

# MESSENGER

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#### **From Darkness to Brightness**

Without a doubt, the darkness of COVID-19, the violent riots, the lying, accusatory and angry tone of politicians and those who support them is taking its toll. COVID-19 has created more sickness than its own viral effects. Some are experiencing a cabin fever that is meant only for the deepest part of winter. It's hard to plan events and ministry. It's hard to plan vacations or even get-a-ways. It's even hard to have simple fellowship. And if you do find some fellowship, don't mention anything political. Don't even joke about it. People are testy these days.

In Psalm 13, David is all alone in a cave. He is being pursued and the powers-to-be want him dead. It is a very dark time for him. Read the first two verses:

<sup>1</sup> How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? <sup>2</sup> How long will I store up anxious concerns within me, agony in my mind every day? How long will my enemy dominate me?

David feels abandoned even by God Himself. He is filled with anxiety and wondering how long this will continue.

There are people all around us, maybe some of you reading this, who feel close to the same way. The virus has you paralyzed in the fear that even the necessary things like getting groceries, going to work, putting gas in your car will necessarily expose you to being sick and maybe even death itself. Their anxiety is through the roof. And who knows how long this will continue?

Look at the last two verses of Psalm 13:

<sup>5</sup> But I have trusted in your faithful love; my heart will rejoice in your deliverance. <sup>6</sup> I will sing to the Lord because he has

treated me generously.



How did David get from verses 1-2 to verses 5-6? He is now trusting God's faithful love, rejoicing in deliverance and singing to the Lord for His generous treatment. The clue is in verse 3, "Consider me and answer, Lord my God. Restore brightness to my eyes; otherwise, I will sleep in death." David is crying out to the Lord and asking God to restore brightness to his eyes. In other words, "Lord, help me see You in this. Help me see it the way you see it."

David found God's greatness in his situation because he asked God to help him see it. I imagine that after David prayed this, he actively looked for God – remembering Who God is, what He has done as well as little clues of His work. What would happen if you and I did that every time darkness shadowed our lives? I imagine we would be trusting God more, rejoicing more and singing of His generous treatment.

Hmmn... "God, restore brightness to my eyes."

In His Glorious Light, Pastor Tim

# Getting Real in the Psalms

September 6 Inside Worship Psalm 122 Pastor Matthew





#### God's Final Answer

September 13 Fallen (It's Sin) Revelation 18 Pastor Tim

September 20 Celebration (It's Justice) Revelation 19:1-9 Pastor Tim

September 27 Restoration (It's Beauty) Revelation 21:1-7 Pastor Tim



Sunday School will be using

# **Answers Bible Curriculum**

this fall encouraging a firm foundation in

#### **God's Word and His character**

starting September 13 with a brief introduction in the sanctuary at 9:45 AM.

Classes will include preschool-kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades,

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade & adults. All five groups will study the same theme each week geared for their grade level.

Social distancing will be encouraged

Regular classes will begin September 20 at 9:15-10:10 and begin with a short time of singing & prayer in the sanctuary for all ages.

Teachers are needed and the material is very, very teacher friendly. Please contact one of the pastors or Janelle Brockberg if you are willing to be part of a teaching team.

Cash Basis Balance Sheet

# Christ the King Free Lutheran Church Financial Report As of July 31, 2020

Revenue / Expenditures

	Jul 31, 20		Jul 20
ASSETS		Revenue	
		<b>Building and Grounds</b>	5,379.00
Checking/Savings		General Revenue	12,494.54
Bank Total		Outreach Revenue	3,247.65
Building		Total Revenue	21,121.19
Altar Guild	324.67	324.67 Expenditures	
<b>Building Fund Account</b>	17.09	<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>	588.07
Total Building	341.76	341.76 Discipleship Expenditures	
General Total		Family Support	
General	35,324.96	Misc.	72.06
Truth Help	308.09	Office	516.31
Total General Total	35,633.05	Outreach Disbursement	
Outreach		20 %Outreach	3,100.00
20% Offering	3,097.00	PAS Wellness	100.00
Children's Mission Offering	215.40	Special Outreach	1,031.00
Thrivent	1,063.01	<b>Total Outreach Disbursement</b>	4,231.00
Total Outreach	4,375.41	Payroll Expenditures	14,616.94
Share And Care	270.98 Share And Care		760.51
Special Accounts		Youth	120.89
Internship Fund	400.00	Total Expenditures	21,217.78
<b>Local Outreach Ministry</b>	2,848.70	Net Revenue (Deficit)	(96.59)
Church Missions	1,493.74		
Marriage Ministry	307.98		
Scholarship	322.26		
Youth	10,325.19		
<b>Total Special Accounts</b>	15,697.87		
Total Bank Total	56,319.07		
Total Checking/Savings	56,319.07		
TOTAL ASSETS	56,319.07		

**Present**: Dave Sutherland, Jim Otter, Brandie Hulstein, Laurie Bruns, Jim Gawerecki, Morgan McNickle Absent: Matthew Amdahl, Bill VanderPlaats, Heather DeWilde **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 Jim Otter by reading Isaiah 26:4, Trust in the Lord forever, and from a Daily Bread devotional. It told of an art contest to depict perfect peace. The judges narrowed it to two entries. One a peaceful scene, the other was a thundering waterfall and a branch with a robin sitting serenely. The second painting won because it showed perfect peace even in the midst of turbulent surroundings. In easy times you can be peaceful but in turbulence we can find peace in the Lord. Jim O. led in prayer. Laurie Bruns will lead devotions in September.

Elders' Consultation: Wayne Smith reported for the Elders. He submitted a pastor evaluation form they have used for evaluating Pastor Tim and Pastor Matthew. The elders also submitted <u>Guidelines for CTK during a pandemic and/or shelter in place</u> for the Trustees to review and decide if they want to be included in the CTK Policy book.

**COVID report:** Was reported as of 8/13/20 Pipestone County had 158 cases and 9 deaths.

**The Treasurer's report** for July was presented. Dave S. moved to accept treasurer's report. Seconded by Laurie B. Motion carried.

**The Payment of bills,** Brandie H. moved to approve the bills, seconded by Jim O. Motion carried.

Mike Morgan reported there are two other Care Payroll Protection Plans available from Pipestone County and the City of Pipestone. Morgan M. moved, seconded by Jim O. to submit and application for the Cares PPP. Motion carried. Mike M. also reported the paperwork has been received to apply for the forgiveness of the federal Cares PPP debt and it becomes a grant.

**Collene Landgren** reported CTK was contacted by Lowes and there was a refund of \$ 633.80 for returned items from the shingle project. The funds have been received and deposited.

**Outreach was discussed**; Morgan M. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Dave S. Motion carried. The 20% outreach from the July contributions was a \$103 deficit of the amount needed for the regular monthly outreach disbursements, \$333 will be transferred from Thrivent to cover the deficit.

Food Shelf \$ 100 PAS Wellness Rm \$ 100 Intern \$ 100 CRU-Jeff \$ 500. Paul \$ 500. Steeles \$ 100. Share N Care \$ 230 Alpha Center \$ 300 Atlas \$ 200. Kvale's (Wycliffe) \$ 500. San Antonio Church \$ 100. Children's Life \$ 200.00 Brazil Student \$ 100.00 Matthew Abel \$ 100.00 Local Outreach \$ 300.00

The secretary's report from July 9, 2020 and minutes from the June 2020 vote to borrow funds for the roof project were presented. Jim O. moved to approve both minutes, seconded by Dave S. Motion carried.

**Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:** 

Youth Ministry: Pastor Matthew reported for the Youth ministry: The youth have been meeting at different homes on Wednesday nights. One student & Pastor Matthew attended the Pickerel Lake youth camp. Youth are planning a carnival theme youth kickoff on August 30. The Sunday School surveys are still being returned to the office. The trend is to have Sunday school in the usual format with COVID precautions. Janelle Brockberg has agreed to remain as the superintendent.

Family Ministry: Has not met since March. A fellowship picnic was on August 2 in conjunction with Missionaries Brent & Emily Raan here to report on their ministry.

Pastors' Report: Pastor Tim submitted a report of activities for the last month. The main form of contact with people continues to be in the form of phone calls. Pastor Tim reported information from the AFLC Annual Conference. There was discussion about how different areas of ministry are struggling financially. Pastor Tim requested vacation from Oct 15 - 18 to attend a wedding in Tennessee, he will consider the circumstances due to covid in deciding if they will go to the wedding. Brandie H. moved to approve, seconded by Laurie B. Motion carried.

Pastor Matthew submitted a report of activities for the last month. Most of his contact has also been through phone calls or zoom meetings. The San Antonio mission trip scheduled for August has been postponed to January 2021. A meeting will be scheduled for those interested in the trip. Pastor Matthew reminded the board he will be on vacation from Sept 10-16, it has previously been approved.

**Old Business: Review of CTK Constitution**: Jim G. asked the trustees to continue to review the constitution.

**New Business: Memorial:** Malva DeVine's daughters gave CTK \$ 910 in memory of Malva. They suggested a possible bench for in the foyer or a perennial garden. Collene L. will look for some possibilities and report to the trustees.

**Block off pews for social distancing**: The trustees discussed this previously and there are several options available for people to worship. The fellowship hall has a live stream option, the FM transmitter is being used to listen in the vehicle and people are aware to social distance in the sanctuary.

**Sunday School:** A survey was sent to the congregation to determine what format people would prefer for Sunday School. The pastors & superintendent are working on the schedule.

**Financial gift for the Raans**: Dave S. moved, seconded by Jim O. to donate \$200 to Brent & Emily Raan for presenting an update of their ministry to CTK.

**Playground equipment**: Pastor Tim reported the playground equipment needs some attention & possible repairs. Jim O. will check on it.

**Brandie H.** moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Laurie B. Pastor Matthew closed in prayer. Jim G. adjourned the meeting.

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



# Sunday, September 13



# September 13 Rally Sunday

the Sunday morning
Schedule will be as follows:

#### 9:45 AM - All Ages Sunday School

All meet in the Sanctuary

Sunday School will be using Answers Bible Curriculum this fall encouraging a firm foundation in God's Word and His character starting September 13 with a brief introduction in the sanctuary at 9:45 AM. Classes will include preschool-kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades, 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade & adults.

10:30 AM - Worship Service

Sept 20 & after Sunday School will meet 9:15-10:10

beginning with a short time of singing & prayer in the sanctuary for all ages

#### Wednesday Night Youth Schedule

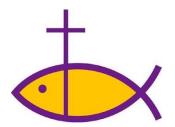
#### September 2

6:30-7:00 PM Confirmation Parents' Meeting 7:00-7:30 PM Youth & Parents' Meeting NO Aftershock

### September 9

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# Confirmation NFWS





- 1 Bob Larson
- 4 Dean Lueck
- 4 Dan Gorder
- 5 Esme Fey
- 6 Bill Brockberg
- 6 JoLean Greenhoff
- 7 Alan Warner
- 7 Amelia Otter
- 8 Leasa Kulm
- 8 Kamrik Pantekoek
- 9 Sydney Coleman
- 9 Sharon Paetkau
- 10 Freya Fey
- 12 Mataya Pantekoek
- 12 Collene Landgren
- 12 Jan Burkholder
- 12 Kathy Woelber
- 17 Brynn Manzey
- 17 Cassie Moan
- 17 Leslie Lueck
- 17 Terri Moeller
- 17 Aaron Johnson
- 18 John Appeldorn
- 18 Keagan Coleman
- 18 Lenaya Kvale
- 19 Logan Winter
- 20 Michael Schnellbach
- 21 Charley Sowden
- 22 Gary Mitchell
- 22 Samantha Terry
- 22 Cheryl Ossenfort
- 24 Jacie Williams
- 24 Shawn Bruns
- 24 Shenoa Farmer
- 24 Jesse Moeller
- 25 Kasi Pantekoek
- 26 Christy Thomson
- 26 Shawn Staples
- 26 Alvin Griebel
- 29 Roger Klingman
- 29 Susan Parsley
- 30 Lynn (Glidewell) Hellie



Confirmation Parents
Meet
Wednesday, Sept 2
6:30 - 7 PM



Aftershock & Forge Parents' Meeting Wed., Sept. 2 @ 7 PM

Chatter-sewers will meet TUESDAY September 1 at 1:00 PM



Needed! Sheets for the backs of quilts!

If you have sheets to donate please bring them to the church.

For any questions about this, contact one of our talented quilting ladies.



Christ the King serves

September 10 2-5 PM

Christ the King is scheduled to serve at the Pipestone Food Shelf on September 10. They are requesting 2-4 people to help on Wednesday, September 9 to pack boxes of food and 2 to 4 people to help on September 10 to distribute the boxes.

Please contact Barb Westerbur 507-899-1256 to help

with this important ministry



Trustee Meeting Sept. 10 7 PM



Elders Meet Sept 17@ 7:00 PM @ CTK



September 20

# **Confirmation Parents' Meeting**

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Wednesday, September 2 6:30 - 7 PM @ Fellowship Hall.

Please plan to attend this meeting for new information and to get your questions answered.

We encourage the students to attend this meeting with their parent(s).





## **NEEDED: Confirmation Prayer Partners**

God works supernaturally through prayer

in ways that we can't always see.

For 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

#### The blessing is a two-way street.

#### What do you do?

- + Pray for the student and their teacher regularly.
- + Let them know you are praying for them (through an occasional note, a call or in person).
- + Remember special things like their birthday or some achievement.
- + Seek ways to let them know you care and are cheering them on.

If you are interested in blessing a student this way, contact Pastor Tim.

Please contact Pastor Tim if you have participated
and want to continue to bless a student in this way.



#### CTK Quilters & Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful quilt and the graduation gift. Thank you for continually supporting me and praying for me. I have grown up with a pretty great "church family"!

- Hannah Minet

Christ the King,

Thank you for the impact you have had on my life. Thank you for the devotion book and quilt.

I plan to attend NDSU to study Biological Sciences in preparation for medical school.

Thank you for supporting me through the trials of the end of my senior year.

J. T. Tinklenberg

Thank you so much for all your prayers, calls, cards, and kind words before and after my knee surgery.

They tell me that I'm doing well, but it will be so good to have it all behind me and not hurt anymore.

I so appreciate having a church family like you all!

Carol Farmer

Thank you for your recent gift. I have often told people, "Thank you, your prayer and gift make a difference for eternity." It's true— when we pray for people and give to the Lord's work, it touches eternity. When we feel that we are helpless, we can pray. And when the Lord prompts us to give, it can move us to support ministry efforts.

Thank you for praying and giving, You make it possible to bring the message of eternal life in Jesus to the nations.

In His Service, Rev. Earl Korhonen, Director AFLC World Missions





This is another circumstance where the restrictions due to Covid-19 have affected how we hold events. Let's encourage and bless these sons of our congregation and their brides-to-be with a shower of cards and gifts.

<u>Elliot Amdahl and Makenzie Moe</u> will be getting married September 19 and we would like to shower them with our best wishes and gifts. The shower will be a card / online format. They are registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Menards (the websites do ship).

Cards and/ or gifts can be brought to the church and put in Sue DeClerk's mailbox by September 12 or sent directly to Elliot Amdahl 23962 483rd Ave Flandreau SD 57028.

<u>Emerson Winter and Elizabeth Scholten</u> will be getting married October 10 and we would like to shower them with our best wishes and gifts. The shower will be a card / online format. They are registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond (the websites do ship).

Cards and / or gifts can be brought to the church and put in the church mailbox by October 3 or sent directly to Emerson Winter 808 5th Ave SE Pipestone MN 56164





September Events			
Confirmation Parents' Meet	2		
Aftershock & Forge Parents' Meet	2		
All Grades Confirmation Starts	9		
Sunday School Starts	13		
Forge @ Air Madness	20		
See You @ the Pole	23		
Aftershock @ Thunder Road TB	SD		
FLBC UpClose Oct	16		

# Aftershock Youth Ministry Schedule Update

#### Wednesday, September 2 Parents and Youth Meeting 7:00-7:30 PM **Forge and Aftershock**

\* Come and be a part of the change in youth ministry at CTK. We continue to be open to ideas that will encourage fellowship and growth among our youth. This meeting will involve the nuts and bolts of our plans while seeking your input. Please bring your activities calendars to assist us in planning events. Permission/Medical Release forms will be available for completion as well.

#### Wednesday nights beginning September 9 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM

\* This is for 7<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and will involve about 20 minutes of games, 20 minutes of praise/worship and 20 minutes of a Biblical lesson.

**FORGE** (5 and 6 Grades) \* Will meet monthly. Schedule is being determined.



Who: *Aftershock* What: *Fall Event* When: *TBD* Watch Remind & b Aftershock

Watch Remind & bulletin

for more details



Who: FORGE

What: SEPT EVENT When: SEPTEMBER 20

Will be leaving Following the Worship service Forge is 5th & 6th Grades Contact Laurie Bruns

for more information



#### Missionary of the Month: Micah & Famke Berger & Naomi Missionaries to Uganda

AFLC missionaries Micah and Famke Berger

and their daughter Naomi have left Uganda where they have worked with AFLC World Missions and taught Ambassador Institute classes



since 2014. They are currently residing with family in Famke's homeland of the Netherlands as they await the necessary documentation to return to the United States. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the applications for U.S. citizenship for both Famke and Naomi have been delayed. - World Missions Report

The following is an email received from Micah Berger Thanks for emailing us. It's encouraging to hear from those who are praying for us in the states. :-)

I'll try to give you a bit of what's going on with us lately. We're actually not in Uganda at the moment.

We've relocated to the Netherlands recently to hideout from Corona. My health, and my wife's health hasn't been that great lately (Lymes for me and rheumatoid arthritis for her) so we're planning to take an indefinite leave from the work in Uganda and try to get back on our feet.

For the moment, however, we are still missionaries. And we do really appreciate your prayers for us. Our prayers for Uganda these days are that God would provide and uphold the people there during this time of difficulties which are being caused by the corona virus. With the resulting hit to the economy, lots of Ugandans are struggling to put food on the table. —especially those who live in the more urban areas. We're also praying for the government there, that they'd have the wisdom needed to make the most beneficial decisions for the people of Uganda.

As for us, we could use some prayer for good health. We're also in the process of completing some paperwork before we can move back to the states (which is due to the fact that Famke and Naomi are Dutch and not Americans). So we're also praying for progress in that area these days.

Thanks again Collene for reaching out to us.

God bless, Micah Berger

#### **Prayer Needs:**

- \* for wisdom, direction & clarity to follow God's calling for our ministry.
- \* for heath issues and spiritual growth for our family
- \* for safe travel
- \* for the people of Uganda as they are facing increased hardships in the form of hunger and crime due to Covid-19 and increased government regulations.
- \* for peace during this time of transitions and immigration issues





#### **Teach Children to Read and Write**

Recognizing the value of education, Samaritan's Purse equips teachers and rebuilds schools in some of the hardest-hit communities where we work. A typical school costs about \$20,000 per classroom. When you consider that over a thousand students may learn to read and write in that classroom in the years to

come, that's just \$20 per student.



"When I said, "My foot is slipping," your love, O LORD, supported me. When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul."- Psalm 94:18-19

#### Communion

Acolytes

Altar Guild Heather De Wilde

# Family of the Week

September 6	Deb Pantekoek; Jamie	Money Counters/
September 13	Kasi Pantekoek; Mataya, Kamrik	Trustees
September 20	Denis & Susan Parsley	Matthew Amdahl
September 27	Tim & Carmen Paulson; Cole	Heather DeWilde

**Hospitality Greeters** 

Nursery

Ushers

Kitchen Clean-up

### Worship Leaders



September 6	Matthew Amdahl, Jane Smith, Janelle Brockberg, Susan Parsley
September 13	Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Judy Steuck
September 20	Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Lynn Hellie, Jane Smith
September 27	Matthew Amdahl, Jane Smith, Janelle Brockberg, Susan Parsley







Saturday	<b>10</b>	12 ptember 10 - 16——	19	56		のないの
Friday	4	helf amily on vacation September 10	<b>18</b>	22	(7th Grade) (8th Grade) (9th grade)	
Thursday	8	10 2 - 5 PM CTK @ Food Shelf 7:00 PM Trustees ——Pastor Matthew & amil	1.7 7:00 PM Elders @ CTK	77	*1st year Confirmation *2nd year Confirmation *3rd year Confirmation	一年 10年
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