

# CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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## Vacation

Vacation is on my mind. Cindy and I are leaving for Glacier National Park in a few days (from the time of this writing). But is vacation Biblical? Well, that depends... Jesus encouraged His disciples to take a sort of vacation in Mark 6:30-32,

*<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a remote place and rest for a while." For many people were coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. <sup>32</sup> So they went away in the boat by themselves to a remote place.*

Unfortunately for the disciples, the people followed them and their plans for a break took a hiatus. However, after the feeding of the five thousand, Mark 6:45 says, "Immediately he (Jesus) made his disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd." It seems that Jesus recognized their need for a break by sending His disciples onward and staying to dismiss the crowd.

If you keep reading in this chapter of Mark, notice what happens in verses 47-51,

*<sup>47</sup> Well into the night, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and he was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup> He saw them straining at the oars because the wind was against them. Very early in the morning he came toward them walking on the sea and wanted to pass by them. <sup>49</sup> When they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out, <sup>50</sup> because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke with them and said, "Have courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." <sup>51</sup> Then he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. They were completely astounded.*

Notice that Jesus saw them straining at the oars, and what did He do? He came to them, walking on the water. They were astounded. Do you think they learned something that night on "vacation?" Do you think their "vacation" helped prepare them for the ministry and circumstances to come? Do you think their faith grew while on "vacation?" I think this was Jesus' plan all along. He would use some of their time away to help them know Him more and prepare them for the future.

Could that be the Biblical reason for vacation or getting away? It's not so much an escape from work and life as it is an opportunity for rejuvenation, knowing Jesus in a new and fresh way, as well as a preparation for the future. God calls us to work and provides work for us to do as a provision and a ministry. Rather than vacation being an escape from work, it is a rejuvenation for work.

I encourage you vacationers (me included), to look for God's handiwork in creation and keep a look out for Jesus, especially when something seems to go wrong such as botched reservations, car trouble, wrong turns, etc. Let yourself be astounded by the presence of Jesus. He is always found in the Word of God. Let those around you be astounded by His presence in you. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Corinthians 3:17).

Happy Rejuvenation and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Pastor Tim



SUMMER SERMON SERIES

*Remember...*

July 4 *Your Freedom*

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Pastor Matthew



July 11 *Living Hope*

1 Peter 1:1-5

Pastor Tim

July 18 *Purposeful Suffering*

1 Peter 1:6-12

Pastor Tim

July 25 *Grace-Filled Living*

1 Peter 1:13-25

Intern Sam

August 1 *God's Own Possession*

1 Peter 2:1-10

Pastor Matthew

August 8 *Trusting Submission in the World*

1 Peter 2:11-25

Pastor Tim

August 15 *Trusting Submission in Marriage*

1 Peter 3:1-7

Pastor Tim

August 22 *Responding to Evil*

1 Peter 3:8-22

Intern Sam

August 29 *End-Time Ethics*

1 Peter 4:1-19

Pastor Tim

September 5 *Humble Service*

1 Peter 5:1-14

Pastor Matthew

August 13

**PICNIC, KICKBALL AND  
POOL PARTY.**

**Picnic starts** 5:15 PM

or when you can get there  
(Harmon Park Shelter).

**Kickball** 6 PM followed  
by a short devotional

**Pool Party** 7-8 PM

Meat, water & paper/plastic  
ware will be provided. Bring a salad or chips or dessert  
**AND a FRIEND or two.**



**Progressive Dinner.**

Enjoy a 3-course meal in 3 different homes.  
August 21. More information to come.

**NOTE! New Address**

Jan and Duane Stratton  
%Praha Village 1100 1st St. SE Apt. 231  
New Prague, MN 56071

Cash Basis  
Balance Sheet

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church  
Financial Report  
As of May 31, 2021

Revenue / Expenditures

|                               | <u>May 31, 21</u>       |                                    | <u>May 21</u>           |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                 |                         | <b>Revenue</b>                     |                         |
| Checking/Savings              |                         | Building and Grounds               | 140.00                  |
| Bank Total                    |                         | Discipleship                       | 20.00                   |
| Building                      |                         | General Revenue                    | 16,745.93               |
| Altar Guild                   | 108.92                  | Outreach Revenue                   | 4,423.87                |
| Building Fund Account         | 1,012.09                | PPP Cares Act Forgiveness          | 25,000.00               |
| Wedding Deposits              | 500.00                  | <b>Total Revenue</b>               | <u>46,329.80</u>        |
| <b>Total Building</b>         | <u>1,621.01</u>         | <b>Expenditures</b>                |                         |
| General Total                 |                         | Building & Grounds                 | 1,100.95                |
| General                       | 18,952.55               | Conferences/Meetings               | 122.36                  |
| Truth Help                    | 234.48                  | Discipleship Expenditures          | 360.58                  |
| <b>Total General Total</b>    | <u>19,187.03</u>        | Family Events                      | -15.00                  |
| Outreach                      |                         | Misc.                              | 148.32                  |
| 20% Offering                  | 4,158.40                | Office                             | 507.97                  |
| Children's Mission Offering   | 97.47                   | Outreach Disbursement              |                         |
| Thrivent                      | 1,221.99                | 20 %Outreach                       | 2,700.00                |
| <b>Total Outreach</b>         | <u>5,477.86</u>         | PAS Wellness                       | 100.00                  |
| Share And Care                | 550.00                  | Banquet                            | 1,097.37                |
| Special Accounts              |                         | Samaritan's Purse                  | 313.30                  |
| Internship Fund               | 6,367.20                | Special Outreach                   | 205.00                  |
| Local Outreach Ministry       | 4,923.71                | <b>Total Outreach Disbursement</b> | <u>4,415.67</u>         |
| Church Missions               | 1,493.74                | Payroll Expenditures               | 15,763.81               |
| Marriage Ministry             | 307.98                  | Youth                              | 568.61                  |
| Scholarship                   | 322.26                  | <b>Total Expenditures</b>          | <u>22,973.27</u>        |
| Youth                         | 10,953.93               | <b>Net Revenue</b>                 | <u><u>23,356.53</u></u> |
| <b>Total Special Accounts</b> | <u>24,368.82</u>        |                                    |                         |
| <b>Total Bank Total</b>       | <u>51,204.72</u>        |                                    |                         |
| <b>Total Checking/Savings</b> | <u>51,204.72</u>        |                                    |                         |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>           | <u><u>51,204.72</u></u> |                                    |                         |



# Trustee Meeting Minutes Christ The King Free Lutheran Church

## June 10, 2021 7 PM

**Present:** Jim Gawerecki, Dave Sutherland, Jim Otter, Morgan McNickle, Marcine Olsen, Laurie Bruns. **Absent:** Heather De Wilde, Bill VanderPlaats, Brandie Hulstein  
**Also Present:** Pastor Tim, Intern Sam Willard, Collene Landgren, Mike Morgan, Wayne Smith.

**President Jim Gawerecki** called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Pastor Tim reading from several verses on a theme. Beginning with Matthew 13:41 gladly sell all have for the kingdom of heaven, ending with Matthew 10:8 the kingdom of heaven is a free gift to us. But we need to receive it, God wants everyone to be able to have the treasure of heaven. Pastor Tim led in prayer. Dave Sutherland will lead devotions in July.

**Elders' Consultation:** Wayne Smith represented the Elders. Due to a series of scheduling conflicts, they have not met. Their main topic for the next meeting is how to best utilize two pastors and an intern.

**COVID report:** As of 06/10/2021 Pipestone County reported 1,165 cases (includes confirmed and probable) and 26 deaths. The trustees feel the COVID report is no longer necessary for the meeting.

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

Treasurer Mike Morgan reported the forgiveness was approved for the PPP Cares Loan and the paper work has been received. The accounting adjustment to remove the loan from the liabilities and move the \$ 25,000 to revenue was made.

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

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

AFLC \$ 958.40 Food Shelf \$ 100. Local Outreach \$ 300. CRU-Jeff \$ 500. CRU-Paul \$ 500. CRU- Steele \$ 100. Brazil Student \$ 100. Abels \$ 100. San Antonio \$ 100. Alpha Center \$ 300. Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500. Atlas \$ 200. Children's Life \$ 200 Intern Account \$ 100 PAS Room \$ 100

**The secretary's report** from the May 13, 2021 meeting was presented. Laurie B. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Morgan M. Motion carried.

### **Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:**

**Youth Ministry:** Pastor Tim reported for the ministry. 16 youth and Intern Sam from CTK went to Valley Fair with other community youth. 93 youth and chaperones went from Pipestone.

**Family Ministry:** Wayne S. reported for Family Ministry, 123 meals were served at The Banquet on May 18, with 5 people helping with prep and 9 serving. Approximately 84 people attended the family picnic following the worship service on June 6. A pool party is being planned for August 13. A laundry ministry was discussed and a walk by

ministry. The laundry ministry will involve being at the laundry mat and offering to pay for people's laundry, serving coffee, and greeting people. The walk by ministry involves setting up a table by the Calico Cat and offering water as people are walking the square. A progressive dinner is being discussed as a possibility later this summer.

**Pastors' Report: Pastor Tim** submitted a report of activities for the last month. Pastor Tim, Pastor Matthew, and Intern Sam will set up a schedule to visit shut ins and those with limited mobility. The ministerial did a Good Sam blitz and visited every room and resident in one hour. There will be an adult VBS class Sunday through Thursday, June 13-17. The AFLC annual conference is June 16-19. Pastor Tim will be on vacation June 24-July 4. **Pastor Matthew** was on family leave as Benjamin was born June 5.

### **Old Business:**

**Parking Lot:** Bill V. Nothing to be done at this time.

**Bus:** Dave S. reported the bus is still at a repair shop in Egan, SD. They are working on it.

**Flower Boxes:** Have been planted, thank you Ginger McNickle.

**Stain Wood:** The pillars were stained, thanks Pat Woelber. The playground equipment has been stained, thanks, Marcine O.

**Elder recommendations for pastor job description:** Tabled

**Toilets in women's restroom:** have been replaced, thanks, Morgan M.

**New Business: Quilted Prayer Squares:** Lori Williams donated Pocket Prayer Quilts with a note on that saying "This is a "Pocket Prayer Quilt" for you to slip in a pocket. Throughout the day when your fingers touch the cross inside, be mindful to God's love and grace for you. May it be a tangible symbol of God's peace." Will be available for free will donation, with donations going to the current children's offering. It was suggested to have them available in the foyer, and to give out at the laundry ministry and the walk by ministry.

**Issues with live stream and recording:** The USB ports on the computer were not working and was sent in for repair. The issues are due to using the older laptop to livestream the service.

**RightNow Medial update:** submitted the report of usage.

**Renew CCLI, includes copyright, livestream, & music:** Dave moved to renew \$615 annual license, seconded by Morgan M. motion carried.

**Dave S. moved to adjourn the meeting.** Jim G. adjourned the meeting, Intern Sam closed in prayer. Collene Landgren, recording secretary {Draft subject to approval by the trustees}



- 1 Jim Woelber
- 2 Christie Swanson
- 3 Blanche Quincey
- 4 Jessie Carlson
- 6 Debby Bullis
- 9 Mary Moffitt
- 10 Kevin Carlson
- 11 Annika Forness
- 12 David Sutherland
- 13 Tanner Thomson
- 14 Axton Woitaszewski
- 14 Logan VanderPlaats
- 16 Cole Zephier
- 18 Lisa Masica
- 18 Samuel Wollman
- 20 Laurie Bruns
- 20 Joanne Griebel
- 21 Jon Stangeland
- 22 Dustin Olsen
- 22 Michael Brockberg
- 24 Diana Uilk
- 26 Ruby Carlson
- 27 Tami VanderPlaats
- 27 Adlee Woitaszewski
- 30 Kyle DeWilde
- 30 Jodi Haag
- 30 Cole Paulson
- 31 Donna Berg

Pastor Tim & family  
will be on vacation  
June 24 - July 4

Chatter-sewers  
(Quilting)  
will be  
Meeting  
July 6 @ 1 PM



Youth Ministry  
Sunday, July 18  
10:15 AM



Thursday, July 15  
7:00 PM @ CTK



Messenger  
Articles  
Due July 18



Please Join Us for an  
Open House Bridal Shower  
For Kiah Gourley  
Bride - to - be of  
Andrew Berg  
Saturday, July 10, 2021  
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Christ the King Free Lutheran  
Fellowship Hall

The Couple is registered  
at Target and  
Bed, Bath & Beyond

Christ the King serves  
July 29 1-5 PM

at the Pipestone Food Shelf.

They are requesting 2-4 people help.  
Contact Diana Uilk or the church  
office at 507-825-5958 if you are  
willing to help. Thank you!



FAMILY  
Ministry

Tuesday,  
July 27  
7:00 PM



Friends at Christ the King,

We are so grateful for your prayers, Thank You! For visits, cards sent, and for the delicious food you brought to us, Thank You!

Your thoughtfulness is a gift we will always treasure!

Char & Gary Prins

Christ the King

Thank you for serving supper on May 18. Your group served 100 adults and 25 children. The guests of The Banquet are grateful for your ongoing support. Please call Brian or go online to schedule your next date!

God Bless, The Banquet.

A special thank you to those who took time to represent Christ the King Free Lutheran Church at the Banquet West on May 18. Here is a summary of their visit: Christ the King sponsored the evening meal at The Banquet West in Sioux Falls on Tuesday, May 18. Fourteen volunteers from CTK prepped and served 125 meals. Thanks to those who helped. It was a very rewarding experience.

Dear Christ the King Church

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and phone calls following Dave's hip replacement surgery.

These are very appreciated.

Dave & Colleen Krusemark

Christ the King Free Lutheran,

Thank you so much for hosting our team to teach VBS at your church! We were so blessed by all of the helpers, the means, and the fun activities!

It was such a blessing to build friendships with you and all the children!

Special thank you to Pastor Matthew & his guidance for VBS as well! Thank you again for your warmth and hospitality!

In Christ,

The Cornerstone Team

Sarah, Matt, Amy, Mark

Dear Supporter,

Thank you for your generosity toward the orphans and widows in Ethiopia. Their lives have never been easy but is harder than ever now. Not only do they have to deal with Covid, there is famine, drought and how they must deal with the civil unrest in many areas. They have struggled with famine and drought for some time now but the civil unrest and covid are new. Covid is rampant in the areas where the people have very little food or water, It spread quickly through the small tin rooms that are attached to each other. No doctors or medicine.

We are concentrating on the famine, making sure they have enough Teff and oil. They must have food to give the children the energy needed to stay in school. We have always been determined and dedicated to utilize 100% of your financial contribution to create a lasting solution for this enormous task the Lord has placed on our hearts.

Because the task ahead of us is even more enormous than ever, we cannot handle it alone. However, because of individuals like you, we are still continuing our mission to assist and bring changes to the needy school children in Ethiopia. We hope your financial support will be ongoing for the years to come in order to support us in our struggle to change one life at a time.

In Christ's Name, Tigest Asefa Children's Life Foundation



Watch the bulletin for information about Aftershock events. Activities will be scheduled during the summer.

- Coming Events:
- July 7 Wild Water West
  - July 17 Camping @ Split Rock Park - Ihlen
  - July 25-30 Pickerel Lake Camp Jr High
  - August 13 Picnic & Pool Party



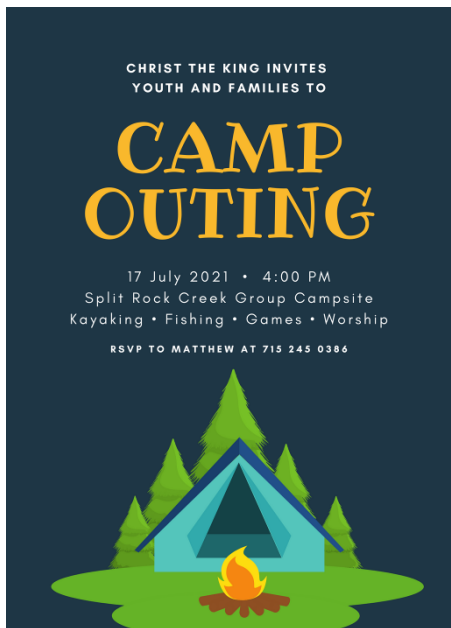
### Wednesday, July 7 2:45 PM to 9:00 PM

We will be joining FCC students (entering grades 6 -9) going to **Wild Water West** in Sioux Falls on **Wednesday, July 7.**

We will meet at FCC at 2:45 pm; the bus will be **leaving at 3** & arriving back around **9.**

The cost will be **\$10 per student** and will include access to the Wave Pool, Lazy River, Caribbean Falls, Go Karts, Bumper Boats, Mini Golf, Batting Cages, Sand Volleyball and more. You may bring your own food (must be left in the bus) or purchase from concession stands.

This is a great event to invite a friend to join; **you must let Pastor Matthew know** if your child is planning on attending along with any additional friends. Thank you



### We have reserved the group campsite at **Split Rock Creek State Park for July 17-18 4 PM.**

Youth and families are invited to come and experience the great outdoors. Activities will include kayaking, fishing, games, swimming, hiking, and good old campfire food! Sunday morning we will have a time of sharing and worship right at the campsite.

Bring your Bible, bedding, fishing pole (if you want to fish), and adventurous spirit. Families bring a tent. Youth will coordinate for tents. We will coordinate helpers to work together for activities like setup/ take down, food, games, music, etc.

**Please contact Pastor Matthew if interested or to RSVP!**

## Missionary of the Month:

Missionaries to Sierra Leone, Africa Josh & Ruthie Wagner; Elijah (8), Isaiah (6), Josiah (5), & Elizabeth (3)

The Wagner Family serves with Lutheran Bible Translators in Sierra Leone, working alongside the Themne people in Translation & Scripture Use!

Hi, CTK, Thank you for checking in! We are establishing good routines in this recovery period. We are in Northfield, MN, now. Kids just finished the school year. We are preparing for our annual week of ongoing training and meetings at LBT in Missouri in July.

I am in a pain rehabilitation program at Mayo as they treat my condition and teach me how to live with chronic pain. Praise God that they finally got my headaches and chronic migraine under control!!! Josh is working with LBT for next steps with both work and his study program. The Themne project is doing very well and just finished consultant-checking the book of Ezekiel! Thank you for your support. - Ruthie The following is an excerpt from their newsletter

Though I (Ruthie) am on short-term disability, I can monitor their progress and activities from our home in Northfield. Our LBT colleague in Sierra Leone, Amy Formella, has agreed to help advise the project in my absence. Despite many health challenges last year, much of my time was spent in training and working with the team to work independently from outside involvement.

Josh traveled to Sierra Leone in the spring, we continue to work remotely, Josh studies and writes.

The good news is that Ruthie is doing much better than when we returned in February. She is now out of bed more often than in bed and is able to keep up with the kids and house on most days. After months of appointments, we've understood that compounding traumas and infections triggered flares of migraines and neurological symptoms and pain. She has received diagnoses of both Fibromyalgia and PTSD. Her migraines and pain are still constant, but her doctors and therapist have helped control the pain in order for her body to heal and recover.



### Prayer Concerns

- \* Our family as we adjust to changes, wait on the Lord, and seek healing.
- \* For relief and renewed strength for Ruthie.
- \* The Themne team as they work on team-checking the book of Psalms.
- \* The Themne team as they individually study and draft Numbers, Isaiah, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, and Zechariah.
- \* LBT colleague Amy Formella as she helps with advising in Ruthie's absence.



### Children's Offering for July

**Plant a Grove of Trees** Gift: \$45

God promised Israel that He would "multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine" (Ezekiel 36:30). In drought-stricken regions, poor soil conditions make it difficult for farmers to earn a living and produce enough food for their families.

For \$45, Samaritan's Purse can supply 30 seedlings to a farming family that will help prevent erosion, enrich the soil, and produce abundant food for years to come. This tangible expression of God's love opens doors for us to share the Good News with families in countries like Kenya and South Sudan.





<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage! Psalm 33:12 (ESV)

Altar Guild  
All Altar Guild

Money Counters/  
Trustees  
Dave Sutherland  
Jim Gawerecki

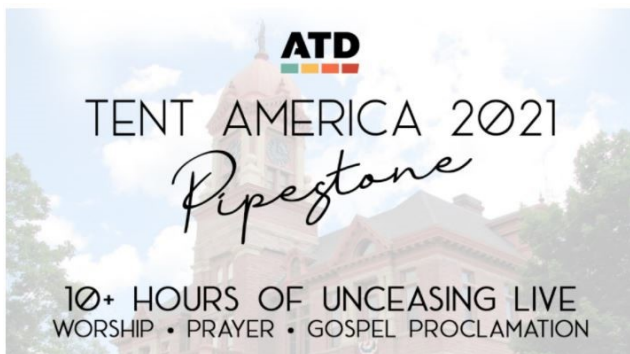
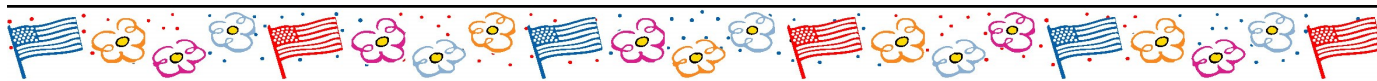
Acolytes  
July 4 Tanner Thomson  
July 11 Alyssa Steuck  
July 18 Nickolas Bruns  
July 25 Trey Boelman

Family of the Week

July 4 Don & Barb Westerbur  
July 11 Laurie Westerbur  
July 18 Darron & Sheila Westfield; Marcus  
July 25 Merlin Westfield

Worship Leaders

July 4 Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Susan Parsley  
July 11 Matthew Amdahl, Jane Smith, Janelle Brockberg, Judy Steuck  
July 18 Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Jane Smith  
July 25 Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Lynn Hellie, Susan Parsley



Awaken the Dawn Ministries and Pipestone Area pastors are sponsoring:

**TENT AMERICA 2021**

**JULY 10 FROM 2:00 P.M. TO LATE EVENING.**

**PIPESTONE COUNTY COURTHOUSE LAWN. 416 S HIAWATHA AVE.**

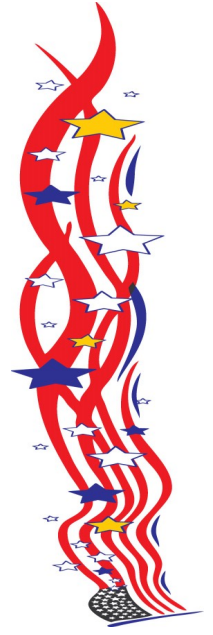
It will be a time of extended worship, prayer & scripture. Various churches will be participating in 50 minute time slots. Bring a lawn chair, Bible & a heart to worship.

**Come & go as you like.**

For more information: [murlick@icloud.com](mailto:murlick@icloud.com)

Awaken the Dawn website: [Awakenthedawn.com](http://Awakenthedawn.com)

# JULY



| Sunday  | Monday    | Tuesday                                | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday    | Saturday  |
|---|-----------|--|--|---|-----------|---|
|   |           |  |  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  |
|   |           | Pastor Tim & Cindy on Vacation June 24 |  | July 4  |           |   |
| <b>4</b><br>God Bless America<br>9:00 AM Worship Service & Live Stream<br>5:30 PM Bible Study @ CTK   | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br>1 PM Quilters              | <b>7</b><br>3 - 9 PM Wild Water West middle school | <b>8</b><br>7: PM Trustee Meeting                     | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>9:30 AM Berg/Gourley Bridal Shower<br>2:00 PM Tent America |
| <b>11</b><br>9:00 AM Worship Service & Live Stream<br>5:30 PM Bible Study @ CTK   | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b>                              | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b><br>7: PM Elders @ CTK                       | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br>4: PM Campout @ Split Rock Park - Ihlen                    |
| <b>18</b><br>9:00 AM Worship Service & Live Stream<br>10:15 AM Youth Parents Meet<br>5:30 PM Bible Study @ CTK<br><b>Messenger Articles Due</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b>                              | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>   |
| <b>25</b><br>9:00 AM Worship Service & Live Stream<br>5:30 PM Bible Study @ CTK   | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b>                              | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b><br>2-5 PM CTK Serves @ Pipestone Food Shelf | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b>   |
|   |           |  | Pickerel Lake Camp Jr High July 25-30              |   |           |   |



July