



CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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"By faith Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward" (Hebrews 11:24-26, ESV).

Did you catch whom Moses chose to be associated? Did you notice what he considered greater than the pleasures of sin? Did you see what he was looking forward to? If you're like me, you may have to re-read the above verses.

Moses chose to be with the people of God. Were they a perfect people? Not at all. Read the Exodus and you will see a people that complain, that show a lack of faith and that can be stubborn. Hmmm. They were very similar to us. Yet, Moses wanted to be with them because they were the people of God.

Joel Webbon of Acts29.com writes,

Many people view churches as an unnecessary, or even manipulative, institution not particularly valuable for spiritual growth or personal well-being. This mindset has only increased in our post-modern and post-Christian culture. Because of this, joining a church is one of the most counter-cultural things a person can do.

Becoming a church member means leaving behind the comfort of individualism and voluntarily allowing yourself to be bound to others. It is a beautiful picture of the Gospel. And we do this because Jesus joyfully left behind his comfort and bound himself to us.

How could Moses choose to bind himself to be mistreated with the people of God and leave behind the pleasures of sin? Because, according to Hebrews 11, he considered the reproach of Christ greater than the treasure of Egypt (the world). Somehow, each of us has got to come to that place where walking in the shadow of the cross or walking with Christ is not only our priority, but our pleasure.

Early in my ministry as a pastor, in the midst of frustration and even depression, I prayed, "God, help me find my joy in You." I continue to pray that prayer today and it is continually being answered. I knew that consistent, true joy would not be found in this world or in the things of this world and yet, I found myself seeking the fleeting joy of the world. Nehemiah 8:10 kept running through my mind, "... the joy of the Lord is your strength." So, I prayed for it every day.

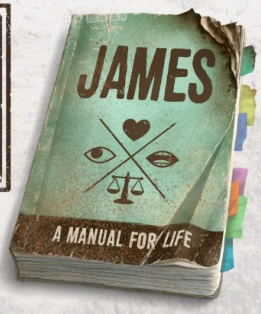
The result was that I found more and more joy in Christ and more and more love for His church. Sure, we can complain, show a lack of faith and be stubborn, but we are the body of Christ. We can learn from one another. We can learn about ourselves and God's great work in each of us.

It's interesting how each person has a story. Let's get to know one another's story this summer. Go out for coffee or meet at a park or find some way to connect with the people of the church. According to Scripture, there is a reward for such connectedness. As Jesus bound Himself to us, let us bind ourselves to one another and even consider taking advantage of the various opportunities/activities that CTK offers this summer.

Bind us together Lord! Pastor Tim



PRESSURE POINTS



A Sermon Series from the Book of James
Pressure is nothing new. James, the half-brother of Jesus, wrote to Jewish Christians in the first century who faced intense pressure. They had been dispersed because of persecution, and they faced increasing pressure to let faith live only in their heads instead of being evidenced in their lives. James challenged these first

believers to let pressure push them deeper in their journey with Jesus. He invites all believers to open their lives to the truth of God's Word and learn how to deal positively with pressure points.

June 5	Bridling Tongue	James 3:1-18	Pastor Matthew
June 12	Conquering Conflict	James 4:1-17	Pastor Tim
June 19	Forgiving Patience	James 5:1-11	Pastor Tim
June 26	To Be Determined	TBD	Pastor David Nelson

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

“How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night.” Psalm 1:1-2

What is meditation? Generally our culture speaks of meditation in the eastern sort rather than the the Scriptural style. Eastern meditation is emptying your mind, while sometimes focusing on a key word or sound. Scriptural meditation is to focus and fill your mind with the Word of God or to consider the character or attributes of God as revealed in Scripture. For example, Ephesians 2:1 and 4 we have two contrasting phrases: “you, being dead in your trespasses and sins” and then, “But God, being rich in mercy...” The human condition by nature is very desperate—we are spiritual dead; we are cutoff from our Creator. We were without hope and without God. What do we learn about God. He is merciful. How wonderful that is for us. But not only is God merciful, but He is RICH IN MERCY. If mercy was shown in the form of coins God is so wealth that He could place them in tall stacks, one upon another. Do sinners like us need mercy and forgiveness? Yes, we do! Does God have enough mercy for each one of us? Yes, He does! He is rich in mercy! Ponder that. Meditate on that. Share that with someone who is desperate to find that out.

A friend from seminary could quote long passages of Scripture. He told me that he didn't try to memorize any of it. He would read passages over and over and mediate on each word, phrase, and sentence. The recollection followed meditation. Dear brother or sister in Christ, my chief goal is that you would read and meditate on the Word of God. If your memory is not as good as you would like it to be (as is true for me!) you will still benefit from your time in God's Word. I don't want us to do this just for the intellectual challenge. Rather I seek a spiritual benefit for you and for others.

Are you still with me? If so, I am honored that we are in this challenge together. What has gone well for you? What has been most challenging? What insight have you gained from your meditation on the Holy Scriptures? Are you willing to share anything you have gone through studying through Ephesians and / or the process of memorization? If so, would you mind if I shared it with the congregation? I could leave your name off, if you prefer. Thanks for your encouragement!

Let us together meditate “in His law...day and night.” Pastor David Nelson



On June 5
Sunday worship
will begin at
9:00 AM

Cash Basis
Balance Sheet

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

Revenue / Expenditures

	<u>Apr 30, 22</u>		<u>Apr 22</u>
ASSETS		Revenue	
Checking/Savings		Building and Grounds	100.00
Bank Total		Discipleship	755.00
Building		General Revenue	34,616.94
Building Fund Account	2,906.09	Outreach Revenue	9,589.95
Total Building	2,906.09	Total Revenue	45,061.89
General Total		Expenditures	
General	44,480.71	Building & Grounds	857.69
Truth Help	278.93	Discipleship Expenditures	1,356.67
Total General Total	44,759.64	Family Support	44.09
Outreach		Misc.	328.17
20% Offering	8,618.35	Office	801.85
Children's Mission Offering	298.60	Outreach Disbursement	
Thrivent	1,432.41	20 %Outreach	3,824.60
Total Outreach	10,349.36	Samaritan's Purse	253.30
Share And Care	1,248.05	Special Outreach	1,037.99
Special Accounts		Total Outreach Disbursement	5,115.89
Local Outreach Ministry	7,623.71	Payroll Expenditures	18,072.12
Church Missions	1,493.74	Youth	63.37
Marriage Ministry	307.98	Total Expenditures	26,639.85
Scholarship	322.26	Net Revenue	18,422.04
Youth	11,203.93		
Total Special Accounts	20,951.62		
Total Bank Total	80,214.76		
Total Checking/Savings	80,214.76		
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>80,214.76</u></u>		



Giving to the Ankeny Church Plant can be made by check or scheduled online (www.ctkpipestone.com/ankeny). Make checks out to Christ the King and memo "Ankeny Church Plant".

If you plan to give monthly or would like monthly prayer emails, please fill out a partnership card in the foyer!

Trustee Minutes Christ The King Free Lutheran Church
May 4, 2022 7:00 pm

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

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

President David Sutherland called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Gene Bouw with reading from Daniel 6:11-13. There seems to be a war against the Christian church and we need to remain strong in our faith. Jesus has overcome the world. Gene B. opened in prayer. Marcine Olsen will lead devotions in June.

Elders' Consultation: Wayne Smith reported for the elders. The elders recommended CTK complete a church survey about getting to know your church. People attending CTK will be asked to complete the online survey which takes approximately 45 minutes to complete. There is no cost to the church. There will be information put in mailboxes and an email set out. Introduction of the survey will begin May 15.

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

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

Outreach was discussed; Jim G. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Laurie B. Motion carried.

AFLC \$ 1,543.35 Food Shelf \$ 100. ARC \$ 300. CRU-Jeff \$ 500. CRU-Paul \$ 500. Steele \$ 100. Brazil Student \$ 100. Abels \$ 100. Atlas \$ 200. Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500. Alpha Center \$ 300. Children's Life \$ 200. Intern Account \$ 500. San Antonio Church \$ 100. PAS Wellness Room \$100. Brielle Kulm (Mission Trip) \$ 250.00 VBS \$ 425. Miriam Home \$ 200. Lost Timber \$ 300. Parenting Speaker (ATLAS) \$ 200. Ankeny Church Plant \$ 500. Salvation Army \$ 200. Tree House Ministry \$ 200. Lake Benton Food Shelf \$ 200. The Banquet \$ 1,000.00

The secretary's report from the April 7, 2022 meeting was presented. Jim G. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim O. Motion carried.

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:

Youth Ministry: The Bigger Better Party with FCC is May 4.

Family Ministry: Pastor Tim reported. The Sunday School picnic is May 15 with lunch following the

worship service and games to follow. June 8 CTK will be serving the evening meal at the Banquet. July 12 will be an ice cream social at Harmon Park. VBS is scheduled for July 17-21.

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 start May 6. A men's night out is being planned for June 10. Pastor Tim reminded the trustees Living Word has asked the district to help fill their pulpit for the summer. Pastor Matthew is scheduled for two Sundays and Pastor Tim is scheduled for one.

Pastor Matthew submitted a report for activities for the last month. Pastor Matthew is with the youth group at the Bigger Better party.

Old Business:

North door in sanctuary: Jim O. reported he is waiting for estimates.

Parking lot repair: Jim G. reported Fuller Paving submitted an estimate. Jim G. moved to approve option 1 clean the lot, prepare, and sealcoat the lot for \$17,382.72. Seconded by Jim O. motion carried.

VBS Update: Brandie H. reported VBS will be July 17-21.

Worship Software: Heather D. moved, seconded by Brandie H. to pay for a year subscription for ISingWorship software and will use Thrivent funds. Motion carried.

Headset Microphone: Received a quote of \$299.99 from Verum. Morgan moved to purchase, seconded by Heather D. motion carried.

New Business:

Railing on steps by piano: Tabled, will check it.

Landscape by entry: Will check with Ginger M. for suggestions.

Spray around building for bugs: Brandie H will talk to Justin about it.

Fellowship hall: Lori Williams requested the use of the fellowship hall for grad party for Jacie on May 22. Jim G. moved to approve, seconded by Brandie H. motion carried.

Making payments from Ankeny account: Tabled

Other: Morgan M. suggested having the online giving link or information projected during offering time.

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}



Chatter-
sewers
(Quilting)
will meet
June 7
at 1:00 p.m.



- 1 Steve Kvale
- 2 Rose Beck
- 5 Daniel Minet
- 5 Benjamin Pillman
- 9 Munro McNickle
- 9 Pat Woelber
- 10 Jeremy Bush
- 11 Saul Carlson
- 11 Lydia Brockberg
- 13 David Brockberg
- 14 Duane Stratton
- 15 Erv Scholten
- 15 Lori Williams
- 17 Jim Otter
- 17 Gary Greenhoff
- 17 Casey Wilson
- 18 William DeZeeuw
- 20 Judy Steuck
- 21 Caden Bruns
- 22 Barb Westerbur
- 22 Dawn Sutherland
- 23 Darrell Severeid
- 23 Myles Zephier
- 25 Caleb Haag
- 26 Parker Gilbery
- 26 Cammie Haag
- 26 Melissa Zephier
- 27 Cassie Woitaszewski
- 28 Kathy Hess
- 29 Hailey Goebel
- 30 Chuck Schaap



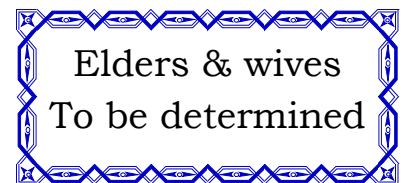
Youth Parents
will meet
June 12
Following
the service



June 19

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

June 19



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



Join CTK in being the hands and feet
of Jesus by serving at

The Banquet on Wednesday, June 8.

The Banquet provides meals for the needy in
Sioux Falls on a daily basis.

8 people are needed from 2-5 PM for preparing the meal
25 are needed at 5:15 - 8:00 PM. to serve and clean up.

For more information or to sign up see the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Let one of the pastors or the office know if interested in car pooling.



PLEASE NOTE: You must wear regular shoes.

Absolutely no open toe shoes allowed!!

#LoveTheBanquet



Christ the King serves

June 9 2-5 PM

at the Pipestone Food Shelf.

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



MEN'S NIGHT OUT – FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 6-8 PM @ CTK

Men (16 and older) are invited to enjoy some time together around a supper meal, some fish stories by Dean Lueck (avid walleye fisherman) and Jim Monk (avid Northern fisherman who makes his own lures) and a fishing devotion.

Please try to sign-up on the table (by water fountain) so we can better plan the meal.



Dear Quilter Ladies

Thank you for all of the prayers and support over the years. Thank you for the super cool quilt that I will bring with me to college.

Caden Kulm

AFLC Conference Information 2022

Hosted by the AFLC Schools
June 15 - 18, 2022

PRAY for the AFLC Annual Conference

*The AFLC would continue to uphold the inerrant Word of God and stand strong in the face of Spiritual warfare.

*Elections at the conference would be guided by the Holy Spirit.

*Safety for those attending.

Celebrating Sixty Years
**GOD REWARDS
THE FAITHFUL**
Hebrews 11:6



VBS 2022
July 17-21
Mark your calendars to
Join the adventure!
Watch for opportunities to
volunteer!

Adult VBS July 17-21 6:45-8:05 PM

(Pastor Tim will lead the class and will meet in the Youth Room. Bring your Bible.)

Men's Retreat • Lost Timber Bible Camp

(outside of Chandler, MN)

August 19-21 Friday evening – Sunday morning

Lost Timber has hiking trails, spring fed fishing/swimming pond (crappies, perch & sunfish), campfires, volleyball, basketball, soccer, room for all kinds of fun surrounded by lots of woods.

Meals, Lodging and a Special Speaker will be provided.

Watch for more details to come!



AFLC HOME MISSIONS

3110 E Medicine Lake Blvd
Plymouth, MN
763-412-2018
Homemis@aflc.org

05/18/2022

Dear friends at Christ the King Free Lutheran Church,

2 Corinthians 9:8-10 – “And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: ‘They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.’ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.”

The AFLC Home Missions Committee has unanimously voted to support Pastor Matthew Pillman during his residency program at Trinity San Antonio.

The committee has voted to supply up to \$25,000 in matching funds in order to assist Pastor Pillman in the various aspects of this residency. As such, funds will be released to Pastor Pillmann as they are matched by you, his sending congregation.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter to the AFLC Home Missions office by email: homemis@aflc.org, or by calling: 763-412-2018.

God's Blessings to you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn Mork". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Glenn Mork, on behalf of the AFLC Home Missions Committee
Chair, AFLC Home Missions Committee

After Shock

Acts 4:31

And when they had prayed,

UPcoming
EVENTS

Upcoming Dates to remember:

- ◆ June 8 The Banquet & Thunder Road
- ◆ June 12 Parents'/Board Meeting
- ◆ June 27-July 2 Sr High Pickerel Lake Camp
- ◆ July 12 Swim Night & Ice Cream Social
- ◆ July 17-21 VBS
- ◆ July 17-21 FLY Beyond
- ◆ July 25 - 30 Jr High Pickerel Lake Camp



Wednesday, June 8

Following serving

@ The Banquet

For more information
contact Pastor Matthew



Pickerel Lake Lutheran
BIBLE CAMP

Pickerel Lake Lutheran Bible Camp

is summer camp for youth who have finished grades 5-12. It is a week to build your relationship with Christ, unite with friends from camp, and make new friends. Registration cost is only \$75 and Christ the King youth ministry can help defray this cost. Ask Pastor Matthew for more details.

- Senior High week (grades 8-12) is June 26-July 1 (register by June 1)
- Junior High week (grades 5-7) is July 10-15 (register by June 12)

Brent and Emily Raan accepted the call as AFLC missionaries in 2016. They have made their home in Uganda, Africa with four growing children: Amalea, Sarala, Isaiah, and Amari.

There is so much to praise the Lord for. This past Sunday the Church celebrated the culmination of all of those things. Without the resurrection, there is no reason for worship. Let us take a minute and "exalt his name together!" Thank you, Lord!

These past two months have been a whirlwind! Here are some of the highlights:

We hosted a family of six, the Trost family, for six weeks and had the incredible privilege to show them around this beautiful country and introduce them to the things that God is doing here. They attended, and then even taught, both our classes in the market and in Paicho. Jared, who is a hydrologist, was very helpful as we pursued drilling a well. It was such an encouragement to have a family willing and able to come all the way here to live life and ministry with us.

We attempted to drill a well in one of Ambassador Institute's neediest districts. The people in this area walk (or bike) ten kilometers (more than six miles) each day one way for clean drinking water! However, (here comes the "lowlight" of the year so far) when drilled, the ground was dry. Please pray for the people of Nakasongala. Water is a daily battle for them. We are not giving up the pursuit for good and accessible water. This also takes time, prayer and discernment. May the God of Living Water lead us to the fresh, tangible water!

We "made one year", as they say here, in Gulu and got a cake to celebrate!

In Christ - Brent, Emily: Amalea, Sarala, Isaiah, and Amari



Prayer Requests:

- * The classes in Paicho on Saturdays and the one in the market on Mondays.
- * Brent and our friend, Frank, would be able to visit an unreached village.
- * We are planning to begin meeting with a few people for what we hope will be the start of a church plant here in Gulu. This Sunday will be our first time with this group. Pray for discernment and wisdom as we take this next step. Mostly, pray for God's word to be correctly taught and take root, both in our hearts and the hearts of our Acholi friends. We hope to have a longer update about this in our next newsletter. This is incredibly exciting for our family!
- * For our team, Nate & Rhoda Jore and Michael Rokenbrodt, as we all continue to seek the Lord's guidance while building relationships and seeking opportunities in our communities for church planting and Bible training.



ALL GOD'S CHILDREN
INTERNATIONAL

All God's Children International Adoption Agency

Every child deserves the love of a family. We are intervening for the world's 8 million orphans living in institutions. All God's Children International is an orphan care ministry dedicated to reaching out in love to the 8 million institutionalized orphans around the world.



“Well done, good and faithful servant.” [Matt 25:21](#)

Altar Guild

Jane Smith

Ushers

Pat Haag; Christopher,
Cameron, Caleb, Caden

Money Counters/ Trustees

Jim Gawerecki
Morgan McNickle

Greeters / Family of the Week

- June 5 Dan & Lynn Gorder
- June 12 Gary & JoLean Greenhoff
- June 19 Alvin & Joanne Griebel
- June 26 Pat & Jodi Haag; Caelyn, Cammie,
Christopher, Cameron, Caleb, Caden

Acolytes

- June 5 Keegan Otter
- June 12 Kenley DeWilde
- June 19 Jordan DeRuyter
- June 26 Kynslee Hulstein

Sound Tech

- June 5 Dave Sutherland
- June 12 Alan Warner
- June 19 Kyle DeWilde
- June 26 Dave Sutherland



Nursery

- June 5 Marcine Olsen
- June 12 Amy Steuck
- June 19 Ashley Hoheisel
- June 26 Alyssa Steuck

Worship Leaders

- June 5 Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Susan Parsley
- June 12 Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Jane Smith
- June 19 Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Judy Steuck
- June 26 Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Susan Parsley

June



Sunday

Monday





Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship Time			1 CTK serves at The Banquet	2 2-5 PM CTK Serves @ Food Shelf 7 PM Trustees Meet	3 8 AM Men's Breakfast @CTK Pastor Tim & Cindy vacation June 3 & 4	4 8 AM Men's Breakfast @CTK
5 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship Time	6 1 PM Quilters 6:30 PM Family Ministry Meets	7 1 PM Quilters 6:30 PM Family Ministry Meets	8 CTK serves at The Banquet	9 2-5 PM CTK Serves @ Food Shelf 7 PM Trustees Meet	10 8 AM Men's Breakfast @CTK 6: PM Men's Night Out	11 8 AM Men's Breakfast @CTK 6: PM Men's Night Out
12 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship Time Youth Parents Meet	13 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship Time Youth Parents Meet	14 	15 _____ AFLC Annual Conference _____	16 _____ AFLC Annual Conference _____	17 8 AM Men's Breakfast @CTK	18 8 AM Men's Breakfast @CTK
19  9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship Time Messenger Articles Due	20 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship Time Messenger Articles Due	21 	22 _____ AFLC Annual Conference _____	23 _____ AFLC Annual Conference _____	24 8 AM Men's Breakfast @CTK	25 8 AM Men's Breakfast @CTK
26 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship Time	27 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship Time	28 _____ Pastor Tim & Cindy vacation June 23-July 3 _____ _____ Pickarel Lake Camp June 27- July 2 _____	29 _____ Pastor Tim & Cindy vacation June 23-July 3 _____	30 _____ Pastor Tim & Cindy vacation June 23-July 3 _____	8 AM Men's Breakfast @CTK	