

# CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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## The Best is Yet to Come!

You most likely either will or have heard endless renditions of “Auld Lang Syne,” seen numerous advertisements for gym membership deals and diet plans, or talked with friends and family about new year’s resolutions. The New Year offers a great opportunity to review our past and reflect on our future. But will our future be better?

Given the sharp decline in moral values, the harsh tone in politics, the unbelievable deterioration of the family and sky-rocketing crime and violence, it’s easy to think negative about our future. This is all without even mentioning the struggles you may be experiencing.

Will our future be better? Jesus’ miracle at the wedding in Cana, suggests that, in God’s Kingdom, the best is yet to come. John 2:9-10 (NIV) says,

*The master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup> and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”*

The banquet master didn’t know who had provided the new wine. He just knew that it was better than the wine that had been served earlier. He also knew that this was unusual. Most hosts served the best wine first, but at this wedding the best was served last.

If we were to review the past year, I’m sure we would see times of failure and hopefully, times of success. Perhaps some can only see failure or regret or struggle or loss. If that describes you, don’t let yourself camp there and don’t let anyone else shade your future.

Though it was unusual at a wedding in Bible times, the miracle of Jesus turning water into wine, suggests something about the kingdom of God. The best is yet to come. The blessings we experience in our life with God, the goodness of God’s creation, the joy of Christmas, the consolation that comes from God’s presence, the freedom that comes with forgiveness—all these are just a taste of the new life God has promised in Jesus.

So, the important question is, “Where are you at with Jesus?” Do you trust in Him as your Savior from sin? Do you trust His Word? Are you His follower? If so, then look at this New Year with anticipation. You usually find what you’re looking for. So, what are you looking for? Jesus says in reference to His Kingdom, “Seek and you will find.” And when you do seek, you will most likely find yourself experiencing what the banquet master exclaimed, “You have saved the best till now!”

The best is yet to come! Happy New Year! Pastor Tim





**Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 22, 2023**  
**Following the Worship Service Approx 10:45**

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:


- Laurie Bruns
- Heather DeWilde
- Morgan McNickle

who have been faithfully serving on our Trustee board. Their terms will expire in 2023.

Jim Gawerecki will be stepping down from the board due to health reasons.

**Revised Schedule for January 22**  
 9:30 AM Worship Service  
 10:45 AM Annual Meeting (approximately)

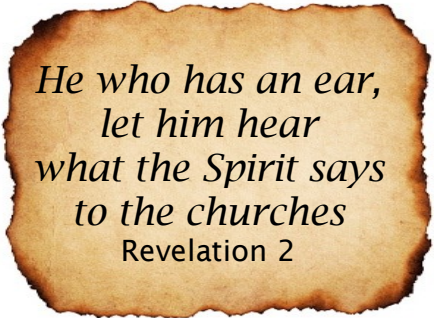
If you have turned in your report. **Thank you**  
 If you still haven't turned in your annual report, remember the deadline is Sunday, January 1.



Trustee board positions will be voted on at the annual meeting. Nominees are:  
 Heather DeWilde, Myles Zephier, Dave Muller, Alan Warner, Denis Parsley

**January SERMON SERIES**

*A Message to the Church*

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	

**Christ the King Free Lutheran Church  
Financial Report  
As of November 30, 2022**

Cash Basis

Revenue

Balance Sheet

	<u>Nov 30, 22</u>		<u>Nov 22</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>Revenue</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>		<b>Building and Grounds</b>	95.00
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		<b>General Revenue</b>	16,947.58
<b>Bank Total</b>		<b>Outreach Revenue</b>	6,310.89
<b>Building</b>		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>23,353.47</u>
Altar Guild	250.00	<b>Expenditures</b>	
Building Fund Account	<u>4,846.09</u>	<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>	1,294.96
<b>Total Building</b>	5,096.09	<b>Discipleship Expenditures</b>	195.00
<b>General Total</b>		<b>Misc.</b>	492.56
General	56,314.48	<b>Office</b>	484.91
Truth Help	<u>298.42</u>	<b>Outreach Disbursement</b>	
<b>Total General Total</b>	56,612.90	20 %Outreach	5,440.00
<b>Outreach</b>		Military BibleStick	1,705.00
20% Offering	4,199.70	Samaritan's Purse	163.14
Children's Mission Offering	135.19	Special Outreach	296.00
Thrivent	<u>1,432.41</u>	<b>Total Outreach Disbursement</b>	7,604.14
<b>Total Outreach</b>	5,767.30	<b>Payroll Expenditures</b>	10,196.78
<b>Share And Care</b>	640.70	<b>Youth</b>	1,011.71
<b>Special Accounts</b>		<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>21,280.06</u>
<b>Internship Fund</b>	900.00	<b>Net Revenue</b>	<u><u>2,073.41</u></u>
<b>Local Outreach Ministry</b>	7,323.71		
<b>Church Missions</b>	1,493.74		
<b>Marriage Ministry</b>	307.98		
<b>Scholarship</b>	322.26		
<b>Youth</b>	<u>10,253.93</u>		
<b>Total Special Accounts</b>	<u>20,601.62</u>		
<b>Total Bank Total</b>	<u>88,718.61</u>		
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>88,718.61</u>		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>88,718.61</u></u>		



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

**Also Present:** Pastor Tim Johnson, Collene Landgren, Alan Warner

**President David Sutherland** called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Morgan McNickle reading from Proverbs 8. Morgan explained he has been reading verses by random, he chose verse 8 because it is Dec 8. Wisdom was there before creation; it was beside God and rejoiced with God. We gain wisdom through God. Morgan opened in prayer. Brandie Hulstein will lead devotions in January.

**The Treasurer's report** for November was presented. Jim G. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Jim O. Motion carried.

**The Payment of bills,** Heather D. moved to approve the bills, seconded by Gene B. Motion carried.

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

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

AFLC \$ 599.70 Food Shelf \$ 100.00  
CRU-Jeff \$ 500. CRU-Paul \$ 500. Steeles \$ 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 \$ 100.00  
PAS Wellness Room \$100.00 Abels \$ 100.00  
Ankeny Church Plant \$ 500.00  
Lake Benton Food Shelf \$ 100.00  
Family Services (diapers) \$ 200.00

**The secretary's report** from the November 10, 2022 meeting was presented. Heather D. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim O. Motion carried.

**Alan Warner** requested to address the trustees with some concerns about the language in two parts of the constitution that addressed the Appointment and Terms of the Elders and the section about bonding of the treasurer and financial secretary. The Trustees thanked Alan for his comments and they will review the sections for possible action.

**Elders' Consultation:** Pastor Tim reported for the Elders. Discussed the winter small group studies or possibly an expanded option. Lent begins in February in 2023.

**Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:**

**Youth Ministry:** Youth Sunday will be December 18, Pastor Tim is working with the youth for the service. More youth have been attending Aftershock on Wednesday evenings, he will have combined Aftershock two times a month. Nerf Wars is in January with Faith Community.

**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 reminded the trustees he will be on vacation Dec 27 through Jan 2. One of the Elders will give the message on January 1.

**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.

**VBS Team:** tabled for report from Brandie H.

**Search Committee:** They are continuing to contact and interview candidates.

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

**Ice Skating Rink:** will be discontinued for now.

**New Business:**

**Christmas Eve offering:** Heather D. moved seconded by Jim O. to give offering to the Sioux Falls Prison Ministry. Motion carried.

**Housing Allowance:** Pastor Tim will continue his housing allowance at \$50,000 for 2023. Jim G. so moved, seconded by Heather D. Motion carried.

**The trustees would like to encourage anyone who would like to serve as a Trustee to contact one of the members of the nominating committee.**


Dave S. adjourned the meeting and Pastor Tim. 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 3 @ 1 PM




**Christ the King serves**  
**January 5, 2023 2-5 PM**  
**at the Pipestone Food Shelf.**  
They are requesting 2-4 people  
Contact Diana Uilk or the church

- 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
- 24 Trey Boelman
- 27 Barb Hubner
- 27 Vicki Severeid
- 29 Dave Krusemark
- 29 Chase Lueck
- 30 Mary Stangeland
- 30 Gary Winter
- 30 Joanne Winter
- 31 Jenny Otter
- 31 Jane Schiefelbein

Trustee January 12  
**MEETING**  
7 PM



office at 507-825-5958  
if you are willing to help.  
Thank you!

Elders Business Meeting  
Thursday,  
January 19  
@ 7 PM



Sunday,  
January 22  
@10:45 AM  
Following the Worship Service

News Letter  
**DEADLINES**

January 22

**SMALL GROUP STUDY**  
The Elders are discussing various options for the small group study. Details will be shared as they become available. Please watch the bulletin and for more information.

# Thank You



**Merry Christmas** Family of Christ the King!

Greetings from the Miriam Home. I imagine that you are in full Christmas swing - the tree is trimmed, the children are working hard on the Sunday School program, maybe there is even a cantata in progress (I miss cantatas).

Here we are in the same anticipation. The tree is up in the Miriam Home and the kiddos love to make decorations for it.

Dears, we have seen God bless us so much this last year. Your prayers have been heard and your gifts anointed!

Thank you, Jonni

Dear Friends of ATLAS

There have been some really hard things lately with friends and family of the ATLAS family & community. I am so grateful this ministry can walk alongside those that are hurting and the Holy Spirit brings HOPE, TRUTH & PEACE and they can leave KNOWING that God loves them and they are not alone. Thank you for being part of this ministry! Wow! Your church has been such a blessing to ATLAS! Thank you for your generous gifts and prayers.

Sincerely, Roxie Mulder, staff & volunteers

Dear Christ the King Church,

Winter has struck! Mae Beth & I thank you so much for your prayerful & financial support for our ministry. Without generous individuals such as yourself, this ministry would not be possible. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. May God richly bless you. Jesus Christ is the reason for the season.

Thank you so much for your generous gift. It met a specific need. Dave & Mae Beth Wold



Greetings Christ the King Church family! {Please forgive the beach picture... We couldn't resist!} As we turn the calendar to the New Year, we want to give you an update on some details and prayer requests for our church planting residency here in San Antonio. It is crazy to think that we are already one third of

the way through our time in TX.

First off, thank you for sticking by our side as our sending church! We recognize that many questions still remain as to what "sending church" exactly means. Please keep the questions coming! Your questions help us consider how we can grow and how Christ the King can most effectively serve in its role. What I can say is that your prayer, administrative, and financial support is truly what makes our mission venture possible. Never underestimate your crucial role. By your support and in Christ's strength, we seek to do what the CTK missions statement says: "We are dedicated to fulfilling the Great Commission by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people..."

Second, here is a short glimpse into what our residency looks like. Our goal during the residency is to grow in Christ-likeness, develop church planting skills, and define mission/vision/values for the Ankeny church plant. To do this, Matthew spends 40-50% of his time serving alongside Pastor Matthew Ballmann in the day-to-day activities of ministry and church planting. Another 20-30% of Matthew's (and Julia's) time is spent in evangelism and outreach (examples: neighborhood get-togethers, a gym membership, community sports, intentional conversations, special events, etc.). The last 20-30% is spent on continued learning, administration, and preparation for Ankeny, IA.

Last of all, please continue to surround our ministry in prayer. Satan would like nothing better than to undermine the advancement of the Gospel by putting up roadblocks of any sort! Here is a short list of specific prayer requests at this time: Pray for Julia's final weeks of pregnancy and a safe delivery (due February 10)

Pray that God would give us wisdom to encourage neighbors going through difficult times

Pray for protection of our boys' hearts in all the transition (they still miss their Pipestone friends)

Pray for the preparations for a short-term missions' trip from Christ the King

Pray for Trinity Church as local leaders taking a larger role in the function of the church

Pray that our hearts remain open to the Holy Spirit's prompting and leading in our life

Space here does not allow for a more detailed update. Please refer to our report in the CTK Annual Report. We seek to answer questions on the financial and logistical progress of the church plant!

In Christ's love, Matthew, Julia, James, Benny, and baby boy Pillman



Christ the King invites you to

# NERF WARS Lock-in

## NERF Wars lock-in - Sunday, January 22

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 6 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!

# FLY CONVENTION ≈ JULY 3-8, 2023

YMCA OF THE ROCKIES, ESTES PARK, CO

Next registration deadline is January 19, 2023. Contact Pastor Tim for more information.



**EVENING SPEAKERS**

ALEX AMIOT	MICAH HJERMSTAD	PHILL HOOPER	ADAM OSIER	RYAN PATENAUDE
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**BIBLE STUDY LEADER**

ERIC RASMUSSEN





FREE LUTHERAN YOUTH CONVENTION ≈ FLYCONVENTION.ORG

January 11	Youth Group Resumes
January 19	Registration Deadline for FLY
January 22	Nerf Wars - Aftershock & Forge
July 3 - 8	FLY Convention



The Forge:  
January Event!!  
January 22  
Nerf Wars





## God has Given Peace

By Pastor Bob Lee, KAKN Station Manager

For each issue of this newsletter one of our team members or a visiting volunteer writes about the work of mission here in Alaska. I received a call today asking about what is going on and I said that I had been away 70+ days...

After an agonizing wait to be seen by a doctor, Margaret was told there was a mass in her chest that could be pneumonia or something else. She was 3,700 miles from our home, visiting family for the summer. She was to begin her thirteenth year at our village school. We don't have a hospital in our tri-village borough, nor a doctor. An excellent clinic takes care of most medical issues, but major problems must be dealt with 300 miles away in Anchorage, reached only by air.

On her way home in July she stopped in Anchorage for school training at a tribal council. Her attendance was immediately cut short by a second visit to an emergency room. This time a doctor ordered more extensive testing and it was determined she had inoperable third-stage lung cancer.

From Margaret's initial note on CaringBridge:

*"God is so good, and has arranged this time for us to enjoy each other and rejoice in the Lord! God has given both of us such peace, knowing that He is in control of our lives. Whether we find out that I will be going home to be with Jesus in a few short weeks, or whether He will give me more time on earth, I rejoice. I look forward to being with my Lord God whom I serve! His will be done. I trust Him completely."*

Margaret says this has been the toughest challenge she has ever had. Everything else pales in comparison: cerebral malaria, rabies shots, civil war, martial law, cobras and kraits in our home, carjacking, spinal injury, evacuating from Ebola, taking refuge in our American embassy, emergency delivering our grandson; our children suffering from whooping cough, a lethal dose of malaria medicine, paralysis, rabies shots, and multiple medevacs. [Since July to just a few weeks ago she has had thirty-five radiation treatments and two rounds of chemotherapy. She came home with a good report. Now she is currently in Anchorage for two weeks for some follow up radiation on her brain that was recommended by her doctor.]

Words cannot express how thankful we are for Dave and Marilee (Margaret's cousin) opening their home in Palmer to us; our Alaska team covering my work in Naknek (Jeremy, Lacey, Josh, Heather, Jeff & Jane), and for all of you who pray, support, and encourage us. Most of all we are thankful for the healing and strength our Lord Jesus has brought her.

*"Oh Lord hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief." Psalm 143:1 Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe." Psalm 61:1-3*

### Prayer needs:

- \* Continued prayers of stamina for those serving here, especially as winter sets in. Pray for a pastor to be called to serve here.
- \* Revival in Naknek and beyond.
- \* Safety in flying and good weather
- \* Winter maintenance projects

## Alpha Center BABY SHOWER

Throughout the entire month of January, you can drop off baby items at AMaVo Boutique or any Sioux Falls Lewis Drug location. The Alpha Center uses all donated baby items for its client incentive programs.

The children's offering will be given to the Alpha Center to be used for items for the Baby Shower and the client incentive programs. You can also donate any item or take them directly to the mentioned locations.





# 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

Jane Smith

## Ushers

Myles, Connor,  
Cayden, Landry  
Zephier

## Greeter / Family of the Week

- January 1 Morgan & Ginger McNickle; Munro, Myer, Maccoy
- 8 Daniel & Jodie Minet; Hannah, Owen, Laura
- 15 Gary Mitchell
- 22 Mark Mitchell
- 29 Mary Moffitt

## Acolytes

- January 1 Jordan DeRuyter
- 8 Kynslee Hulstein
- 15 Tanner Thomson
- 22 Alyssa Steuck
- 29 Nickolas Bruns

## Money Counters/ Trustees

Morgan McNickle  
Jim Otter



## Sound Tech

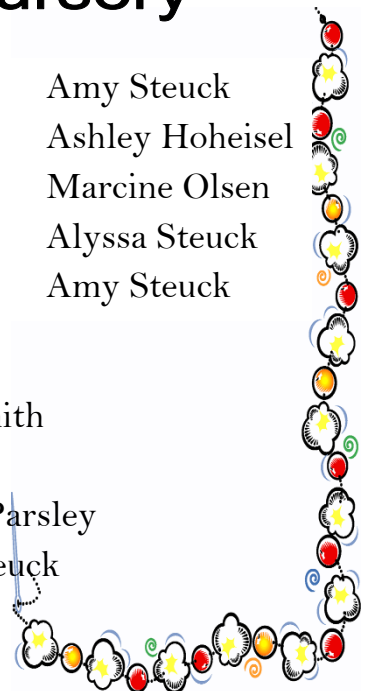
- January 1 Dave Sutherland
- 8 Alan Warner
- 15 Kyle DeWilde
- 22 Dave Sutherland
- 29 Alan Warner

## Nursery

- January 1 Amy Steuck
- 8 Ashley Hoheisel
- 15 Marcine Olsen
- 22 Alyssa Steuck
- 29 Amy Steuck

## Worship Leaders

- January 1 Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Dawn Sutherland, Jane Smith
- 8 Praise Band; Sheila Westfield leading
- 15 Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Charlie Hoffman, Susan Parsley
- 22 Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Dawn Sutherland, Judy Steuck
- 29 Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Jane Smith



# January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Annual Reports Due!! 9:30 AM Worship Service <b>No Sunday School or Brunch</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1 PM Quilters	<b>4</b> No Youth Group 7:15 Choir Practice	<b>5</b> 2 - 5 PM CTK @ Pipestone Food Shelf	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 6:30 PM Year 3 Confirmation	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:30 Youth Group 7:15 Choir Practice	<b>12</b> 7:00 PM Trustee Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>22</b> 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Annual Meeting 6:00 PM Nerf Wars <b>Messenger Articles Due</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30 Youth Group 7:15 Choir Practice	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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