

CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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Overwhelmed?

Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! Psalm 46:10

The title question is true of everyone at certain times. Work, relationships, finances, school, life can all provide times and feelings of being overwhelmed. I'm kind of experiencing that feeling right now (Wednesday). I'm planning to help at the Food Shelf Thursday afternoon. This article was due Sunday and I have a newspaper article due Monday morning. I also have a Sunday morning sermon and Sunday evening Lent sermon to put together as well as a service and message for Good Sam & Ridgeview this Sunday. Of course, I have several visits and phone calls I would like to make this week as well. Oh, and then there's taxes. Overwhelmed? A little. Well, maybe more than a little.



This is where God often chooses to speak into our lives and remind us of who He is. This morning, Psalm 46 jumped into my mind. Verse 10 says, "Be still." Some versions say, "Cease striving," or "Stop your fighting". It's God's way of telling us to quit acting like everything is dependent upon us and our abilities. In the context of this Psalm, God is telling the Israelites to stop fighting as if the battle's outcome is determined by their strength. It says twice in this Psalm, "The Lord of Armies is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold." God even invites them in verse eight to "Come, see the works of the Lord."

So, God wants us to stop long enough to reflect on who He is. "Be still, and know that I am God." According to this Psalm, what do we find out about God? Verse one, "God is our refuge and strength, a helper who is always found in times of trouble." Verse six, "the earth melts when He lifts His voice." Verse nine, "He makes wars cease" and "He shatters bows and cuts spears to pieces; He sets wagons ablaze." This is His way of saying that He can handle an entire army or even multiple nations all at once. In verse 10, God says, "I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

God tells us that not only can He handle all of Israel's problems, but He will be exalted in His handling of it. Think He can handle your issues? Think He can handle mine? Think our striving, worry, fighting will make it better? What does God say? "Be still, and know that I am God." Let's not leave this most important instruction out of our daily work, relationships, finances, school-life and life itself.

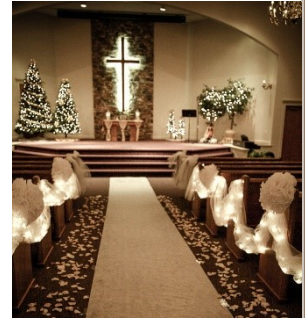
When all is said and done come Monday morning, will there be evidence of God's work in my supposed overwhelming schedule? God will be exalted! That's the blessing of repeatedly following God's instruction. Over time, you see Him work and become more and more convinced that you need and even want Him to move in all you do. And even though you have your moments of feeling overwhelmed, the time of "Be still" reflection reminds and renews your thinking to a quiet confidence.

What will you do the next time you feel overwhelmed? I suppose that depends upon whether you want to gut it out yourself or whether you want to see God's hand in it all. It might even depend on who you want to see glorified in it? God's instruction brings peace.

Shalom, Pastor Tim

March Sermon Series: The CHURCH

- March 6 *Here Comes the Bride* Ephesians 5:25-27, Rev 19:7-9 Pastor Tim
- March 13 Rev. Dr. Jason Holt
- March 20 *Here Comes the Devotion* Acts 2:42
- March 27 *Here Comes the One* Ephesians 4:1-13



LENT: Journey of Stones

- February 27 **Written in Stone** Exodus 32:1-14 Pastor Tim
- March 6 **Rejected Stones** Mark 12:1-12 Pastor Matt
- March 13 **Casting Stones** John 8:1-12 Pastor Tim
- March 20 **Hearts of Stone** Luke 11:37-52 Intern Sam
- March 27 **Upon This Rock** Matthew 16:13-20 Pastor Matthew
- April 3 FLBC Concert Choir Presentation
- April 14 Maundy Thursday – **Stones or Bread?** Matthew 4:1-11
- April 15 Good Friday – **The Final Stone** Matthew 27:60
- April 17 Easter Sunday – **The Stone is Rolled Away** Matthew 28:1-10



Meet Our New Members

David & Sarah Nelson: Sarah and I have lived in Marshall since August 2020. We have been married for almost 31 years and have been blessed with six children and two grandchildren.

During these 31 years we have served churches in various states and overseas, as well as teaching at the Bible School and Seminary in Brazil.

Our current interests include traveling, camping, and spending time with family. I (Dave) am currently working 10-12 hours per week in

Redwood Falls as a Hospice Chaplain and I am a substitute school bus driver in Marshall when needed. Sarah takes care of our son and regularly watches our two grandsons (who live in Marshall). She also works as a Birth Doula.

We are pleased to be members at Christ the King Free Lutheran Church.

Thank you for your kind words and encouragement as we call CTK our church family!



Cash Basis
Balance Sheet

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

Revenue
Expenditures

	<u>Jan 31, 22</u>		<u>Jan 22</u>
ASSETS		Revenue	
Checking/Savings		Building and Grounds	200.00
Bank Total		Discipleship	100.00
Building		General Revenue	18,604.74
Altar Guild	108.92	Outreach Revenue	5,015.49
Building Fund Account	2,496.09	Total Revenue	<u>23,920.23</u>
Total Building	<u>2,605.01</u>	Expenditures	
General Total		Building & Grounds	2,396.58
General	38,513.68	Discipleship Expenditures	389.33
Truth Help	278.93	Family Events	98.60
Total General Total	<u>38,792.61</u>	Family Support	145.85
Outreach		Misc.	113.64
20% Offering	4,625.28	Office	491.72
Children's Mission Offering	159.21	Outreach Disbursement	
Thrivent	1,251.41	20 %Outreach	8,275.38
Total Outreach	<u>6,035.90</u>	PAS Wellness	100.00
Share And Care	1,248.05	Samaritan's Purse	165.86
Special Accounts		Special Outreach	1,925.99
Internship Fund	1,165.01	Total Outreach Disbursement	<u>10,467.23</u>
Local Outreach Ministry	7,323.71	Payroll Expenditures	18,378.69
Church Missions	1,493.74	Prayer and Worship	258.88
Marriage Ministry	307.98	Share And Care	300.00
Scholarship	322.26	Youth	100.72
Youth	11,103.93	Total Expenditures	<u>33,141.24</u>
Total Special Accounts	<u>21,716.63</u>	Net Revenue (Deficit)	<u><u>(9,221.01)</u></u>
Total Bank Total	<u>70,398.20</u>		
Total Checking/Savings	<u>70,398.20</u>		
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>70,398.20</u></u>		

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

Also Present: Collene Landgren, Mike Morgan, Intern Sam Willard, Pastor Matthew, Pastor Tim, Wayne & Jane Smith
President Jim Gawerecki called the meeting to order.

Devotions were led by Jim Gawerecki by reading from Psalm 121:1-8. My help comes from the Lord, He does not sleep or slumber and He keeps watch over us. It is comforting to know the Lord is always with us. Jim G. opened in prayer. Wayne Smith will lead devotions in March.

Election of Officers: Jim G. asked for nominations for President; Heather D. nominated Dave Sutherland. There were no other nominations, Dave Sutherland was elected president. Marcine O. nominated Jim Gawerecki for Vice President, no other nominations. Jim Gawerecki was elected vice-president. Jim O. nominated Laurie Bruns for Secretary, no other nominations. Laurie Bruns was elected secretary.

Elders' Consultation: Wayne Smith reported for the elders. Most of their last meeting was with Pastor Matthew discussing church plant.

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

The Payment of bills, Dave S. moved to approve the bills, seconded by Marcine O. Motion carried.

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

AFLC \$ 562.64 Food Shelf \$ 200 Lake Benton Food \$ 100
CRU-Jeff \$ 500 CRU-Paul \$ 500 Tim & Sheila Steele \$ 100
Brazil Student \$ 100 Local Outreach \$ 300 PAS Room \$ 100
Alpha Center \$ 300. Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500. Atlas \$ 200
Children's Life \$ 200 Intern Account \$ 662.64 Abels \$ 100
San Antonio Church \$ 100.00 Lost Timber \$ 200.00

The secretary's report from the January 13, 2022 meeting was presented. Laurie B. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Morgan M. Motion carried.

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:

Youth Ministry: Nerf Wars was January 23, about 40 youth attended. Ron Smith from Bruce, SD spoke. Confirmation retreat will be March 4-6, 8 students and Pastor Matthew and Julia will attend. Laurie B. moved, seconded by Jim O. to rent a van for transportation. Motion carried. Dave S. moved, seconded by Marcine O. that CTK will pay for all of the confirmation students registration fee. Motion carried. Pastor Jason Holt will attend SNA hosted by CTK on March 12. Intern Sam will speak at the event. Pastor Jason will possibly speak at adult Sunday school and he will give the message March 13.

Family Ministry: Valentine's event will be February 12 and will show the movie Fireproof. License is \$ 99 and CTK can show the movie multiple times for the year. Family ministry needs more volunteers. Jane Smith is resigning from Family ministry.

Pastors' Report:

Pastor Tim: Submitted reports for Dec through Feb 10. Pastor Tim reported he cancelled the special speaking request due to Pastor Matthew leaving in August. Pastor Tim requested vacation from June 23 to July 3. Dave S. moved to approve, seconded by Jim O. motion carried. Pastor Tim requested his housing allowance to remain at \$ 50,000 for 2022. Trustees approved.

Pastor Matthew submitted a report for activities for the last month. Pastor Matthew requested vacation from Feb 14-20, Laurie B. moved to approve, seconded by Marcine O. motion carried. The Mission trip will be from Feb 21-28.

Old Business:

Mission Trip: Only Pastor Matthew & Julia will be going on the mission trip to Nogales, AZ, Feb 21-28.

Shepherding the Shepherd: Dave S. was approached about inviting Pastor Michael Brandt to discuss this ministry. Tabled

VBS Update: The deadline to request a FLBC Team passed without sending a request. Pastor Tim suggested helping with the Holland VBS.

Church Plant: Pastor Matthew. There was discussion on the administrative requirement and other responsibilities of CTK as a sending church. Pastor Matthew will contact Abiding Savior about having a representative attend an informational meeting at CTK to answer various questions. Possible meeting time for the congregation to attend will be March 3 at 7 PM. A congregational meeting will be held on March 20 immediately following the worship service, approximately 11:45 AM, to discuss and decide if CTK would like to be a sending church.

New Business:

Associate Pastor / Intern: There was discussion. CTK needs to determine what we want to be as a church, where we want to go, what is our focus, what we want in a second pastor? A committee consisting of 1-2 trustees, elders, and a few congregation members will be established to gather ideas.

Signatories for checking account & update resolution papers: Marcine O. moved, seconded by Heather D. to update the signatories on the checking account for CTK; remove William VanderPlaats, add David Sutherland, and leave Laurie Bruns and Mike Morgan on as signatories. Also, to remove William VanderPlaats, add David Sutherland, leave the others on the resolution papers. Motion carried.

Other: Pastor Tim reported Harlan Moss would like to share about the Prison ministry with CTK. Trustees approved allowing his to come share during a worship service.

Morgan M. moved to adjourn, seconded by Marcine O. Jim G. adjourned the meeting and Intern Sam closed in prayer.

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

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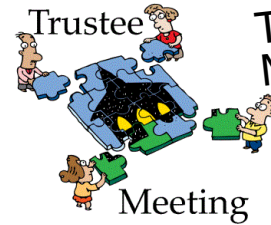
BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Elroy Uilk
- 1 Brandie Hulstein
- 5 James Haak
- 8 Landry Zephier
- 8 James Pillman
- 9 Jaxon Feske
- 11 Brielle Kulm
- 15 Helen Klingman
- 15 Myer McNickle
- 16 Jaelyn Koopman
- 16 Jocelyn Wilson
- 17 Lois Gawerecki
- 17 Scott Thomson
- 18 Jerry Remund
- 18 Lauren Steuck
- 18 Charlie Haak
- 20 Marlin Berg
- 20 Jordy Scholten
- 20 Marlys Viland
- 21 Owen Lindquist
- 22 Gavin Viland
- 22 Jed Woitaszewski
- 23 Nathan Sutherland
- 25 Hailey Steuck
- 26 Merlin Westfield
- 27 Finnick Manzey
- 28 Wayne Smith
- 30 Owen Minet



Time to
Spring Ahead
March 13

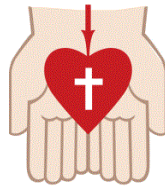
Chatter-sewers
(Quilting)
will meet
March 1 at 1:00
p.m.



Trustee
Thursday
March 10
@ 7 PM

Meeting

Youth Parents meet
Sunday, March 13
Following the worship service



Elders Meet
March 17 @
7:00 PM
@ CTK

FAMILY
Ministry

Meets
Tuesday,
March 22
@ 7 PM



Lenten
Soup
Suppers

Sundays
@ 5 PM



The Free Lutheran Bible College Concert Choir will be blessing CTK on Sunday evening, April 3 (our last Lenten service) while traveling on their Midwest tour. Please consider being a host home as we need housing for 30 students (19 women, 11 men) and 6 staff. Let the office know if you can help out. Time to be determined.





Dear Christ the King congregation,

This is a note to say “thank you” for your continuing support of Alpha Center. Your gifts directly connect with our clients every day and your consistent support is both saving lives and changing the lives of those who come in our door.

As we move forward, we promise to always be good stewards of the gifts you give and we want you to know how much we appreciate you and your gifts.

You are a blessing!

Sincerely, Alpha Center Staff

Dear Christ the King Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, texts, food and concern expressed during my breast cancer journey. I’m sure that my mild side effects and good results were due to the many people that were praying for me. Praise God I am now cancer free. I will continue some treatments until August as a preventive measure but truly appreciate all your love and support. May

God bless you! Judy Steuck



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

"I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word." Psalm 119:16

Why is it important for me to memorize and meditate on the Word of

God? Let me offer a few reasons:

1. Jesus memorized Scripture (Cf. Matthew 4:1-12)
2. Some portions of Scripture are especially designed for ease of memorization. For example: in Psalm 119 each section begins with one of the 22 Hebrew letters. Each of eight verses begin with the next letter—Aleph, Beth, Gimel, etc.—for a total of 176 verses.
3. The Church Militant (the Church on earth) is at war and one of its powerful weapons to wield is the sword of the Spirit in this warfare. Next, not for guilt, but for a reminder of reality around us—
4. Many Christians would risk death to be able to have and read the Bible in their possession. Even one book!

If you are still with me on this journey to memorize Scripture, the book of Ephesians in particular, congratulations! The last section of chapter one is difficult. Much of chapter one was originally written as one sentence. There is a lot to unpack in this chapter. But now we are in chapter two. Here we find a beautiful description of our natural condition apart from Christ and a breath-taking explanation of our salvation in Jesus through God’s underserved favor. This is an excellent portion of Scripture to use when sharing the law and gospel with Christians and non-Christians alike. Meditate on these verses. Let them be motivation for your praise and worship of our Triune God.

If three verse a week is too difficult, chose a portion and memorize that. Do it at your own speed. Find a study partner. Something is better than nothing. God’s Word in our lives will always be beneficial and will always bear fruit.

Pastor David Nelson



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◇ March 4-6 Confirmation Retreat
- ◇ March 12 Saturday Nights Alive @ CTK
- ◇ March 20 Forge Meets
- ◇ April 17 Serve Easter Breakfast?
- ◇ April 22-24 FLBC Campus Days
- ◇ May 1 Confirmation Sunday

Saturday Nights Alive

March 12 hosted by CTK

Aftershock students are invited to bring friends from the community!

The evening will include supper, games, worship, & dynamic speaking by Sam Willard More details to come!

Laundry with Love



What: Laundry with Love

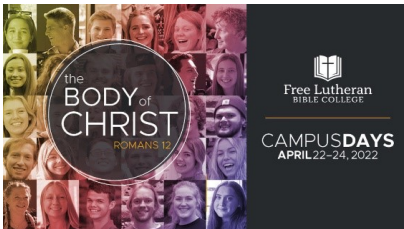
When: Sunday, March 20

12:30 - 2/2:30 PM

Where: E&J Laundromat and Carwash

Forge is doing this and we would love to have others join us!

Spring Campus Days April 22 - April 24



We encourage our students to attend this event hosted by the Free Lutheran Bible College (FLBC) in Minneapolis. Contact Pastor Matthew for more information.

While students can learn more about FLBC, this event is designed specifically for guests to enjoy FLBC campus life, find spiritual encouragement from FLBC staff and faculty, and build relationships with other prospective students.

More details can be found at: <https://flbc.edu/events/campus-days/>



Missionaries to Mexico: Todd and Barb Schierkolk

Todd and Barb Schierkolk have served with AFLC World Missions for some time, starting their ministry in Mexico in 1996. While leading Student Mission Fellowship in his time at FLBC, Todd grew a deeper interest in international missions. A missionary kid, Barb was impacted by the example of her parents and felt her own call into missions. Now, they have served faithfully together in their home in Jerez, Mexico for over twenty years.

We received the following email:

We appreciate your prayers so much. I am attaching a family picture that includes our grown daughters and their families. Barb and I are crawling back from a tougher-than-expected bout with COVID in January and February. We're slowly getting back to our activities. We would appreciate your prayers for a family in our church that has been in an extended crisis. Thanks so much.

The following is from their current newsletter.

Happy Year! FEBRUARY 2022

Dear praying friends,

It's a little late to say Happy New Year, but we wanted to send you a greeting anyway, so, "Happy Year!" Barb and I are crawling back from a tougher than expected bout with COVID in January and February. Christmas activities went very well. Pictures coming soon. Schools closed again after New Year because of a spike in COVID cases. They have just now re-opened for in-person classes.

Thanks for your prayers for our family in this ministry over all these years. And thank you so much for your very generous gifts in these last few months. Blessings to you and yours, Todd and Barb Jerez, Zacatecas, Mexico



Prayer Requests:

- * For safety and protection in these times of uncertainty with covid-19
- * For people to turn to and know the Lord
- * For the work of the Spirit in calling His people to repentance
- * For good health & safe travels
- * For a family in our church that has been in an extended crisis.
- * Health and safety for our children and grandchildren.



Give a Dairy Goat

In countries like Niger and South Sudan, a little bleating goat has untold value for a poor family. Just one goat provides enough milk to nourish adults and children with protein and other nutrients, and leftover milk can be sold for income. Samaritan's Purse provides dairy goats to families in need, and teaches them how to feed and care for the animals. As we build relationships, doors are opened for us to share the Good News of salvation through Christ. For \$70, we can supply a goat or other dairy animal, along with related training & resources.



In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."
John 3:3

Ushers

Acolyte

- March 6 Alyssa Steuck
- March 13 Nickolas Bruns
- March 20 Caden Bruns
- March 27 Lauren Steuck

Altar Guild

Jan Muller

Sound Tech

- March 6 Kyle DeWilde
- March 13 Dave Sutherland
- March 20 Alan Warner
- March 27 Kyle DeWilde

Money Counters

Laurie Bruns
Jim Otter



Family of the Week / Greeters

- March 6 Kyle & Heather DeWilde; Bailey, Trevin, Makenley
- March 13 Dennis & Sue DeClerk
- March 20 Doug & Judy DeRuyter; Mason, Cody, Alyssa, Jordan
- March 27 William & Delilah DeZeeuw

Nursery

- March 6 Marcine Olsen
- March 13 Ashley Hoheisel
- March 20 Amy Steuck
- March 27 Rachel Willard




Worship Leaders

- March 6 Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Charlie Hoffman, Susan Parsley
- March 13 Matthew Amdahl, Jane Smith, Janelle Brockberg, Judy Steuck
- March 20 Denis Parsley, Lynn Hellie, Laurel Berg, Susan Parsley
- March 27 Praise Band - Sheila Westfield

***** Reminder: Leaders will also lead the Lent Services *****

March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1: PM Quilters	2 6:30 PM Youth Group 8:00 PM Choir Practice	3 7:00 PM Informational Meeting	4 Confirmation Retreat March 4-6	5
6 9:00 AM All Ages Sunday School / Confirmation 10:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship Service 5:00 PM Lent Soup Supper 6:00 PM Lent Service	7	8	9 6:30 PM Youth Group 8:00 PM Choir Practice	10 7: PM Trustees	11	12 SNA @ CTK
13 Daylight Saving Time Starts 9:00 AM All Ages Sunday School / Confirmation 10:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Youth Parents 5:00 PM Lent Soup Supper 6:00 PM Lent Service	14	15	16 6:30 PM Youth Group 8:00 PM Choir Practice	17 7 PM Elders Meet @ CTK	18	19
20 9:00 AM All Ages Sunday School / Confirmation 10:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Congregational Meeting 12:30AM Forge Meets 5:00 PM Lent Soup Supper 6:00 PM Lent Service	21	22 7 PM Family Ministry Meets	23 6:30 PM Youth Group 8:00 PM Choir Practice	24	25	26
27 Messenger Articles Due 9:00 AM All Ages Sunday School / Confirmation 10:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship Service 5:00 PM Lent Soup Supper 6:00 PM Lent Service	28	29	30 6:30 PM Youth Group 8:00 PM Choir Practice	31	