



CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival. (Psalm 42:1-4)

There has been a drought. Church has not stopped, but we have gone two and a half months (10 Sundays + 4 Lenten Services) without meeting for in-person worship. During this time, there have been two big questions swirling in my mind: (1) What is corporate worship? (2) Why do we long for it?



What is corporate worship?

At the time of this article, our church leaders are working to determine the steps that we should take to come back together for our Sunday morning worship service. Until our community was rocked by COVID-19 induced changes, we probably would have defined *corporate worship* based on the pattern of our Sunday morning worship service at 10:30am in the sanctuary. But what is *corporate worship*?

First, let's look at the idea of worship. The term *worship* is used frequently in the Old Testament. The Hebrew and Greek words literally refer to the act of bowing down. The Latin word (from which we get our English) literally means to show worth. In the case of a Christian, worship is ascribing worth to our God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. When Jesus spoke of worship to the woman at the well, He clearly defined worship not as a location (the temple in Jerusalem), but an attitude of the heart. He said, "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." Luther understood this when he said: "The worship of God . . . should be free at table, in private rooms, downstairs, upstairs, at home, abroad, in all places, by all people, at all times." (What Luther Says, vol. III, ed. by Ewald M. Plass, [St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1959], p. 1546)

Second, if worship is an attitude of the heart, why do we come together on Sundays? The word *corporate* literally refers to a body (think corpse). The church is the living body of Christ. This body of Christ is comprised of corpses that Jesus has brought back to life. A large part of the body's function is to join together for mutual praise to the Savior and encouragement. Our pattern for how this takes place is found in Acts 2:42 where the first church "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

Corporate worship is central to the function of the body, the Church. The Holy Spirit inspired the author of Hebrews to write: "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:25, ESV) Continued

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Why do we long for it?

Many of us grew up going to church “just because.” I distinctly remember my parents loading me up with my five siblings into our van and driving us 45 minutes to church. It was a family tradition. It was an expectation. In a way, it was an obligation. As I grew older, something began to change. Obligation turned to anticipation. Why?

Go back and read Psalm 42:1-4 at the beginning of this article. The soul of a believer longs (yes even thirsts) to be in the presence of the Lord. When we gather with other believers to hear the Word of God and sing praises to His name, our spiritual souls are filled. Just like our body longs for food each day, our soul thirsts for the spiritual nourishment of joining together with others under Biblical teaching and fellowship.

There is no replacement for corporate worship. We need the Lord’s presence in our lives. We need each other. As long as we are spiritually alive, our soul will “thirst for God, for the living God.”

Thirsting for God, Pastor Matthew

June SERMON SERIES

CHURCH Series

June 7	The Fellowship	Acts 4:32-37	Pastor Tim
June 14	The Warning	Acts 5:1-11	Pastor Tim

WISDOM Series



June 21	Wisdom’s Folly	1 Corinthians	1:10-17	Pastor Tim
June 28	Wisdom’s Power	1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5		Pastor Matthew
July 5	Wisdom’s Mystery	1 Corinthians 2:6-16		Pastor Matthew
July 12	Wisdom’s Maturity	1 Corinthians 3:1-23		Pastor Tim

Cash Basis
Balance Sheet

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church
Financial Report
As of April 30, 2020

Revenue / Expenditures

	<u>Apr 30, 20</u>		<u>Apr 20</u>
ASSETS		Revenue	
Current Assets		Building and Grounds	80.00
Bank Total		General Revenue	16,167.35
SBA Cares Acct	25,000.00	Outreach Revenue	4,579.93
Building		Total Revenue	<u>20,827.28</u>
Altar Guild	324.67	Expenditures	
Building Fund Account	7,036.09	Building & Grounds	1,024.42
Total Building	<u>7,360.76</u>	Discipleship Expenditures	195.00
General Total		Misc.	475.54
General	18,249.27	Office	216.31
Truth Help	308.09	Outreach Disbursement	
Total General Total	<u>18,557.36</u>	20 %Outreach	2,500.00
Outreach		PAS Wellness	100.00
20% Offering	5,175.13	Local Outreach MInistry	362.30
Thrivent	1,769.00	Pipestone Ministerial	6.43
Total Outreach	<u>6,944.13</u>	Samaritan's Purse	332.54
Share And Care	284.49	Total Outreach Disbursement	3,301.27
Special Accounts		Payroll Expenditures	19,150.43
Internship Fund	100.00	Prayer and Worship	6.19
Local Outreach Ministry	1,748.70	Share And Care	80.00
Church Missions	1,493.74	Youth	108.29
Marriage Ministry	307.98	Total Expenditures	<u>24,557.45</u>
Scholarship	322.26	Net Revenue (Deficit)	<u><u>(3,730.17)</u></u>
Youth	10,325.19		
Total Special Accounts	<u>14,297.87</u>		
Total Bank Total	<u>72,444.61</u>		
Total Checking/Savings	<u><u>72,444.61</u></u>		

Trustee Minutes Christ The King Free Lutheran Church
May 14, 2020 7:00 pm

Present: Dave Sutherland, Jim Otter, Brandie Hulstein, Laurie Bruns, Jim Gawerecki, Matthew Amdahl, Heather DeWilde, Morgan McNickle **Absent:** Bill VanderPlaats **Also Present:** Mike Morgan, Collene Landgren, Pastor Tim, Pastor Matthew. **President Jim Gawerecki** called the meeting to order. Social distancing was observed by only one person per table. Devotions were led by Matthew A. from a devotional by Charles Stanley based on Proverbs 3:5. We will try to analyze and control our situations and circumstances; it doesn't work. Proverbs 3:5 says we need to trust the Lord. Our view is limited, we need to humble ourselves under God and seek Him and then we will see His glorious work in our life. Matthew A. led in prayer. Bill V. will lead devotions in June.

Elders' Consultation: The Elders have been keeping contact with each other and those on the shut-in list or those in need by phone and are planning on meeting next week.

The Treasurer's report for April was presented. Dave S. moved, to accept treasure's report. Seconded by Brandie H. Motion carried.

Treasurer Mike Morgan explained the Cares Payroll Protection Plan. CTK applied for the PPP in the amount of \$ 25,000 and the loan was approved and disbursed April 21 to a special account set up by the First Bank. 75% of the total loan amount is to be paid to payroll and will be forgiven at the end of the loan period. April payroll would be included in this program. Dave S. moved, seconded by Laurie B. to approve transfer funds from the PPP account to the general account to cover payroll. June payroll will be issued before June 21 to be included in the Cares PPP 8-week time frame.

The Payment of bills, Heather D. moved to approve the bills, seconded by Matthew A. Motion carried.

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

AFLC \$ 375.13 Food Shelf \$ 100. Brazil Student \$ 100
CRU-Jeff \$ 500 Paul \$ 500 Tim & Sheila Steele \$ 100
CRU-Alpha Center \$ 300. Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500.00
Atlas for Life \$ 200.0 Children's Life 200. Share N Care \$ 300.
Matthew & Ednay Abel \$100. Local Outreach Ministry \$ 300.
San Antonio Church Plant \$ 100. PAS Wellness Room \$ 100.
The Banquet \$ 1,000. Lost Timber Camp \$ 100.
Intern Account \$ 100. Lake Bento Food Shelf \$ 100.

The secretary's report for the March 12, 2020 and April 7, 2020 meetings were presented. Laurie B. moved to approve the minutes from both meetings, seconded by Brandie H. Motion carried.

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:

Youth Ministry: Pastor Matthew reported for the Youth ministry: They have been holding regular Zoom meetings on Wednesday nights. It works for a temporary basis but isn't the same as meeting in person. Some outside activities are being planned.

Family Ministry: Has not meet since March.

Pastors' Report: **Pastor Tim** submitted a report of activities for the period March 13-May 14. Most of the time and connection has been through phone calls. Pastor Tim commended Pastor Matthew for the work he has been doing with setting up and making the live streaming of the worship service. He has been doing the majority of the technical work. The upcoming schedule will be May 24 & 31 will be a drive-in service. June 7

tentatively, will be the confirmation service. Pastor Tim asked for thoughts and ideas for beginning public in-person worship since that was part of the elders' agenda. Some ideas were opening the Fellowship Hall with live-stream in order to promote social distancing, have outdoor services over the summer, wrap the drinking fountain so it can't be used when we are gathering and not serving coffee and food.

Pastor Matthew submitted a report of activities for March -April, most of his time has been involved meeting and checking with people by phone. Pastor Matthew reported he will be trying out a used cable management system called a stagebox snake. This will help simplify set up and tear down for the drive in and outdoor services. Morgan M. moved seconded by Matt A. to purchase the used system for \$169.00. Motion carried.

Pastor Matthew requested a revision of his vacation time that was approved at the April meeting. He will be taking vacation time the following dates, June 17-20 and June 28-July 1.

Old Business:

Replace Door: The bottom sweep still needs to be adjusted
Roof: Jim G. reported there have been 4 bids submitted for the shingle project. After discussion a motion was made by Dave S. seconded by Jim O. to accept the bid from Wurscher Construction, Brookings SD for the amount of \$47,600. They will be using GAF Timberline shingles. Morgan M. abstained from voting. Motion carried. Morgan M. will contact Wurscher Construction and provide samples of shingles for Laurie B., Brandie H., and Heather D. to choose a color to order. Jim G. and Matthew A. will contact the bank about securing a loan for the shingle project and sign any necessary paperwork. An email will be sent to the members of the congregation informing them of the need to shingle the roof.

Flower Planters: Brandie H. will purchase flowers and plant them.

Serving at the Banquet: CTK will be providing funds, preparing, and serving the meal on June 16. The Banquet is requesting 6 people to prepare and 6 to 8 to serve the meal. A sign up sheet will be posted in the foyer.

New Business:

VBS: A letter was received from the Bible Collage informing us Summer teams will not be sent out to lead VBS this year due to the covid-19 virus situation. At this time CTK will cancel VBS and try to plan a game day event.

PC for live stream & presentation software: Pastor Matthew provided information to purchase a computer to facilitate live streaming of the worship service. It could also be used for the presentation software when we are worshiping in the sanctuary again. Matt A. moved to purchase the computer and software not to exceed \$900, seconded by Brandie H. motion carried. Funds will be used from the Thrivent account.

Stay At Home Order: The Stay at Home order has been replaced by the Stay Safe Minnesota order that continues to limit gatherings to 10 or less. More details are to be issued May 20. Plans will be discussed for resuming regular worship services. The church building will resume being open regular office hours.

Post cards are being sent to those members and regular attendees if we do not have an email address in our records. This is to announce schedule changes and upcoming events.

Denis Parsley offered to store the church bus in his machine shed at his farm. Thank you, Denis. Arrangements will be made for someone to take the bus out to the Parsley farm.

Heather D. moved to adjourn the meeting. Pastor Tim closed in prayer. Jim G. adjourned the meeting. Collene Landgren, recording secretary {Draft subject to approval by the trustees}

Minutes of CTK Joint Trustee & Elder Meeting May 28, 2020

Present: Trustees: Laurie Bruns, Heather DeWilde, Brandie Hulstein, Morgan McNickle, Jim Otter, Dave Sutherland, Jim Gawerecki Elders: Wayne Smith, Jason Steuck, Pat Haag

Also Present: Collene Landgren

President Jim Gawerecki called the meeting to order and requested Wayne Smith to open with prayer.

There was discussion on how to go forward with resuming worship services in the sanctuary. The Elders put together a statement at their May 21, 2020 meeting that was discussed and revised. This will be made available through email to the congregation and handed out at the worship service. Laurie B. will write up a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for Christ the King for continuing worship and for employees. Some of the recommendations for resuming worship were to have hand sanitizer available around the foyer, clean handles of doors, prop the doors open for services, the nursery will not be available during services, and remind people if they are high risk or not comfortable to utilize other options for worship. The other options include live stream at home, listen to the service using the car radio, or view the service on a personal device at ctkpipestone.com. It is important for people to realize there is the possibility of risk and if they are concerned it may be better for them to remain at home and worship using the live stream options. Worshiping in person is a voluntary action and left to the discretion of individuals.

Laurie B. made a motion to resume in-person worship services with the modifications to the recommendations of the elders and to have a covid plan in place. Seconded by Jim O. Motion carried.

The Elders left the meeting.

The Trustees continued to discuss the shingle project and the need to comply with the constitution of CTK for congregational approval to borrow funds for any reason. Due to the pandemic it would be difficult to hold a congregational meeting at this time and to include people who are at risk or have concerns to take part in a meeting. To prevent further damage to the building the shingle project needs to be completed soon.

Morgan M. moved, seconded by Brandie H. to send an email to voting members of CTK with instruction to reply within 10 days their vote for or against borrowing funds for the shingle project. A letter will be sent to those without an email address on file. Motion carried. The Trustees acknowledge this is not ideal but with the current events it will give the congregation the ability to vote and express any questions or concerns.

Heather D. moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Laurie B.

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



Starting June 7
Sunday service will
Begin at 9:00 A.M.
NOTE the Time Change!!!

Until further notice there will **NOT**
be a time coffee & fellowship



Father's Day
June 21



- 1 Steve Kvale
- 2 Rose Beck
- 5 Daniel Minet
- 6 Elliot Amdahl
- 9 Munro McNickle
- 9 Jarod Schiebout
- 9 Pat Woelber
- 10 Jeremy Bush
- 10 Brooke Manzey
- 11 Saul Carlson
- 12 Tessa Lueck
- 14 Duane Stratton
- 15 Erv Scholten
- 15 Lori Williams
- 17 Jim Otter
- 17 Gary Greenhoff
- 18 William DeZeeuw
- 20 Judy Steuck
- 20 Adi Altena
- 21 Caden Bruns
- 22 Barb Westerbur
- 22 Dawn Sutherland
- 23 Darrell Severeid
- 23 Candace Haag
- 23 Myles Zephier
- 24 Trase Lueck
- 25 Caleb Haag
- 26 Parker Gilbery
- 26 Cammie Haag
- 27 Melissa Zephier
- 27 Cassie Woitaszewski
- 28 Kathy Hess
- 29 Hailey Goebel
- 30 Chuck Schaap



Chatter-sewers (Quilting) will meet June 2 at 1:00 p.m.



June 21

NewsLetter
DEADLine

June 21

Elders & wives meet Thursday, June 25, 7:00 PM



Youth Ministry will not meet in June

FAMILY Ministry Will not meet in June



Ladies of CTK

The annual Salad Luncheon Will not be held this year due to the Stay Safe Minnesota issued by the governor.
Thank you for your participation in past fundraising events.



Dear CTK Congregation,
Thank you for the devotional and card. I also want to thank you all for everything that you have invested in me.
Sincerely, Christopher Sutherland


THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

We cannot even put to words how thankful we are to each one of you at CTK. Thank you for sacrificing your time and finances to invest in us over this past year. Thank you for inviting us to be a part of your lives. Thank you for all the cards, calls, texts, and words of encouragement as we prepared to go to Williston. Thank you for the very generous monetary gifts that you sent to help with moving expenses. Thank you to those who helped us load our moving truck (especially to the senior guys who did most of the heavy lifting!). Thank you for providing our moving crew with pizza for lunch. Thank you for being a part of building us up and sending us out to do God's work.

We are so thankful for our wonderful church family at CTK, and will cherish the memories we've made during our time there. We pray that God will continue to use you in furthering His kingdom. May God bless each one of you richly as you joyfully serve Him day by day.

In Christ,
Seth Cassie & Kate Moan

CTK will be Serving at the Banquet
Tuesday, June 16

#LoveTheBanquet 

Join us in being the hands & feet of Jesus by serving at The Banquet on Tuesday, June 16. The Banquet provides meals for the needy in Sioux Falls on a daily basis. We are looking for 6 people to help prep at 2:00 PM the meal and 3 or 4 more people to help serve at 5:15 PM. Please sign-up in the foyer to help with serving.

For more information contact Leasa Kulm.

AFLC Conference Information

Host: ARC - Association Retreat Center,
Osceola, WI

AUGUST 10- 12, 2020

Due to the Coronavirus epidemic, the AFLC Conference Committee, in consultation with this year's host, the Association Retreat Center, is announcing a change in dates. A shortened version of the Annual Conference will be held starting at 9 a.m. on Monday August 10th and will close with the business session on Wednesday August 12th at 5:30 p.m. We confess that we certainly see through a glass darkly right now, but believe the most helpful thing we can do for our future planning is to set these dates and trust that we will be able to move forward when the time arrives.



PLEASE PRAY for the AFLC Annual Conference

A Gratitude Calendar

It's not always easy to be grateful, but experts are recommending that daily gratitude is one healthy approach to making it through difficult times. It is important to acknowledge the gifts God has given to you. Try thanking God for one thing each day during the month of June. Start each prayer of gratitude with "Thank you God for . . ."

June 1 – my family (*name family members*).

June 2 – essential workers and their faithful service.

June 3 – the leaders in my church (*list at least two by name*).

June 4 – the opportunity to worship you.

June 5 – elected leaders who strive for peace.

June 6 – forgiving me.

June 7 – providing shelter and a home.

June 8 – the people who serve in ministry and think they go unnoticed like (*name someone like this*).

June 9 – reliable transportation that gets me where I need to go.

June 10 – rest, even when it feels like I don't get enough.

June 11 – servicemen and -women who serve in our armed forces.

June 12 – food producers who labor so I can eat and be filled.

June 13 – the administrators and staff who educate the children in my community.

June 14 – clothes that keep me warm.

June 15 – providing a paycheck so I can provide for others.

June 16 – music that lifts me up and praises you.

June 17 – a bed to sleep in.

June 18 – heating and air-conditioning that keep me safe in all seasons.

June 19 – technology that keeps me in contact with those I love.

June 20 – laughter.

June 21 – books and the freedom to read them.

June 22 – undeserved grace in my life.

June 23 – people who keep me humble.

June 24 – challenging situations because they cause me to rely on you.

June 25 – shoes that fit.

June 26 – hot, running water.

June 27 – quiet moments whenever and wherever they happen.

June 28 – children and pets.

June 29 – peace in my country.

June 30 – the never-ending, unending love you have for me, even when I find it hard to be grateful.



Upcoming Dates to remember:

- ♦ June 16 Serve At the Banquet
- ♦ June 21-26 Sr High Pickerel Lake Camp
- ♦ June 26-31 Jr High Pickerel Lake Camp
- ♦ July 19-23 FLY Beyond



Pickerel Lake Lutheran Bible Camp

is a 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.

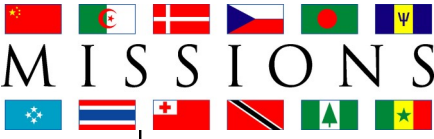
- Senior High week (grades 8-12) is June 21-26 (register by June 1)
- Junior High week (grades 5-7) is July 26-31 (register by July 7)

FLY Beyond 2020 (July 19-23)

FLY Beyond is a biennial, national youth equipping conference put on by AFLC Youth Ministries. It is held at the Association Retreat Center in Osceola, WI. The theme this year is Mysterious Hope. The first registration deadline has been extended to June 30 with a deposit of \$150. Remaining travel and registration costs will be covered by Christ the King youth ministry.



PLEASE NOTE: This event is not for everyone! We highly recommend this event for students that are ready to grow deeper in their confidence as a spiritual leader. Students will be challenged and equipped by apologetics training and Biblical teaching.



MISSIONS Darwin & Alma Jackson Missionaries to Mexico with World Mission Prayer League



Darwin and Alma serve the Lord in Mexico and partner with the Mexican Lutheran Apostolic Alliance (AALM) in the states of Sonora, Sinaloa, and Puebla. Their ministry focuses on evangelism, discipleship, leadership development and training trainers for church planting.

Darwin & Alma serve the Lord on the US-Mexican border in and around the two sister cities of Nogales, AZ and Sonora, Mexico. Their day-to-day ministry entails youth ministry, Gospel proclamation, discipleship and mentoring of leaders for the Alianza Apostólica Luterana Mexicana (AALM).

Pray for Darwin & Alma as God guides them in a new season of service.

Thank you so much for putting us in your prayer calendar,

Prayer requests:

- * Wisdom to lead, serve and teach in such a way to create multiplying generations of trainers in evangelism, discipleship and church planting.
- * Open hearts to receive and put into practice new teaching and methods.
- * Prayer for our children and other family
- * For all Pastors /workers
- * Travel mercies as we travel
- * More prayer support by those who will commit to be informed and pray on a regular basis.



Bikes and Vehicles for Missions

Samaritan's Purse provides preachers with sturdy bicycles, motorbikes, or other transportation so they can travel even where roads don't go.

For \$100 we can give a bike to an evangelist to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to people who have not heard it before.



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

Communion

Acolytes

Family of the Week

- June 7 Morgan & Ginger McNickle; Munro, Myer
- June 14 Daniel & Jodie Minet; Hannah, Owen, Laura
- June 21 Gary Mitchell
- June 28 Mark Mitchell

Altar Guild

Pat Woelber

Hospitality Greeters

Money Counters/
Trustees

Bill VanderPlaats
Matthew Amdahl

Nursery

Ushers



Worship Leaders




Kitchen Clean-up

Rose Beck
Joanne Griebel

June



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	1	2 1 PM Quilters	3	4	5	6
7 9:00 AM Confirmation Worship Service	8	9	10	11 7:00 PM Trustees Meet	12	13
14 9:00 AM Worship Service 	15	16 CTK at The Banquet	17	18	19 Coordinating Committee Meeting @ AFLC	20
21 9:00 AM Worship Service 	22	23	24	25 7:00 PM Elders & wives Meet	26	27 GlideWell Bridal Shower??
28 9:00 AM Worship Messenger Articles Due <input type="text"/> Pastor Matthew & family on vacation June 28 - July 1	29	30	<input type="text"/> Pastor Tim & Family on vacation June 22 - July 6	<input type="text"/> Pastor Matthew & family on vacation June 17 - 20	