

CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep what is written in it, because the time is near. Revelation 1:3

As I write this devotion on the heels of our latest blizzard and while preparing for the Sunday message on Revelation 4 & 5, I can't begin to tell you how much God has blessed me. In fact, I had to go to YouTube and play Andrew Petersen's *Is He Worthy?* I also listened to Chris Tomlin sing it. Read Revelation 4 & 5 and then do the same.

There should be no surprise that I have been blessed reading and studying Revelation. Chapter one, verse three above says that the one who reads this prophecy aloud as well as those who hear and keep it, are blessed. That means you can be blessed too.

We have been focusing on Jesus' message to the seven churches in Revelation 2 and 3 and are now embarking to continue through Revelation in the months to come. According to its own testimony, this should be a tremendous opportunity for blessing. Though many think of end times teaching and doctrines of eschatology, the book of Revelation offers far more. Revelation 1:1 says, *The revelation of Jesus Christ that God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place...* The entire book is a revelation of Jesus Christ. This even coincides with our Lenten series, "Jesus Who?" a series on the I AM statements of Jesus in the Gospels, preached by various laymen of the congregation.

I find it exciting that we have these opportunities to not only learn about Jesus, but to personally get to know Him better. Last Sunday, during our SS discussion time, it was brought up how many proclaimed Christians are only worried about doing enough to be saved. It's like talking to yourself in this way, "How much do I have to do just to be saved? Just believe in Jesus? Good. I believe in Jesus, so I'm good to go."

If that represents your thinking in any way, notice the word "just". The mindset that wants to just get by is not the mindset of God. Romans 12:11 says, *Do not lack diligence in zeal; be fervent in the Spirit; serve the Lord.* Also, note that you are not saved by what you do. You are saved by a person and that person is Jesus Christ. Also, according to James 2:19, *even the demons believe and shudder.*

The point is that only One is worthy to fulfill God's plan for you, me and all of creation. That One is Jesus Christ. Join in this journey of knowing Him more and taking that relationship to heart. Psalm 51:6, 16-17 say, *Surely you desire integrity in the inner self, and you teach me wisdom deep within.* ¹⁶ *You do not want a sacrifice, or I would give it; you are not pleased with a burnt offering.* ¹⁷ *The sacrifice pleasing to God is a broken spirit. You will not despise a broken and humbled heart, God.*

Lord Jesus, here's my heart. Soften it, renew it and fill it with Your goodness. Direct my eyes, ears and mind to see, hear and think the way You want. Here's the rest of me for you to do whatever you want to do. You alone are worthy of all blessing, honor and glory! Amen.

In Him, Pastor Tim



The Final Tribulation



March 5	Opening God's Scroll	Revelation 6
March 12	A Multitude Before the Throne	Revelation 7
March 19	God's Trumpets	Revelation 8-9
March 26	The Last Two Witnesses	Revelation 10-11

LENT: Jesus Who?



February 19	I AM the Bread of Life	John 6:32-40
February 26	I AM the Light of the World	John 8:12-20
March 5	I AM the Gate of the Sheep	John 10:1-10
March 12	I AM the Good Shepherd	John 10:11-18
March 19	I AM the Resurrection and the Life	John 11:17-27
March 26	I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life	John 14:1-6
April 6	Maundy Thursday I AM the True Vine	John 15:1-8
April 7	Good Friday	

Cash Basis
Balance Sheet

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church
Financial Report
As of January 31, 2023

Revenue
Expenditures

	<u>Jan 31, 23</u>		<u>Jan 23</u>
ASSETS		Revenue	
Checking/Savings		Building and Grounds	170.00
Bank Total		General Revenue	20,461.15
Building		Outreach Revenue	<u>5,882.56</u>
Altar Guild	528.68	Total Revenue	<u>26,513.71</u>
Building Fund Account	<u>5,206.09</u>	Expenditures	
Total Building	<u>5,734.77</u>	Building & Grounds	2,349.71
General Total		Discipleship Expenditures	195.00
General	75,815.03	Misc.	371.01
Truth Help	<u>155.08</u>	Office	352.17
Total General Total	<u>75,970.11</u>	Outreach Disbursement	
Outreach		20 %Outreach	6,917.56
20% Offering	4,973.42	Miriam Infant Home-AFLC	300.00
Children's Mission Offering	106.64	Samaritan's Purse	<u>57.00</u>
Thrivent	<u>1,432.41</u>	Total Outreach Disbursement	<u>7,274.56</u>
Total Outreach	<u>6,512.47</u>	Payroll Expenditures	13,316.08
Share And Care	1,040.70	Youth	<u>118.98</u>
Special Accounts		Total Expenditures	<u>23,977.51</u>
Internship Fund	1,500.00	Net Revenue	<u><u>2,536.20</u></u>
Local Outreach Ministry	7,323.71		
Church Missions	1,493.74		
Marriage Ministry	307.98		
Scholarship	322.26		
Youth	<u>10,353.93</u>		
Total Special Accounts	<u>21,301.62</u>		
Total Bank Total	<u>110,559.67</u>		
Total Checking/Savings	<u>110,559.67</u>		
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>110,559.67</u></u>		

Present: Dave Sutherland, Brandie Hulstein, Denis Parsley, Alan Warner, Dave Muller, Heather De Wilde, Marcine Olsen
Absent: Jim Otter, Gene Bouw **Also Present:** Pastor Tim Johnson, Collene Landgren, Mike Morgan

President David Sutherland called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Pastor Tim by reading from 2 Corinthians 12 beginning with verse 6. We need to stay humble and God's grace is sufficient for us. Pastor Tim opened in prayer. Denis Parsley will lead devotions in March.

Election of Officers: David S. asked for nominations for President; Marcine O. nominated Dave Sutherland. There were no other nominations, Heather D. moved for nominations to cease, seconded by Marcine O. motion carried. Dave Sutherland was elected president. Dave S. nominated Dave Muller for Vice President, Marcine O. seconded, no other nominations. Dave Muller was elected vice-president. Heather D. nominated Brandie Hulstein for Secretary, seconded by Marcine O. no other nominations. Brandie Hulstein was elected secretary.

Determination of terms for new trustees: Heather DeWilde reelected to 3-year term. Dave Muller 3 year; Alan Warner 3 year; Denis Parsley 1 year (completing Jim Gawerecki's term) determined by drawing straws.

Trustee Orientation: Pastor Tim read a trustee orientation briefing he wrote and read the trustees' section of the church constitution.

The Treasurer's report for January was presented. Marcine O. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Dave M. Motion carried.

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

Ankeny Church Plant: The January financial report for the residency program was given. Pastor Tim asked if any trustee was interested in serving on the Ankeny Advisory board, per the last annual meeting a trustee must be on the Advisory board. Alan W. moved to confirm the Ankeny Advisory board members as: Morgan McNickle, Pastor Tim, Wayne Smith, Matthew Amdahl, seconded by Denis P. motion carried.

Outreach: Heather D. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Brandie H. Motion carried.

AFLC \$ 973.42 Food Shelf \$ 100. Brazil Student \$ 100
 CRU-Jeff \$ 500. CRU-Paul \$ 500. CRU- Tim Steele \$ 100.
 Alpha Center \$ 300. Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500. PAS Wellness \$ 100
 Atlas/Life \$ 200. Children's Life \$ 200. Abel \$ 100.
 Intern Account \$ 5,100. Ankeny Church Plant \$ 500. Lake Benton FS \$ 100.
 Dave Wold \$ 300. Ministerial Father/Daughter Dance \$ 300.00

The secretary's report from the January 12, 2023 meeting was presented. Heather D. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Brandie H. Motion carried.

Elders' Consultation: Pastor Tim reported for the Elders. There will be two table groups starting next week; hosting will be the Hoffmans in Flandreau and Laurie Westerbur in Ihlen. Lent services & soup suppers will begin February 19 and 6 lay people will be presenting the messages for the services.

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports: Youth Ministry: Nerf Wars with Faith Community & Cornerstone was Jan 22.

45 youth and 6 adults participated. Aftershock is meeting on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month.

Pastors' Report: Pastor Tim: Submitted a report for his activities for the last month. Marcine O. moved seconded by Brandie H. to approve request for vacation July 25-August 6, motion carried. Pastor Tim reported he was contacted by a homeschool group to use the facility once a week from September to April from 8:30 am to 3:15 pm. Denis P. will research this. Tabled for more information. Pastor Tim asked if the trustees would like Pastor Matthew Pillman zoom for the next trustee meeting. Dave S. asked for Pastor Matthew Ballmann attend also. The zoom portion will meet at 7:30 PM.

Old Business: New doors: Installed – Thanks Jim O.

Railing on steps by piano: Working on it. Jim O

Cross on entry: Jim O. has the cross made and will do the finish work when possible.

Building use policy: tabled for review. Updated recommendations from the insurance company were distributed for review.

Search Committee: Plan to continue meeting. An intern was assigned to Christ the King Free Lutheran Church. Intern Jeremy Nikunen will be starting in June.

RightNow Media: Pastor Tim reported usage of the CTK account. Alan W. moved, seconded by Denis P. to cancel the subscription. Motion carried.

Constitutional Change: tabled for review.

New Business: Update General account # 115887 signatories for checking account, update resolution papers, & safe deposit box:

Alan W. moved, seconded by Brandie H. to update the signatories on the checking account for CTK; remove Laurie Bruns, add David Muller, and leave David Sutherland and Mike Morgan on as signatories. Also, to remove Laurie Bruns, add David Muller, leave the others on the resolution papers. Remove William VanderPlaats on the safe deposit box and add David Sutherland. Change address for safe deposit box to Christ the King Free Lutheran Church, PO Box 682, Pipestone MN 56164. Motion carried.

Fellowship Hall Request: Laurel Berg requested for a baby shower on March 26, 2023. Denis P. moved to approve, seconded by Heather D. motion carried.

Intern Housing: Tabled for more information. Brandie H. moved, seconded by Alan W. for Marcine O. begin the process of locating housing, motion carried.

Camp tuition: It will continue at ½ the camp tuition.

Other: Brandie H. requested the full 15 minutes of brunch time between the end of the worship service and the start of Sunday school. Often if the service goes long there is not time for the Sunday school teachers and students to have brunch. **Marcine O. reminded the board** that payloaders cannot be on the parking lot to move snow in the spring and as the frost goes out. There was severe damage to the southeast part of the parking lot. Alan W. will contact DoubleD Gravel about it.

Dave S. adjourned the meeting and Pastor Tim closed in prayer. Colene Landgren, recording secretary {Draft subject to approval by the trustees}

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Bir THDays

- 1 Elroy Ulk
- 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
- 17 Lois Gawerecki
- 17 Scott Thomson
- 18 Jerry Remund
- 18 Lauren Steuck
- 18 Charlie Haak
- 20 Marlin Berg
- 20 Marlys Viland
- 22 Gavin Viland
- 22 Jed Woitaszewski
- 23 Nathan Sutherland
- 25 Hailey Steuck
- 26 Merlin Westfield
- 27 Finnick Manzey
- 28 Wayne Smith
- 30 Owen Minet
- 31 Levi Brockberg



Time to
Spring Ahead
March 12

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



Trustee
Meeting
Thursday
March 9
@ 7 PM



Elders Meet
March 16 @
7:00 PM
@ CTK

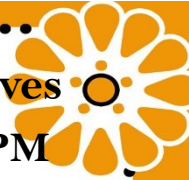


Lenten
Soup
Suppers
Sundays
@ 5 PM



Christ the King serves
April 20, 2023 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!





Dear Christ the King congregation,

With heartfelt gratitude for the loving prayer support you provided for our family and me during the recent bought of shingles I dealt with. I'm humbled by your care and we do not take your empathy for granted!

We praise Him for the healing and provision; I'm definitely on the mend!

Thank you so very much!

Sara (DeClerk) Converse



ATTENTION WOMEN! Christ the King will be hosting the WMF Fall Rally in September 2023. We will beginning making plans soon. If you would like to help organize and plan this event please contact Jeanette Larson at 507-820-1898 or Collene at the CTK office. Thank you in advance for you assistance in making this a very successful rally.



During the month of March local congregations are joining people of good will from across the state to help alleviate hunger. Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign is the largest food drive in the state, and congregations like ours are the heart of the campaign.

Individuals in Minnesota accessed food shelves a total of 5,505,100 times in 2022. This was an increase of 1,900,000 visits from 2021. That's a 53% increase.

During 2022, the Pipestone County Food Shelf distributed 187,064 pounds of food, representing 143,895 meals, to 6841 individuals. That's a 75% increase over 2021.

This year our congregation will be collecting both food and cash contributions February 27 thru April 9, 2023. Donations made during the March Campaign are important to help the Pipestone County Food Shelf secure additional grant funding from Minnesota FoodShare and help provide nutritious food for those in our community that are in need.

Donations of cash or food can be made directly to:

Pipestone County Food Shelf

223 2nd Street N.W.

Pipestone, MN 56164

ALL LOCAL DONATIONS REMAIN IN PIPESTONE

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed. Proverbs 19:17



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◇ March 5 Forge Meets
- ◇ April 14-15 FLBC Campus Days
- ◇ May 7 Confirmation Sunday

Spring Campus Days April 14 - 15



Do you ever feel like you're drowning in the pressures of life? FLBC offers A FIRM FOUNDATION in God's Word that provides you with the tools you need to make sense of it all. During Campus Days, you will see why our students love studying here!

This event is a great time for high schoolers and recent grads to experience FLBC in person. Tour our beautiful campus, learn from our experienced Bible professors, and take part in special weekend activities. Even if you're not planning on attending FLBC, we'd love to see you here!

Housing: Guests are asked to secure their own housing. A block of rooms is available at Minneapolis Marriott West at \$119/night (+tax). This rate is available through March 17. Book online or call 1(800) 228-9290 and reference "Free Lutheran Bible College."

Meet our new Intern!!

JEREMY NIKUNEN, 28, is the grandson of AFLC pastors Jerome Nikunen and the late Edwin Kjos. He is a graduate of FLBC and University of Northwestern -St Paul. Jeremy and his wife, Emalynn (Dahl), are members of Faith Free Lutheran in Minneapolis. He will be going on internship at Christ the King FLC in Pipestone, MN Intern Jeremy Nikunen and his wife Emalynn will be moving to Pipestone & starting at CTK June 1. Consider sending Jeremy & Emalynn a welcome note: 3136 E Medicine Lk Blvd Unit D, Plymouth MN 55441.

Jeremy's cell number is 507-353-0637 if you would want to text him, be sure to tell him you are from CTK.





Missionaries in San Antonio: Matthew & Julia Pillman; James, Benjamin, Solomon

Pastor Matthew and Julia Pillman, with their two children, love people and long to tell them about Jesus. Julia grew up attending an AFLC congregation in northern Minnesota. Matthew grew up near Menomonie, WI also primarily attending an AFLC congregation. After three years at the Free Lutheran Seminary, Matthew served 4 years at Christ the King in Pipestone, MN as Intern and Associate Pastor. We are thankful to transition into church planting with our Pipestone church family as our primary sponsor to handle donations and accountability.



Greetings from San Antonio!

We are thrilled to announce the birth of our 3rd child, Solomon Frank Pillman. He and Julia are healthy. All of us are slowly adjusting to the complexities and reduced sleep of a third little heavenly gift. As we reflect on childbirth and the season of Lent, we are reminded of the fragility and miracle of life! Every gasp for air, every heartbeat, and every moment of time is granted to us by our Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer of life. We remain convinced that God's chosen means to make Himself known is through Word and sacrament church communities. We should be concerned by a 2020 survey by Gallup finding that only 47% of Americans belong to a church, synagogue, or mosque. The need is great. What can we do? Plant faithful church communities in places of greatest need including Ankeny, Iowa.

I say all of this as a renewed reminder of the mission that CTK is a part of! It is something bigger than us and bigger than Pipestone. Yet by God's grace, together we faithfully follow His call. Thank you for your continued prayer, financial, administrative, emotional, and logistical support! We look forward to visiting this summer to share more of what the Lord has been teaching us, provide more details on the vision of the church plant, and connect with you, our dear friends!

Matthew & Julia Pillman

Prayer Requests:

- * Wisdom in making key decisions regarding our August move to begin planting.
- * A smooth transition from 2 to 3 kids.
- * We will be gracious hosts for a revolving door of visitors all February and March.
- * Praise for a great support network that continues to provide prayer, wisdom, and resources allowing us to keep our eyes on the mission to reach precious souls with the hope of Jesus' forgiveness



Baby Chicks



Miriam and Cesar were so thankful when Samaritan's Purse gifted their family with a brood of fuzzy chicks. Our team helped them set up a chicken coop and trained them to raise their chickens. Now, instead of traveling long distances for work, Miriam can stay home with their two children, who delight in helping take care of the chicks. With the income they make from selling nutrient-rich eggs, the couple hopes to eventually buy land to build their own house. Just \$14 can supply families in countries like Bolivia, Cambodia, and the Philippines with a dozen chicks, a coop, and basic veterinary care in Jesus' Name.



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

David Brockberg
Michael Brockberg

Money Counters

Dave Muller
Brandie Hulstein

Altar Guild

Jan Muller

Sound Tech

March 5 Dave Sutherland
March 12 Kyle DeWilde
March 19 Alan Warner
March 26 Dave Sutherland



Acolyte

March 5 Makenley DeWilde
March 12 Jordan DeRuyter
March 19 Kynslee Hulstein
March 26 Tanner Thomson

Family of the Week / Greeters

March 5 Gary Olivier
March 12 Marcine Olsen
March 19 Jim & Jenny Otter; Braden, Keegan, Amelia
March 26 John & Sharon Paetkau

Nursery

March 5 Marcine Olsen
March 12 Alyssa Steuck
March 19 Ashley Hoheisel
March 26 Amy Steuck




Worship Leaders

March 5 Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Charlie Hoffman, Susan Parsley
March 12 Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Dawn Sutherland, Susan Parsley
March 19 Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Jane Smith, Judy Steuck
March 26 Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Charlie Hoffman, Jane Smith

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

March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 PM Aftershock 7:15 PM Choir Practice	2	3	4
5 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Sunday School/ Confirmation 11:45 AM Forge Meets 5:00 PM Lent Soup Supper 6:00 PM Lent Service 7:00 PM Year 3 Confirmation	6	7 1: PM Quilters	8 7:15 PM Choir Practice	9 7: PM Trustees	10	11 Trip to San Antonio, TX
12 Daylight Saving Time Starts 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Sunday School/ Confirmation 5:00 PM Lent Soup Supper 6:00 PM Lent Service	13	14	15 6:30 PM Aftershock 7:15 PM Choir Practice	16 7 PM Elders Meet @ CTK	17	18
19 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Sunday School/ Confirmation 5:00 PM Lent Soup Supper 6:00 PM Lent Service 7:00 PM Year 3 Confirmation Messenger Articles Due	20	21	22 7:15 PM Choir Practice	23	24	25
26 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Brunch Blessing 10:45 AM Sunday School/ Confirmation Berg Baby Shower 5:00 PM Lent Soup Supper 6:00 PM Lent Service	27	28	29 7:15 PM Choir Practice	31	31	