



CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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Thus says the Lord, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the Lord. Jeremiah 9:23-24

Ever meet someone who is full of themselves? It can quickly turn something fun and healthy into something sad and sickly. According to the above verses, we are to boast NOT in ourselves but in understanding and knowing God.

The problem is that people have all kinds of ideas in regard to who God is. Those who had abusive or hard parents may see God as abusive or hard. Those whose father was aloof and uninvolved may see God the same way. Some think God is like a grandpa who is passively involved and makes for a nice lap to sit in once in a while. Others see Him as a judge just waiting for them to mess up.

God wants us to know and understand Him. How? He is not like us. God says in Isaiah 40:25, "To whom then will you liken Me that I would be his equal." So, how do we know and understand God?

Jesus says in John 14:7, "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him and have seen Him." He then says in verse nine, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father." Knowing Jesus is the beginning of knowing and understanding God. In fact, Jesus was crucified, not for what He did, but for who He claimed to be. We understand and know God as we understand and know Jesus.



What is it that we are to know and understand about Him? He is the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness. His lovingkindness is not a cupid, romantic love or love at first sight. It's so much more. It's a love that sacrifices for our good and proves itself beyond question. It's a love that justifies each person in such a way that God can look at me just if I'd never sinned. It's a love that declares me right based upon the perfect righteousness of Christ. It is through Christ and His cross that we begin to understand all that God wants us to boast in.

Many will take their sweethearts out on a date this Valentine's Day. Some are eagerly waiting for their soul mate to appear. My dear family, our soul mate has appeared. His name is Jesus. The more we date Him the more we will understand God's lovingkindness, justice and righteousness. The more we understand, the more we will want to understand more. And the more we come to understand, the more we will want to boast of Him.

This Valentine's day, don't forget your sweetheart. Spend time with them. Take them out on a date. But go deeper by getting to understand and know the Lord Jesus. Lovingkindness, justice and righteousness await. It will all be very worth your while.

Happy February, Pastor Tim

FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES:

Wonderful Words of Life

February 2 *Bread & Water*

John 6:35

Pastor Tim

Christians in Culture

February 9 *Responding to Culture*

Matthew 5:13-16

Pastor Matthew

February 16 *Responding to Poverty*

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Pastor Tim

February 23 *Responding to Religious Liberty*

Matthew 22:15-22

Pastor Tim

March 1 *Responding to Sexual Morality*

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

March 8 *Responding to Marriage*

Matthew 19:1-12

March 15 *Responding to Ethnicity*

Revelation 7:9-17

Lenten Series – The Lord's Prayer

Lenten Service 6:00 PM

February 23 Petition 1 – Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed by Thy Name

March 1 Petition 2 – Thy kingdom come

March 8 Petition 3 – Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

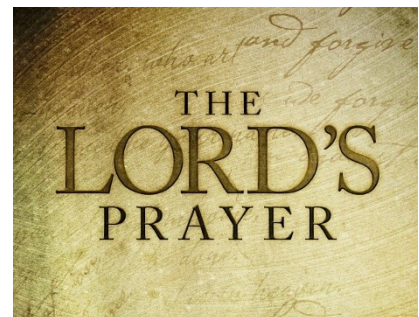
March 15 Petition 4 – Give us this day our daily bread

March 22 Petition 5 – And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us

March 29 Petition 6 – And lead us not into temptation

April 9 (Maundy Thursday) Petition 7 – But deliver us from evil

April 10 (Good Friday) Conclusion – For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen



Cash Basis
Balance Sheet

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church
Financial Report
December 31, 2019

Revenue
Expenditures

	<u>Dec 31, 19</u>		<u>Dec 19</u>
ASSETS		Revenue	
		Building and Grounds	350.00
Checking/Savings		Discipleship	1,843.45
Bank Total		General Revenue	28,563.25
Building		Outreach Revenue	8,179.60
Altar Guild	324.67	Total Revenue	<u>38,936.30</u>
Building Fund Account	8,449.70	Expenditures	
Total Building	<u>8,774.37</u>	Building & Grounds	2,542.37
General Total		Conferences/Meetings	192.02
General	44,116.73	Discipleship Expenditures	831.43
Truth Help	308.09	Family Events	150.00
Total General Total	<u>44,424.82</u>	Family Support	29.82
Outreach		Misc.	1,142.36
20% Offering	5,458.10	Office	227.03
Children's Mission Offering	596.75	Outreach Disbursement	
Thrivent	1,296.00	20 %Outreach	5,546.78
Total Outreach	<u>7,350.85</u>	Local Outreach Ministry	489.00
Share And Care	591.67	Samaritan's Purse	263.96
Special Accounts		Special Outreach	2,383.75
Local Outreach Ministry	911.00	Total Outreach Disbursement	<u>8,683.49</u>
Church Missions	1,493.74	Payroll Expenditures	19,400.74
Marriage Ministry	307.98	Share And Care	80.00
Scholarship	322.26	Youth	107.08
Youth	9,660.19	Total Expenditures	<u>33,386.34</u>
Total Special Accounts	<u>12,695.17</u>	Net Revenue	<u><u>5,549.96</u></u>
Total Bank Total	<u>73,836.88</u>		
Total Checking/Savings	<u><u>73,836.88</u></u>		

Present: Denis Parsley, Dave Sutherland, Jim Otter, Brandie Hulstein, Laurie Bruns, Jim Gawerecki, Matthew Amdahl, Bill VanderPlaats **Absent:** Mike Bloemendaal

Also Present: Mike Morgan, Collene Landgren, Pastor Tim, Pastor Matthew, Seth Moan, Wayne Smith

President Denis Parsley called the meeting to order.

Devotions were led by Seth Moan, read from a devotional based on 2 Corinthians 1:8-9. Often people state God won't give more than you can handle. This can't be found anywhere in the Bible, for proof ask, Job, Joseph, etc. We do get more than we can handle and in that we are to turn to God. God expects us to hand it all to Him. In 1 Peter 5:7 we are instructed to cast all our care upon Him. Pastor Matthew will lead devotions in February.

Elders' Consultation: Pastor Tim reported for the Elders. The Elders have recommended Pastor Matthew, Julia, and James be added as members of Christ the King. Elders have been working on small group studies beginning the end of January. It will be based on the Overcomer movie. Dave Muller will be stepping down as Elder, but is willing to serve until another is found (provided it doesn't take too long).

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

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

Outreach was discussed; Brandie H. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Bill V. Motion carried.

AFLC \$ 858.10 Food Shelf \$ 100. Hope Haven Intl \$ 200
CRU: Jeff \$ 500. Paul 500. Tim & Sheila Steele \$ 100.
Brazil Student \$ 100. Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500.
Alpha Center \$ 1,000. Atlas for Life \$ 200. Abels \$ 100
Children's Life \$ 200. Lost Timber \$ 200. ARC \$ 200.
Lake Benton Food Shelf \$ 100. Local Outreach \$ 300.
San Antonio Church \$ 200. PAS Wellness Room \$ 300
Miriam Children's Home \$ 500.00
Additional monthly giving: PAS Wellness Room \$ 100.
San Antonio Church Plant \$ 100.00

The secretary's report from the December 12, 2019 meeting was presented. Jim G. moved, seconded by Jim O. to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:

Youth Ministry: Intern Seth reported for Youth ministry. The Christmas party was December 18, the youth enjoyed playing candy cane hockey. Aftershock has begun a study on how to study the Bible. The Sr high youth are helping to choose the topics for study. The separate youth bank account was closed per information from Judy Steuck. The balance transferred to CTK general account was \$ 6,286.50

Family Ministry: The Overcomer movie will be January 18 at 6:30 PM. Brandie H. will contact the Pipestone Star to advertise the movie.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tim submitted his report. Pastor Molstre would like CTK consider continuing as an intern site. CTK is a good fit because of the church size & programs offered. He suggested it be viewed as part of

outreach.

Pastor Matthew submitted a report of activities in December

Old Business:

Replace Doors: Bill V. will check on the progress

Roof: Thanks to Alan W., Denis P., and Kevin C. for removing much of the snow and ice on the roof. Alan W. noted it seems some of the shingles weren't spaced properly when they were replaced. Jim G. will contact the church insurance company to have an adjuster look at the roof for any damage.

Gutters: Mike B. will get a heat cord to put in the gutters to try to keep them from icing up. The leaves need to be removed from the gutters in the fall.

Distribute hats, scarves & mittens: We will continue to leave them in the foyer to be distributed to those in need.

Agenda for Annual Meeting: As well as the usual items for the agenda, including reports, election of Trustee, approval of Elder and approving the budget, the agenda will also include: State of the Church report, Discussion about continuing the Intern program, Ideas for community outreach, & an update on the ALICE program. Sharon A. & Julie M. will make rolls for fellowship time.

New Business:

Parking Lot: There was damage to the parking lot when the fire hydrant was put in the ditch. The contractor will fix what they can in the spring.

Information was received for VBS summer teams: Jim G. moved to request a team, seconded by Dave S. Motion carried. Brandie H. and Laurie B. will request a team.

Request from Ladies Fundraising: Salad luncheon: July 15. Lefse making dates: November 6, 7 and 13, 14. December Bake Sale: December 2. So moved to approve by Brandie H. seconded by Bill V. motion carried.

ALICE program: The ALICE program was approved, there needs to be training for the SS teachers and ushers. It will be discussed at the Annual meeting.

Renew Children's worship bulletin subscription: 3 years for \$109.60 so moved by Dave S. seconded by Jim O. Motion carried.

Thanks to outgoing trustees: Thanks to Denis Parsley, Laurie Bruns, & Mike Bloemendaal for serving on the Trustee board. Denis P. thanked each of the trustees for their time and service to CTK.

Other: Collene was instructed to put an announcement in the bulletin reminding people to stay back from the sidewalk when parking. It is difficult to maneuver around cars when parked over the sidewalk.

A note will be in the bulletin asking for ideas for outreach to the local communities and identifying areas of need.

Pastor Matthew reported he was having trouble opening the bus door. Bill V. will look at it.

A special thanks to the nominating committee for their work on filling a slate for Trustee election.

Denis P. closed in prayer. The staff was dismissed and the Trustees continued to meet.

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



- 1 Amberlie Haak
- 1 Eric Haak
- 2 Irene Warner
- 2 Tim Paulson
- 4 Colleen Krusemark
- 8 Gary Olivier
- 8 Janelle Brockberg
- 10 Kennedy Manzey
- 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

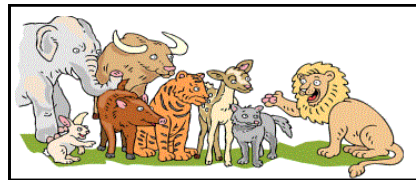


Notice: Check Facebook, KLOH or KNWC for cancellations or changes due to the weather

Chatter-sewers
(Quilting)
will meet
February 4
at 1:00 PM



Trustees Meet Thursday,
February 13 @ 6 PM



Youth Ministry Meets
Sun., Feb 9 @ 11:45 AM

NewsLetter
DEADLINES

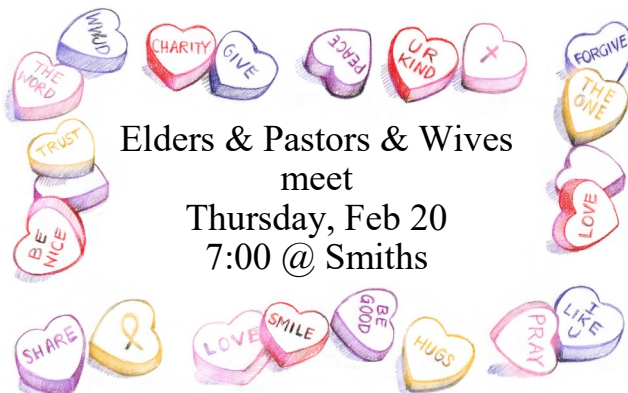
February 16



Family Ministry meets
Tues., February 25 @ 7 PM



Begins Sunday
February 23
@ 5 PM



Elders & Pastors & Wives
meet
Thursday, Feb 20
7:00 @ Smiths

SUPER BOWL
2020 Miami

Super Bowl
Party
Sunday,
February 2

Families are welcome to watch the Super Bowl in our fellowship hall. Bring your favorite snack or appetizer to share. Doors will be open at 5pm. Kickoff is at 5:30pm. Instead of watching the halftime show, we will have a brief devotional and allow time for visiting.



To Christ the King Lutheran Church
 Thank you for being so thoughtful and for your donation to our Lake Benton food shelf. We appreciate very much.
 Have a Blessed new year
 Food Shelf Committee

Dear Friends,
 Thank you so much for the prayers and kind words at the time of my mother's passing and for the flowers for her funeral.
 Again, we are blessed to be part of a caring church home.
 Jim & Lois Gawerecki




ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

February 2:
 Contemporary Hymns

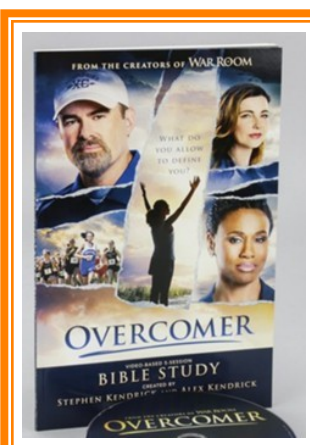
Starting February 9:

A Walk Through the Book of First John – a verse by verse/section by section study.




Skyforce Basketball game
Sunday, February 9

Our AFLC Schools (Free Lutheran Bible College) is sponsoring a Skyforce basketball game. Tickets are only \$10! Signup in the foyer by February 5. We will buy group tickets and save room on the bus. Meet at 1:30 pm & ride together down to Sioux Falls. The game starts at 3pm. This is a great family event. There will be bouncy houses in a kid zone.
 Invite your friends!



JANUARY SMALL GROUP STUDY

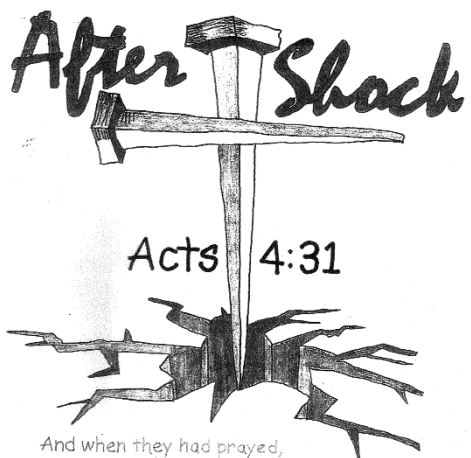
Overcomer Small Group A five-week study on identity using scenes from the movie as well as scripture.

- Monday - starting January 27 @ Pat & Jodi Haag's home @ 7 PM
- Wednesday - starting January 29 @ church Dave Muller leads @ 10 AM
- Monday - starting February 17 @ Wayne & Jane Smith's home @ 7 PM

* more groups can easily be formed if needed!

No sign up needed, Just attend one of the groups!

Video/Bible Study Discussion Groups dealing with
Who are you?



- UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- ◇ Feb 9 Youth Ministry Meets
 - ◇ Feb 16 Youth Lock-In/ Nerf Wars
 - ◇ March 21 SNA @ CTK
 - ◇ April 17-19 Campus Days
 - ◇ May 3 Confirmation Sunday



Sunday, February 16 / 5 PM - midnight
 Christ the King Free Lutheran Church




Schedule	5:00 PM	Check-in	9:00 PM	Small group games
	5:30 PM	NERF Wars begin	10:00 PM	Snack / big group game
	7:00 PM	Cleanup / Supper	10:30 PM	Campfire songs & testimonies
	8:00 PM	Worship & Bible	11:30 PM	Cleanup
	9:00 PM	Forge goes home (grades 5 & 6)		

What to Bring

- Bring your Bible
- Bring your friends
- Bring your NERF guns/ammo (extra will be available)

Evening Speakers

Mr. Todd Tinklenberg
 Students from Free Lutheran Bible College



Saturday Nights Alive **March 21** hosted by CTK

Aftershock students are invited to bring friends from the community! The evening will include supper, games, worship, & dynamic speaking

More details next month



And this good news of the kingdom
will be proclaimed throughout the world,
as a testimony to all the nations...

MATTHEW 24:14, NRSV

Missionary of the Month:

Matthew & Ednay; Zoey, Ian Abel
serving in Paraguay



Mafú (Matthew Abel) is a third-generation missionary, graduate of AFLBS, has his bachelor's degree in Intercultural Studies from the University of Northwestern, he has worked with YWAM in China, USA, Panamá and Brazil and he has earned his MDiv from Faith Evangelical Lutheran Seminary (FIU).

Ednay graduated as a physical therapist in Brazil, before working with YWAM in the Amazon. Ednay has also studied at AFLBS.

We were commissioned as AFLC missionaries at the 2015 Annual Conference. Since then we have served the Brazilian Free Lutheran Church in many different ways (Pastoral, Bible Camp, Chaplain, Evangelistic and mercy ministries) as the Lord has directed our steps. This year (2019) the Lord opened the door for pioneer church-planting in Paraguay. **(We received the following email)**

Thank you for your contact. Christ the King Church in Pipestone is an example of a mission-minded church. Throughout the years missionaries have been blessed by you.

We are currently in a transitional period of preliminaries. We praise the Lord that just this month we were issued our local documents freeing us from the tourist status.

We are working with the local Bethany Fellowship church here in Luque PY until June of 2020. We will then move to a new area to begin a new missionary work among the unreached.

Our son Ian Mateo Abel was born on Jan 8th at 22:00 and is healthy. He is truly Paraguayan! Zoey is 18months old and is a great big sister. She is joyful and friendly and is very kind toward her brother. She also is learning 4 languages (Portuguese, English, Spanish and Grarani)

We are taking language classes (Guarani) and applying ourselves to language acquisition.

That's all I have time for at the moment. Thanks again!

In Christ, Mafú, Nay, Zoey and Ian Abel

Prayer Requests:

- Pray as Nay recovers from the birth of Ian & for our newborn son Ian; as we adjust to our new family dynamics.
- Pray that the Lord would guide us to the right place and people to work with in Church planting.
- Pray for this country to repent and surrender to Christ.
- Pray against corruption.
- Pray for our language learning (Guarani)



Bibles & Christian Literature

In the Bible we learn of David who conquered the giant Goliath (1 Samuel 17:49), led the kingdom of Israel, and studied and memorized the Scriptures "that I might not sin against You" (Psalm 119:11). Reading God's Word is a crucial part of our walk with Christ. This is why Samaritan's Purse makes the Bible and other Christian literature available in many different formats and languages in communities worldwide. Your gift of \$15 can help us supply Bibles or other evangelistic materials in countries like Cambodia, Haiti, and Niger, helping Christians grow strong in their faith and reaching those who haven't heard the Gospel.



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

John 15:12

Altar Guild

Communion Servers

Wagne Smith
Jason Stueck

Money Counters

Laurie Bruns
Bill VanderPlaats

Acolytes

February 2 Christopher Haag
February 9 Calzb Haag
February 16 Reagan Coleman
February 23 Michael Schnellbaek

Kitchen Clean-up

Rose Beck
Joanne Griebel

Ushers

Kyle & Trevin DeWildt

Greeters

February 2 Cal Hulstein
February 9 Justin & Brandie Hulstein; Kynslæ, Calyn
February 16 Helen Jensen
February 23 Margt Johnson



Hospitality

Greeters

February 2 Smiths & Woelbers
February 9 Warners & Amdahls
February 16 Remunds & Scholtens
February 23 Mullers & DeClerks

Nursery

February 2 Amy Stueck
February 9 Melissa Zephier
February 16 Rebecca Gilberg
February 23 Marcinz Olsen

Worship Leaders

February 2 Jim Woelber, Heidi Woelber, Leslie Luzek, Judy Stueck
February 9 Praise Band—Seth Moan
February 16 Matthew Amdahl, Janz Smith, Janellz Brockberg, Susan Parsley
February 23 Denis Parsley, Lynn Glidewell, Julia Pillman, Susan Parsley
(Lent worship leaders are same as for the worship service)

FEBRUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Valentine's Day 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Fellowship time 10:30 AM Worship Service 4:00 PM Alpha Series 5:00 PM Small Group 5:00 PM Super Bowl Party @ CTK	3 7 PM Overcomer Study @ Haags	4 1 PM Quilters	5 REMEMBER: If PASSES school is cancelled due to weather so are all Youth Activities, confirmation, and choir 10 AM Overcomer Study @ CTK 6: PM Confirmation 7: PM Aftershock 7:45 PM No Choir Practice	6	7	8
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16 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Fellowship time 10:30 AM Worship Service 4:00 PM Alpha Series 5:00 PM Small Group 5 - 9 PM Nerf Wars w/ Forge 9-Midnight Lock In Aftershock Messenger Articles Due	17 7 PM Overcomer Study @ Haags 7 PM Overcomer Study @ Smiths	18	19 10 AM Overcomer Study @ CTK 6: PM Confirmation 7: PM Aftershock 7:45 PM Choir Practice	20 7:00 PM Elders & Wives Meeting @ Smiths	21	22
23 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Fellowship time 10:30 AM Worship Service 4:00 PM Alpha Series 5:00 PM Lent Soup Supper 6:00 PM Lent Service	24 7 PM Overcomer Study @ Haags 7 PM Overcomer Study @ Smiths	25 7 PM Family Ministry	26 Ash Wednesday 10 AM Overcomer Study @ CTK 6: PM Confirmation 7: PM Aftershock 7:45 PM Choir Practice	27	28	29

