

CHRIST THE KING'S MESSSENGER

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Giving Up Control

What a crazy few weeks it's been! I can honestly say that I have never experienced a worldwide event of this magnitude in my lifetime that has impacted so many different aspects of life. The coronavirus outbreak has not only resulted in a heightened level of precautions being taken by individuals and various institutions, but it has led to countless cancelations and closures of various events, businesses, and gatherings. As a result of the fear and uncertainty surrounding this time, some have been driven to prepare for the worst by stocking up on food and supplies in an attempt to regain a sense of control.



As humans, we want to be in control. By nature we want to have a sense of security. We want to know that our lives and the lives of those we love are in good hands. Oftentimes, the last thing we want is to feel as if our lives are out of our control. In times such as this, our eyes are opened to the realization that our lives really are not in our own hands.

In the Old Testament book of Job, we read the account of a man who had been afflicted with disease and had experienced countless tragedies. God had allowed the devil to test Job by attacking him in every way possible short of death. Yet in spite of everything that Job had faced, he makes this confession: *"In His hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind"* (Job 12:10). Job recognized that in spite of everything he was facing, his life was still in God's hand.

God is in control. We say it. We believe it. But do we really live it? Do our lives reflect a firm and unwavering trust in the One who holds all things together? As Cassie and I have been seeking the Lord's leading with regard to where He would be calling us next in ministry, there have been times when we become anxious about the future. We wrestle with the uncertainty of the unknown. Still, we find comfort and can rest in the promise that God is faithful to us and our lives are in His hands. He is in control.

In the song "Control" by Tenth Avenue North, I find the lyrics of the chorus to be so fitting: *"God You don't need me, but somehow You want me. Oh, how You love me; somehow that frees me to take my hands off of my life and the way it should go...to open my hands up and give You control. I give You control."* In the face of sickness, uncertainty, disappointment, and sorrow, trust in God's goodness, rest in His peace, and find comfort knowing that your life is in His hands.

Intern Seth Moan

Dear CTK family,

You are being prayed for as we walk through this unique time of distancing. Thank God for the inspired technology that He has graced people to be able to invent and make useable. Let's try our best to stay connected through the livestreams or archived videos that we are offering.

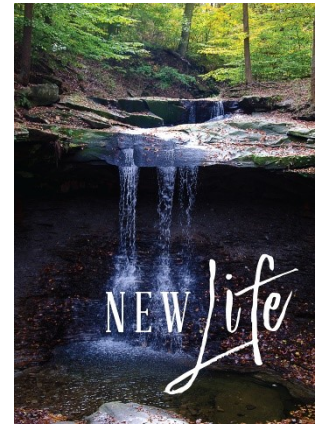
Let's try to encourage those around us that God is giving us an opportunity to settle down and seek Him so that we can discover His support, comfort and joy in the midst of uncertain times. May this time be short and may the realization of God's grace be a lifetime. To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus!

A note from the Pastor...

Looking Up! Pastor Tim

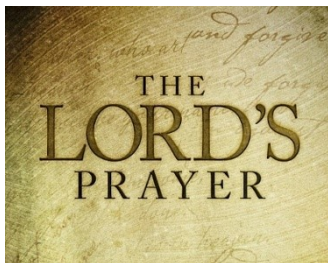
April SERMON SERIES

New Life



(Services at 10:30 AM - Will be livestreamed if not meeting)

April 5	Palm Sunday	Anticipated	Zechariah 9:9-10	Pastor Tim
April 12	Easter Sunday	Fulfilled	Luke 24:1-12	Pastor Matthew
April 19	Validated		1 Corinthians 15:12-22	Pastor Tim
April 26	Exercised		Ephesians 4:17-24	Intern Seth
May 3	Confirmation: Fully Realized	Revelation 21:1-7		Pastor Tim



Holy Week Schedule

7:00 PM

Will be livestreamed

April 9	Maundy Thursday	Petition 7 – But deliver us from evil	Intern Seth
April 10	Good Friday	Conclusion – For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen	Pastor Tim

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church
Financial Report
As of February 28, 2019

Balance Sheet

Revenue / Expenditures

	<u>Feb 29, 20</u>		<u>Feb 20</u>
ASSETS		Revenue	
Checking/Savings		Building and Grounds	200.00
Bank Total		General Revenue	15,404.50
Building		Outreach Revenue	4,342.36
Altar Guild	324.67	Visa Reward Points	300.00
Building Fund Account	10,581.06	Total Revenue	<u>20,246.86</u>
Total Building	<u>10,905.73</u>	Expenditures	
General Total		Building & Grounds	2,147.43
General	27,945.94	Discipleship Expenditures	673.75
Truth Help	308.09	Family Support	117.50
Total General Total	<u>28,254.03</u>	Misc.	112.25
Outreach		Office	384.20
20% Offering	3,786.07	Outreach Disbursement	
Children's Mission Offering	450.29	20 %Outreach	2,700.00
Thrivent	1,402.00	PAS Wellness	100.00
Total Outreach	<u>5,638.36</u>	Samaritan's Purse	231.22
Share And Care	580.67	Special Outreach	16.00
Special Accounts		Total Outreach Disbursemer	<u>3,047.22</u>
Local Outreach Ministry	1,511.00	Payroll Expenditures	18,214.45
Church Missions	1,493.74	Share And Care	80.00
Marriage Ministry	307.98	Youth	170.31
Scholarship	322.26	Total Expenditures	<u>24,947.11</u>
Youth	10,325.19	Net Revenue (Deficit)	<u><u>(4,700.25)</u></u>
Total Special Accounts	<u>13,960.17</u>		
Total Bank Total	<u>59,338.96</u>		
Total Checking/Savings	<u>59,338.96</u>		

Trustee Meeting Minutes Christ The King Free Lutheran Church
March 12, 2020 6:00 PM

Present: Dave Sutherland, Jim Otter, Brandie Hulstein, Laurie Bruns, Jim Gawerecki, Matthew Amdahl, Bill VanderPlaats, Heather DeWilde, Morgan McNickle Absent:

Also Present: Mike Morgan, Collene Landgren, Pastor Tim, Pastor Matthew, Seth Moan, Wayne Smith. Kevin Carlson joined the meeting for a brief time.

President Jim Gawerecki called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Jim Gawerecki based on Romans 12:3-8. There are many members but one body. Each member has their own gift and we are to use our gifts to help others and for God's will. Jim G. led in prayer. Matthew A. will lead devotions in April.

Elders' Consultation: Wayne Smith reported for the Elders. Small group studies are ending. The elders and wives met in February and they are continuing in the study of the book Overcoming the Dark Side of Leadership.

The Treasurer's report for February was presented. Brandie H. moved, to accept treasure's report. Seconded by Heather D. Motion carried.

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

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

AFLC \$ 486.07 Food Shelf \$ 100. Lake B Food Shelf \$ 100. CRU-Jeff \$ 500. Paul \$ 500. Tim & Sheila Steele \$ 100. Brazil Student \$100. Alpha Center \$ 300. Atlas for Life \$ 200. Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500. Children's Life \$ 200.00 Matthew & Ednay Abel \$100. Local Outreach Ministry \$ 300. San Antonio Church Plant \$ 100. PAS Wellness Room \$ 100. Intern Account \$ 100.

The secretary's report from the February 12, 2020 meeting was presented. Laurie B. moved, seconded by Bill V. to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Minutes for the 2020 Annual Meeting were submitted for review.

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:

Youth Ministry: Pastor Matthew reported for the Youth ministry: Nerf Wars and Aftershock lock in was Feb 16. About 50 attended the Nerf Wars portion, Forge was invited from 5-9. Different people have been sharing about times of struggle during Aftershock. Saturday Nights Alive is being planned for March 21 at CTK. It may be cancelled depending on the COVID-19 situation. If schools are cancelled, SNA will also be cancelled.

Family Ministry: There are no plans for events for now. They are working on planning a community event with bouncy houses etc at the Three Maidens grounds, possibly in June. Members of Family ministry are: Jerry Remund, Heather DeWilde, Ross Lange, Mike & Janelle Brockberg, Wayne & Jane Smith.

Pastors' Report:

Pastor Tim submitted a report of activities for the month of February. He has been using the Love and Respect series for the premarital counseling. The Alpha Center contacted CTK about having a speaker come to share about their ministry. Dr. Unruh will be coming on April 19 to speak. Pastor Tim researching the possibility of starting a laundry ministry. This would involve going to the laundry mat and helping people with their laundry and share with them about Jesus. Pastor Tim requested vacation time from June 22 to July 5, Brandie H. moved to approve, seconded by Heather D. motion carried. Pastor Tim mentioned VBS will be July 13-16.

Pastor Matthew submitted a report of activities for February. Pastor Matthew filled in at Skrefsrud Lutheran Church on February 23. There will be a few upcoming ministry events he will be traveling to in the next few months.

Pastor Matthew requested vacation time of May 17 and September 10-16. Morgan M. moved to approve, seconded by Laurie B. Motion carried.

Intern Seth Moan reported they are finished traveling and visiting churches and are considering their options. They are praying about where God wants them to go for their ministry.

Old Business:

Replace Door: This has been completed. The bottom needs some adjusting, Bill V. will contact Mike B. to contact the installers. Thanks Bill.

Roof: Tabled Jim G. reported bids are being received by the Trustees. It has been recommended to have the work done later in the summer.

Visual Presentation equipment: Kevin C. joined the meeting to submit information about moving the presentation computer to the sound desk. Tabled Pastor Matthew

Flower Planters: Brandie H. reported she discussed it was Mavis R and Pat W. The soil will be replaced and Brandie will contact Ginger McNickle to see what plants would thrive in the planters.

New Business:

Lost Timber Bible Camp: Pastor Tim reported they would like to share with the congregation about the camp. A date will be set for them to share at a worship service.

Microphones: Kevin C. requested the purchase of two new microphones at \$ 169 each. Matthew A. moved to approve; Laurie B. seconded. Motion carried.

Daddy Daughter Dance: Brandie H. reported they are fully funded at this time. The dance will be April 26.

Food Shelf: March is Food awareness month. Will take a special love offering on March 29 for the food shelf. So moved by Laurie B. seconded by Jim O. motion carried.

Forge request to use bus: Forge is planning to go to Air Madness in Harrisburg, SD in May and would like to use the bus and the church pay for the youth tickets. Heather D. moved to approve, seconded by Bill V. motion carried.

Reschedule Trustee meeting: The April trustee meeting is April 9 which is Maundy Thursday. The meeting will be moved to Tuesday, April 7 at 7 PM.

FLBC concert ad: the FLBC choir tour has been cancelled

The Banquet on June 16: CTK has been scheduled to serve at The Banquet on June 16. The trustees will pay for the meal.

Coronavirus Impact: Laurie B. urges CTK to be proactive against the spread of the virus. The greeters will be instructed not to shake hands and we will forgo the congregational greeting time. Worship services and activities will be cancelled if schools cancel classes.

Mission Trip: Journey Missions is planning an outreach mission trip to San Antonio August 20-24. This will involve going to parks and other areas to share with people about the church and to help set up for the Sunday worship service. The cost will be \$500 per person for housing and meals. People will pay for their own transportation.

VBS update: A FLBC team will be assigned to travel to CTK for VBS July 13-16. Housing and meal will be needed July 11-17.

Morgan M. moved to adjourn the meeting. Intern Seth M. closed in prayer. Jim G. adjourned the meeting.

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



Sermons Are

Online

We will continue to have livestreams and archived videos of the Sunday morning services and evening Lent and Holy Week services on our church website at www.ctkpipestone.com. In addition, please check out our livestream Daily Bible Moment at 10:00 AM on Mondays through Saturdays. These are also archived on the website for you to watch anytime. Just click the media tab and then click videos on the drop down menu.



The following email was sent out to the congregation on Friday, March 27

Dear CTK family,

Do to Minnesota's Governor issuing a Shelter in Place order, we will be closing the church office starting tonight (March 27) through April 13. This means that the church building will be locked. You can still call the church office at 507-825-5958 and leave a message for Collene or either of the pastors. Their individual voice mail message will give you more information on how to contact them in case of an emergency or urgent need. The messages will be checked throughout the week as well.

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Online Giving and a mobile giving app is now available on the church website. Just click on the Give tab on the top of the front page and it will walk you through the necessary steps. We do pay a 2.75% fee for credit and debit card transactions and a 1% fee for check (ach) transactions. Both have a 45 cent per transaction fee as well. You can also mail a check to the PO Box 682 address below.

If you know of anyone who has a need (groceries, prescriptions, or other), please let us know. Check with your neighbors and friends as well. Let's show the community that church is not cancelled. We are here and available. Please use wisdom in your daily routines to stay safe and healthy too.

"If I say, "My foot is slipping," your faithful love will support me, Lord." Psalm 94:18.

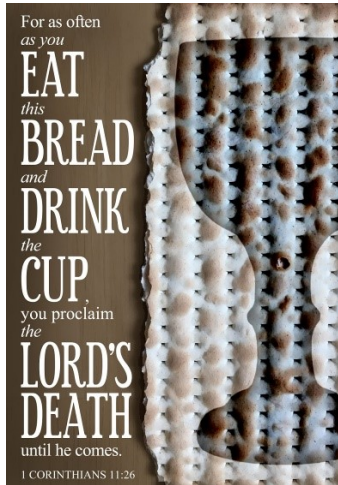
In Christ who is the same yesterday, today and forever!

Special Trustee & Elder Meeting

March 15, 2020 11:45 AM

President Jim Gawerecki opened the meeting. Pastor Tim explained there was an announcement by the Governor of Minnesota Tim Walz that schools would be closing from March 18 to 27. This was to try to flatten the curve due to the coronavirus. There was discussion of how Christ the King will move forward with worship and other activities. Those in the high risk categories will be encouraged to stay and home and to contact CTK if they have any needs.

CTK will follow the lead of the schools and if classes are cancelled Sunday school and confirmation classes will be cancelled. If the government recommends closing businesses CTK will respect the decision and do the same. Information will be posted on social media and the website. If worship services are closed, the worship service will be livestreamed on Sunday mornings. Online giving will be setup though the website and checks can be mailed to the office. Pastor Matthew closed in prayer. Collene Landgren, recording secretary.



Mauddy Thursday service will be livestreamed

April 9 @ 7 PM

Communion will be livestreamed only (not archived)

To partake have bread or crackers and juice or wine available to serve at home.

Good Friday Service
Will be
livestreamed
April 10 at 7 PM.



Easter Worship service
will be livestreamed at 10:30 AM



April Birthdays

- 2 Bernice Dykstra
- 3 Sharon Amdahl
- 4 Jackson Winter
- 5 Kynslee Hulstein
- 5 Judy DeRuyter
- 10 Bode Bruns
- 10 Tracie Fey
- 10 Leann Bloemendaal
- 11 Eugene Bouw
- 13 Sonja Wait
- 13 Chandler Haag
- 14 Tory Van Essen
- 20 Glenn Van Essen
- 21 Susan DeClerk
- 21 Sheryl Wait
- 22 Helen Jensen
- 23 Cal Hulstein
- 23 Marcus Westfield
- 24 Kyle Swanson
- 25 Charlene Prins
- 26 Carl Haag

**Chatter-sewers
(Quilting)
will meet
NOT meet
in April**



Trustee
Meeting
**Tuesday,
April 7
@ 7 PM**

Livestreaming
Daily Bible Moment

Daily Bible Moment
Livestream

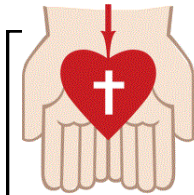
10 AM Monday - Saturday

<https://www.cktpipestone.com/live>



Youth Ministry will NOT meet
In April

NewsLetter
DEADLINES April 19



Elders & wives
To be determined
if meeting in April

May 3



**Celebrating Their
Confirmation**

**FAMILY
Ministry**

Will NOT meet
In April

Confirmands are: Brynn Manzey,
Mason DeRuyter, Connor Holt

Graduates are:

Isaac Berg, Christian Haag, Jennifer Swanson, Jackson Winter, Marcus Westfield, Hannah Minet, Gabriel Schiebout, Christopher Sutherland, Heather Huether



We will be honoring our graduates on Sunday, May 17



Dear Members,
On behalf of the students at PAS,
we thank you for your generous
donation to our Wellness Center.
All the best,
Ellen Dulas & Tanya Schroyer

Dear Christ the King, thank you so much for your prayers and support over these past years of my seminary training. From my childhood, the ministry and love at CTK has been one of the great encouragements in my life. I am overjoyed to share that Allie and I accepted a call to serve Bethel Free Lutheran Church, in Grafton, North Dakota! We are so excited for this opportunity. Thank you again for all you have done for Allie and me, and for all of our AFLC's men and their families in pastoral training. May God continue to bless you as you serve in His name. In Christ, Brian Westerbur

Christ the King Lutheran Church,
On behalf of Hope Haven International, I want to thank you for your recent donation of \$200. Your generosity bears present-day witness to the words of the Apostle Paul in Galatians 6:2: "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."
Through God's provision and thanks to partners and volunteers, we have now served in 108 different countries, and to date have delivered over 126,000 wheelchairs to deserving individuals!
Please accept my sincere thanks for your congregation's generous donations. Your partnership is appreciated!
With gratitude, Rich Koele
Manager of Church and Public Relations

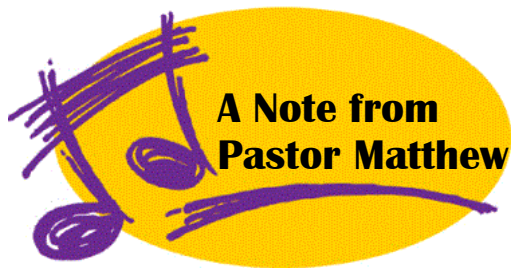
Plans are tentatively being made; the date may change due to ongoing circumstances.



Please join us for an enchanted afternoon. We invite daughters of all ages and their fathers, grandfathers, uncles, step-fathers, or any other special someone in their life.

Sunday, April 26, 2020
Pipestone Area School Gymnasium
2:00-2:30: Doors Open— Registration and Public Photos
2:30-3:30: Grand March— Open to Public
3:30-4:30: Dance and Activities

-SHE IS clothed with-
&
STRENGTH & DIGNITY
- LAUGHS without FEAR of the
future -
Proverbs 31:25

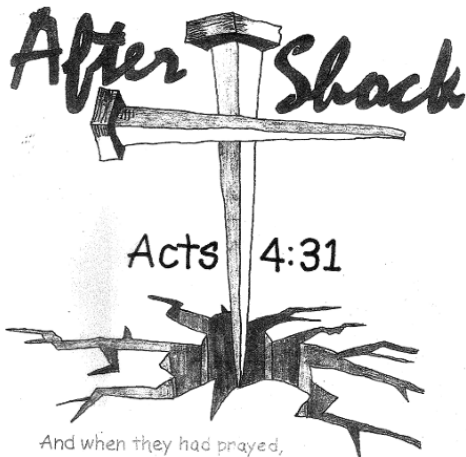


A Note from Pastor Matthew

Youth and parents,

We are all learning to adjust to a new sense of normal while we wait for this pandemic to pass over. Following the direction of our government and church officials, we will not have in-person youth activities for a period of time. Our encouragement for you is to stay connected in any way possible with friends who will give you words of hope and encouragement. We need each other! Look for us on social media (Pastor Matthew is finally discovering the world of Snapchat). Above all, stay connected to God and His Word. Subscribe on our YouTube channel to watch our daily Bible moments. There is no replacement for personal time spent in God's Word and prayer. We pray that our current circumstances will allow you to establish habits of regular devotions that will stick with you throughout your life. May God's peace rule in your hearts (Colossians 3:15)!

Sheltering in God our Rock,
Pastor Matthew



Upcoming Dates to remember:

- May 3 Confirmation Sunday
- May 17 Graduates Sunday
- May 17 Last day of Sunday School



Missionary to Ecuador: Darwin & Kirsten Paccha; Daniel & Nathan



I received the following information to my request for an update on their ministry: I'm not sure if you will still be able to use this as so much has changed in the world with the Coronavirus and ways of doing church! I hope your church has been able to set up online ministries. We are in the process of this change. It is quite a challenge as we do not usually record ourselves or do video chats with others in Ecuador.

Darwin and Kirsten Paccha live in Cuenca, Ecuador where Darwin is a full time pastor at La Paz de Dios church. His regular responsibilities include preaching, teaching a young adult Bible study group, discipling young men, counseling people of all ages, and teaching in a variety of ways that present themselves throughout the year. After almost two years of hard work, Darwin finished a devotional book that takes the reader through each book of the Bible highlighting and teaching through some well known verses and some verses that are rarely mentioned in normal devotionals and teachings. Many copies have been sold already and comments have been shared with Darwin on how this devotional has been an encouragement to people.

Kirsten is a stay at home wife and mother which of course means she has many hats to wear: encourager, teacher, chef, maid, financial consultant, doctor, friend, chauffeur, etc. She homeschools their two boys, Daniel (9) and Nathan (6 1/2), and teaches English to her Ecuadorian niece and nephew. Whenever she is able, Kirsten also enjoys using her gift of giving by sharing treats and snacks with others.

Daniel and Nathan are growing up fast and overall enjoy homeschooling even though they have their bad days and least favorite subjects like all children! Both boys also enjoy a weekly homeschool group that meets for fellowship and Bible classes. Another activity the boys have is a bi-weekly music academy that their grandpa administrates. They are learning how to read music, play an instrument, and participate in a small orchestra. Nathan plays a beginner instrument called a melodica which is a small keyboard that is played by blowing air through a tube. Daniel can play the melodica, but has also started playing piano this last year and is enjoying that very much.

Prayer Concerns

- ◆ Darwin's counseling sessions - wisdom
- ◆ Marriages in the church - to remain strong and discernment on how to help those that are struggling
- ◆ Darwin and Kirsten's marriage to remain strong and to focus on taking time to be with each other
- ◆ Wisdom on how to minister through this time of quarantine and the coronavirus
- ◆ Sale of the rest of the devotionals will go well
- ◆ Health and Safety
- ◆ Strength for Kirsten in her daily tasks



Altar Guild
Sue DeClerk

Communion Servers

Acolytes

Greeters

April 19 Mataya Pantekoek
April 26 Nathan Sutherland

April 19 Bob & Jeanette Larson
April 26 Jason & Kristie Lindquist; Sydney, Keagan,
Grayson

Kitchen Clean-up

Ushers

Hospitality Greeters

Rose Beck
Joanne Griebel

April 19 DeClerks & Smiths
April 26 Woelbers & Warners

Nursery

April 12 Marcine Olsen
April 19 Amy Steuck
April 26 Melissa Zephier

Money Counters/Trustees

Jim Otter
Heather DeWilde





Worship Leaders

April 12 (Easter Sunday) Praise Band—Seth Moan
April 19 Bill Steuck, Lynn Glidewell, Julia Pillman, Judy Steuck
April 26 Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Irene Warner, Susan Parsley



APRIL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 10:30 AM Livestream of Worship Service 	6	7 7: PM Trustee Virtual meeting	8	9 Maundy Thursday 7: PM Livestream	10 Good Friday 7: PM Livestream	11
12 No Sunday School 10:30 AM Livestream of Easter Worship Service 	13	14	15	16 7:00 PM Elders & wives TBD	17	18
19 10:30 AM Livestream of Worship Service Messenger Articles Due	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 10:30 AM Livestream of Worship Service	27	28	29	30		