



CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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Love

1 John 4:10-11 "In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

In these verses God presents Love radically different from what the world calls "love". God does not call us to love nothing except Him, but to love nothing more than Him. If we love Him, we will love what He loves, and we will love sacrificially, as He does. C.S. Lewis has some profound thoughts on this in his book "The Four Loves". *"This is what comes, he [Augustine] says, of giving one's heart to anything but God. Do not let your happiness depend on something you may lose. If love is to be a blessing, not a misery, it must be for the only Beloved who will never pass away.*



Of all arguments against love none makes so strong an appeal to my nature as "Careful! This might lead you to suffering". To my nature, my temperament, yes. Not to my conscience. When I respond to that appeal, I seem to myself to be a thousand miles away from Christ.

I doubt whether there is anything in me that pleases Him less. And who could conceivably begin to love God on such a prudential ground—because the security (so to speak) is better? Who could even include it among the grounds for loving? Would you choose a wife or a Friend—if it comes to that, would you choose a dog—in this spirit?

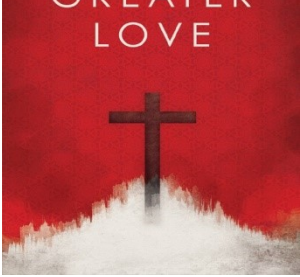
We follow One who wept over Jerusalem and at the grave of Lazarus, and, loving all, yet had one disciple whom, in a special sense, he "loved". St. Paul has a higher authority with us than St. Augustine—St. Paul who shows no sign that he would not have suffered like a man, and no feeling that he ought not so to have suffered, if Epaphroditus had died. (Phil. 2:27).

Even if it were granted that insurances against heartbreak were our highest wisdom, does God Himself offer them? Apparently not. Christ comes at last to say "Why hast thou forsaken me?" There is no escape along the lines St. Augustine suggests. Nor along any other lines. There is no safe investment. To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket—safe, dark, motionless, airless—it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. The alternative to tragedy, or at least to the risk of tragedy, is damnation.

Christ did not teach and suffer that we might become ... more careful of our own happiness. If a man is not uncalculating towards the earthly beloveds whom he has seen, he is none the more likely to be so towards God whom he has not. We shall draw nearer to God, not by trying to avoid the sufferings inherent in all loves, but by accepting them and offering them to Him; throwing away all defensive armour. If our hearts need to be broken, and if He chooses this as the way in which they should break, so be it." (CS Lewis, The Four Loves)

Intern Sam

Sunday Morning Sermon Series

February 6	The Greatest Commandment	Luke 10:25-37	
	Pastor Matthew		
February 13	The Greatest Friend	John 15:9-17	
	Intern Sam		
February 20	The Greatest Gift	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	
	Pastor Tim		
February 27	The Greatest Source	1 John 4:7-21	Pastor Tim


Valentine's Evening, February 12



The Family Ministry Team invites the members and friends of our congregation to a lovely evening where couples will strengthen their marriage and all will remember God's love for us!

The event will begin at 5pm with hors d'oeuvres, a photo booth, and some games. 5:30-7:30pm we will enjoy the movie Fireproof. All will finish by 8pm. Childcare will be provided with snacks, crafts, and one show. Come and enjoy an evening together with those you love!

LENT: Journey of Stones

February 27	Written in Stone	Exodus 32:1-14	
March 6	Rejected Stones	Mark 12:1-12	
March 13	Casting Stones	John 8:1-12	
March 20	Hearts of Stone	Luke 11:37-52	
March 27	Upon This Rock	Matthew 16:13-20	
April 3	Crying Stones	Luke 19:29-40	
April 14	Maundy Thursday – Stones or Bread?	Matthew 4:1-11	
April 15	Good Friday – The Final Stone	Matthew 27:60	
April 17	Easter Sunday – The Stone is Rolled Away	Matthew 28:1-10	

Cash Basis
Balance Sheet

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church
Financial Report
December 31, 2021

Revenue
Expenditures

	<u>Dec 31, 21</u>		<u>Dec 21</u>
ASSETS		Revenue	
Checking/Savings		Building and Grounds	360.00
Bank Total		Discipleship	102.00
Building		General Revenue	36,704.98
Altar Guild	108.92	Outreach Revenue	11,369.24
Building Fund Account	2,296.09	Total Revenue	48,536.22
Total Building	2,405.01	Expenditures	
General Total		Building & Grounds	926.71
General	46,789.41	Discipleship Expenditures	519.40
Truth Help	278.93	Family Support	37.43
Total General Total	47,068.34	Misc.	1,290.58
Outreach		Office	722.27
20% Offering	9,175.38	Outreach Disbursement	
Children's Mission Offering	165.86	20 %Outreach	4,545.20
Thrivent	1,020.41	PAS Wellness	100.00
Total Outreach	10,361.65	Military BibleStick	1,550.00
Share And Care	1,048.05	Samaritan's Purse	224.26
Special Accounts		Special Outreach	510.58
Local Outreach Ministry	7,023.71	Total Outreach Disbursement	6,930.04
Church Missions	1,493.74	Payroll Expenditures	17,324.84
Marriage Ministry	307.98	Youth	646.11
Scholarship	322.26	Total Expenditures	28,397.38
Youth	11,103.93	Net Revenue	20,138.84
Total Special Accounts	20,251.62		
Total Bank Total	81,134.67		
Total Checking/Savings	81,134.67		
TOTAL ASSETS	81,134.67		

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

Also Present: Collene Landgren, Mike Morgan, Intern Sam Willard, Pastor Matthew, Wayne Smith Absent: Pastor Tim

President Jim Gawerecki called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Intern Sam Willard by reading from a devotional. Courage is not the absence of fear but to act even when experiencing fear. To be courageous you first have to be afraid. The Bible is full of men and women who experienced hard and difficult times. Romans 8:28; All things work for the good of those who love God. In James 1:12 the Bible tells us the refiners fire shapes us. Intern Sam opened in prayer. Jim Gawerecki will lead devotions in February.

Elders' Consultation: Wayne Smith reported for the elders. Pastor Tim's review was completed in November. The elders approved for membership David & Sarah Nelson and Micah.

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

Mike Morgan submitted the financial report for the Annual report. The trustees agreed to present it to the congregation. The budget was also discussed and will be presented to the congregation and included in the Annual report.

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

Outreach was discussed; Marcine O. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Dave S. Motion carried.

AFLC \$ 975.38	Food Shelf \$ 200.00
FLBC Quartet \$ 200.00	Brazil Student \$ 100.00
CRU-Jeff \$ 500.	CRU-Paul \$ 500.
Tim Steele \$ 100.	
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 \$ 4,200.00
San Antonio Church \$ 100.00	Share N Care \$ 500.00
PAS Wellness Room \$ 100.00	Matthew Abel \$ 100.00
Lake Benton Food Shelf \$100.00	

The secretary's report from the December 9, 2021 meeting was presented. Jim O. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Bill V. Motion carried.

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:

Youth Ministry: Youth Sunday was Dec 19 & they did a great job, broomball game, and blacklight dodgeball in December. Nerf Wars will be January 23. The youth group will be doing a study of Zephaniah.

Family Ministry: Community skate night, approx. 30 attended. Still working on a date for a movie night.

Pastors' Report:

Pastor Tim: no report as Pastor Tim has covid.

Pastor Matthew submitted a report for activities for the last month. Pastor Matthew and Julia are called to pursue church planting. Pastor Matthew briefly explained what that would entail to begin a church plant and that they will be transitioning to a residency program with Pastor Matthew Ballmann around the beginning of August 2022. He will be presenting information to the congregation explaining church planting and what this means for Christ the King.

Old Business:

Reminder: Collene reminded the trustees she will be out of the office January 18-20.

Update on Skating rink: Pastor Matthew reported people have been using the rink. It would be helpful to have a schedule when skates would be available to use.

New Business:

Agenda for Annual meeting: The trustees approved an agenda for the Annual meeting.

Thank You: to Marcine Olsen, David Sutherland, and Bill VanderPlaats for their time as they have served on the Trustee board.

Other: Dave Sutherland reported someone was asking about the Shepherding the Shepherd program offered by Mike Brandt. Tabled for more information at the February meeting.

Dave S. expressed the need for more volunteers to help with the Sunday service media. The youth that have been helping are getting burned out. Pastor Matthew will contact the tech person from Abiding Savior church to make recommendations.

Heather D. moved to adjourn, second Morgan M. Jim G. adjourned the meeting and Intern Sam closed in prayer.

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

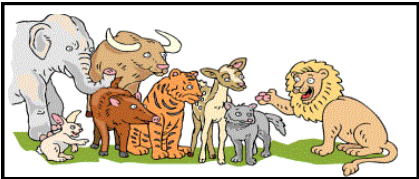


Notice: Check Facebook, KLOH or KNWC for cancellations or changes due to the weather



- 1 Amberlie Haak
- 1 Eric Haak
- 2 Irene Warner
- 2 Tim Paulson
- 2 Carson Wilson
- 4 Colleen Krusemark
- 8 Gary Olivier
- 8 Janelle Brockberg
- 10 Kennedy Manzey
- 10 Deb Ahlers
- 11 Sam Willard
- 12 Christopher Haag
- 12 Ashley Hoheisel
- 12 Kent Woelber
- 13 Matthew Pillman
- 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 1 at 1:00 PM



Youth Ministry Meets Sun., Feb 13 @ 11:45 AM



Trustees Meet Thursday, February 10 @ 6 PM

NewsLetter DEADLINES

February 20



Beginning Sunday February 27 @ 5 PM



Elders & Pastors & Wives meet Thursday, Feb 17 7:00

Christ the King serves February 24 1-5 PM at the Pipestone Food Shelf. 2-4 people are needed to help. Contact Diana Uilk or the church office at 507-825-5958 if you are willing to help. Thank you!

THANKS *from the* HEART

Thank you friends of the Sutherland Family and the Palsma family for your donation in memory of Cheryl Palsma. She was a true blessing to Inspiration Hills, and we will forever cherish her.

Thank you so much!

Inspiration Hills Bible Camp

Dear Pastor Johnson,

It was good and a great blessing to be a part of your worship service on Dec. 12, 2021. The warm reception on the part of Christ the King was genuinely appreciated.

Your congregation's love for the Word is obvious. The offering of \$ 240.00 is evidence of what we consider to be a partnership between your church and The Gideons International in providing God's Word to a lost world. The scriptures that your church provided will reach many. Every dollar given is use to buy scriptures.

Thank you especially for your gracious hospitality and prayer support. We pray that you continue to enjoy God's abundant blessings for yourself, your family, and your ministry in the days ahead.

Yours in Christ, Marten Kruger

Dear Pastor Johnson

Merry Christmas! As 2021 draws to a close, we are grateful to God for the precious gift of His Son. We also thank Him for you. Vision 2033 to record and freely provide Scripture in every language that needs it by 2022– is achievable because of you. Your gift of \$1,550.00 has enabled people around the globe to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. You make it possible for our military personnel and veterans to receive encouragement and hope as they listen to Scripture.

God is glorified and we are grateful as we press on to fulfill the Great Commission together. Thank you for your faithful giving and prayers. May you be blessed this Christmas as we remember the greatest gift: Emmanuel, God with us.

Your Servant in Christ, Morgan Jackson
Faith Comes by Hearing.

Thank you to our family at CTK for the cards and kindness expressed to us after the death of dad.

Thanks as well for the flowers. It seems that God has intended for us to share both our joy and our sorrow with those around us. Thank you for being an important part of those around us.

Sincerely,

Alan & Irene Warner

Dear Christ the King Lutheran Church

Thanks so much for the generous donation of \$ 1,786.00 to the prison ministry!

It is appreciated! Harlan Moss

Dear Christ the King Lutheran Church

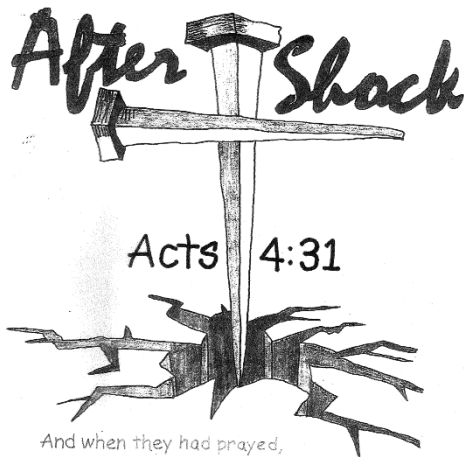
On behalf of Children's Life Foundation, I would like to thank you for your generous support to the foundation in the past years. Your donations provided nutritional meals and school supplies for many children in need. Your contributions also provided jobs for widows. May the Lord bless you and your families.

Due to the current tribal wars in Ethiopia and covid-19 pandemic, the children and widows who support themselves with jobs created for them can no longer work and sustain themselves. The economic crisis has left many families to struggle for daily survival. Please continue to pray for peace in the country and for the children and widows who are supported by Children's Life Foundation.

We wish you a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. May the Lord bless you abundantly in the coming year. May you flourish in the work for His kingdom.

Tigest Assefa - Founder Children's Life Foundation





UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◇ February 13 Youth Parents Meet
- ◇ February 17-21 Nogales Mission Trip
- ◇ February 20 Forge Meets
- ◇ March 4-6 Confirmation Retreat
- ◇ March 12 Saturday Nights Alive @ CTK
- ◇ April 17 Serve Easter Breakfast?
- ◇ April 22-24 FLBC Campus Days
- ◇ May 1 Confirmation Sunday



Confirmation Retreat March 4-6, 2022

What You Can Expect! Inspiration Point will pack a weekend full of fun and learning. A top-notch speaker will challenge your heart and give you an encouraging boost to grow in your faith. Dodgeball, octoball, 9-square-in-the-air, hangin' out with your friends...sounds like a good weekend! They'd love to see you at Twin Oaks.

Who is going? All of our confirmation students (grades 7-9) are invited. Students are encouraged to go every year (when provided) and required to attend one over the 3 years of confirmation.

When and how will we get to camp? We will **leave from CTK at 3:30pm on Friday, March 4**. With stops the drive should be 3.5 hours to Inspiration Point (now located 30 minutes north of Alexandria, MN). We will return to CTK **before 3 pm on Sunday, March 6**.

What are the registration details? CTK is covering half of registration cost and all of travel.

Register by February 13 - \$45 (payable to CTK)

Register after February 13 - \$60 (payable to CTK)



**Saturday
Nights Alive**

March 12 hosted by CTK

Aftershock students are invited to bring friends from the community! The evening will include supper, games, worship, & dynamic speaking by Sam Willard More details to come!



Missionary of the Month: Ecuador Darwin & Kirsten Paccha, Daniel, Nathan:

As a family we are very excited to be moving to our new home in the coming months (hopefully April 2022)! We are moving to a little farming town about 20 minutes from Cuenca, Ecuador. In order to save money, we have been staying with Darwin's parents for almost a year now while our house is being built. We are thankful for their love, kindness, and patience! Over the last year, we have adjusted to living with the basics and in smaller spaces, but this adjustment has also made us all very excited to have our own space in our new house. Our home is truly a gift from the Lord in many ways. Ironically, we had no plans to purchase a home let alone buy land in order to build our own home a year ago. The Lord opened so many doors as well as guided us through close friends & family very quickly for us to be able to receive this gift of a home in a beautiful, peaceful location.

In regard to our church "La Paz de Dios," we had been meeting in the gym of a school next to our church for over a year due to space issues and covid related regulations. We are so thankful to share that we were able to open our sanctuary space more in order to return to worship in our own building. We are "home" again in our sanctuary. Because of these changes in our sanctuary, Darwin also relocated to another office in our building and is enjoying his new space. Darwin continues working as the full-time pastor at La Paz de Dios with responsibilities that include preaching, teaching, counseling, discipling, etc. We are thankful for our part-time senior pastor, but he is considering serving in another ministry elsewhere. We have a larger and growing congregation so we are hoping to hire another part-time pastor in the coming months.

Kirsten continues homeschooling Daniel (11) and Nathan (8). She is relearning Science, History, and math concepts as she teaches them to her boys. She also enjoys her home-making jobs, especially cooking! When friends and family taste her Ecuadorian dishes, they note no difference in the traditional food even though the "gringa" had been the cook in the kitchen. However, she is excited to get into crafts again when we move to our new house & are able to unpack all the crafty things from storage.

Daniel & Nathan are learning to care for animals with our dog "Happy" & our rabbit "Oreo." They love to go to our land/construction site to run around with the dog. They both love running, jumping, & climbing around outside. They are typical boys! School is generally not a favorite part of their day, but they do enjoy Science (Biology). We keep learning the best ways they each capture information in different subjects.



Prayer Requests:

- *Pray our home will be finished in April without any hiccups along the way
- *Pray for strength and wisdom for Darwin in his various roles as the full-time pastor at our church "La Paz de Dios"
- *Pray for our church congregation as we look to hire another part-time pastor and our part-time Senior pastor steps down from his role
- *Pray for marriages in our church
- *Pray for Kirsten as she continues to homeschool Daniel and Nathan
- *Pray for us as a family as we adjust our lives and schedules to living in the country very soon and being farther from church
- *Pray for our country as there are still many regulations in place because of Covid that could also affect our meeting together in person as a church in the future
- *Praise for our overall health
- *Praise for our future home that is in a secure, peaceful part of the country
- *Praise for Darwin's parents who have so graciously allowed us to stay with them during the construction of our home
- *Praise for the gift of our home & the Lord's hand guiding each.



Action Packs from Voice of the Martyrs

God's Word calls us to take action. VOM actionPACKS give you the opportunity to love members of our persecuted Christian family in a practical and spiritual way. For a \$50 donation, VOM workers and international contacts will purchase daily essentials, including perishables and other items that cannot be shipped from the U.S.; fill the pack; and then distribute it in a country where it's most needed.



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

John 15:12

Altar Guild

Suz DeClerk



Money Counters

Laurie Bruns

Jim Otter

Acolytes

February 6 Kenley DeWilde
 February 13 Jordan DeRuyter
 February 20 Kynslæ Hulstein
 February 27 Tanner Thomson

Ushers

Kyle & Trevin DeWilde

Sound Tech

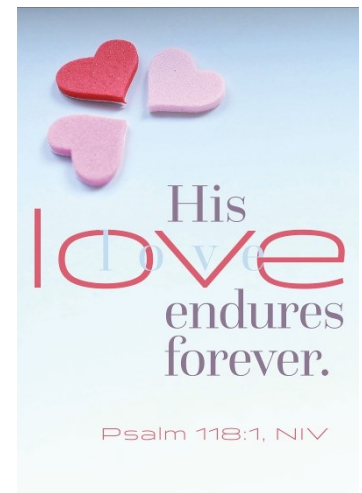
February 6 Alan Warner
 February 13 Kyle DeWilde
 February 20 Dave Sutherland
 February 27 Alan Warner

Nursery

February 6 Ashley Hohzisel
 February 13 Marcine Olsen
 February 20 Amy Steuck
 February 27 Rachel Willard

Family of the Week

February 6 Terry & Doris Bruns
 February 13 Debby Bullis
 February 20 Jeremy Bush
 February 27 Sharon Claussen



Worship Leaders

February 6 Denis Parsley, Lynn Hellig, Laurel Berg, Susan Parsley
 February 13 Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Charlie Hoffman, Jane Smith
 February 20 Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Susan Parsley
 February 27 Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Judy Steuck

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

FEBRUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Valentine's Day 9:00 AM All Ages Sunday School/Confirmation 10:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship Service 5:30 PM Small Group @ CTK	7 6 PM Small Group @ Westerburgs	1 1 PM Quilters	2 10:00 AM Small Group @ CTK 6:30 Youth Group 6:30 Small Group @ CTK 8:00 Choir Practice	3	4	5
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20 9:00 AM All Ages Sunday School/Confirmation 10:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Forge Meets 5:30 PM Small Group @ CTK Messenger Articles Due	21 ? 6 PM Small Group @ Westerburgs	22	23 10:00 AM Small Group @ CTK 6:30 PM Youth Group 8:00 PM Choir Practice	24 2-5 PM CTK Serves at Food Shelf	25	26
27 9:00 AM All Ages Sunday School/Confirmation 10:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship Service 5:00 PM Lent Soup Supper 6:00 PM Lent Service	28	29	30	31	1	2

----- Pastor Matthew & family on vacation February 14 - 20 -----



REMEMBER: If PAS school is cancelled due to weather so are all youth activities & confirmation.

