? That is what comes natural for our sinful natures.



However, the other criminal, while coming in contact with Jesus and hearing Jesus' words, "Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing," sees the error of the other criminal. While rebuking the mocking criminal, he turns to Jesus in confession of his sin and says, "Remember me when you come into your Kingdom." Jesus had said in Matthew 7:14, "How narrow is the gate and difficult the road that leads to life, and few find it." This criminal found life just as he was dying TO SIN.

Of all the people I have conducted funerals for in the past twenty-six plus years of ministry, I feel extremely blessed to be able to say that only about a handful or less didn't have a faith profession in which I was confidently aware. All the rest clearly professed faith in Jesus Christ sometime before they died and some before I even asked. I consider this a blessed privilege given that most will be like the criminal who died IN SIN.

What a wonderful message we have to share of a cross where the Redeemer died FOR SIN. First Peter 3:18 says, "For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit." Jesus told the confessing criminal, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." No one has to die IN SIN. The message of Jesus, who died FOR SIN, has the power to help them die TO SIN. Romans 1:16 proclaims, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek."

On February 19th, we will begin our Lenten services on the theme, "Jesus Who?" The short messages based on Jesus' I AM statements along with the soup supper before, provides a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend, co-worker, neighbor, relative, etc. Invite them to enjoy some good soup, fellowship and to hear about the One who died FOR SIN so that they and no one else needs to die IN SIN.

Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer! Seems now I see Him on Calvary's tree, wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading—blind and unheeding—dying for me!

In Him, Pastor Tim

SERMON SERIES

A Message to the Church

*He who has an ear,
let him hear
what the Spirit says
to the churches
Revelation 2*

January 8	Ephesus: Labor without Love Revelation 2: 1-7	
January 15	Smyrna: Rich within Poverty	Revelation 2: 11-8
January 22	Pergamos: Compromised Commitment	Revelation 2: 12-17
January 29	Thyatira: Faithfulness Among the Compromised	Rev. 2: 18-29
February 5	Sardis: Dying Reputation	Revelation 3: 1-6
February 12	Philadelphia: An Open Door	Revelation 3: 7-13
February 19	Laodicea: Rich yet Bankrupt	Revelation 3: 14-22
February 26	The Throne Room of Heaven	Revelation 4 & 5

LENT: Jesus Who?

February 19	I AM the Bread of Life	John 6:32-40
February 26	I AM the Light of the World	John 8:12-20
March 5	I AM the Gate of the Sheep	John 10:1-10
March 12	I AM the Good Shepherd	John 10:11-18
March 19	I AM the Resurrection and the Life	John 11:17-27
March 26	I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life	John 14:1-6
April 6	Maundy Thursday I AM the True Vine	John 15:1-8
April 7	Good Friday	

Jesus

Cash Basis
Balance Sheet

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church Financial Report December 31, 2022

Revenue
Expenditures

	<u>Dec 31, 22</u>		<u>Dec 22</u>
ASSETS		Revenue	
Checking/Savings		Building and Grounds	190.00
Bank Total		Discipleship	12.00
Building		General Revenue	31,579.58
Altar Guild	176.18	Outreach Revenue	9,741.30
Building Fund Account	5,036.09	Total Revenue	<u>41,522.88</u>
Total Building	<u>5,212.27</u>	Expenditures	
General Total		Building & Grounds	3,040.73
General	73,255.97	Discipleship Expenditures	340.70
Truth Help	155.08	Family Support	47.95
Total General Total	<u>73,411.05</u>	Misc.	1,836.11
Outreach		Office	508.98
20% Offering	7,817.56	Outreach Disbursement	
Children's Mission Offering	57.00	20 %Outreach	4,099.70
Thrivent	1,432.41	Military BibleStick	300.00
Total Outreach	<u>9,306.97</u>	Samaritan's Purse	135.19
Share And Care	640.70	Special Outreach	880.00
Special Accounts		Total Outreach Disbursement	<u>5,414.89</u>
Internship Fund	1,000.00	Payroll Expenditures	10,218.36
Local Outreach Ministry	7,323.71	Prayer and Worship	73.82
Church Missions	1,493.74	Youth	126.40
Marriage Ministry	307.98	Total Expenditures	<u>21,607.94</u>
Scholarship	322.26	Net Revenue	<u><u>19,914.94</u></u>
Youth	10,253.93		
Total Special Accounts	<u>20,701.62</u>		
Total Bank Total	<u>109,272.61</u>		
Total Checking/Savings	<u>109,272.61</u>		
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>109,272.61</u></u>		

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

Also Present: Pastor Tim Johnson, Collene Landgren, Mike Morgan

President David Sutherland called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Brandie Hulstein. She discussed about the story of Damir Hamlin and how when he was injured all the news and sports reporters were calling for prayer for healing. Brandie referenced Galatians 2:20 and Ephesians 5:13. Our eternal life began with Jesus' death on the cross, not just life after death, but abundant life before death. Brandie opened in prayer. Pastor Tim will lead devotions in February.

The Treasurer's report for December was presented. Heather D. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Jim G. Motion carried.

The Payment of bills, Jim O. moved to approve the bills, seconded by Jim G. Motion carried.

Ankeny Church Plant: The December report for the residency program was given.

Outreach: Jim G. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Morgan M. Motion carried.

AFCL \$ 1,217.56 **Food Shelf** \$ 500. **Abels** \$ 100.
CRU-Jeff \$ 500.00 **CRU-Paul** \$ 500. **Steele** \$ 100.
Brazil Student \$ 100.00 **Alpha Center** \$ 300.00
Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500.00 **Atlas for Life** \$ 200.00
Children's Life \$ 200.00 **Intern Account** \$ 500.00
PAS Wellness Room \$ 100.00 **Ankeny** \$1,000.00
Lake Benton Food Shelf \$ 300.00 **Share N Care** \$ 400.
Miriam Home \$ 500.00 **Dave Wold** \$ 500.00
Ministerial \$ 300.00

The secretary's report from the December 8, 2022 meeting was presented. Jim G. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Heather D. Motion carried.

Elders' Consultation: Pastor Tim reported for the Elders. They will be starting a table group ministry, to start with three groups that meet once a month for a meal and discussion. They would like CTK to help finance the meals. Laurie B. moved to provide \$40 per group per month, seconded by Brandie H. motion carried.

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:

Youth Ministry: Nerf Wars is in January with Faith Community. People are starting to sign up for FLY. Youth are responsible for the first \$100 and CTK will

pay for the rest of the expenses. Friends of youth that want to go are responsible for half the camp cost of \$649, CTK will help with the rest.

Family Ministry: Family ministry has been temporarily put on hold.

Pastors' Report:

Pastor Tim: Submitted a report for his activities for the last month. Pastor Tim would like lay people to bring some of the Lent messages.

Old Business:

North door in sanctuary: doors have been measured by Viking Glass.

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

Cross on entry: Jim O. has the cross made and will do the finish work when possible.

Building use policy: tabled for review.

Search Committee: Plan to meet before Annual Meeting to make a recommendation.

RightNow Media: Pastor Tim has been contacted and will connect to review the usage.

Constitutional Change: tabled for review.

New Business:

Annual Meeting Agenda: Include usual business and add approve minutes from March 20, 2023 congregational meeting.

Fellowship Hall Request: Leslie Lueck requested for a bridal shower on April 15, 2023. Jim G. moved to approve, seconded by Heather D. motion carried.

Check building siding, soffits, & fascia for damage: Morgan M. will do it in the spring.

Replace livestream computer: Jim G. moved seconded by Laurie B. not to exceed \$ 1,000. Motion carried.

Discuss call order or procedure for church

emergencies: Start with a trustee group text if no response in a short time, follow up with phone call to president to start.

Shepherding the Shepherd: Won't do it.

Thank you: Special thanks to Laurie B., Morgan M., Heather D., and Jim G. for their service on the Trustee Board.

Other: Morgan M. suggested having an annual outdoor parking lot worship service in the summer. Dave S. adjourned the meeting and Pastor Tim closed in prayer.

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



Notice: Check Facebook, KLOH or KNWC for cancellations or changes due to the weather



- 1 Amberlie Haak
- 1 Eric Haak
- 2 Irene Warner
- 2 Tim Paulson
- 4 Colleen Krusemark
- 8 Gary Olivier
- 8 Janelle Brockberg
- 10 Kennedy Manzey
- 10 Deb Ahlers
- 11 Sam Willard
- 12 Christopher Haag
- 12 Ashley Hoheisel
- 13 Matthew Pillman
- 14 Ashley Slegers
- 15 Cameron Haag
- 16 Leon Uilk
- 17 Caden Haag
- 18 Elaine Uilk
- 19 Arayah Goebel
- 19 Sharon Claussen
- 20 Carl Kulm
- 20 Cayden Zephier
- 25 Hannah Minet
- 26 Ginger McNickle

Chatter-sewers (Quilting) will meet February 7 at 1:00 PM



Trustees Meet Thursday, February 9 @ 7 PM



Elders & Pastors & Wives meet Thursday, Feb 16 7:00

News Letter DEADLINES

February 19

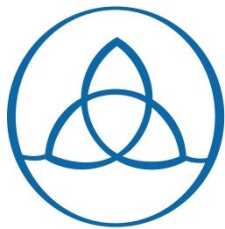


Beginning Sunday February 19 @ 5 PM

THANKS
from the
HEART

Dear Friends of ATLAS

Thank you! Thank you! Your church has been such a blessing! May God bless you and grow your walk with the Lord & the community you serve! Thanks for blessing ATLAS!



TRINITY
SAN ANTONIO

A life giving church

**A Mission Trip to San Antonio
is being planned for
March 10-13.**

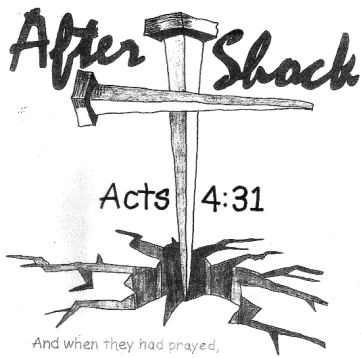
The Objective: To see and learn all we can from a growing church plant (Trinity).

The Vision:

- 1) To encourage the Pillmans, Ballmanns and the church plant in San Antonio with our physical presence.
- 2) To understand how a church plant shares the Gospel by participating in an outreach event.
- 3) To broaden the understanding of our role and effectiveness as a sending church by participating in some of Trinity's activities and learning from those involved.
- 4) To enjoy some fellowship time away from our normal surroundings & schedules.

Cost: *Airfare is estimated at \$450 roundtrip or about 17 hours by car.
*2 Lodging options of a Retreat Center at about \$150 for all 3 nights or Host Homes with Trinity.
*Meals would be provided as all pitch in on the cost (More details to come).
*Efforts will be made to keep costs as low as comfortably possible.

Contact Wayne Smith if interested in this opportunity (605-201-4262 or wsmith@sdfbf.org).



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◇ February 5 Forge Meets
- ◇ April 9 Serve Easter Breakfast?
- ◇ April 14 - 15 FLBC Campus Days
- ◇ May 7 Confirmation Sunday



Aftershock 7-12 grades will meet the first and third Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00.

Next registration deadline is March 20, 2023. The cost to the student will be \$200. Contact Pastor Tim for more information. See flyconvention.org for more details.



Introducing CTK Table Groups:

A few table groups will be starting soon within CTK. These will provide opportunities for people to connect over food, laughter and the sharing of life in a host home. These groups will include a monthly invitation to a host home for dinner while providing a high invite feel. As a result, the groups may include those within and without CTK. Some may even be unchurched.

They are meant to be fun, non-threatening and provide opportunity to give witness to God's work in our lives. It may also be possible that these interactions will open the door for deeper opportunities to interact around the Word of God or in a discipleship relationship. We will let God's Spirit lead!



Sample Evening:

7:00-7:20 PM People arrive and get acquainted followed by dinner. After dinner, the host will introduce a life question and invite any around the table to briefly share a response. A short devotion or Scripture selection will close out the evening around 8:30.

Please prayerfully consider taking advantage of this opportunity when called upon. More table groups will be started as we sample the effectiveness of these first few. These groups have been very effectively used at the Trinity church plant in San Antonio, TX.





Missionary of the Month: Home Missions: Trinity San Antonio
Matthew & Natalie Ballmann,
Liam, Evelyn, Wesley, & Emma



Trinity is grateful to be celebrating their third birthday this month from when they started weekly worship services. Our heart is to grow as faithful disciples of Jesus by gathering as God's people around His Word and Sacraments, exercising the spiritual gifts given to each person within the community of faith, and intentionally ministering to those the Lord places in our lives in our community. We are thankful to see how the Lord has grown us spiritually and numerically over these past few years.

PASTOR MATTHEW BALLMANN

Matthew is a fifth generation Texan and grew up near Glen Rose, Texas with his parents, brother, and five sisters.

Before moving back to Texas, he had the joy and privilege of serving as a pastor for five years at Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. Matthew is passionate about helping people come to know God's love and forgiveness through Christ Jesus.

Matthew is married to his wife Natalie who was born and raised in Colorado but came to Texas as soon as she could. They met while both studying at Dallas Seminary, married soon after, and now have four beautiful children.

The whole family has been blessed and humbled to be part of what God is doing in building His Church in San Antonio!

Prayer Requests:

- For the Lord to guide the process for our charting in May and that He would continue raising up mature godly leaders in our midst.
- For the Spirit to continue working in our hearts and minds to sanctify each individual's person to believe the gospel and respond in faith and love.
- For each member to exercise their gifts for the building up of the body of Christ and the spread of the gospel.
- For those who are baby Christians in our midst to continue growing in their faith, that they would joyfully enter into discipleship, and faithfully place themselves in places to receive God's gifts.
- For those who are suffering and hurting in our congregation and needing the comfort and grace of God (divorce, break-ups, health crisis, mental health, relationship tension, financial burdens, and the death of loved ones).
- For God to continue allowing us to reach those in San Antonio and that He would draw them into His church.
- For the church plant residency we are hosting, that the Pillmans would continue growing and be equipped to be sent out for faithful ministry.
- For spiritual, physical, and emotional rejuvenation for the Ballmann family, that the Lord would sustain them by grace and strength.



Blankets and Bedding

The Lord blanketed David with comfort in Psalm 4:8: "I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety." After a catastrophe leaves families homeless and shivering, there's nothing like a warm blanket given in Jesus' Name to help them endure the cold and darkness. With your gift of just \$6, Samaritan's Purse can provide a blanket to someone who is waiting for hope to dawn.



¹² "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you."

John 15:12

Altar Guild

Cindy Johnson



Money Counters

Marcine Olson

Ushers

Pat Haag Family

Acolytes

February	5	Caden Bruns
February	12	Lauren Stueck
February	19	Grayson Lindquist
February	26	Keegan Otter

Sound Tech

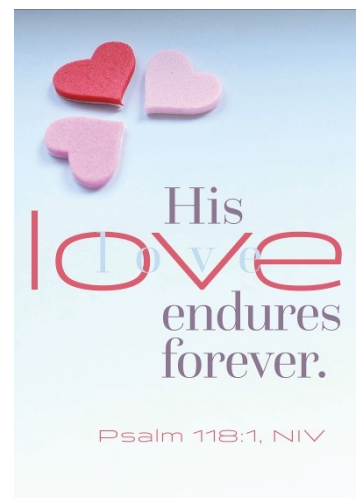
February	5	Alan Warner
February	12	Dave Sutherland
February	19	Kyle DeWilde
February	26	Alan Warner

Nursery

February	5	Alyssa Stueck
February	12	Ashley Hohzisel
February	19	Amy Stueck
February	26	Marcine Olson

Greeter / Family of the Week

February	5	Jim Monk
February	12	Dave & Jan Muller
February	19	David & Sarah Nelson, Micah
February	26	Rachel Nelson



Worship Leaders

February	5	Bill Stueck, Irene Warner, Dawn Sutherland, Judy Stueck
February	12	Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Charlie Hoffman, Susan Parsley
February	19	Praise Band (Lent Begins)
February	26	Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Jane Smith

(Lent worship leaders are same as for the worship service)

FEBRUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Valentine's Day 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Sunday School & Confirmation 11:45 AM Forge Meets 6:30 PM Year 3 Confirmation			1 6:30 Aftershock 7:15 Choir Practice	2	3	4
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19 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Sunday School & Confirmation 5:00 PM Lent Soup Supper 6:00 PM Lent Service 7:00 PM Year 3 Confirmation Messenger Articles Due	20	21	22 7:15 Choir Practice Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
26 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch Blessing 10:45 AM Sunday School & Confirmation 5:00 PM Lent Soup Supper 6:00 PM Lent Service	27	28	<p>REMEMBER: If PAS school is cancelled due to weather so are all youth activities.</p>			

