

CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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A Stable New Year

As we enter into a new year, I started thinking about how times have changed. Greek philosopher, Heraclitus gave his famous quote, "The only thing that is constant is change." It's ironic to me that his statement, made around 500 B.C., is still true today.

Think about gender. It used to be that gender meant male or female; what you were, based on biology. Now different groups and websites claim there are all kinds of genders and that gender exists on a spectrum. Some list over a hundred different genders. Be careful what pronouns you use. You may offend someone.

Race used to be determined by the color of your skin or your ethnicity. Now it is determined by the perceived privilege of others or your skin color depending upon your narrative. It's not so black and white anymore (pun intended).

Good and bad are very outdated terms. What used to be good is now bad and sometimes bad is good. So, which are you? Where can you anchor?

I remember fishing with my dad in his boat where we found a school of fish biting like crazy. We threw the anchor out and fished. However, several minutes later, the fish quit biting. It took us a while to figure out that the anchor wasn't holding and we blew off our spot.

In Luke 21, Jesus is talking about the signs of end times and His return. He says in verse 33, "*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.*" Ahh, there is the stability! If you want an anchor of stability in this everchanging world, you will find it in God's Word. First Peter 1:24-25 say, "*For All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like a flower of the grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls,²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.*"

How will you stand in the changing current of this world? Jesus says, "*I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them:⁴⁸ He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. When the flood came, the river crashed against that house and couldn't shake it, because it was well built.*" The King James says, "*it was founded upon a rock.*" We need to be founded upon the rock of God's Word.

Small groups will be starting soon and dealing with how the social justice movement is hijacking the Gospel. The videos of Dr. Owen Strachan, along with the Bible discussion that follows, will help you to understand the destructive Woke movement and to stand anchored to God's life-changing Word. In essence, you will learn how to bring needed change in the midst of a false and destructive movement.

Please consider joining a small group to start off this new year as we continue to celebrate Jesus, born in a stable, the Word became flesh. Let us enter into that stable and find our stability. Have a stable new year!
Pastor Tim





Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 30, 2022
Following the Worship Service Approx 10:15

Members are encouraged to attend the meeting to vote on important Church business. Non-members are welcome to attend, listen, and be informed

Thank you to:

Bill VanderPlaats
 Dave Sutherland
 Marcine Olsen

Revised Schedule for January 30
 9:00 AM Worship Service
 10:15 AM Annual Meeting (approximately)

who have been faithfully serving on our Trustee board. Their terms will expire in 2022.

Their positions will be voted on and filled at the annual meeting.

Nominees are: Dave Sutherland Marcine Olsen Gene Bouw
 Thank you Nominees

If you have turned in your report.
Thank you
 If you still haven't turned in your annual report, remember the deadline is Saturday, January 1.



January SERMON SERIES

Woke or Awakened?

January 2	Defining the Times	Colossians 2:8-10	Pastor Matthew
January 9	Defining the Church	2 Corinthians 10:3-6	Pastor Tim
January 16	Defining Justice	Ezekiel 18:19-24, 30-32	Intern Sam
January 23	Defining Racism	Acts 10:9-36	Pastor Tim
January 30	Defining Diversity & Unity	Ephesians 2:12-22	Pastor Tim

Bible Memory Challenge

"I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word." Psalm 119:16

What Bible verses have you memorized in the past and can still recall? Why not try again? Our excuses? "I don't have time." "I can't memorize." "It is too difficult." "I am too lazy." "I don't know where to begin." "I am too old." "I am too young." "I might become too proud."

I (Pastor Dave Nelson) have a 2022 challenge for you beginning January 3. Let's help and encourage each other to **memorize the book of Ephesians—one verse at a time**. Write each verse on a card or piece of paper with the reference at the beginning and end of the verse. I would encourage a more literal translation, such as NASB, ESV, or NKJV. Memorize and meditate on the first verse on Monday and Tuesday, the second on Wednesday and Thursday, and the third on Friday and Saturday. Sunday you can take the day off or use time to quiz each other. Read the verse aloud 10 times, say it without looking five times (peek if necessary), and meditate on the verse one time daily. The Holy Spirit will help you!

Cash Basis
Balance Sheet

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church
Financial Report
As of November 30, 2021

Revenue
Expenditures

	<u>Nov 30, 21</u>		<u>Nov 21</u>
ASSETS		Revenue	
Checking/Savings		Building and Grounds	200.00
Bank Total		Discipleship	664.05
Building		General Revenue	19,883.40
Altar Guild	108.92	Outreach Revenue	6,719.46
Building Fund Account	1,936.09	Total Revenue	<u>27,466.91</u>
Total Building	<u>2,045.01</u>		
General Total		Expenditures	
General	28,788.81	Building & Grounds	708.17
Truth Help	278.93	Conferences/Meetings	15.29
Total General Total	<u>29,067.74</u>	Discipleship Expenditures	195.00
Outreach		Family Support	336.68
20% Offering	4,945.20	Misc.	1,932.60
Children's Mission Offering	224.26	Office	487.15
Thrivent	948.41	Outreach Disbursement	
Total Outreach	<u>6,117.87</u>	20 %Outreach	4,800.95
Share And Care	1,048.05	PAS Wellness	100.00
Special Accounts		Special Outreach	646.33
Internship Fund	1,582.74	Total Outreach Disbursement	<u>5,547.28</u>
Local Outreach Ministry	6,723.71	Payroll Expenditures	17,679.63
Church Missions	1,493.74	Youth	293.42
Marriage Ministry	307.98	Total Expenditures	<u>27,195.22</u>
Scholarship	322.26	Net Revenue	<u><u>271.69</u></u>
Youth	11,103.93		
Total Special Accounts	<u>21,534.36</u>		
Total Bank Total	<u>59,813.03</u>		
Total Checking/Savings	<u>59,813.03</u>		
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>59,813.03</u></u>		



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

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

President Jim Gawerecki called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Pastor Tim by reading Luke 1:5-17. Zechariah & Elizabeth were the parents of John the Baptist. Elizabeth was barren and both were of advanced age. Don't underestimate what God can do, He has plans that sometimes we can't understand. Pastor Tim opened in prayer. Intern Sam Willard will lead devotions in January.

Elders' Consultation: Pastor Tim reported the Elders met last month and discussed a topic for small groups. They also did Pastor Tim's review.

The Treasurer's report for November was presented. Dave S. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Brandie H. Motion carried.

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

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

AFLC \$ 469.20 Food Shelf \$ 100.00
CRU-Jeff \$ 500. CRU-Paul \$ 500. Steele \$ 100.
Brazil Student \$ 100.00 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 \$ 876.00 San Antonio Church \$ 100.
PAS Wellness Room \$ 100.00
Matthew & Ednay Abel \$ 100.00
Miriam Children's Home \$ 500.00

The secretary's report from the November 11, 2021 meeting was presented. Bill V. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dave S. Motion carried.

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:

Youth Ministry: the Youth are preparing for the youth led worship service on Dec 19.

Family Ministry:

Pastors' Report:

Pastor Tim submitted a report of activities for the last month. Pastor Tim explained the small group study for January will be *Christianity & Wokeness* by Owen Strachan. Strachan has spoken at the FLBC.

Pastor Matthew submitted a report for activities for the last month. Pastor Matthew requested time off to

speaking at a Bible Camp Sunday, June 26 to Thursday, June 30. This will be during the same time Pastor Tim will be taking vacation. Laurie B moved to approve the request and to work with Pastor Tim to make sure the Sundays are covered, seconded by Dave S. motion carried.

Old Business:

Outside Cross: Jim O. left a message that the cost to powder coat the cross will be \$ 125.00. The materials and labor for the actual cross will be donated. Morgan M. moved to approve, seconded by Laurie B. motion carried.

VBS Coordinator: Laurie B. and Brandie H. would like to step down from this position. Will post in the bulletin asking for volunteer(s) to coordinate VBS.

New Business:

Movie Night: Pastor Tim reported Family Ministry would like to have a movie night some time in February. They are planning on the movie *Show Me the Father*, the cost would be approximately \$199. Bill V. moved to approve, seconded by Morgan M. motion carried.

Nativity scene: There are two different nativity sets. It would be good to have them set out.

Donation for Ambassador Publications: Pastor Tim reported the Ambassador magazine has been on a subscription basis. They are going to try not charging for subscriptions and have local congregations make donations.

Piano was tuned Dec 7.

Fellowship Hall: Michael Swanson requested to use the fellowship hall and a couple Sunday school rooms for the wedding party to dress. This would be Dec 31 from approx 2 - 5 PM. Bill V. moved to approve, seconded by Brandie H. motion carried.

Vacation time: Collene Landgren requested time off from Jan 18 - 21. She will work with the pastors to have the bulletin completed. Dave S. moved to approve, seconded by Brandie H. motion carried.

Annual Meeting Agenda: The trustees would like input from the congregation if CTK wants to continue in the FLBC Intern program.

Brandie moved to adjourn, seconded by Marcine O. Jim G. adjourned the meeting and closed in prayer. Collene Landgren, recording secretary {Draft subject to approval by the trustees}



Notice:
Check the website, KLOH or KNWC for cancellations or changes due to the Weather

Chatter-Sewers (Quilting) will meet January 4 @ 1 PM



Trustees Meet Jan. 13 @ 6 PM

- 2 Matthew Amdahl
- 2 Wendy Woelber
- 3 Everly Hoheisel
- 3 Lincoln Hoheisel
- 7 Carmen Paulson
- 8 Rich Hess
- 9 Linda Bruns
- 11 Cody DeRuyter
- 11 Alyssa DeRuyter
- 11 Trinity Halling
- 15 Hannah Berg
- 15 Seth Forness
- 17 Mason DeRuyter
- 19 Caelyn Haag
- 24 Trey Boelman
- 27 Barb Hubner
- 27 Vicki Severeid
- 29 Dave Krusemark
- 29 Chase Lueck
- 29 London Olsen
- 30 Mary Stangeland
- 30 Gary Winter
- 30 Joanne Winter
- 31 Jenny Otter



Youth Ministry Meets Sun., Jan. 16 @ 11:45 AM

Elders Business Meeting Thursday, January 20 @ 7 PM

FAMILY Ministry Meets Tuesday January 25 @ 7 PM

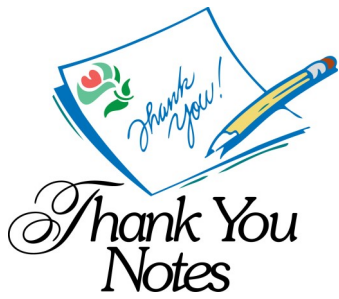


Sunday, January 30 @10:15 AM Following the Worship Service



News Letter DEADLINES

January 23



Dear Christ the King Free Lutheran church,
 At Alpha Center, our call is a mighty one as we empower women and men to choose life for their unborn babies. Some days, however, we do everything we can do, only to see a result that grieves us. It is in these difficult times when God reminds us that He is our refuge, a present help in times of trouble. We consistently come back every morning, ready to serve. This is perseverance. In these moments, we are thankful for you who preserve with us and remember us with your prayers and faithful gifts. Your investment- month after month- tells us you live out this dedication in your own life. One day, in this life or the next, we will see the fruits of our labor and celebrate how we persevered together. Thank you! Alpha Center Team

Dear Christ the King Lutheran
 Thank you for your generous gift of \$ 500.00 to the Union Gospel Mission.
 We appreciate your kindness and willingness to support the homeless and the needs of our community.
 Thank you so much for your support! Your gift help a lot of people! Thanks for Loving Out Loud!
 Eric Weber, CEO
 Union Gospel Mission

Dear Christ the King,
 I just wanted to take a moment of your time to say thank you everyone! For all your work this year on Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes, The number of shoe boxes was UP from last year which is great for all the children around the world. For every 100 shoe boxes, 21 children report decisions for Christ through The Greatest Journey. Hundreds of new churches are being planted each year as a result of the Operation Christmas Child program.
 That is pretty amazing!! We praise God for the millions of children who are learning to be faithful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ thru this program.
 Sincerely, Iris Talsma



SMALL GROUPS STARTING IN THE NEW YEAR

Christianity & Wokeness **by Dr. Owen Strachan**

This is a 6-week YouTube video series with Scripture discussions. Topics include the woke culture, cancel culture, critical race theory and whether it is compatible with the Gospel. It also suggests how Christians can effectively speak into this culture.

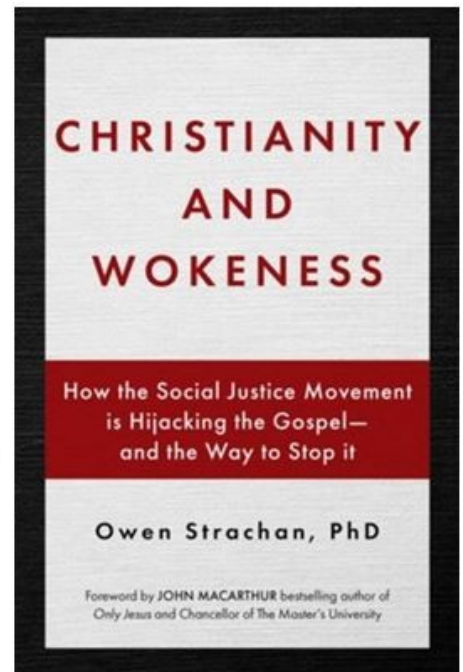
Dr. Owen Strachan has been vetted by our AFLC Schools and has spoken at the seminary within the past few years and comes highly recommended for his Biblical and Godly approach to these seriously relevant topics.

Sunday, 5:30-7:00 PM beginning January 9 @ Church

Monday, 6:00-8:00 PM beginning January 10 @ Laurie Westerbur's in Ihlen

Wednesday 10:00-11:30 AM beginning January 12 @ Church

Wednesday 6:30-8:00 PM beginning January 12 @ Church





Christ the King invites you to

NERF WARS

Lock-in

NERF Wars lock-in - Sunday, January 23

This year's NERF Wars will be part of a lock-in! The evening will include NERF Wars, pizza, worship, a message, and various games and activities. Doors open at 5 pm and stay closed until Midnight (except for 5-6 grade who will leave at 9 pm). Grades 5-12 welcome. Bring your own NERF guns and ammo or use some of ours (rebel style this year). Invite your friends!



Lost Timber Chillout MS Retreat

January 28-30, 2022.

We encourage 6 th-8 th grade students to consider attending the winter retreat at

Lost Timber Bible Camp. \$100 cost with various cost assistance options.

Talk to Pastor Matthew or visit www.losttimber.org for more details!

January	2	Youth Group Resumes
January	16	Parents' Meeting
January	23	Nerf Wars - Aftershock & Forge
January	28-30	Lost Timber Chillout MS Retreat



The Forge:
January Event!!

January 23

Nerf Wars





December 2021: Merry Christmas from the 7 Lees in Brazil!

John and Hannah Lee have been missionaries with AFLC World Missions since 2018. John grew up on the mission field in Bangladesh and early on had a desire to work with global missions. While in Alaska, he met his wife Hannah, who also had her heart drawn to God's work abroad by the testimony of missionaries in her church. John & Hannah have five children and they live in Campo Maura, Brazil.

After John finished seminary at FLTS, it was brought to his attention the need for faculty at Escola Biblica Teologica Associacao Das Igrejas, (also known as SETELL) the theological seminary in Brazil. Hannah is also excited to have the opportunity with assisting in the care of children at the Mariam Home. Answering the call to South America, the Lees have spent the last year adapting to their new home and culture. Language learning has been the largest part of that adjustment.

The Lees are excited to be a part of Christ's work in Brazil. "As we have lived here," John said, "we have witnessed a growing desire by Brazilians to plant more churches in other States." The seminary is a vital piece in establishing free and living congregations throughout the country. John is eager to train the students at the seminary, giving them a foundation in the Word of God to be leaders in their future parishes. Each course at SETELL strives to equip the future Free Lutheran churches across Brazil. When foundational truths are taught, it affirms to the congregations that it is grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ that they are saved and not a righteousness that is earned. At the seminary, John will be teaching courses in Systematic Theology and Biblical Greek.

Seeing the need for more biblical teaching materials in the Portuguese, John is also working towards translating recourses from English into Portuguese. This project, DRELL, is a lengthy one, but John is thrilled to share these materials with churches and individuals who need them.

The Lees' vision in their ministry also goes beyond SETELL, walking beside the lay men and women in congregations and encouraging them in their walk with Jesus Christ. The core of their ministry is discipleship, which by nature is a daily living Christ-like among others and has ripple effects in communities. Hannah stated, "The main goal is to equip believers to be able to teach others about the faith." This wonderful aspect of living life alongside believers strengthens families and churches in their community. In the future, the Lees hope that this partnership with Brazilians in their biblical training will lead to church plants founded by nationals across even more states in Brazil.

Prayer needs:

- * John as he prepares to teach General Epistles & Greek in March (Fall Semester)
- * Our family's health & the kids' schooling
- * John Jr.'s Brazilian Passport
- * For wisdom and grace as we settle into a new culture and help in learning a new language
- * To be able to building relationships with the people we will be working with
- * Health and safety

Hot Meals for a Child

A warm meal, lovingly prepared, shows tender care to a child who has faced many hungry nights. Samaritan's Purse partners with local churches and other ministries in countries like Cambodia and Bolivia to provide

nutritious school lunches to boys and girls. For many of them, it is the only full meal they will eat all day.

Along with lunch, children receive help with homework, and study the Bible. Just \$7 is enough to supply a week of hot meals for a hungry child and show them the love of Jesus Christ, who said, "He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst" (John 6:35).



JANUARY

Matthew 5:16
In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Altar Guild

Communion

Acolytes

January	2	Alyssa Steuck
	9	Nickolas Bruns
	16	Caden Bruns
	23	Lauren Steuck
	30	Keegan Otter

Greeter / Family of the Week

January	2	Bill & Jody Brockberg
	9	David Brockberg
	16	Michael & Janelle Brockberg; Kiera, Lydia
	23	Linda Bruns
	30	Shawn & Laurie Bruns; Bode, Nickolas, Caden

Ushers

Rodney Altena
Mark Mitchell

Kitchen Clean-up

Sound Tech

January	2	Kyle DeWilde
	9	Dave Sutherland
	16	Alan Warner
	23	Kyle DeWilde
	30	Dave Sutherland

Money Counters/ Trustees

Bill VanderPlaats
Jim Otter

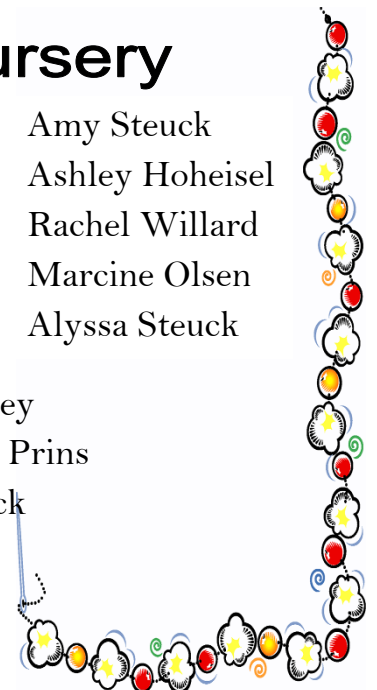


Nursery



January	2	Amy Steuck
	9	Ashley Hoheisel
	16	Rachel Willard
	23	Marcine Olsen
	30	Alyssa Steuck

Worship Leaders

January	2	Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Irene Warner, Susan Parsley
	9	Matthew Amdahl, Jane Smith, Janelle Brockberg, Char Prins
	16	Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Charlie Hoffman, Judy Steuck
	23	Sam Willard, Lynn Hellie, Laurel Berg, Judy Steuck
	30	Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Jane Smith



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 No Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service						1 Annual Reports Due!!
2 No Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	3	4 1 PM Quilters	5 6:30 Youth Group	6	7	8
9 9:00 AM All Ages Sunday School/Confirmation 10:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship Service 5:30 PM Small Group @ CTK	10 6 PM Small Group @ Westerburgs	11	12 10:00 AM Small Group @ CTK 6:30 Youth Group 6:30 Small Group @ CTK 8:00 Choir Practice	13 6:00 PM Trustee Meeting NOTE TIME CHANGE	14	15
16 9:00 AM All Ages Sunday School/Confirmation 10:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Youth Parents' Meet 5:30 PM Small Group @ CTK	17 6 PM Small Group @ Westerburgs	18	19 10:00 AM Small Group @ CTK 6:30 Youth Group 6:30 Small Group @ CTK 8:00 Choir Practice	20 7 PM Elders Meeting @ CTK	21	22
23 9:00 AM All Ages Sunday School/Confirmation 10:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship Service 5:00 PM Nerf Wars 5:30 PM Small Group @ CTK Messenger Articles Due	24 6 PM Small Group @ Westerburgs	25 7:PM Family Ministry	26 10:00 AM Small Group @ CTK 6:30 Youth Group 6:30 Small Group @ CTK 8:00 Choir Practice	27	28	29
30 NO Sunday School 9:00AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Annual Meeting Pot-Blessing Meal 5:30 PM Small Group @ CTK	31 6 PM Small Group @ Westerburgs					

