



# CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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## *I'm never alone!*

The above phrase is one that Cindy's dad, Rich, has adopted. He has a malignant mass on his pancreas and is experiencing pain and digestive issues as a result. His doctor said that he could have up to 6 months to live on this side of eternity. He has been a very healthy almost 82-year-old. In fact, he watches his diet more than anyone I know.

Upon getting this difficult news, Cindy, her sister Connie, our boys and me went to see Rich. During that time, I was fortunate and blessed to be able to share Psalm 23:4, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me..." I also shared from Psalm 139:7-10, "Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! 9 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me." I told Rich, who is a believer in Jesus, that "You are never alone."

Rich then shared a devotion about being in God's hand which used Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." He commented that he is at peace with God being in charge of his life and the timing of it all. After all, he has a future and a hope.

Rich's favorite verse is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." With all of this, he can and does confidently say, "I'm never alone!" That has become his mantra or common statement of truth and as such, it provides him and his family great comfort.

What is your common statement of truth? What is the truth that you rest upon when life is challenging you? Do your family and friends know this? When you leave this life, what will people know about you?

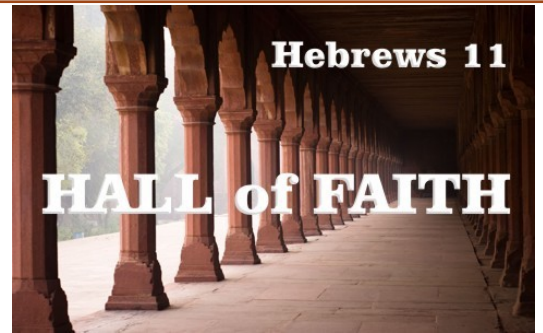
As a youth, I can remember having to come up with a short phrase to have on my gravestone. I chose, "Sinful but forgiven." I asked the youth group at CTK the same question years ago. One of my sons said, "Don't drink and drive." Of course, everyone laughed, including me. Such a serious question needs a little laughter injected into it. But it is a good question. How do you want to be remembered?

Living a healthy lifestyle is good, but it doesn't negate the fact that we are going to die. The testimony we leave behind can speak volumes or sigh into the emptiness. Cindy's dad has clearly chosen to speak, "I'm never alone!" What a blessedness that truth provides. "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me."

Never alone, Pastor Tim

## God's Hall of Faith

Who were these people entered into God's Hall of Faith in chapter 11 of Hebrews? Why are they held up as examples of faith? What are their stories and what do they have to do with me?



February 4	Abraham – Forward-Looking Trust	8-10, 17-19	Pastor Tim
February 11	Sarah – From Laughter to Labor	11: 11 - 12	Pastor Tim
February 18	Isaac & Jacob – The Blessing	20 - 21	Pastor Joe
February 25	Joseph – Experiencing God's Faithfulness	22	Pastor Joe
March 3	Moses – Committed Obedience	23 - 29	Pastor Tim
March 10	Rahab – Peaceful Welcome	30 - 31	Pastor Tim
March 17	The Rest – Tremendous Acts of Faith	32 - 40	Pastor Joe

## Crosses We Bear

**Lent Service: Sundays at 6:00 PM**

February 18	The Cross of Christ Luke 9: 18 - 27	Pastor Tim
February 25	The Cross of Flesh	Galatians 5: 13 - 26 Pastor Tim
March 3	The Cross of Separation	Colossians 4: 2 - 6 Pastor Joe
March 10	The Cross of Sorrow	2 Corinthians 5: 13 - 21 Pastor Joe
March 17	The Cross of Service	Luke 14: 25 - 33 Pastor Tim



Cash Basis  
Balance Sheet

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church  
Financial Report  
December 31, 2023

Revenue  
Expenditures

	<u>Dec 31, 23</u>		<u>Dec 23</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>Revenue</b>	
Checking/Savings		Discipleship	288.81
Bank Total		General Revenue	26,330.68
Building		Outreach Revenue	<u>7,373.20</u>
Altar Guild	338.39	<b>Total Revenue</b>	33,992.69
Building Fund Account	<u>161.09</u>	<b>Expenditures</b>	
Total Building	499.48	Building & Grounds	3,094.73
General Total		Discipleship Expenditures	246.72
General	77,816.26	Family Events	51.27
Truth Help	<u>140.13</u>	Family Support	5.00
Total General Total	<u>77,956.39</u>	Misc.	1,166.68
Outreach		Office	324.89
20% Offering	6,310.20	Outreach Disbursement	
Children's Mission Offering	258.00	20 %Outreach	4,169.40
Thrivent	<u>2,360.41</u>	Military BibleStick	1,670.00
Total Outreach	8,928.61	Samaritan's Purse	364.50
Share And Care	785.36	Special Outreach	<u>1,270.00</u>
Special Accounts		Total Outreach Disbursement	7,473.90
Internship Fund	6,800.00	Payroll Expenditures	16,372.72
Local Outreach Ministry	7,123.71	Youth	<u>146.45</u>
Church Missions	1,493.74	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>28,882.36</u>
Marriage Ministry	307.98	<b>Net Revenue</b>	<u><u>5,110.33</u></u>
Scholarship	322.26		
Youth	<u>8,713.93</u>		
Total Special Accounts	<u>24,761.62</u>		
Total Bank Total	<u>112,931.46</u>		
Total Checking/Savings	<u>112,931.46</u>		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>112,931.46</u></u>		

**Present:** Dave Sutherland, Denis Parsley, Alan Warner, Marcine Olsen, Jim Otter, Heather De Wilde, Dave Muller, Brandie Hulstein, Dave Krusemark **Also Present:** Pastor Tim Johnson, Pastor Joe Larson, Collene Landgren.

**President David Sutherland** called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Denis Parsley by reading from *Word & Sacrament*, a book on church planting. The focus should be on the Lord and His Plans. Hospitality makes people feel welcome and connects with them. Denis P. led in prayer. Alan Warner will lead devotions in February.

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

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

**Ankeny Church Plant:** The December financial report was presented. Pastor Tim reported the advisory board would like to invest in a CD. President Dave S. suggested the advisory board check the best option and determine the amount they want to invest.

**Outreach:** Jim O. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Marcine O. Motion carried.

**AFLC** \$ 1,910.20 Food Shelf \$ 100. Brazil Student \$ 100 CRU-Jeff \$ 500. Paul \$ 500. Steele \$ 100. ATLAS \$ 200 Alpha Center \$ 300. Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500. Abel \$ 100 Children's Life \$ 200. PAS Wellness Room \$ 100.

Lost Timber \$ 100. Ankeny \$ 500.00 ShareNCare \$ 800. Lake Benton Food Shelf \$ 100. Tree House Ministry \$ 200.

**The secretary's report** from the December 14, 2023 meeting was presented. Denis P. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Marcine O. Motion carried.

**Elders' Consultation:** Pastor Tim reported for the Elders. Alan moved, effective January 15 update membership records for Calvin and Janelle Weatherly, Heidi Stapes, and Pastor Joseph and Sarah Larson as confirmed members. Seconded by Jim O. motion carried. Pastor Tim reported they have talked about small groups.

**Pastors' Report: Pastor Tim:** Submitted a report of his activities for the last month. He discussed small groups. Pastor Tim will set his housing allowance at \$40,000 Alan W. moved, seconded by Heather D. to approve the change. Motion carried.

**Pastor Joe:** Submitted a written report of his activities for the month. Pastor Joe reported things are going well with school visits and the Sunday night youth / family study. Pastor Joe's housing allowance will remain at \$ 29,952, Jim O. so moved , seconded by Marcine O. motion carried.

**Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports: Youth Ministry:** Pastor Joe reported Wayne & Jane Smith will host the February 4 youth/family study. The January studies will be potluck at the church. Lent services will begin February 18, the youth/family study will join the Lent soup suppers. February 11 the youth/family study will join the super bowl party at Faith Community Church.

**Old Business: Agenda for Annual meeting:** There were a couple of revisions to the agenda. The approval of elders will be item 1 in new business. Point A under section 4 of State of the Church Review will be Review Intern Ministry. Point B will be review homeschool group agreement.

**Wireless microphone:** waiting for quote. Collene

**Policy for CTK pastor for AFLC assignments:** Tabled Denis P. will draft a policy for the trustees to review.

**Kitchen update:** Heather D. reported they will be working on the kitchen Jan 19 & 20.

**Records of Congregation:** Alan W. presented a policy for Records of the Congregation. Alan W. moved to approve, seconded by Jim O. motion carried. It will be added to the policy book.

**Constitution Revision:** The revised constitution has been mailed to the voting members of CTK to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. The trustee board thanked the Constitution revision committee for all their work on the constitution.

**Lutheran Ambassador donation:** Pastor Tim explained how the publication is being financed. There will be a special offering collected on Sundays February 18 & 25. Collene will put an announcement in the Messenger and bulletin.

**Update lightening above music area:** Marcine O. reported the bulb has been replaced and if any more go out, the rest of the bulbs in the altar areas should be replaced.

**New Business: Request to use fellowship hall:** Heather D. moved seconded by Marcine O. to approve use of the fellowship hall for a baby shower for Ashley Madetzke on February 17 and for Shelby Bloemendaal to use the church for her wedding on October 5. Motion carried.

**Clarification Building use fee for non member:** Heather D. moved seconded by Dave M. to set fee for use of the building other not already set rates at \$75.00 such as a shower. Motion carried. They will need to provide proof of insurance.

**Trustee ballots and election terms:**

**Elder ballots:** The elder approval ballots will have both names on the same ballot with yes or no by each name.

**Other:** Alan W. reminded Collene to put Pastor Matthew's new job description in the policy book.

**Insurance update:** Alan W. reported he contacted the insurance company and they need Pastor Matthew's updated address and workman's comp information.

**Brandie H.** asked the trustees to be thinking of areas for the VBS offering to be given.

**Dave Sutherland thanked the trustees** completing their terms, Jim Otter & Brandie Hulstein, to Dave Krusemark and Denis Parsley for filling terms and Marcine Olsen for her time serving as a trustee.

**Dave S.** adjourned the meeting. Denis P. closed in prayer. Collene Landgren, recording secretary {Draft subject to approval by the trustees}



- 2 Irene Warner
- 4 Colleen Krusemark
- 8 Gary Olivier
- 8 Janelle Brockberg
- 10 Kennedy Manzey
- 10 Deb Ahlers
- 12 Christopher Haag
- 12 Ashley Hoheisel
- 13 Matthew Pillman
- 13 Solomon 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
- 22 Griffin Terry
- 24 Donna Smith
- 25 Hannah Minet
- 25 Jeremy Rupp
- 26 Ginger McNickle



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



**Men's Bible Study**  
**Saturday,**  
**February 3**  
**@ 7 AM**

**Christ the King serves**  
**February 1, 2024 2-5 PM**  
**at the Pipestone Food Shelf.**  
 They are requesting 2-4 people  
 Contact Diana Uilk or the church  
 office at 507-825-5958  
 if you are willing to help.  
 Thank you!



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



Trustee February 8  
**MEETING**  
 7 PM



**NewsLetter**  
**DEADLINES**

February 18



Beginning Sunday  
 February 18 @ 5 PM



# Thank You!



Thank you to the Christ the King family for all the love and support for our family on the passing of our mother, Helen Jensen. Thanks to Pastor Tim for being there for all of us when we needed him and for all the home visits these past years. Please accept these memorial monies to be used wherever needed. God bless you all.

The family of Helen Jensen

Thank you for your generous gift and thinking of me on my graduation day. I am incredibly grateful for all of the support I have received as I conclude my high school journey. I look forward to attending the University of South Dakota in the fall to major in exercise science. Conner Holt

Dear Friends,

You chose to remember the AFLC in your generous giving. Thanks you for that. You are a blessing! I am so grateful for each individual and congregation who willingly, joyfully, sacrifices for this ministry. We want to serve you to the best of our ability and your gift allows us to continue this important work.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. May God continue to fill us with His extravagant grace in the new year!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Micah Hjermstad

On behalf of the SD Prison Chaplain Association and the many who are incarcerated in South Dakota, we sincerely thank you for your generous donation to the Inmate Christmas Treats program.

We can only give you a hint of the joy and gratitude on their faces and in their hearts. For many inmates, this was the only present they received this Christmas.

Please continue to join us in praying for all those incarcerated, their families and loved ones, and for the Administration, Staff and Volunteers working in SD prison/jail facilities.

Thank you, Harlan Moss

Dear Christ the King Lutheran Church

It's hard to believe another year has wrapped up and we are already planning for 2024 summer camps. It's been a busy year for sure and you were a big part of it! Your prayers and financial support are just as important to our ministry as the cabin leaders who stay in the cabins with the campers.

In addition to the spiritual impact that your prayers and gifts had this past year, they also had a big impact on the physical and program needs throughout camp.

I can't over-emphasize how valuable your part was in the lives that were changed and the work that has been accomplished in 2023! On behalf of Lost Timber Bible Camp, I deeply appreciate your commitment to our camp ministry and your financial support. We hope that you will continue to support our ministry in 2024. It is our prayer that the Lord will bless your generosity.

Sincerely, Aaron Ahlquist, Executive Director  
Lost Timber Bible Camp

Dear Friend,

As I look back on 2023, we have so much to be thankful for. Your financial gifts and prayer helped heal so many broken lives. Hundreds of men, women, and children learned that they are loved by God and can be new creations in Christ!

All those we serve depended on your support and you truly stepped up! Here are some of the ways you impacted lives.

- 130,392 meals for hungry men, women, and children
- 19,704 nights in a warm bed for homeless individuals and families
- 59 committed their lives to Christ and were baptized
- 15,844 food boxes distributed to families
- 18,000 hours of case management provided

God has called us to care for the hurting, hungry, and homeless. Thank you for answering His call.

Love Out Loud! Union Gospel Mission.







### **Missionary of the Month:**

Nate & Rhoda Jore; Elijah, Judah, Hannah, Jeremiah, Julia, Evie Mae



Thanks so much for your email. We're humbled by & so grateful to be prayed for by your church!

Our family is in a season of transition as we have recently made the decision to join a Stateside ministry position and to not return to Uganda as full-time missionaries. We will go back this summer however to

say goodbyes and to pack up. We are experiencing a lot of peace and anticipation as we've seen God clearly opening new doors for our family, but we're also feeling much grief and sadness. Uganda was our home for 17 years.

We'd so appreciate prayer especially for our kids as they're feeling the loss maybe the most deeply. We have many decisions before us regarding housing, work, schooling, etc. and we'd be grateful for prayers for wisdom & unity, as well as the ability to surrender our desires, to trust the Lord fully, and to step out in courage & obedience, however and wherever He leads us.

Thank you & God bless you!

Rhoda, Nate & family

### **Prayer Requests:**

- \* Peace and acceptance during the transition time to stateside ministry
- \* For the ministries that have been established during our time in Uganda.
- \* Wisdom in training and raising their children
- \* For protection against attacks from the evil one
- \* For each of their personal, daily walks with the Lord
- \* For the soccer boys and their continued Bible study
- \* For the church start in the village of Nabukosi
- \* Vision for making disciples in the village
- \* For good health and safety
- \* For safe travel as we go back to Uganda to pack up and move to the US.



### **Blankets and Bedding**

THE APOSTLE PAUL ADDED A PERSONAL PLEA to his final letter to Timothy: "Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas" (2 Timothy 4:13). Paul felt abandoned, and like all of us who go through a dark and cold night, he longed to be warmed and comforted. A snug blanket can be the ideal consolation to someone who has gone through a tragedy like earthquakes and war. Your gift of \$6 will provide a blanket to someone who is desperate for hope.





*<sup>12</sup> "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you."*  
John 15:12

## Altar Guild



## Money Counters

Heather DeWilde  
Dave Krusmark

## Ushers

Kyle & Trevin DeWilde

## Acolytes

February 4 Tanner Thomson  
February 11 Clifford Rupp  
February 18 Caden Bruns  
February 25 Lauren Stueck

## Sound Tech

February 4 Kyle DeWilde  
February 11 Alan Warner  
February 18 Kyle DeWilde  
February 25 Alan Warner

## Nursery

February 4 Ashley Hohzisel  
February 11 Amy Stueck  
February 18 Alyssa Stueck  
February 25 Ashley Hohzisel

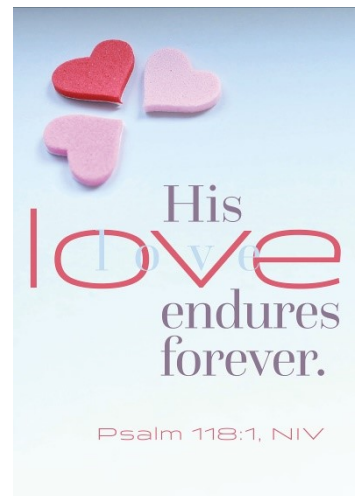
## Greeter / Family of the Week

February 4 Cristin Winter; Logan, Jackson  
February 11 Gary & Joanne Winter  
February 18 Jim & Pat Woelber  
February 25 Tad & Heidi Woelber; Sarah, Tyl

## Worship Leaders


February 4 Praise Band; Sheila Westfield, leading  
February 11 Bill Stueck, Irene Warner, Laurel Berg, Judy Stueck  
February 18 Kari Rupp, Charles Hoffman, Donna Smith, Jane Smith  
February 25 Matthew Amdahl, Janell Brockberg, Jane Smith, Susan Parsley

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



# FEBRUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> 8:45 AM Prayer 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Confirmation 10:50 AM Sunday School 4:30 PM Youth / Family Study	<b>5</b> 7 PM Bible Study @ Amdahls	<b>6</b> 9 AM Home-school group 1:30 Bible Study @ Jeanette Larson	<b>7</b> 10:30 Bible Study @ CTK 1:00 Quilters 6:30 Zoom Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice	<b>1</b> 2 - 5 PM CTK Serves at Pipestone Food Shelf	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7 AM Men's Study @ CTK
<b>11</b> 8:45 AM Prayer 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Confirmation 10:50 AM Sunday School 4:30 PM Youth / Family Study	<b>12</b> 7 PM Bible Study @ Amdahls	<b>13</b> 9 AM Home-school group	<b>14</b> <b>Valentine's Day</b> 6:00 Year 3 Confirmation 7:30 Choir Practice Ash Wednesday	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Ashley Madetzke Baby Shower
<b>18</b> 8:45 AM Prayer 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Confirmation 10:50 AM Sunday School 5:00 PM Lent Soup Supper 6:00 PM Lent Service <b>Messenger Articles Due</b>	<b>19</b> 7 PM Bible Study @ Amdahls	<b>20</b> 9 AM Home-school group	<b>21</b> 10:30 Bible Study @ CTK 6:30 Zoom Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice	<b>22</b> 6:30 PM Bible Study in Flandreau	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8:45 AM Prayer 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Brunch Blessing 10:45 AM Confirmation 10:50 AM Sunday School 5:00 PM Lent Soup Supper 6:00 PM Lent Service	<b>26</b> 7 PM Bible Study @ Amdahls	<b>27</b> 9 AM Home-school group	<b>28</b> 6:00 Year 3 Confirmation 7:30 Choir Practice	<b>29</b>	 <b>REMEMBER:</b> If PAS school is cancelled due to weather so are all youth activities.	