

CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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To mask or not to mask; is that really the question?

I am very grateful to be serving a congregation that is not seriously taking sides over the question of mask or no mask. I know that people have differing opinions about the efficacy of wearing masks and that there is conflicting information given, even from the experts. But churches are experiencing deep divisions based upon this one issue. Obviously, God does not want this.

The title question got me thinking about Paul's letter to Titus. In verse five of the first chapter, Paul tells Titus, "The reason I left you in Crete was to set right what was left undone and, as I directed you, to appoint elders in every town." The Apostle Paul wanted everyone on the island of Crete to know Jesus and have eternal life (1:1-2), so he left Titus there to minister to them. Titus' main mission was to lead people to the knowledge of the truth (Jesus).

However, Paul warns Titus that there are many rebellious people (1:10) and that Cretans can be liars, evil and lazy gluttons (1:12-13). He further instructs Titus to "avoid foolish debates, genealogies, quarrels, and disputes about the law, because they are unprofitable and worthless" (3:9). In other words, Paul is telling Titus not to major in minor things.

Ravi Zacharias warns Christians of turning "either/or" issues into "both/and" issues. For example, it wouldn't be Biblically right to say that Jesus is one way to heaven and there are other ways to heaven as well. Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." The way to the Father is clearly an "either/or" issue, not a "both/and" issue. There is only one way to heaven. Multiple ways cannot be biblically right. "Either/or" issues are central and should be defended.

What often happens among Christians and churches is that people get off the main mission of our Christian faith and start treating everything as an "either/or" issue. Before you know it, you have people foolishly debating the color of the carpet or walls. People start quarreling over the kinds of worship music. Members have hot disputes over whether or not everyone should or shouldn't wear a mask in worship.

There is an old nursery rhyme that goes like this:

Pussy cat, pussy cat, where have you been? I've been to London to see the queen.

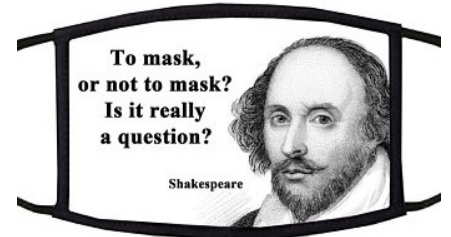
Pussy cat, pussy cat, what did you there? I frightened a little mouse under a chair.

The poor pussy cat planned to see the queen, but got sidetracked by a mouse only to miss the queen. In essence, the pussy cat got so focused on what was minor that he missed the major purpose for his visit to London.

And so, the Apostle Paul, warns Titus, "But avoid foolish debates, genealogies, quarrels, and disputes about the law, because they are unprofitable and worthless." Instead, the Apostle Paul instructs Titus to set right what was left undone and to appoint elders in every town. He wanted Titus to focus on helping the people of Crete to know Jesus.

Knowing Jesus and helping others to know Him is our major and mission. As I hear testimonies from pastors and parishioners of great division due to things like masks or no masks, I am grateful to be serving among you. I know many of us have opinions in these areas, but none have made them divisive. As a result, we can major in knowing Jesus and making Him known.

To Him be the Glory! Pastor Tim



Keys to Rebuilding God's Nation



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|-------------|---|----------------|
| November 1 | Nehemiah 4 – Progress in Spite of Opposition | Pastor Tim |
| November 8 | Nehemiah 5 – Leadership Amid Social Injustice | Pastor Tim |
| November 15 | Nehemiah 6 – Working through Intimidation | Pastor Tim |
| November 22 | Nehemiah 8 – Godward Celebration | Pastor Matthew |
| November 25 | Thanksgiving Eve Service | 7:00 PM |

Advent Hope

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| November 29 | Isaiah 9:1 | The Glory to Come | Pastor Tim |
| December 6 | Isaiah 9:2-3 | The Light & Joy | TBA |
| December 13 | Upside Down Christmas | Youth Service & SS Program | |
| December 20 | Isaiah 9:4-5 | The Freedom from Oppression | TBA |
| December 24 | Isaiah 9:6-7 | The Child Born for Us | TBA |

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



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 will be Sunday, January 1. If you have your article finished before then, feel free to drop it off to the church office. Thank You! Articles due January 1, 2021

REPORTS

Trustees– Jim Gawerecki
 Elders– Wayne Smith
 Youth Ministry– Matthew Pillman
 Family Ministry– Jerry Remund
 Sunday School– Janelle Brockberg
 Adult Sunday School– Pastor Tim
 VBS Camp – Laurie Bruns, Brandie Hulstein
 Altar Guild– Altar Guild Committee
 Worship Committee– Irene Warner & Jane Smith
 Library– Jeanette Larson

Historian– Irene Warner
 Cards & Napkins– Kris Schiager
 Quilting– Helen Jensen & Barb Westerbur
 Fundraising by Ladies– Rose Beck

Financial Reports:

Church– Mike Morgan

**Due January 1, 2021
 Annual Meeting will
 Be in January**

Cash Basis
Balance Sheet

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

Revenue
Expenditures

	<u>Sep 30, 20</u>		<u>Sep 20</u>
ASSETS		Revenue	
Checking/Savings		Building and Grounds	1,715.00
Bank Total		General Revenue	25,636.82
Building		Outreach Revenue	<u>6,624.51</u>
Altar Guild	324.67	Total Revenue	33,976.33
Building Fund Account	127.09	Expenditures	
Wedding Deposits	<u>500.00</u>	Building & Grounds	2,215.12
Total Building	951.76	Conferences/Meetings	35.00
General Total		Discipleship Expenditures	289.34
General	55,315.72	Family Support	86.90
Truth Help	<u>308.09</u>	Misc.	880.76
Total General Total	55,623.81	Office	823.88
Outreach		Outreach Disbursement	
20% Offering	5,772.60	20 %Outreach	6,560.42
Children's Mission Offering	251.91	PAS Wellness	<u>100.00</u>
Thrivent	<u>730.99</u>	Total Outreach Disbursement	6,660.42
Total Outreach	6,755.50	Payroll Expenditures	15,095.44
Share And Care	600.00	Youth	<u>54.18</u>
Special Accounts		Total Expenditures	<u>26,141.04</u>
Internship Fund	600.00	Net Revenue	<u><u>7,835.29</u></u>
Local Outreach Ministry	3,448.70		
Church Missions	2,493.74		
Marriage Ministry	307.98		
Scholarship	322.26		
Youth	<u>10,325.19</u>		
Total Special Accounts	<u>17,497.87</u>		
Total Bank Total	<u>81,428.94</u>		
Total Checking/Savings	<u><u>81,428.94</u></u>		

Trustee Meeting Minutes Christ The King Free Lutheran Church October 8, 2020

Present: Jim Gawerecki, Dave Sutherland, Jim Otter, Laurie Bruns, Matthew Amdahl, Heather De Wilde, Morgan McNickle
Absent: Bill VanderPlaats, Brandie Hulstein
Also Present: Pastor Tim, Pastor Matthew, Collene Landgren, Mike Morgan, Wayne Smith

President Jim Gawerecki called the meeting to order. Social distancing was observed. Devotions were led by Heather DeWilde reading from Acts 16:6-7, Paul was the greatest missionary and God prevented him from going to China and India and instead turned him to other parts of the world. Like Paul, we need to be sensitive to God's leading, when God turns us it will be for the better. We need to get over our desire to be in control. Jesus may block where we shouldn't go, we need to let God lead our lives. Heather D. led in prayer. Morgan McNickle will lead devotions in November.

Elders' Consultation: Wayne Smith represented the Elders and reported they have monitoring how and where worship has been taking place. There really hasn't been any concerns voiced about how we are holding services.

COVID report: As of 10/8/2020 Pipestone county reported 292 cases and 15 deaths.

The Treasurer's report for September was presented. Dave S. moved to accept treasurer's report. Seconded by Jim O. Motion carried.

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

Mike Morgan reported the Pipestone City Coronavirus Aid, Relief & Economic Security (CARES) Act grant funds were received. Dave S. moved, seconded by Jim O. to refuse the funds due to concerns with the requirements. Motion carried.

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

AFLC \$ 1,072.60: \$357.53 each Parish Education, the ARC, and Evangelism & Discipleship. Food Shelf \$100 ShareNCare \$ 400 CRU-Jeff \$ 500. Paul \$ 500. Tim & Sheila Steele \$ 100. Brazil Student \$ 100. Matthew & Ednay Abel \$ 100. Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500 Children's Life \$ 200 Alpha Center \$ 300 Atlas for Life \$ 200 Local Outreach \$ 300 Intern Account \$ 300 PAS Wellness Room \$ 100 San Antonio Church Plant \$ 100 Lake Benton Food Shelf \$ 100 Lost Timber Camp \$ 200 Pipestone Ministerial \$ 500. Guest Speakers: Pastor Brent Raan \$ 400. Dr Allen Unruh \$ 300.

Dave S. moved to pay an additional \$10,000 from the general account to the roof line of credit (loan), seconded by Laurie B. Motion carried.

The secretary's report from the September 10, 2020 meeting was presented. Laurie B. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dave S. Motion carried.

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports: Youth Ministry: Pastor Matthew reported Wednesday night confirmation has begun, Aftershock has about 10-15 students attending. Approximately 10 youth attended the Thunder Road event.

Family Ministry: No report as they have not been meeting at this time.

Pastors' Report: Pastor Tim submitted a report of activities for the last month. The pastors have been trying to balance and be sensitive to those who feel strong about wearing or not wearing masks.

Pastor Matthew requested vacation time November 5-10.

Morgan M. moved to approve, seconded by Laurie B. Motion carried. Pastor Matthew reported there are many people involved in different activities on Sunday mornings, from the Sunday school teachers to the technology people, those helping with communion etc. There have been several opportunities for group prayers: See You @ the Pole, at the Courthouse lawn, some teachers and pastors walk the perimeter of the school Tuesday mornings praying for the students and staff. 12 people are interested in the San Antonio mission trip.

Old Business: Review of CTK Constitution: Tabled: The trustees continue to review the constitution.

Elder recommendation for guidelines during a pandemic: Wayne S. asked if anyone had questions about the recommended guidelines. Laurie B. moved to accept the guidelines and have them added to the policy book, seconded by Heather D. Motion carried.

Bench in foyer: Tabled: Morgan M. reported the person he spoke to didn't do that kind of woodwork. Laurie B. will check for benches at a couple of local furniture stores.

San Antonio Mission Trip: Pastor Matthew reported 12 people are interested in the mission trip. There will be another meeting October 25.

Playground equipment: Still needs to be stained.

Bus: The repairs have been completed. The starter & alternator were replaced. The bill was \$ 701.59

Projector for sanctuary: Dave S. moved to purchase the VAVA 4K UHD Laser projector for \$2,800, seconded by Matthew A. Motion carried.

New Business: Clean Gutters: Will be done later.

Trim bushes and landscaping: Jim G. thanked all those that helped with the removal and trimming of the trees and bushes on October 17. Brandie H. submitted a written list of items that still needs to be completed. The second row of trees to the west of the church building will be removed this fall after harvest has been completed. Heather D. has connections to get trees to replace those that will be removed this fall.

Volunteer fire department opportunity: Pastor Matthew would like to pursue training to be on the Pipestone volunteer fire department. The trustees agreed it would be a good opportunity.

Trunk or Treat participation: The Pipestone Chamber of Commerce will be organizing a Trunk or Treat event for October 29. Due to all the restrictions, CTK will not be participating this year.

Use of church building: Bill Koch & Makenzie DeRuyter requested to use the church for their wedding on August 28, 2021. Laurie B. moved to approve, second by Heather D. Motion carried.

Other: Laurie B. requested a key to the church for Sunday school. Was approved.

Dave S. moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Matthew A., Jim G. adjourned the meeting. Pastor Matthew closed in prayer.

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



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Carol Farmer
- 4 Debra Blaue
- 6 Makenley De Wilde
- 7 Jeanette Larson
- 8 Alyssa Steuck
- 9 Andrew Berg
- 9 Melissa Wait
- 11 Heidi Woelber
- 13 Marla Viland
- 16 Grayson Lindquist
- 16 Brian Westerbur
- 19 Hunter St. Aubin
- 19 Jason Lindquist
- 19 Heidi Staples
- 22 Mary Shane
- 24 Amy Steuck
- 25 Andrew Farmer
- 26 Chelsea Olsen
- 27 Kyle Viland
- 29 Archie Rood
- 29 Wesley Haak
- 30 Glenda Kvale



Fall Back November 1



Trustee Meeting
Thursday,
November 12, 7 PM



Youth Ministry
Meets Sunday
November 15 @ 11:50 AM

PLEASE NOTE:

The broadcast of the
worship service on the
public access channel 3
HAS BEEN CHANGED to
Wednesdays at 3:00 and
8:00 PM.

Chatter-sewers
(Quilting)
will meet
Tuesday
November 3
at 1:00 p.m.



District Pastors'
Meeting
November 12
@ 10 AM



Elders' Meeting
@ CTK
Nov 24 @ 7:00 PM

NewsLetter
DEADLINES

November 22



Thanksgiving
Worship

**Wednesday, November 25
7:00 PM**



Christ the King Lutheran Church,
 We want to thank you for your \$300 gift.
 It is desperately needed at this time. May
 God continue to shower His blessings up-
 on you for your faithfulness.
 Janice Almond, Union Gospel Mission.


Christ the King,
 Thank you for having our family there
 this past summer and Pastor Brent this
 past Sunday. Please pray that we are
 able to return to Uganda soon.
 Love, The Raans

Thank you so much to everyone
 involved with helping with the land-
 scape clean-up and trimming on
 October 17. CTK is truly blessed to
 have such willing workers.

Christ the King Lutheran Church and Pastors,
 Many Thanks for all your prayers. Our God is an
 Awesome God. Jerry is home and recouping and will
 need to go back for surgery. We ask that you continue
 to keep him in your prayers.
 We can't tell you how much we appreciated all of your
 prayers and concern.
 Thank you, Jerry and Dianne Rood

Pastor Tim & Christ the King Church
 We live in a society where "me first" can become a way of life for anyone, if we're not careful.
 While taking care of ourselves is important, sometimes things get out of balance and before we know
 it, we're only focused on our own needs. This is where the church can step in, helping its people focus
 outside of themselves and on the needs of those around them. Your fellowship is a powerful example
 of this and we thank you. Through your support of Alpha Center, your church is telling our community,
 "We're reaching out. Our desire is to connect with those who may not think first of coming in our
 doors, but who need the God we serve."
 Our prayer for those who come to us is that as we connect with them, they will see their need for
 Jesus and soon will find their way to a fellowship - such as yours - where they can grow in His love.
 So again, thank you for supporting this work and all that you do for the flock that you shepherd.
 Grace and peace, Alpha Center



 **Due to Covid-19**
 restrictions the
Christmas Craft
and Bake sale has been
cancelled. The lefse
baking days have also
been cancelled.

REMEMBERING OUR
VETERANS
 November 11





Upcoming Events

TBD	Fall Yard Clean up (after church)
November 15	Parents' Meeting & Gift Baskets due
November 15	Forge Meets
November 27	No Aftershock or Confirmation
	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Nov 26 - Dec 13	Gift Basket Silent Auction
December 13	Youth Sunday
December 16	Christmas Party
December 23	No Confirmation or Youth Group
December 30	No Confirmation or Youth Group
January 2	Nerf Wars Aftershock & Forge
February 12	FLY Early Registration Deadline
February 5 - 7	Winter Retreat
July 5 - 10	FLY Convention

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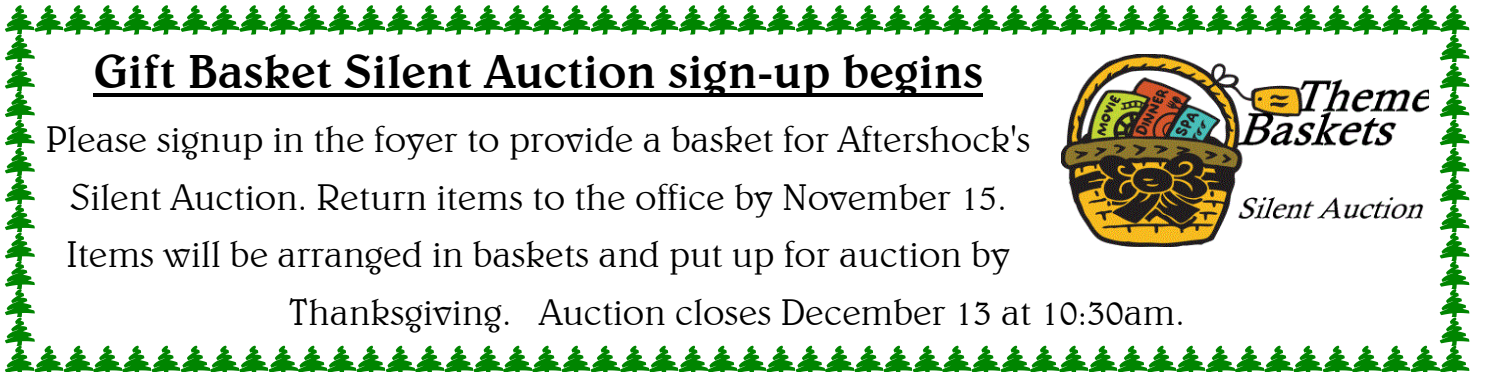
**New Aftershock series -
Missionary Stories**

We have started a new series in Aftershock looking at missionary stories. It is exciting and challenging to learn from those who have gone before us dedicating their lives to the Lord's service. Our prayer is that students would be challenged and encouraged in an increasingly post-Christian world.

Restored
2021 FLY CONVENTION
July 5-10 Early Registration deadline February 12

Gift Basket Silent Auction sign-up begins

Please sign up in the foyer to provide a basket for Aftershock's Silent Auction. Return items to the office by November 15. Items will be arranged in baskets and put up for auction by Thanksgiving. Auction closes December 13 at 10:30am.





MISSIONS



Missionary of the Month:
Jeff and Marci Scholten with
Bridges International (Cru)



in Urbandale, IA Zach, Samantha, Nicholas, Ally, Tori,
Chandra, Elida, Konrad, Tia, Natalya.

Prayer Requests

- * Pray for 'open doors' for conversations, similar to Jesus and the Woman at the well in John 4 or Phillip & the Ethiopian in Acts 8:26-
- * Pray for courage and wisdom to walk through the doors, like Peter & John in Acts 4:13...because we have been with Jesus
- * That Muslim students would understand the JESUS of the Bible and not the Koran 1 John 2:22-23; 4:15-16
- * That Hindu students would see JESUS as John 14:6 states and NOT as one optional god from many to appease
- * That Buddhist students would believe that GOD exists Hebrews 11:6
- * That our family would model Christ-likeness and servanthood to the students as Paul did in 1Thes 2:9-14
- * Pray against the work of our great Enemy and hater of our souls, who does not care one bit for these young peoples' lives and works hard to blind their minds. 2Cor 4:3-4
- * Lastly, that we would NOT LOSE our 1st LOVE...Mark 12:28-30, even when our job becomes so busy in service...Luke 10:38-42

Jeff & Marci joined Cru staff in 1991, where they've served in Florida; Kiev Ukraine; Iowa State University; Greater Iowa team and now as a Bridges International team leader based in Des Moines, IA.

Bridges International is a non-profit, Christian organization (under Cru) that exists to help serve and mobilize the international student population in the USA and abroad. We'll do this through campuses like Drake University, Iowa State University and prayerfully beyond, through key partnerships.

An excerpt from their newsletter:

"Anxious & Lonely Every fall I write to share about connecting with new students. It's always a time of looking forward to new friendships and discovery of young Int'l student leaders. This year's numbers of incoming freshmen & new graduate/PHDs are fewer but not less in need for friendships.

In fact, as I have been speaking with my Campus Team Leaders, everyone of them have communicated that students have disclosed an anxious & lonely disposition. Several indicated that they hadn't physically met with another student all summer." The newsletter goes on to give examples from student leaders how Jesus has moved in the lives of students. Read the whole newsletter available in the 3 ring binder on the table in the foyer.



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

Operation Christmas Child

The COVID-19 global pandemic has disrupted everyday life for millions of people around the world. Yet, Samaritan's Purse continues to share the eternal hope of the Gospel and to serve in Jesus' Name.

We want boys and girls around the world to know that God loves them and has not forgotten them during this time of fear and uncertainty. Children need great joy now more than ever. Most of all, they need the hope found only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This year options for boxes include packing traditional boxes, building a shoebox online, or both. Check out creative ideas from Operation Christmas Child Project Leaders across the U.S. at <https://www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/covid-19/#resources>

Please return your shoe boxes to the church by Sunday, November 15

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

Heather DeWilde

Hospitality Greeters

Communion Servers

Greeters

- November 1 Blanche Quincey
- November 8 Jerry & Mavis Remund
- November 15 Jerry & Dianne Rood
- November 22 Russel & Archie Rood; Jonalyn, J. D.
- November 29 Chuck & Diane Schaap

Money Counters/ Trustees

- Morgan McNickle
- Bill VanderPlaats

Acolytes

- November 1 Tanner Thomson
- November 8 Alyssa Steuck
- November 15 Nickolas Bruns
- November 22 Trey Boelman
- November 29 Hailey Goebel

Kitchen Clean-up

Ushers



Nursery

Worship Leaders

- November 1 Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Lynn Hellie, Susan Parsley
- November 8 Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Judy Steuck
- November 15 Matthew Pillman, Julia Pillman, Jane Smith
- November 22 Matthew Amdahl, Jane Smith, Janelle Brockberg, Susan Parsley
- November 25 Thanksgiving Eve; Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Lynn Hellie, Judy Steuck
- November 29 Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Jane Smith

NOVEMBER

Sunday

Monday



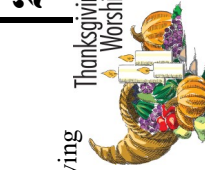
Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1 Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service / Livestream	2	3  1 PM Quilters	4 6:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Youth Group	5 Pastor Matthew & family will be on vacation Nov 5-10	6	7
8 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service / Livestream	9	10	11 6:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Youth Group	12 10 AM District Pastors' Meeting in Sioux Falls 7:00 PM Trustee Meeting	13	14
15 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service / Livestream 11:45 AM Parents' Meeting 11:45 AM Forge	16  VETERANS DAY	17	18 6:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Youth Group	19	20 Pastor Tim @ AFLC Coordinating Committee Meeting	21
22 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service / Livestream Messenger Articles Due Christmas Child Boxes Due	23	24 7:00 PM Elders Meet @ CTK	25 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service NO Confirmation or Aftershock	26  Thanksgiving Worship	27	28
29 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service / Livestream	30					

