

CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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As Sarah and I have now officially purchased and moved into our first home (praise be to God for His blessings), we've been experiencing all of the highs and lows that come with this major life change. The joys of our own space, the burden of projects to be done, and the general elbow grease required to not only move in but also settle in have been on our minds these last weeks. However, spending all this time preparing and settling into a house reminded me of Jesus' words to His disciples in the upper room before His death and resurrection: John 14:1 (NLT) *"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. 2 There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?"*



Moving from a smaller rental to a "house-sized house" has been wonderful. But our house pales in comparison to the eternal home that Jesus prepares. While it might hurt the brain to consider just how many people will occupy the Heavenly Father's mansion, the joy of that home is that we will *be* home. Not only no more tears or death, but no more moving boxes, no more broken tiles, and no more light bulb changes. And so Jesus prepares a place for us, but He does so in a way that His disciples didn't expect: 3 *"When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am."*

Jesus is currently at the right hand of the Father, working through His Word and His church to expand His kingdom, necessitating more and more rooms in that mansion. But Jesus *first* had to prepare this place by dealing with sin. The reason we as humanity had to leave the Father's beautiful garden in the first place was our prideful sin. But Jesus came to make right what Adam made wrong. Instead of sealing the entrances with a flaming sword, Jesus comes to be the door by which we enter into house proper. Instead of giving curses to man, woman, and creation, Jesus brings life and blessing to His children and the world He made. But to bring this all about, Jesus had to take on Himself the sins of the world. This is what surprised the disciples: the fact that only through Jesus' perfect sacrifice could there be life and hope and a perfect eternal home for sinners made saints through His blood. But Jesus wasn't surprised: 4 *"And you know the way to where I am going."* 5 *"No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?"* 6 Jesus told him, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."*

Only through Jesus do we have access to the Father, access to life, access to truth, because Jesus is truth, Jesus is life, and Jesus and the Father are one. Together they send the Holy Spirit to call many to become children of the kingdom, to share in Christ's inheritance, and to come home to that perfect home that Jesus is preparing to last for all of eternity. Three persons, one God, one will, and many many co-heirs that will share in that beautiful home all because of Jesus. And yes, they call even you today to recognize your sin and need, trust in His promises, and wait with a heart full of hope and hands full of love until He comes to bring you, or all of us together at once, home for good. With that eternal home in mind, I'll do my best to keep a few lightbulbs from distracting me from sharing that good news of Jesus' home! :)

Blessings, Pastor Joe

Sermon Series:

November 5 TBD

Paul Scholten

November 12 *Powerful Hope IN the Christian Life*

Jeff Scholten

Overflowing Gratitude:

November 19 *Its Foundation*

Colossians 2:6 - 7

Pastor Tim

November 22 *Its Source* (Thanksgiving Eve) James 1:17 - 18

November 26 *Its Production*

Exodus 35:4 - 36:7



Christ the King Church,

On behalf of the Lake Benton Food Shelf we want to thank you for your ongoing monthly support for our program.

Karen Lichtsinn, Sec/Treasurer
Lake Benton Food Shelf

Dear Friends,

Thank You for your gift! I appreciate your heart for the Lord's work here at Sheepgate, a division of Adult & Teen Challenge.

One thing that never changes around our Sheepgate campuses, is the life changing power of Jesus Christ. When you walk around one of our centers, it is amazing to see the lives being changed and the families being restored through Him! No matter how hard the last few years have been, no matter what changes are thrown at us, seeing those lives turned around is worth every challenging moment. His love and provision is evident though your giving and prayers. We are eternally grateful for your partnership with this ministry. Your donation is literally impacting lives! In the Lord's service, Michael Hunsberger



Dear Pastor Tim & Christ the King Church,

We just received our new set of Griefshare workbooks and brochures at ATLAS and want to say THANK YOU!!! For sponsoring this impactful ministry! Laurie Westerbur does a beautiful job ministering to our Griefshare participants! We are so appreciative of your support.

...God will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them. Hebrews 6:10
Blessings, The ATLAS Staff

Wishing you a Thanksgiving full of gratitude, good health and happiness.

All those we serve at Union Gospel Mission Sioux Falls are extremely thankful for your support.

Eric Weber, CEO

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church Financial Report As of September 30, 2023

Cash Basis

Balance Sheet

Revenue

Expenditures

	<u>Sep 30, 23</u>		<u>Sep 23</u>
ASSETS		Revenue	
Checking/Savings		Building and Grounds	250.00
Bank Total		General Revenue	18,315.23
Building		Outreach Revenue	6,408.35
Altar Guild	338.39	Total Revenue	<u>24,973.58</u>
Building Fund Account	(278.91)	Expenditures	
Total Building	<u>59.48</u>	Building & Grounds	3,684.85
General Total		Conferences/Meetings	35.58
General	68,739.36	Discipleship Expenditures	253.38
Truth Help	155.08	Family Events	86.08
Total General Total	<u>68,894.44</u>	Family Support	50.00
Outreach		Misc.	2,466.09
20% Offering	4,527.60	Office	424.40
Children's Mission Offering	249.75	Outreach Disbursement	
Thrivent	2,160.41	20 %Outreach	4,078.60
Total Outreach	<u>6,937.76</u>	Samaritan's Purse	170.00
Share And Care	785.36	Special Outreach	1,370.00
Special Accounts		Total Outreach Disbursement	<u>5,618.60</u>
Internship Fund	6,800.00	Payroll Expenditures	16,060.54
Local Outreach Ministry	7,123.71	Prayer and Worship	681.00
Church Missions	1,493.74	Youth	737.50
Marriage Ministry	307.98	Total Expenditures	<u>30,098.02</u>
Scholarship	322.26	Net Revenue (Deficit)	<u><u>(5,124.44)</u></u>
Youth	8,713.93		
Total Special Accounts	<u>24,761.62</u>		
Total Bank Total	<u>101,438.66</u>		
Total Checking/Savings	<u>101,438.66</u>		
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>101,438.66</u></u>		



Just a reminder for you to start thinking about and working on your articles for the Annual Report for the meeting in January. The deadline is January 1. If you have your article finished before then, feel free to drop it off to the church office. Thank You! Articles & reports are due January 1, 2024

Annual Meeting will be in January 2024

Trustee Meeting Minutes Christ The King Free Lutheran Church October 12, 2023

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

Also Present: Pastor Tim Johnson, Collene Landgren, Mike Morgan, Pastor Joe Larson, Matthew Amdahl, Wayne Smith.

President David Sutherland called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Alan Warner by reading Proverbs 20:29 & 9:10; and Jeremiah 9:23 - 24. Alan W. led in prayer. Heather DeWilde will lead devotions in November.

The Treasurer's report for September was presented. Heather D. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Denis P. Motion carried.

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

Ankeny Church Plant: The September financial report was presented.

Dave M. made a motion to give \$400 to Ankeny designated for a refrigerator for use in Ankeny church plant, seconded by Marcine O. motion failed to pass.

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

AFLC \$ 527.60 Food Shelf \$ 500. Atlas for Life \$ 200.
CRU-Jeff \$ 500. CRU-Paul \$ 500. Steele \$ 100.
Brazil Student \$ 100. Alpha Center \$ 300. Abel \$ 100.
Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500. Lake Benton Food Shelf \$ 200.
Children's Life \$ 200.00 PAS Wellness Room \$ 200.00
Lost Timber \$ 100.00 Ankeny Church Plant \$ 500.00

The secretary's report from the September 14, 2023 meeting was presented. Dave M. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Heather D. Motion carried.

Elders' Consultation: Matthew Amdahl reported for the Elders. They have discussed small groups. Dave M will be facilitating a group on Wednesdays beginning October 18 at 10 AM at CTK. Amdahls will be starting a group on November 6 at 7 PM at their home. Jeanette Larson will be starting a women's study on Wednesday afternoons. A group has been meeting in Flandreau. Paul Scholten will be giving the message on November 5 and Jeff Scholten will be giving the message on November 12. They will also be speaking during the Sunday School time.

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports: Youth Ministry: Pastor Joe reported the youth/family time is working well. He has been going to the school on Tuesdays and Thursdays to visit with the middle and high school kids during lunch time.

Pastors' Report: Pastor Tim: Submitted a report of his activities for the last month. Reported the Ministerial needs someone to give out vouchers to those in need. The secretary at St Leos is resigning and until they find a replacement. Pastor Tim discussed it with Collene Landgren

and she is willing to do it. Denis P. moved to approve, during regular office hours and to review after 1 month to see how it is working. Seconded by Dave K. motion carried.

Pastor Tim requested vacation December 26 - 31. And 3 non-weekend days to be determined with workload. Marcine O. so moved, seconded by Brandie H. Motion carried.

Pastor Joe: Submitted a written report of his activities for the month. Pastor Joe reported the youth & family meals have been working and the school visits are going well.

Pastor Matthew: Submitted a brief written update. He would like to meet with the Trustees at the November meeting.

Old Business:

Landscaping: Update from Denis P. & Alan W. Plants have been put in and then rocks can be spread. Sidewalk north of entry has been completed, thanks Alan & Denis. Planning on moving rocks on October 21.

Cross on entry: Jim O. reported waiting for the finish work.

Wireless microphone: waiting for quote. Collene

Security Cameras: tabled to get bids. Going to check on Ring. - Marcine

Credit card policy: wording will add unbudgeted purchases over \$100 are to be "pre-approved" by the Trustees.

Lights on flags: Brandie H. moved, seconded by Alan W. to have the light replaced by Olsen Electric. Motion carried.

ALICE Training: will be October 15 during the Sunday school time to be held in the sanctuary. Thanks Marcine.

New Business:

Request to use fellowship hall: from Julie Manzey on November 19 for the 4-H banquet. Jim O. moved to approve, no fee charged but do need insurance information, seconded by Brandie H. Motion carried.

Bernie Hubner requested the fellowship hall for Barb Hubner for November 25. Heather D. moved to approve, seconded by Marcine O. Motion carried.

Hope Haven: Brandie H. submitted information for the trustees to review requesting people to go on mission trips through Hope Haven. They have several planned for the next year.

Dave S. adjourned the meeting. Dave M. closed in prayer.

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



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Carol Farmer
- 4 Debra Blaue
- 5 Christopher Rupp
- 6 Makenley De Wilde
- 6 Brad Stangeland
- 7 Jeanette Larson
- 8 Alyssa Steuck
- 9 Andrew Berg
- 9 Melissa Wait
- 11 Heidi Woelber
- 13 Marla Viland
- 16 Grayson Lindquist
- 17 Linny Janssen
- 19 Jason Lindquist
- 19 Heidi Staples
- 22 Mary Shane
- 24 Amy Steuck
- 25 Andrew Farmer
- 29 Wesley Haak
- 30 Glenda Kvale



Fall Back November 5

Chatter-sewers
(Quilting)
will meet
Wednesday
November 8
at 1:00 p.m.



Trustee Meeting
Thursday,
November 9, 7 PM



Community Thanksgiving
Service, @ First Lutheran
Sunday, Nov.19 @ 7 PM
Pastor Joe will be giving the
message. All are welcome.

Men's Bible
Study
Saturday,
November 4
@ 7 AM



Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM



Veterans Day November 11

Thanksgiving
Worship



Wednesday, November 22
7:00 PM



Elders' Meeting
@ CTK
Nov 30 @ 7:00 PM

NewsLetter
DEADLINES
November 19





Christ the King

Thank you for your important and significant support of the residency and future church plant! Your prayers, finances, and sacrifice are all part of making God's call on our life a reality. We value the on going connection and friendship with each of you! In Christ, Matthew, Julia, James, Benjamin, & baby

Dear Friends @ CTK,

Thank you for your ongoing, generous support of FLBCS - and your investment in so many corners of God's world—like Ankeny. You are impacting souls.

In Christ, Pastor Wade Mobley



Dear AFLC Friends,

I want to thank you one last time as I serve as AFLC president for your ongoing support and gifts that you give to the Lord's work in the AFLC. It has been very humbling to see how God supplies for His work through His people.

Pastor Lyndon Korhonen



Dear Christ the King Lutheran Church

The Banquet ministry is blessed to have many contributors who care deeply about our guests and their children. Without generous donors, The Banquet could not assist the hundreds of families who come seeking food for the body and soul.

We are grateful your gift of \$ 155.10 that was designated for the General fund. Sincerely, The Banquet

Dear Pastor Tim,

Your ministry through Christ the King Lutheran Church has blessed countless lives. We see ourselves as an extension of the church and feel honored to partner with you to advance the kingdom of God. Our Lord sees and honors all that you do for Him. Thank you for your faithfulness and the value for unborn life that you champion within your community.

God Bless, Alpha Center

Pastor Tim & Congregation of Christ the King

Enclosed is memorial money in memory of June Remme. Our parents so grew in their faith, evangelizing, established in Christ and equipping us to serve!

May the Lord be with you all!

The family of June Remme
Rhonda Graves, Brian Remme, Bruce Remme,
Laurie Burns.





Upcoming Events

November 22 Thanksgiving Eve Service
 December 17 Youth Sunday & Christmas Program



CTK will be collecting offering for Military Biblesticks on November 6 & 13

Faith Comes By Hearing®

Together with more than 700 partners worldwide, Faith Comes By Hearing endeavors to record and freely provide Scripture in every language that needs it by the year 2033. Partners include translation organizations, church planting and discipleship ministries, Chaplains, missionaries, and hundreds of organizations, foundations, and churches, including Christ the King!

Seventy percent of the world's population live in oral cultures and fifty percent cannot read at a level to understand the Bible. But they can listen and come to faith! There are over 7,100 languages in the world. Scripture has now been recorded in 1,683, representing 6.6 billion people.

In addition to Audio Scriptures, our commitment is to produce at least one Gospel Film in every language. A Gospel Film is a word for word presentation of one of the Gospels in video format. 1,186 have been produced. This was a project done in partnership with Lutheran Bible Translators and The Liberian Bible Society.

Once a language has been recorded, then distribution and engagement strategies are implemented. Strategies include Gospel Film showings, social media and app campaigns, and the distribution of SD cards, solar powered Proclaimer Bibles, and Military BibleSticks. An Air Force Sergeant wrote recently "It has helped me get in a routine of spending time in prayer and listening to God's word. It's small size and easy to take with me and listen in the dark. Thanks a lot."



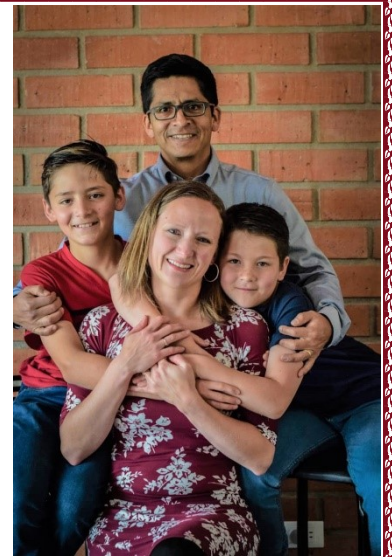
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Missionary of the Month: Ecuador Darwin, Kirsten, Daniel, & Nathan Paccha



Querida Familia y Amigos,

While August included some vacation time with the Paccha family and September marked the beginning of another homeschool year, these months have overall been rather mundane. I (Kirsten) was unsure of what to write about in this newsletter, I felt as if there was nothing much to share. Life was pretty uneventful, but then with all the unrest in Israel it makes one become truly grateful for mundane moments. We never know when our lives, or of those we love, may be turned upside down due to serious illness, political unrest, droughts, strikes, etc. Only our Heavenly Father knows what our future holds. As we wake up to the same routine each day, we do our best to give gratitude to the Lord for all we have been blessed with and pray for those who are passing through times of suffering.

Although these months were a bit uninteresting for us, we hope you enjoy catching up with our little activities.

Please feel free to share whatever you would like from the newsletter. We have just a couple prayer requests to add.

We are actually getting ready for a time of rest and vacation in the USA for the holidays. We will be traveling mid-November and would appreciate prayers for safety in travels. Prayers for good health during our stay would also be appreciated.

Upon Darwin's return in January 2024 (the boys and I will return in February), our senior pastor will be retiring. As we return to Ecuador there will be many changes as Darwin takes on completely the role of senior pastor even though he has been slowly moving into this position. However, our current senior pastor is not only retiring, but will also be pursuing other opportunities for ministry in another country. As a 2-fold request, we ask for prayer for him and his new ventures with his wife (Santiago and Blanca), and prayers as our own congregation adjusts to the lack of his presence that will most definitely be felt, especially so in the older members of our congregation.

Prayer Requests

- *Praise for rain and pray for more rain!
- *Continued unity and spiritual growth of our congregation La Paz de Dios
- *Alfredo and family facing so much uncertainty due to the war in Israel
- *Safe travel and good health during their stay in the US.
- * Adjustments as Darwin becomes Senior Pastor at their church.



Operation Christmas Child Takes Off!!
Don't forget to pack your Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child!

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church

partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way. For more information see: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>

Please return your shoe boxes to the church by Sunday, November 12

There are pamphlets & boxes located in the Foyer



“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.”- Romans 8:28

Altar Guild

Pat Woelber

Money Counters/ Trustees

Dave Krusemark

Jim Otter

Ushers

Dave Brockberg

Mike Brockberg

Family of the Week / Greeters

- November 5 Elroy & Elaine Uilk
- November 12 Leon & Diana Uilk
- November 19 Bill & Tami VanderPlaats; Logan
- November 26 Daryl & Marlys Viland

Sound Tech

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

Acolytes

- November 5 Lauren Steuck
- November 12 Jaelyn Koopman
- November 19 Keegan Otter
- November 26 Makenley DeWilde



Nursery

- November 5 Alyssa Steuck
- November 12 Amy Steuck
- November 19 Ashley Hoheisel
- November 26 Alyssa Steuck

Worship Leaders

- November 5 Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Donna Smith, Judy Steuck
- November 12 Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Kari Rupp, Susan Parsley
- November 19 Praise Band
- November 22 Donna Smith, Charlie Hoffman, Laurel Berg, Jane Smith
- November 26 Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Jane Smith, Judy Steuck

NOVEMBER

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

 <p>5 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 4:30 PM Youth/Family Study</p>			<p>1 10:00 AM Small Group 7:30 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 7 AM Men's Study</p>
<p>6 7 PM Small Group Study @ Amdahls 4:30 PM Youth/Family Study</p>	<p>7 ELECTION DAY  9: AM Homeschool Group 8 PM Ankeny Board</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM Small Group Study 1:00 PM Quilters 6:00 PM Year 3 Confirmation 7:30 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>9 10: AM District Pastor Meet 7: PM Trustee Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 </p>	
<p>12 Christmas Child Boxes Due 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 4:30 PM Youth/Family Study</p>	<p>13 7 PM Small Group Study @ Amdahls</p>	<p>14 9: AM Home-school Group</p>	<p>15 10:00 AM Small Group 7:30 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 9:30 AM Helen Jensen Visitation 10:30 AM Helen Jensen Funeral</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 Messenger Information Due 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 4:00 PM 4 - H Banquet 7:00 PM Community Service</p>	<p>20 7 PM Small Group Study @ Amdahls</p>	<p>21 9: AM Home-school Group</p>	<p>22 10:00 AM Small Group 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service</p> 	<p>23 </p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Private Event All Day</p>
<p>26 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Brunch Blessing 10:45 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 4:30 PM No Study</p>	<p>27 7 PM Small Group Study @ Amdahls</p>	<p>28 9: AM Home-school Group</p>	<p>29 6:00 PM Year 3 Confirmation 7:30 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>30 7: PM Elders Meet @ CTK</p>	<p>ADVENT </p>	

