

# CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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## May Flowers

May is the season of planted and warming soil that allows life to sprout forth. Lord willing, we will see it in our lawns, in the fields, on our trees, in our gardens and hopefully in our hearts. However, where the potential for life dwells, death can be lying in wait.

Proverbs 18:21 says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." In other words, people can die or live because of what sprouts forth from our mouths. It will all depend on what's filling the heart. Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45). A critical heart produces a critical tongue. A self-righteous heart produces a judgmental tongue. A bitter heart produces a sour tongue. An ungrateful heart produces a grumbling tongue. The words you speak will all depend on what's filling your heart.

But a loving heart produces a gracious tongue. A faithful heart produces a truthful tongue. A peaceful heart produces a reconciling tongue. A trusting heart produces an encouraging tongue. So, fill your heart with grace by soaking in Matthew 5 or Romans 12 or 1 Corinthians 13 or Philippians 2. Be very careful taking in the words of death that are so often found in politics and the media. Pray, "Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips!" (Psalm 141:3).

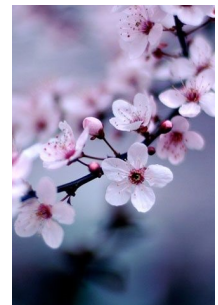
The world is full of words of death. "The whole world lies in the power of the evil one" (1 John 5:19), who "was a murderer from the beginning . . . and the father of lies" (John 8:44). Why join him? For "we are from God" (1 John 5:19), and we believe in his Son, Jesus who is "the Word" (John 1:1) and "the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6), and who alone has "the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). Let's join Him.

May our mouths be "a fountain of life" (Proverbs 10:11). Encourage more than you critique. Seek opportunities to speak kind, tenderhearted words (Ephesians 4:32). Say something affectionate to a loved one at an unexpected time. Seek to only speak words that are "good for building up," and that "give grace to those who hear" (Ephesians 4:29). May we have hearts from where life sprouts.

This is the month where we look for the living sprouts of grass, crops, leaves and flowers. Let's also look for the living words of life that come from the Word of God into our hearts and out of our mouths. In so doing, May will not just be a beautiful picture of nature, but of human hearts. "And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up..." (Acts 20:32).

Let the May flowers abound!

Pastor Tim



## May SERMON SERIES

May 7	<i>The Testimony that Matters Most</i>	1 John 5:5-13
May 14	<i>God Sees You</i>	Genesis 16:1-15
May 21	<i>Hell on Earth</i>	Revelation 13
May 28	<i>A New Song &amp; Final Proclamation</i>	Revelation 14



## 2023 AFLC Annual Conference June 13 - 17, 2023

Ramkota Conference Center and  
Best Western Inn Sioux Falls

for more information and to register <https://www.aflc.org/about-us/conferences/>  
CTK will reimburse the registration fee for members and regular attenders: Bring in or email registration receipt.

### **AFLC Annual Conference Opportunities**

**June 13** 3 PM-7 PM **Rekindle the Fire: Sharing Jesus in a Post-Christian Culture** @ Living Word Free Lutheran (FREE: Includes Supper as well as childcare). Register at

<https://www.aflc.org/evangelism/events/rekindle-fire>

**June 14 Women's Missionary Federation** 8:30 AM- 5:00 PM @ the Ramkota. Register at

<https://www.aflc.org/women/wmf-day>

**June 14 Opening Conference Worship & Ordination Service** 7:30 PM at the Ramkota.

**June 15 -17 Annual Conference** each day from 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM (Devotions, Prayer, Reports, Business, Electives) and evening worship services. Childcare, meals, conference registration and housing can be accessed here: <https://www.aflc.org/about-us/conferences>

**Volunteers are needed** for the AFLC Annual Conference in Sioux Falls June 14-17: 2-4 hour shifts on any of the days for nursery care and/or First Aid (8 AM-Noon, 1 PM-5 PM, 6:30-8:30 PM). Contact Pastor Tim for more information.

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

Balance Sheet

Revenue / Expenditures

	<u>Mar 31, 23</u>		<u>Mar 23</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>Revenue</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		<b>Building and Grounds</b>	710.00
<b>Bank Total</b>		<b>General Revenue</b>	18,087.55
<b>Building</b>		<b>Outreach Revenue</b>	4,812.72
Altar Guild	528.68	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>23,610.27</u>
Building Fund Account	(2,528.91)	<b>Expenditures</b>	
Wedding Deposits	200.00	<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>	12,386.99
<b>Total Building</b>	<u>(1,800.23)</u>	<b>Discipleship Expenditures</b>	195.00
<b>General Total</b>		<b>Misc.</b>	994.22
General	74,894.37	<b>Office</b>	287.07
Truth Help	155.08	<b>Outreach Disbursement</b>	
<b>Total General Total</b>	<u>75,049.45</u>	20 %Outreach	3,703.35
<b>Outreach</b>		Samaritan's Purse	506.16
20% Offering	4,345.60	<b>Total Outreach Disbursement</b>	<u>4,209.51</u>
Children's Mission Offering	257.12	<b>Payroll Expenditures</b>	10,660.61
Thrivent	2,029.41	<b>Youth</b>	548.32
<b>Total Outreach</b>	<u>6,632.13</u>	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>29,281.72</u>
<b>Share And Care</b>	1,040.70	<b>Net Revenue (Deficit)</b>	<u><u>(5,671.45)</u></u>
<b>Special Accounts</b>			
Internship Fund	6,700.00		
Local Outreach Ministry	7,123.71		
Church Missions	1,493.74		
Marriage Ministry	307.98		
Scholarship	322.26		
Youth	10,113.93		
<b>Total Special Accounts</b>	<u>26,061.62</u>		
<b>Total Bank Total</b>	<u>106,983.67</u>		
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>106,983.67</u>		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>106,983.67</u></u>		

**Present:** Dave Sutherland, Brandie Hulstein, Denis Parsley, Alan Warner, Dave Muller, Heather De Wilde, Marcine Olsen, Jim Otter, Gene Bouw **Absent:**

**Also Present:** Pastor Tim Johnson, Collene Landgren, Mike Morgan

**President David Sutherland** called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Alan Warner by reading an excerpt from a book on Prayer by Ole Hallesby. It talked about the importance of prayer and how the Spirit is at work in everyone. Alan W. opened in prayer. Gene Bouw will lead devotions in May.

**The Treasurer's report** for March was presented. Jim O. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Heather D. Motion carried.

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

**Ankeny Church Plant:** The March financial report for the residency program was given.

**Outreach:** Jim O. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Brandie H. Motion carried.

AFLC \$ 545.60 Food Shelf \$ 500. Brazil Student \$ 100. CRU-Jeff \$ 500.00 CRU-Paul \$ 500.00 Steele \$ 100.00 Alpha Center \$ 300.00 Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500.00 Atlas for Life \$ 200.00 Children's Life \$ 200.00 Intern Account \$ 100.00 PAS Wellness Room \$ 100.00 Abel \$ 100.00 Ankeny Church Plant \$ 500.00 Lake Benton Food Shelf \$ 100.00

**The secretary's report** from the February 9, 2023 meeting was presented. Jim O. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Heather D. Motion carried.

**Elders' Consultation:** Pastor Tim reported for the Elders. Pastor Andy Coyle will give the message on April 23. The Elders and Pastor Tim have approved Roger & Linnea Janssen for membership to CTK.

#### **Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:**

**Youth Ministry:** The youth have been meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month and Forge has been meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Sunday school.

Tentatively Aftershock will meet the first Wednesday of May and then not meet for the rest of the summer.

#### **Pastors' Report:**

**Pastor Tim:** Submitted a report for his activities for the last month. Pastor Tim reported he has been asked to attend the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ebenezer Lutheran church in Northwood, ND June 24-25.

**Old Business: Search committee update:** Submitted a draft for the Associate Pastor job description.

**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:** a draft copy was submitted for review. Alan W.

**Landscaping:** Will do in July. Ginger McNickle will coordinate. Marcine O.

**Sunday School policy:** a draft copy was submitted for review. Alan W.

**Request from Classical Conversation homeschool group:** Denis P. reported he talked to Jesse VanderPoel, their insurance would cover liability and medical for their group. A background check is not necessary for the CTK staff in the building at the time of their meeting. Parents and teachers will be in attendance. Marcine O. suggested the request be brought up for a vote at the congregational meeting on April 16. The group prefer to meet on Tuesdays.

**New Business: ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate):** Add to the policy book and post around the church.

**Sidewalk repair:** Heather D. will ask Kyle for suggestions.

**Security cameras:** The trustees felt it isn't necessary at this time.

**Other:** Jim O. mentioned his family and the Bruns family will be doing a fundraiser for going to FLY.

**Marcine O. suggested** the tarp on the playground equipment be replaced.

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

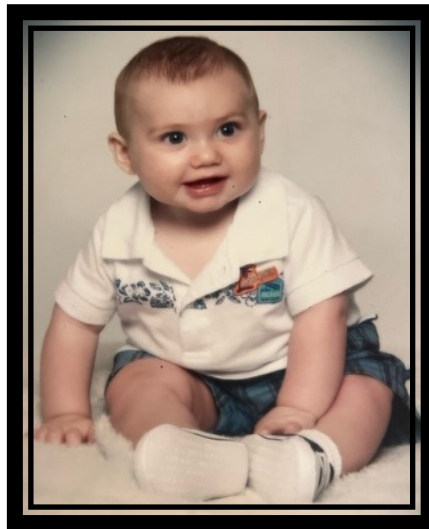
**Minutes of Special CTK Trustee Meeting April 26, 2023** **Present:** Denis Parsley, Gene Bouw, Marcine Olsen, Alan Warner, Heather DeWilde, Dave Muller, Jim Otter, Dave Sutherland **Absent:** Brandie Hulstein

**Also Present:** Pastor Tim Johnson, Collene Landgren  
**President Dave Sutherland called the meeting to order,** Denis P. led devotions and opened in prayer. Dave S. explained the special meeting was called to approve the Associate Pastor job description. He distributed a copy of the job description the call committee had submitted to the Trustees for approval and opened the floor for discussion and questions. Heather D. suggested the job evaluation should have a time frame: i.e. annual, semi-annual, bi-annual. The evaluation will be 6 months after employment begins and then annually. Marcine O. moved to approve the job description with the addition of the evaluation time frame, seconded by Heather D. Motion passed Other job evaluations will be based on the respective job descriptions for all staff. Dave S adjourned the meeting and Gene B. closed in prayer. Collene Landgren, recording secretary {Draft subject to approval by the trustees}

# Confirmation Babies 2023



Braden Otter  
Cayden Zephier  
Hailey Goebel  
Laura Minet  
Trey Boelman



**Refreshments will be served at 10:30 AM**

In honor of the Confirmands  
Confirmation Sunday, May 7

The families thank you deeply for your prayers!

Laura Minet, Hailey Goebel, Cayden Zephier,  
Braden Otter, Trey Boelman





Brynn Manzey  
Mason DeRuyter  
Connor Holt

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\* Refreshments will be served on Sunday, May 21 \*  
\* at 10:30 AM to honor the graduates of Christ the King. \*  
\* Please join us to wish the graduates God's blessings. \*  
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Grad Party!! Join us as we celebrate Brynn Manzey's graduation on May 28, 2023 open house 4 - 8 PM at Brynn's home 567 10th Ave, Pipestone, MN. Come out and enjoy good food and better company.

You are invited to our home, 1787 140th Ave, Holland, MN 56139 to help celebrate Mason DeRuyter's graduation on June 3, 2023 3:00 - 7:00 PM



- 1 Connor Zephier
- 3 Julia Pillman
- 4 Justin Hulstein
- 4 Ella Woitaszewski
- 12 Dennis DeClerk
- 15 Darron Westfield
- 18 Maccoy McNickle
- 19 Jerry Rood
- 19 Jennifer Stangeland
- 19 Christian Haag
- 20 Jim Gawerecki
- 22 Rachel Willard
- 23 Lyla Terry
- 23 Simeon Willard
- 24 Rachel Nelson
- 24 John Paetkau



## National Day of Prayer May 4

National Day of Prayer will be observed on Thursday May 4 from noon to 1 PM at the Pipestone Courthouse lawn and hosted by the Pipestone Area Ministerial. This year's theme is "Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much," from James 5:16b. We will pray for America by bringing these SEVEN CENTERS OF INFLUENCE in our nation to the Lord: GOVERNMENT, MILITARY, MEDIA, BUSINESS, EDUCATION, CHURCH, FAMILY. In the case of inclement weather, meet at St. Leo Catholic Church. .

**All are welcome.**

**Chatter-sewers  
(Quilting)  
will meet May 2  
@ 1 PM**



## Men's Morning Bible Study

First Saturday of the month starting, May 6 @ 7AM in the CTK fellowship hall. It will be 1-1.5 hrs. Done in time to get back to weekend projects.

Bring what you want to drink. Rolls provided. Study is on men's leadership in the family, church and community.

Messenger articles due May 21



Elders meet,  
May 18  
@ 7:00 PM  
@ CTK

Trustee Meeting  
Thursday  
May 11  
7 PM



# Thank You



## CHRIST THE KING FREE LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL Staff 2022-2023

3 & 4 yr old: Ashley Hoheisel  
K - Grade 1: Brandie Hulstein  
Grades 2 - 3: Jason & Amy Steuck  
Grade 4 - 5 : Laurie Bruns  
Grade 6: Dave Muller  
Grade 7 Confirmation: Laurie Westerbur  
Grade 8 Confirmation: Seth Forness  
Grade 9 Confirmation: Pastor Tim  
10 - 12 Grade & Adults: Pastor Tim  
Superintendent: Janelle Brockberg  
Music: Laurel Berg

**Thanks to each of you!**

Dear Family of Christ the King,

Thank you doesn't begin to express my appreciation and gratitude for all the prayers, calls and words of concern as I have been dealing with health issues.

It is a blessing to be in such a caring church family.

Thank you, Jim Gawerecki

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church Family,

Your prayers and your \$500 monthly support is deeply & humbly appreciated.

My lives by changed by God's Word in every language!

We think of your ministry there & beyond with heartfelt prayer.

See the latest celebration at [Wycliffe.org/celebrate](http://Wycliffe.org/celebrate).  
Serving with you in Christ.

Steve & Glenda Kvale AFLC Missionaries on loan to Wycliffe Bible Translators

Dear AFLC Friends,

Thank you for joining in this work by giving to support our AFLC ministries. We are privileged and honored to serve alongside you and your congregation. As we serve you, we are always glad to hear from you. Please feel free to give us a call or to send an email with questions and prayer needs. It is always a joy to hear from our AFLC friends.

Blessings in Jesus,

Chanel Peterson Nelson  
Executive Assistant to the AFLC President



COME JOIN US AT THE

## Young Adults Summer Fellowship Kick-Off

Tuesday, May 23rd

**Where:** Faith Community Church  
(207 6th Ave SW, Pipestone)

**When:** 6 PM burgers are on!

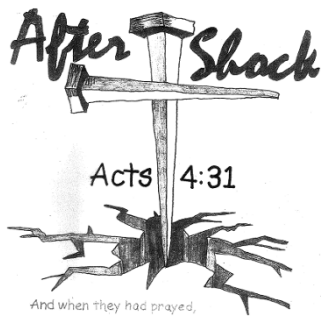
**What:** Free food! Ultimate Frisbee,  
Volleyball, Spikeball, 9 Square, Bean

Bags, with worship and a bonfire to follow!

Anyone age 18-30 is welcome!  
Scan the QR code to get connected and updated on events like Bible studies, kayaking days, and more throughout the summer!







## Upcoming Dates to remember:

- May 3 Last Aftershock for the season
- May 7 Confirmation Sunday
- May 21 Graduate Sunday
- May 21 Last day of Sunday School
- May 21 Forge
- May 24 Baccalaureate
- July 3 - 8 FLY
- July 16 - 20 VBS



Dear friends at Christ the King,

Please join us in praising the Lord for all that has been happening in regards to the church plant over the past month. 1) We have prayerfully consolidated the vision and values of the Ankeny Church Plant. For these and more details on the planning process, watch for the Prospectus online or in the foyer. 2) AFLC Home Missions has provided some key connections with congregations for prayer and support. We also had the opportunity to present the Prospectus to them for their review. 3) Matthew was able to make a 3-day visit to Ankeny on April 21-23. This trip provided opportunity to intentionally pray over the community, host an information meeting, meet with area pastors, look at housing options, and connect with nearby AFLC congregations.

The next months are going to fly by! Our current plan is to move from Texas to Iowa sometime between August 7-12. It will be bitter/sweet to wrap up our time of residency. The 8+ months have grown our hearts to love Christ and His church even more, taught us incalculable amounts of church planting wisdom, and formed lifelong relationships with spiritual family and mentors. Prior to the time of our move, please pray for the following:

- \* That God would continue to prepare the soil in Ankeny
- \* Leading to the right housing and community for us to live
- \* Development of beautiful materials to faithfully communicate and invite into the church plant
- \* Increased prayer and financial support
- \* For many miles of travel as we visit MN, IA, WI in June before continuing out to CO for the FLY Convention

As the sending church you continue to make it possible for us to follow God's call to plant a church that is *Gathered around the live-giving presence of God* in Ankeny, IA. Thank you!

Following Christ, Matthew, Julia, James, Benjamin, and Solomon Pillman





Steve & Glenda Kvale with Wycliffe



### Stretch Marks

Do you ever feel like Hebrews 11:8?

“And he (Abraham) went without knowing where he was going.” We’ve been feeling a bit of that lately and growing in faith as we step into new assignments.

Monday, June 13, 2022 presented the news that our assignments were coming to a close and to work on closure tasks while praying about how the Lord would desire our continued service. We knew instantly that you already had been praying with us for 3+ years whether the Lord would have us serve sign language translation needs one day and had taken steps of faith training in our free time since it was on our hearts with a nudge we couldn’t seem to ignore. :) However, we didn’t know if we were ready and could see that it would be no small task to discover our next assignments. We had contacts to make, needs to research, praying to do, interviews to sometimes sweat through, haha, a training week to go to, closure to have with our now previous team. Soon we were in awe seeing God’s divine appointments and fingerprints all over bringing more clarity to where He would be leading us. We sent out email prayer request updates before we went to training, and upon our return, to have prayer coverage in this vital process discovering God’s design for our next assignments. We are sorry if it has been quiet via snail mail and you are not on email to hear from us. Thanks for any of your prayers whether you knew the details or not, we know God heard you! Below is our closure time group picture with our Bibleless Peo-

ples Prayer Project team and a picture of Steve meeting, Adan, over lunch, our sign language translation advisor. Steve will work with Adan and others in Tech Support and ASL communications with global sign language translation partners and Glenda will be continuing to serve in prayer mobilization. Via interviews and assessments, they both were invited to what is called the Global Partnerships Team.

Sign languages are entirely visual. They develop separately from the local spoken languages in the same region. There are more similarities between different sign languages in the world, than there are between spoken languages which are in the same language family. Many people who can hear assume it is easy for Deaf people to read and understand written materials. This is an inaccurate assumption, because their sign language is not related to the spoken language, and written script is directly dependent on the sounds of words. Deaf teams use imagery through signing and expressions in their language to interpret scripture. For this reason, passages in the Bible that tell a story—like the parables of Jesus—are often the easiest scriptures for teams to start translating.

**Excerpt from Kvale’s newsletter**

### Prayer Concerns

- \* All those God has faithfully surrounded us with as intercessors, helpers, senders.
- \* The move of His Spirit preparing the way and timing to now accelerate global sign language translation needs.
- \* Good health for travels, speaking engagements, and meetings.
- \* God’s hand in the details for the tech/sign language recording ‘test run’ in December.



**Complete the New Testament for the Steep Mountain People** With just three more books to complete, the Steep Mountain people in Mexico will soon have the full New Testament in their language. The language team and local church are working together to address the community’s biggest needs: evangelism, discipleship, and children’s ministry. Scripture-based print and audio materials are being produced, as well as Bible story videos for the children. “Because everything in the church is in their language, all the children of the local church are understanding the Word of God better,” said the project coordinator.—through Wycliffe



“For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”

- [Romans 1:20](#)

## Altar Guild

Pat Woelber

## Money Counters/ Trustees

Heather DeWilde

Brandie Hulstein

## Family of the Week

- May 7 Blanche Quincey
- May 14 Jerry & Mavis Remund
- May 21 Jerry & Dianne Rood
- May 28 Russel & Archie Rood; Jonalyn, JD

## Acolytes

- May 7 Makenley DeWilde
- May 14 Jordan DeRuyter
- May 21 Kynslee Hulstein
- May 28 Tanner Thomson

## Ushers

Gene Bouw

Mark Mitchell

## Kitchen Clean-up

## Nursery

- May 7 Amy Steuck
- May 14 Ashley Hoheisel
- May 21 Marcine Olsen
- May 28 Alyssa Steuck

## Sound Tech

- May 7 Dave Sutherland
- May 14 Kyle DeWilde
- May 21 Alan Warner
- May 28 Dave Sutherland



**Memorial Day**  
*Remember Those Who  
Gave Their Lives*

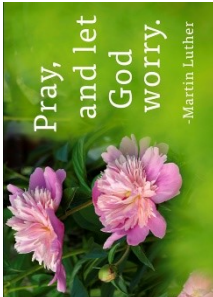

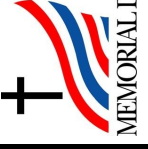


## Worship Leaders

- May 7 Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Dawn Sutherland, Kari Rupp, Susan Parsley
- May 14 Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Jane Smith, Judy Steuck
- May 21 Praise Band; Sheila Westfield, leading
- May 28 Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Charles Hoffman, Jane Smith





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p></p> <p><b>7</b> 9:30 AM Confirmation Worship Service 10:30 AM Refreshments 10:45 AM Sunday School &amp; Confirmation</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> 1 PM Quilters Meet</p>	<p><b>3</b> 6:30 PM Aftershock 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>4</b> Noon - 1 PM National Day of Prayer @ Courthouse Lawn</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> 7 AM Men's Study @ CTK Olsen/Zeug Wedding</p>
<p><b>14</b>  9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Sunday School &amp; Confirmation</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> 7: PM Trustees</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>21</b> 9:00 AM VBS Planning Meets 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Sunday School &amp; Confirmation 11:45 AM Forge <b>Messenger Articles Due</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> 6:30 PM Elders @ CTK</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>
<p><b>28</b> 9:30 AM Worship Service <b>PAS Graduation</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> 7:30 PM Baccalaureate</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>
<p><b>29</b>  MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Please Note: Sunday worship services will be livestreamed.</p>						
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stay Close TO God THIS Summer</i></p>						