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Associate Pastor Matthew Pillman

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:57-58)

With the 4th of July come memories of my favorite summer job. My siblings and I would start work at 5:30am each morning Monday-Saturday to help with picking, supervising, and selling juicy, ripe strawberries. 12+ hours of work each day in the sun was tiring, but it hardly felt like work (one of my brothers loves it so much he bought the farm).

Why did we love working at the strawberry field so much? Two answers: our employer and the customers. The owner of the farm was a great employer. He cared for his employees and in return we loved working for him. The customers also were wonderful. They frequently raved over the taste and quality of the berries. They appreciated the hard work that went into a bountiful harvest.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, you are laborers in God's field. Paul exhorts blood-bought saints in Corinth to "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord..." There is a great work that God has given to His people. NT Wright explains the God-given work in this way:

Every act of love, gratitude and kindness; every work of art or music inspired by the love of God and delight in the beauty of his creation; every minute spent teaching a severely handicapped child to read or to walk; every act of care and nurture, of comfort and support, for one's fellow human beings and for that matter one's fellow non-human creatures; and of course every prayer, all Spirit-led teaching, every deed that spreads the gospel, builds up the church, embraces and embodies holiness rather than corruption, and makes the name of Jesus honored in the world—all of this will find its way, through the resurrecting power of God, into the new creation which God will one day make. (Surprised by Hope, p. 208)

Here is my prayer: that God would abound His work through me and through you. The word "abound" carries the idea of going over and above. It is the overflow. An imperfect comparison is our work at the strawberry farm. Our abundance of work (sometimes 75 hours a week) was an overflow of love for our employer and the customers we served.

Why do you serve your Savior? If you are doing it out of obligation or trying to please God, you will tire quickly and fail! But if you serve the Lord out of love for all that He has done for you—His death, resurrection, gift of eternal life, daily provision, etc.—you will be able to abound in the work of the Lord. Paul puts it this way in 2 Corinthians 9:8 "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

If you serve the Lord in the congregation or community, be encouraged. Your labor is not in vain. No matter how insignificant or unrecognized you feel, know that everything done in the name of the Lord has eternal impact. If you are considering how you can serve, don't be afraid to ask!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(2 Corinthians 13:14) Abounding in the work of the Lord, Pastor Matthew

********************************** SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Pressure Points

July 3 Effective Prayer James 5:13-20 **Pastor Matthew**



ASSURANCE...

July 10 of Salvation 1 John 5:11-15 Pastor Tim

1 Corinthians 10:6-13 Pastor Tim July 17 of Victory

July 24 of Forgiveness 1 John 1:5-2:2 Pastor Matthew

July 31 of Guidance Proverbs 3:1-10 Pastor Tim

Scripture Memorization and Meditation for the Strong of Heart and for the Faint of Heart

Memorizing and meditating on the Scriptures help us to read more slowly. Don't we want to read quickly? Some books we do want to read quickly; other books we want to read slowly to ponder and consider deeply what is being said. Let us meditate on Ephesians 4:1-7 to illustrate this. We could easily read this section of God's Word quickly. Maybe we are reading through the whole Epistle to the Ephesians and want to get through as much as we can in one session. Today, let's be slow readers.

- 1) Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,
- 2) with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love,
- 3) being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- 4) There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;
- 5) one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- 6) one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.
- 7) But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Notice the unity we have through the Holy Spirit in our calling in Christ in verses 1-3. How are we to practice that unity? In verses 4-6 how many descriptions of our unity are given? Next, where do you see the Holy Trinity in this section? What order are the three persons of the Trinity mentioned? What order do we normally list them? Last, as we go to verse 7 we are told that each believer is given spiritual gifts (one or more), but in the gifting by the Holy Spirit there are a variety of gifts given to the Church. (Compare also 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, and 1 Peter 4 for more gifts.)

In this race of life we run, when it comes to God's Word, don't sprint. We are running a marathon.

Your brother in Jesus. Pastor Dave Nelson Cash Basis Balance Sheet

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church Financial Report As of May 31, 2022

Revenue / Expenditures

	May 31, 22		May 22
ASSETS		Revenue	
		Building and Grounds	260.00
Checking/Savings		Discipleship	15.00
Bank Total		General Revenue	20,689.01
Building		Outreach Revenue	5,605.85
Building Fund Account	3,166.09	Total Revenue	26,569.86
Total Building	3,166.09	Expenditures	
General Total		Building & Grounds	1,054.02
General	46,028.60	Conferences/Meetings	35.00
Truth Help	278.93	Discipleship Expenditures	427.99
Total General Total	46,307.53	Family Support	29.82
Outreach		Misc.	1,145.40
20% Offering	5,115.10	Office	327.67
Children's Mission Offering	165.75	Outreach Disbursement	
Thrivent	1,432.41	20 %Outreach	7,193.35
Total Outreach	6,713.26	Banquet	1,000.00
Share And Care	1,248.05	Samaritan's Purse	298.60
Special Accounts		Special Outreach	325.00
Local Outreach Ministry	7,623.71	Total Outreach Disbursement	8,816.95
Church Missions	1,493.74	Payroll Expenditures	16,566.39
Marriage Ministry	307.98	Share And Care	9.99
Scholarship	322.26	Youth	973.18
VBS	425.00	Total Expenditures	29,386.41
Youth	10,503.93	Net Revenue (Deficit)	(2,816.55)
Total Special Accounts	20,676.62		
Total Bank Total	78,111.55		
Total Checking/Savings	78,111.55		
TOTAL ASSETS	78,111.55		



Trustee Meeting Minutes Christ The King Free Lutheran Church June 13, 2022 7 PM

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

Also Present: Collene Landgren, Pastor Tim, Denis Parsley

Absent: Pastor Matthew, Mike Morgan

President David Sutherland called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Pastor Tim with reading from Ezekiel 36 beginning with verse 24. God's people were blaspheming so God allowed them to be overrun by their enemies. God promised to restore them and fill them with His spirit and would cleanse them. God announced His grace and His people turned back to Him. Pastor Tim opened in prayer. Marcine Olsen will lead devotions in July.

Elders' Consultation: The elders didn't have a report. **The Treasurer's report** for May was presented. As the date of the meeting changed, Mike Morgan submitted a written memo with the other reports. 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 Brandie H. Motion carried.

Outreach; Heather D. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Morgan M. Motion carried.

AFLC \$ 815.10 Food Shelf \$ 300. Atlas for Life \$ 200. CRU-Jeff \$ 500. CRU-Paul \$ 500. CRU-Steele \$ 100. Brazil Student \$ 100. Alpha Center \$ 300. PAS \$ 100. Kvale's (Wycliffe) \$ 500. Children's Life \$ 200. Intern Account \$ 500. Abel \$ 100. Lost Timber \$ 300. Ankeny Church Plant \$ 500 Lake Benton Food Shelf \$ 100 Lisa Masica to help as she lost everything to a house fire \$ 500.

The secretary's report from the May 4, 2022 meeting was presented. Jim O. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim G. Motion carried.

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:

Youth Ministry: 6 or 7 youth went to Thunder Road following serving at the Banquet.

Family Ministry: Pastor Tim reported. CTK served the evening meal at the Banquet. Approximately 305 were served with 18 volunteer from CTK. An ice cream social is being planned for July. VBS is scheduled for July 17-21. A movie night is being planned for August.

Pastors' Report:

Pastor Tim: Submitted a report for his activities for the last month. Pastor Tim reported the men's breakfast on Friday mornings will stop for the summer and will begin in the fall. 15 attended the Men's Night Out on June 10. A Men's retreat is being planned for August 19-21. Pastor Tim requested for the church to pay for the cost of the camp and for the meals. The trustees agreed CTK will cover the cost of the camp grounds of \$260. The men

attending pay for their meals.

Pastor Tim informed the trustees that Sam Willard will be ordained on June 19 at King of Glory in Shakopee, MN and thought it would be nice to have some flowers sent in recognition. The trustees agreed and Collene will order flowers not to exceed \$100.

Pastor Matthew submitted a written report of activities for the last month.

Old Business: North door in sanctuary: Jim O. reported he is waiting for estimates. He will contact Viking Glass in Sioux Falls for a bid.

Parking lot repair: The project has been completed. Thanks Jim G.

Railing on steps by piano: Jim O.

Landscaping around church: Ginger McNickle is working on a design and will submit an estimate.

Ankeny Account: Denis Parsley requested permission from President Dave S. to address the trustees. Denis shared concerns about the church plant project. He feels there could be an improvement on communicating with the congregation on the residency and potential church plant. Denis asked about the name of the bank account and feels it is inaccurate being called the Ankeny Church Plant as the money is really being used to pay for Pastor Matthew's residency program. The money being collected now will not be going to Ankeny, IA church plant until Pastor Matthew's residency has been completed and it has been determined by his senior pastor, Matthew Ballman, the Home Missions board, and a group from CTK that starting a church would be a good fit for him. The Trustees thanked Denis for coming and sharing his thoughts and will discuss the possibility of changing the name on the account.

The Ankeny advisory board suggested a credit card be applied for the Ankeny account. The trustees decided not to apply for a credit card and that Pastor Matthew submit receipts for reimbursement for ministry expenses.

New Business:

Research Committee recommendations: A report was submitted. The committee recommends CTK hire a full time Youth and Family Director. Pastor Tim recommends the search committee consists of people with children/youth at home. Several names were suggested.

Request time off: Collene L. requested time off the

beginning of August, not sure which dates yet. Heather D. moved to approve, seconded by Brandie H. motion carried.

Building Insurance quotes: tabled

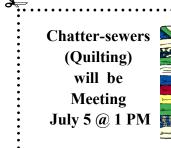
Jim G. moved to adjourn, seconded by Heather D. Dave S. adjourned the meeting and Pastor Tim closed in prayer.

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



- 1 Jim Woelber
- 2 Christie Swanson
- 3 Blanche Quincey
- Clifford Rupp 4
- Jessie Carlson 4
- 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
- Lisa Masica 18
- 20 Laurie Bruns
- 20 Joanne Griebel
- 21 Jon Stangeland
- 22 Michael Brockberg
- Diana Uilk 24
- 26 **Ruby Carlson**
- 27 Tami VanderPlaats
- 27 Adlee Woitaszewski
- 30 Kyle DeWilde
- 30 Jodi Haag
- 30 Cole Paulson
- 31 Donna Berg

Pastor Tim & Cindy will be on vacation June 23 - July 3











TBD 7:00 PM @ CTK



Youth Ministry

Sunday, July 10

10:15 AM

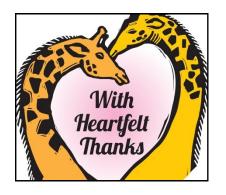


Tuesday, July 26 7:00 PM





Men's Retreat @ Lost Timber Bible Camp outside of Chandler, MN August 19-21. Lost Timber has hiking trails, spring fed fishing pond with crappies, perch & sunfish, campfires, room for all kinds of fun surrounded by woods. Meals, Lodging provided with Special Speaker, Seth Forness. Sign-up on table by drinking fountain.



Dear CTK Family,

Our '21-22 school year has come to an end and we truly saw our Lord move Int'l students' lives to His great name. Your church family's partnership w/our steps of faith cannot be appreciated enough. We did this TOGETHER!!

In Christ. Jeff & Marci Scholten

A special thank you to those who took time to represent Christ the King Free Lutheran Church at the Banquet on June 8. Here is a summary of their visit: Christ the King sponsored the evening meal at The Banquet in Sioux Falls on Wednesday June 8. 18 volunteers from CTK prepped and served 305 meals. Thanks to those who helped. It was a very rewarding experience.

Dear Christ the King Church

Thank you for the flowers and all the well wishes for my Ordination.

- Pastor Sam Willard

CTK Lutheran Church

Thank you for supporting my overseas mission trip this summer!

I appreciate your generosity and prayer support for our ministry team.

Thank You Esther Nelson

JULY 13 ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Social 6:46-7:15

(Harmon Park Shelter).

Kickball FOR

THOSE INTERESTED

Pool Open until 7

Bring a FRIEND or



Painting Service Project - Sunday, July 10

A friend of our congregation needs assistance painting his trailer. We will proceed to the trailer court immediately after Sunday morning worship. Please let Pastor Matthew know if you are able to help.

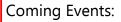
Awaken the Dawn Tent - Saturday, July 30

Pipestone community is invited to come and experience 12 hours of live worship, prayer and gospel proclamation noon -midnight. We will gather under a tent on the Pipestone Courthouse Lawn to proclaim Jesus Christ. Bring your own chairs. Come & go as your schedule allows.



Watch the bulletin for information about Aftershock events.

Activities will be scheduled during the summer.



July 10 Youth Parents Meet

July 10 - 15 Pickerel Lake Camp Jr High

July 13 Ice Cream Social & Swim Night

July 17-21 VBS





VBS 2022 July 17-21 6— 8:30 PM Mark your calendars to Join the adventure! On a Roll With God! Ready to cook up some fun?

Get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls into the neighborhood for the summer's biggest party! Children will learn to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread." These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God — and that it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met. For questions or more information contact Brandie Hulstein or the church office or see the church website at ctkpipestone.com. Pre-registration is not required.

Adult VBS July 17-21

Using the Orality Method of studying Jesus' miracles from the Gospel of John. Pastor Tim & Pastor David Nelson will lead using a method that several missionaries in Africa are successfully using to teach Scripture. This is a simple, fun and memorable way of studying and learning Scripture. Tentative time is 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.



Missionary of the Month:

Missionaries with They Need the Bible: Andrew & Alexis Olson; Mariah, Selah, Eliana

We are the founders of They Need the Bible. It's our passion to see people of every language with the Bible, and the tools they need to know God, and the saving gospel of Jesus Christ.

We believe Every language should have John 3:16 at a minimum.

The Gospel is for all people. Put simply, They Need the Bible.

Fun Facts:

- We served among the Kerewe people of Tanzania from 2017-2022.
- Our three girls are homeschooled
- Alexis and Andrew are both computer gamers
- We really like spending our vacation time at the beach
- The girls are slightly addicted to Cold Stone Ice cream

Andrew: I grew up in the suburbs of Minneapolis, Minnesota. When I was 13, I lived in Tanzania with my family for a year. While there, I noticed that God had gifted me with a love for language learning. My calling into missions grew stronger as I attended Bible School and Seminary. One of my life goals is to learn to say John 3:16 in 20 languages.

Alexis: I grew up in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Marion, North Carolina. I first felt God's calling to missions when I was twelve as I read Amy Charmichael's biography. When I was 18, I lived in Uganda with my family for a year. While I was there, I met Andrew at our house church. One of my life goals is to visit all 50 states.

A Team for every Language We use innovative 21st century methods to build relationships with Bible-less people groups. Using available technologies, we can meet people from around the world, and organize passionate individuals into high performance teams through training and education.



Prayer Concerns

- * language learning
- * safety in travel
- * good health and provisions
- * wisdom in going forward with They Need the Bible
- * the people groups waiting for John 3:16 to be translated to their language
- * revival in Africa

National Language Resources We also create Bible resources that encourage the growth of God's kingdom on a national level. This includes subtitles for Christian film, Bible Study materials, and the translation of Christian books and Study Bible notes.

Mariah: I enjoy playing with Selah. I love having a little sister. I like to play Minecraft in my spare time.

Selah: I love eating African foods, like porridge, Fries & Egg, and Rice with Beans!

Eliana: I like listening to my sisters. I love seeing their funny faces. My name means "God hears".





Children's Offering for July

The Banquet in Sioux Falls, SD.

Our mission is to provide a welcoming place where people can gather, receive

THE BANQUET nourishment and experience love in action, and to assist volunteers in providing food and fellowship to those served through the ministry of The Banquet.

The Banquet meal ministry was founded in 1985 starting with just one meal per week. We now serve 16 meals per week at two locations. CTK served at The Banquet on June 8.



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

Gene Bouw

Acolytes

July 3 Tanner Thomson

July 10 Alyssa Steuck

July 17 Nickolas Bruns

July 24 Caden Bruns

July 31 Lauren Steuck

Greeters / Family of the Week

July 3 Karen Halbersma

July 10 Mike & Lynn Hellie

July 17 Rich & Kathy Hess

July 24 Charles & Carolyn Hoffman

July 31 Justin & Ashley Hoheisel; Kolton, Lincoln, Everly

Nursery

July 3 Amy Steuck

July 10 Marcine Olsen

July 17 Ashley Hoheisel

July 24 Alyssa Steuck

July 31 Amy Steuck

Sound Tech

July 3 Alan Warner

July 10 Kyle DeWilde

July 17 Dave Sutherland

July 24 Alan Warner

July 31 Kyle DeWilde

Ushers

Myles Zephier:

Connor & Cayden



Worship Leaders

July 3 Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Jane Smith, Susan Parsley

July 10 Bill Steuck, Dawn Sutherland, Irene Warner, Judy Steuck

July 17 Praise Band: Sheila Westfield, leader

July 24 Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Charlie Hoffman, Susan Parsley

July 31 Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Julia Pillman, Jane Smith





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Friday Saturday

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