

# CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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## Evaluation



Last summer we conducted an official Know Your Church Survey. I was reminded of this while reading about the seven churches in chapters two and three of Revelation. All the churches were basically being exhorted to evaluate themselves based upon the message of Jesus to each of them.

Though our Know Your Church survey analysis is not Jesus Word to us, it does supply us an avenue to try to take an objective peek at ourselves.

Forty-one members of the church completed that online survey out of the 140 who started the survey. One of the areas where we absolutely excelled was in doctrine where we scored very healthy or healthy on a scale of very healthy, healthy, marginally healthy down to marginally unhealthy, unhealthy and very unhealthy. I also noticed that we scored very healthy to healthy on what we believed or personally experienced in the areas of prayer, worship, fellowship and discipleship.

However, when we start dissecting what we are doing as a church in some of these areas including ministry and evangelism, we start seeing the very unhealthy rating coming to the service. For example, in evangelism, our church scores healthy in how we support missionaries and allocate our budget accordingly, but we score very unhealthy in that our growth has come primarily through transfer membership and people generally believe that there are enough churches in our community. I just heard today that there are 1,400 youth in our community. We have about dozen somewhat active churches in Pipestone with a population of 4,300. The goal should be to reach these people, most of whom are unchurched.

Prayer and worship were our strongest categories while discipleship and evangelism were our weakest. In fellowship, we scored healthy in areas of people feeling quickly loved and accepted when they began attending and in the feeling of belonging. However, we scored very unhealthy as people believed the priority focus of the church should be meeting the needs of the members while many do not attempt to reach other people. This inward focus is what is considered unhealthy.

Who is to blame for the weaknesses? Is it me as the pastor? Is it CTK's appointed leadership? Is it you? Is it our schedules or priorities? If we are honest, we can all raise our hands. Then who gets the credit for the strengths? We have some very encouraging strengths as far as what we believe in regard to doctrine, prayer and discipleship and in regard to what we have experienced in worship and fellowship.

I am asking that each of us would contemplate the letter to the church in Ephesus found in Revelation 2:1-7. I believe Christ loves us deeply and wants to do more with us. Let's thank God for His deliverance through Jesus and His guidance through His Spirit as we devote ourselves to understanding and applying this letter to ourselves and our church. The promise at the end makes it all worth it. Continued next page

Write to the angel of the church in Ephesus: Thus says the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand and who walks among the seven golden lampstands: <sup>2</sup> I know your works, your labor, and your endurance, and that you cannot tolerate evil people. You have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and you have found them to be liars. <sup>3</sup> I know that you have persevered and endured hardships for the sake of my name, and you have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup> But I have this against you: You have abandoned the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup> Remember then how far you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. Otherwise, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. <sup>6</sup> Yet you do have this: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup> Let anyone who has ears to hear listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

In thankfulness for God's pursuit,  
Pastor Tim



## Sermon Series:

### Purposeful Parables



November	6	<i>Living on Borrowed Time</i>	Luke 13:6-9	Pastor Tim
November	13	<i>Humble Exaltation</i>	Luke 14:7-14	Pastor Tim
November	20	<i>The Invitation</i>	Luke 14:15-24	Pastor Tim
November	27	<i>A Good Lesson from a Bad Example</i>	Luke 16:1-13	Pastor Tim
December	4	<i>The Murdered Son</i>	Luke 20:9-19	Pastor Tim

# Christ the King Free Lutheran Church Financial Report As of September 30, 2022

Cash Basis

Balance Sheet

Revenue

Expenditures

	<u>Sep 30, 22</u>		<u>Sep 22</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>Revenue</b>	
Checking/Savings		Building and Grounds	735.00
Bank Total		General Revenue	16,319.82
Building		Outreach Revenue	<u>4,183.85</u>
Building Fund Account	4,346.09	<b>Total Revenue</b>	21,238.67
Total Building	<u>4,346.09</u>	<b>Expenditures</b>	
General Total		Building & Grounds	2,871.94
General	43,992.97	Discipleship Expenditures	449.76
Truth Help	<u>286.42</u>	Family Events	103.82
Total General Total	<u>44,279.39</u>	Misc.	2,366.22
Outreach		Office	320.42
20% Offering	4,077.20	Outreach Disbursement	
Children's Mission Offering	106.65	20 %Outreach	5,793.80
Thrivent	<u>1,432.41</u>	Samaritan's Purse	<u>106.47</u>
Total Outreach	<u>5,616.26</u>	Total Outreach Disbursement	5,900.27
Share And Care	1,007.55	Payroll Expenditures	10,247.94
Special Accounts		Share And Care	10.48
Internship Fund	600.00	Youth	<u>317.17</u>
Local Outreach Ministry	7,323.71	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>22,588.02</u>
Church Missions	1,493.74	<b>Net Revenue (Deficit)</b>	<u><u>(1,349.35)</u></u>
Marriage Ministry	307.98		
Scholarship	322.26		
Youth	<u>10,253.93</u>		
Total Special Accounts	<u>20,301.62</u>		
Total Bank Total	<u>75,550.91</u>		
Total Checking/Savings	<u>75,550.91</u>		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>75,550.91</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, 2023

**Annual Meeting will be in January 2023**

## Trustee Meeting Minutes Christ The King Free Lutheran Church October 13, 2022

**Present:** Dave Sutherland, Marcine Olsen, Gene Bouw, Jim Otter, Heather De Wilde, Laurie Bruns     **Absent:**

Jim Gawerecki, Brandie Hulstein, Morgan McNickle

**Also Present:** Collene Landgren, Mike Morgan, Dan Gorder

**President David Sutherland** called the meeting to order.

Devotions were led by Laurie Bruns reading from the devotional Daily Reflections from Galatians 5:23-24, the Fruit of the Spirit. The story was about a missionary woman to Malaysia. She was faithful to God's call and was able to lead others to Jesus. The article reminded to slow down and find rest in Jesus. Laurie B. opened in prayer. Heather DeWilde will lead devotions in November.

**The Treasurer's report** for September 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.

**Outreach:** Dan Gorder requested to address the Trustees about outreach. He explained Pastor Dave Wold works through the organization Serving the Workers for the Harvest and will be in Brazil at a seminary to teach the teachers and will be going to Kenya later. Dan explained Pastor Dave could use some financial assistance for his mission trips. Laurie B. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Heather D. Motion carried.

AFLC \$ 277.20    Food Shelf \$ 100.00    Atlas for Life \$ 200  
CRU-Jeff \$ 500.    CRU-Paul \$ 500.    CRU- Steeles \$ 100.00  
Brazil Student \$ 100.00    Alpha Center \$ 300.00  
Kvale's \$ 500.    Children's Life \$ 200.    Intern \$ 100.  
PAS Wellness Room \$ 100.00    Abel \$ 100.00  
Pastor Wold \$ 500.00    Ankeny Church Plant \$ 500.00

**The secretary's report** from the September 8, 2022 meeting was presented. Laurie B. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim O. Motion carried. Meeting notes from the special trustee meeting of September 25, 2022 and the congregation information meeting of October 9, 2022 were also submitted.

**Elders' Consultation:** There was not an elder present.

**Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:**

**Youth Ministry:** No report submitted

**Family Ministry:** Family ministry has been temporarily put on hold.

**Pastors' Report:**

**Pastor Tim:** Submitted a report for his activities for the last month. Pastor Tim included in his report the AFLC

district CTK is a part of will be hosting the Annual Conference in 2023 and churches are asked to contribute to help with various expenses. Tabled to next meeting. Pastor Tim also included a revised call letter to Pastor Matthew Pillman as Church plant pastor. The trustees reviewed the letter and compensation package to send to Pastor Matthew.

**Old Business:**

**North door in sanctuary:** doors have been measured by Viking Glass.

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

**Landscaping by entry:** Ginger M is organizing the landscaping and they will be working on it on Saturday afternoon.

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

**Search Committee:** The congregational meeting was held on October 9 to inform the congregation on the progress. A letter of offer and compensation package will be sent to the candidate.

**Sign Changes:** Marcine will contact Mary Kay about the sign changes.

**FFA Update:** The FFA organization used the facility for a district meet. It went well, the kids & adults were all respectful of each other and the facility.

**New Business:**

**Potblessing Meal:** The last Sunday of October will be a pot blessing brunch.

**Fellowship Hall requests:** October 14 & 15, Lori Williams; November 20, 4-H Banquet; November 26, Barb Hubner. Heather moved to approve all, seconded by Laurie B.

**RightNowMedia:** Tabled

**Clean Gutters:** Gene will do it on Saturday, Oct 15.

**Other:** Trustees are responsible for the brunch in October. Oct 16 breakfast pizza will be served. Collene L. will order 14 pizzas, Laurie B and Gene B volunteered to pick them up.

**Marcine O.** reported Justin would be able to put an electric run underground to where the ice rink was if CTK is going to have an ice rink this winter. Marcine will talk to Rodney to see if he is going to set up and maintain the ice rink.

**Dave S. adjourned the meeting** and Gene B. closed in prayer.

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




**NOVEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Carol Farmer
- 3 Doris Bruns
- 4 Debra Blaue
- 5 Christopher Rupp
- 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
- 19 Jason Lindquist
- 19 Heidi Staples
- 22 Mary Shane
- 24 Amy Steuck
- 25 Andrew Farmer
- 29 Archie Rood
- 29 Wesley Haak
- 30 Glenda Kvale



**Fall  
Back  
November 6**

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




**Choir Rehearsals  
Resume**  
Wednesdays at 7:15 PM  
beginning November 2



**Trustee Meeting**  
Thursday,  
November 10, 7 PM



**District Pastors'  
Meeting**  
November 10  
@ 10 AM



**Thanksgiving  
Worship**  
Wednesday, November 23  
7:00 PM



**Veterans Day**  
November 11



Elders' Meeting  
@ CTK  
Nov 17@ 7:00 PM

News Letter  
**DEADLINES**  
November 20





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 6	Forge Meets
November 23	Thanksgiving Eve Service
December 18	Youth Sunday & Christmas Program
December 14	Sr Aftershock Christmas Party
December 17	Scavenger Hunt with FCC - Tentative
December 21	Jr Aftershock Christmas Party
January 23	Nerf Wars Aftershock & Forge

SINCE



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


## Faith Comes By Hearing®

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# MISSIONS

## Missionary of the Month: Jeff & Jane Swanson Alaska



Pastor Jeff and Jane Swanson have served in Naknek, AK, since September 2007. The Swanson's have six children.

Pastor Jeff and Jane Swanson both grew up in North Central Kansas. Pastor Swanson earned his B.A. degree from Bethany College and graduated from the Association of Free Lutheran Seminary in 1986. He served congregations in Kalispell, MT, and Newark, IL. In 2007, Pastor Swanson accepted a call to serve the two congregations at Naknek, Alaska.

Pastor Swanson and his family have endeared themselves to the community through their humble service. Please keep them in your prayers.

### The Net is an important part of the Alaska Ministry:

"What is the ministry of The Net? It's a Sanctuary in a sea of chaos and unrest. It's a place where strangers are treated like family. One young woman walking in breathed deeply, "This place smells like love." Our table is laid with fresh coffee, hot cocoa, lemonade, water, iced tea and platters of fresh baked goods and a basket of packaged snacks and candies. A few tables with chairs, a well worn couch and coffee table invite guests to stay awhile. The walls hold bookshelves with Bibles, devotionals and Scripture tracts to feed the mind and nurture the soul. Board games and puzzles are stacked on an end table, and used clothing is piled on a table in the back room.

Everything is free. Sometimes people would come to the kitchen asking where the donation basket is. We would tell them it's all a free gift to anyone who comes, just like God freely gives salvation to those who come to Him through Christ. We also told them that the food comes from our church family and friends down in the lower 48 who care for them and the difficulty of life during this season." Julie, A Net Volunteer

### Prayer Requests

- \* Bob and Margaret Lee. Bob is our station manager for KAKN radio in Naknek. Margaret has been undergoing cancer treatments.
- \* For a pastor for Hilltop Christian fellowship.
- \* For many to respond to the gospel in Alaska.
- \* Revival in Naknek & beyond.
- \* Projects needing to get done before winter sets in.
- \* Safety in flying



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 13**

**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

Heather DeWilde

Jim Otter

Ushers

Jim Otter; Braden,  
 Keegan, Amelia

Family of the Week / Greeters

- November 6 Ross Lange
- November 13 Robert & Jeanette Larson
- November 20 Jason & Kristie Lindquist; Keagan , Grayson
- November 27 Dean & Leslie Lueck

Sound Tech

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

Acolytes

- November 6 Kynslee Hulstein
- November 13 Tanner Thomson
- November 20 Alyssa Steuck
- November 27 Nickolas Bruns



Nursery

- November 6 Ashley Hoheisel
- November 13 Amy Steuck
- November 20 Marcine Olsen
- November 27 Alyssa Steuck

Worship Leaders

- November 6 Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Dawn Sutherland, Susan Parsley
- November 13 Jane Smith, Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Judy Steuck
- November 20 Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Charlie Hoffman, Susan Parsley
- November 23 Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Dawn Sutherland, Jane Smith
- November 27 Praise Band; Sheila Westfield, leading

# NOVEMBER

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<p><b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Worship Service            10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch            10:45 AM Sunday School / Confirmation            11:45 AM Forge            6:30 PM Year 3 Confirmation</p>	<p><b>ELECTION DAY</b></p>	<p>6:30 PM Jr Aftershock            7:15 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>10: AM District Pastor Meet            7: PM Trustee Meeting</p>			
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<p><b>Christmas Child Boxes Due</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Worship Service            10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch            10:45 AM Sunday School / Confirmation</p>			<p>6:30 PM Jr Aftershock            7:15 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>7: PM Elders Meet @ CTK</p>		
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<p><b>Messenger Articles Due</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Worship Service            10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch            10:45 AM Sunday School / Confirmation            4-H Banquet            6:30 PM Year 3 Confirmation</p>		<p>7:00 PM Family Ministry Meets</p>	<p>No Aftershock            7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service</p> 			<p>Private Event            All Day</p>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			<b>5</b>
<p>9:30 AM Worship Service            10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch            10:45 AM Sunday School / Confirmation</p> <p><b>First Sunday of Advent</b></p>			<p>6:30 PM Jr Aftershock            7:15 PM Choir Practice</p>			<p style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px;"> <b>Aftershock:</b>            Jr grades 7 - 9            Sr grades 10 - 12</p>

