

CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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Don't participate in the fruitless works of darkness, but instead expose them. (Ephesians 5:11)

The context of the above verse is very pertinent for our day. The previous verses mention sexual immorality, impurity, greed, obscene and foolish talking, crude joking and idolatry as things that lead to not having an inheritance in kingdom of Christ. The believer is called to be different. Verses six to ten say, “⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty arguments, for God’s wrath is coming on the disobedient because of these things. ⁷ Therefore, do not become their partners. ⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light— ⁹ for the fruit of the light consists of all goodness, righteousness, and truth—¹⁰ testing what is pleasing to the Lord.”

Clearly our lives are to speak differently than those who do not walk in the light. In fact, we are to expose that darkness with what is pleasing to the Lord; what is goodness, righteousness and truth. I believe many if not most Christians try to live a life that is pleasing to the Lord, even though they fall short. However, I also believe that Christians are way too timid in exposing darkness. We tend to hold back on speaking the truth into that falseness or darkness. As a result, the darkness speaks louder and louder.

For example, did you know that the Minnesota legislature is considering a bill they call, “Equal Rights Amendment” (ERA)? It includes the standard protections like race, color, national origin, etc. However, it excludes any protection for “creed” or any other reference to religious rights. In fact, efforts to include this protection in several other bills this year has been defeated. The religious/creed rights of Minnesotans are being left out and the following freedom will fade as a result.

In addition, the ERA bill includes provisions that bring parental rights into question. Should a parent be notified when their minor daughter is considering an abortion? Should a parent be allowed to opt their student out of controversial topics in school or be able to pull their student from a mixed-sex locker room? The ERA bill brings these matters into question.

The ERA bill also includes a sweeping right to abortion, right up to the moment of birth. Keep in mind that this bill is actually being proposed to be an amendment to Minnesota’s constitution. The above concerns will enter into Minnesota law if it passes the legislature and the people vote for it.

So, what will Christians do? If the voice of truth and light remains silent, I guarantee you the voice of deception and darkness will be heard loud and clear. Call your state Senator at 651-296-0504 and your House member at 651-296-2146. Those of you in South Dakota, thank God you are not dealing with this right now, but pray. Let’s all pray and walk as children of light; not participating in the fruitless works of darkness, but instead expose them. When light shines into the darkness, the darkness dissipates.

In the Light of Christ, Pastor Tim



The Ten Commandments

How do God's commandments speak into our current day? What do they say about us? What blessings are hidden within them? You might be surprised!

April 7	The First	Exodus 20: 1 - 6	Pastor Tim
April 14	The Second	Exodus 20: 7	Pastor Joe
April 21	The Third	Exodus 20: 8 - 11	Pastor Tim
April 28	The Fourth	Exodus 20: 12	Pastor Joe
May 5	The Fifth	Exodus 20: 13	Pastor Tim
May 12	The Sixth	Exodus 20: 14	Pastor Joe
May 19	The Seventh	Exodus 20: 15	Pastor Tim
May 26	The Eighth	Exodus 20: 16	Pastor Tim
June 2	The Ninth & Tenth	Exodus 20: 17	Pastor Joe

Upcoming AFLC Summer Opportunities (More details just a Google search away!):

June 12 – 15 — AFLC Annual Conference in Plymouth, MN

Opportunities for the whole family! Make it a mini-vacation to be refreshed by evening sessions as a family. Mornings will include split VBS and youth times alongside of conference business for the adults. Come and see how our Association works! Bonus: it's on the campus of our Bible College, so tours for potential students are easy to work in!

June 23 – 28 — Pickerel Lake Bible Camp Sr. High Grades finished 8 - 12

An excellent local AFLC summer Bible camp. Pastor Joe will likely get to help out this year, so make sure to come and heckle him!

July 7 – 12 — Pickerel Lake Bible Camp Jr. High Grades finished 5 - 7

Like Sr. High camp, but for younger grades!

July 14 – 18 — FLY Beyond at the ARC Osceola, WI

During the "off" year for the national youth convention, students are invited to a more intentional time of training in the Word and equipping in areas like apologetics and worldview. It's worth the time spent with youth on fire for Christ!

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church
Financial Report
As of February 29, 2024

Balance Sheet

Revenue / Expenditures

	<u>Feb 29, 24</u>		<u>Feb 24</u>
ASSETS		Revenue	
Checking/Savings		General Revenue	16,378.11
Bank Total		Outreach Revenue	6,288.98
Building		Total Revenue	<u>22,667.09</u>
Altar Guild	338.39	Expenditures	
Building Fund Account	521.09	Building & Grounds	2,072.03
Total Building	<u>859.48</u>	Discipleship Expenditures	347.77
General Total		Family Support	37.17
General	62,811.55	Misc.	408.30
Truth Help	170.13	Office	709.44
Total General Total	<u>62,981.68</u>	Outreach Disbursement	
Outreach		20 %Outreach	3,679.00
20% Offering	4,056.00	Pipestone Ambulance	200.00
Children's Mission Offering	211.98	Special Outreach	1,800.00
Thrivent	2,080.63	Total Outreach Disbursement	<u>5,679.00</u>
Total Outreach	<u>6,348.61</u>	Payroll Expenditures	15,703.98
Share And Care	804.23	Share And Care	50.00
Special Accounts		Youth	55.00
Internship Fund	7,000.00	Total Expenditures	<u>25,062.69</u>
Local Outreach Ministry	7,123.71	Net Revenue (Deficit)	<u><u>(2,395.60)</u></u>
Church Missions	1,493.74		
Marriage Ministry	307.98		
Scholarship	322.26		
Youth	8,713.93		
Total Special Accounts	<u>24,961.62</u>		
Total Bank Total	<u>95,955.62</u>		
Total Checking/Savings	<u>95,955.62</u>		
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>95,955.62</u></u>		

Trustee Meeting Minutes Christ The King Free Lutheran Church
March 14, 2024 7:00 PM

Present: Dave Sutherland, Alan Warner, Jim Otter, Heather De Wilde, Dave Muller, Dave Krusemark, Laurel Berg, Jason Lindquist, Jane Smith **Absent:**

Also Present: Pastor Tim Johnson, Pastor Joe Larson, Collene Landgren, Mike Morgan, Roger Janssen.

President Heather DeWilde called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Dave Krusemark reading a devotional based on Psalm 23. A young child volunteered to recite Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd that's all that I want." Ultimately, that is all that we want. Death is not final for the believer. Dave K. led in prayer. Jane Smith will lead devotions in April.

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

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

Ankeny Church Plant: The February financial report was presented.

Collene Landgren presented information on the process for counting and recording offering. Laurel B. moved, seconded by Alan W. Collene Landgren will write for the policy book the process and check and balances for recording and depositing offering. This will help benefit with insurance coverage. Motion carried.

Outreach: Dave S. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Jim O. Motion carried.

AFLC \$ 00. Food Shelf \$ 100. Atlas for Life \$ 200. CRU-Jeff \$ 500. CRU-Paul \$ 500. Steele \$ 100. Brazil Student \$ 100. Alpha Center \$ 300. Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500. Abels \$ 100. Children's Life \$ 200. PAS Wellness Room \$ 100. Lost Timber \$ 100. Lake Benton Food Shelf \$ 100. Intern Account \$ 200. Pipestone Ministerial \$ 300. Flandreau Indian Chaplaincy \$ 156.00

The secretary's report from the February 8, 2024 meeting was presented. Laurel B. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dave S. Motion carried.

Minutes from the special trustee meeting from February 11, 2024 were presented. Laurel B. moved to approve, seconded by Dave S. motion carried.

Elders' Consultation: Roger Janssen reported for the elders. They met last week and are reviewing the membership roll. Pastor Tim submitted a list the elders identified as children that are not confirmed and nonvoting. Dave S. moved, seconded by Jim O. to accept this list of names with the revisions. Motion carried. Alan W. expressed concern the elders have not submitted the list of voting members. After considerable discussion Roger J. will contact the elders and possibly meet on March 17 to discuss the voting members. Jane S moved to give elders time to accomplish the task to determine voting and nonvoting members according to the constitution. The motion died for lack of second.

Roger also reported the elders discussed how small group are effective and how to establish more small groups. Explore a meal ministry for widowers.

Pastors' Report: Pastor Tim: Submitted a report of his activities for the last month.

Pastor Joe: Submitted a written report of his activities for the month. Pastor Joe is working with the boys group at PAS on Tuesdays and it is going well.

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports: Youth Ministry: Pastor Joe reported the youth & family time during Lent went well. Campus Days is in April. Nerf Wars will be March 22 from 6 - 8 PM

Old Business:

Policy for CTK pastor for AFLC assignments: Tabled Denis P. will draft a policy for the trustees to review.

Chairs: Jane S. submitted an inventory of the chairs currently at CTK. She also submitted some options for chairs, will continue to research options.

VBS Offering suggestions: There will be a VBS meeting on March 17. They will discuss some options.

Computer for livestream & pro presenter: Nathan Sutherland submitted an option for a computer. Dave M. moved seconded by Jason L. to purchase a computer for approx. \$850.

Inter Ministry review: tabled

New Business: Ad in newspaper for Holy week & Easter Sunday: Ad would be \$66. Dave S. so moved, seconded by Dave K. motion carried.

Other: Alan W. asked about CTK promoting and encouraging youth to attend AFLC camps.

Heather D. adjourned the meeting. Pastor Tim closed in prayer.

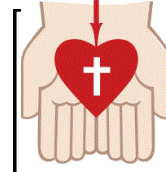
Collene Landgren, recording secretary {Draft subject to approval by the trustees}



April Birthdays

- 3 Sharon Amdahl
- 4 Jackson Winter
- 5 Kynslee Hulstein
- 5 Judy DeRuyter
- 10 Bode Bruns
- 10 Tracie Fey
- 10 Leann Bloemendaal
- 13 Sonja Wait
- 17 Natalie Slegers
- 21 Susan DeClerk
- 21 Sheryl Wait
- 22 Sarah Nelson
- 23 Cal Hulstein
- 24 Kyle Swanson
- 25 Caroline Hoffman

**Chatter-sewers
(Quilting)
will meet
April 3
@ 1 PM**



**Elders
Will meet
April 4 @ 5**

Trustee April 11
MEETING
7 PM

**News Letter
DEADLINES**
April 21



Christ the King serves

May 9, 2024 2-5 PM

at the Pipestone Food Shelf.

They are requesting 2-4 people help.
Contact Diana Uilk or the church
office at 507-825-5958 if you are
willing to help. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION
Students May 5

Nickolas Bruns
Alyssa Steuck



Bode Bruns, Alyssa DeRuyter, Cody DeRuyter, Trevin DeWilde,
Brielle Kulm, Carter Holt, Trinity Halling





Dear Family at Christ the King,

Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of flowers and stepping stone.

Thank you also for all the thoughts and prayers for Dad and for us during his illness and after his death. We appreciate your support and encouragement.

Pastor Tim , Cindy & family

Dear Quilters,

Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket! I'm sure Wesley will love it and the bear too!

Sarah, Pastor Joe, & Wesley

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Thank you so much for helping those who are struggling. As we celebrate the death & resurrection of our Lord and Savior this Easter, please join me in celebrating the lives that have been changed for eternity because of Christ's work on the cross.

Your gift of \$ 600 truly made a difference. Thank you for being a part of God's work at Union Gospel Mission

Love Out Loud Eric Weber, CEO

Christ the King Church,

We sincerely thank you for your support & are ever grateful for the partnership in the desire to share Jesus in this community.

Blessing & prayers

Jess & ATLAS staff



Please join us for an enchanted afternoon. We invite young girls and their father or father figure for an afternoon of dancing and games.

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Pipestone Area School Gymnasium

2:00 - 2:30 PM Doors Open & Pictures

2:30-4:00 Dance and Activities:

Doors closed to the public

-**SHE IS** clothed with-
&

STRENGTH & DIGNITY

- **LAUGHS** without **FEAR** of the future

-Proverbs 31:25

Note: This special event is for young girls and their father or father figure.

For more information: Angie 820-1051; Marci 215-1012
Hollie 828-4785

Sponsored by: Area Churches, Pipestone Area Schools

Zoom Bible Study: Viewing Current Events

Through the Bible, led by Pastor Tim every 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 7:20 PM. A Zoom link will be sent out via email to all CTK emails in our Prayer Chain system.

Wednesday, April 3 - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)

Wednesday, April 17 - To Be Announced

Zoom Bible Study in-Person at CTK every 1st and 3rd

Wednesday at 10:30 AM.

Wednesday, April 3 - Global Warming & the Bible

Wednesday, April 17 - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)

Upcoming Dates to remember:

- April 12 -13 FLBC Campus Days
- May 5 Confirmation Sunday
- May 19 Graduate Sunday
- May 19 Last day of Sunday School



Youth and Family Studies:

Barring any crazy snow storms, we will plan on continuing with Sunday evening youth and family studies until school gets out. This means we will need hosts, both youth and non-youth families. Please let Pastor Joe know if you'd like to help in this way and see the sign-up sheet on his door for schedule and details!



Bonus NERF Wars / Hosting Another Youth Group:

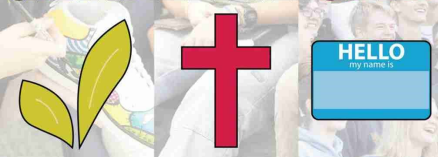
With the conflicting events during the last NERF War weekend and potential interest from other AFLC Youth Groups in joining us for a NERF War, we may look into a "bonus" NERF event for those who missed the first. Let Pastor Joe know if you'd be interested!

Youth Family AND Young Family Visits:

Similar to last summer, Pastor Joe would love to connect with the youth families and touch base this spring/summer on how things are going. If you haven't had a visit like this before, he'd love to prioritize you. Likewise, families with younger children are going to be contacted over the next few months as well, both to get to know you and to consider the possibility of a small group for young families. As always, contact Pastor Joe now if you know your availability is crazy!

Speaking of availability, summer schedules can get wild, so I wanted to put these events/camps on your radar now so you can have a chance to possibly go! Registration for all should be open. Contact Pastor Joe if you have questions or need help!

CREATED REDEEMED CALLED



Spring Campus Days April 12 - 13

Campus Days: Are you a high schooler or recent grad that wants to check out our Bible College and have a great time of fellowship? Then you're invited to campus days on April

12 -13. Registration of \$75 due by April 4, which will cover on-campus meals.

Contact Pastor Joe if interested, especially if he hasn't reached out to you!



Thank you Collene and Christ the King, for helping raise prayer support and awareness for the Ugandan mission. The month of March is always a big one for the Ugandan field as it is the time we generally hold our graduation ceremonies for Ambassador Institute. Several American guests are usually in attendance (this year it was Earl and Joan Korhonen, Brent Raan, Jared, Josiah, and Micah Trost, and Paul Kneeland). Please pray for these graduates as we assist them in the next step of becoming a disciple-maker. Our hope is that they will be teaching a group of students from the 2200 verses of scripture we have helped them learn by heart. Often their first students are drawn from the very group of friends, family, and neighbors that were invited to their graduation celebration.



Also pray for our work visas. It has been more and more difficult to obtain them. If I am unable to get my next one, I will need the Lord's guidance on how to accomplish His call.

And please pray for my friend Pastor Alex. I learned this morning that he was recently put in jail and beaten under a false charge from an enemy to the ministry.

Michel Rokenbrodt is a seasonal missionary, working with Ambassador Institute in Uganda for half the year and coming home to the United States for assisting youth camps and attending the seminary.

Originally and teacher, Michael loved investing in his students but felt restless. By invitation of his good friend Micah Berger, he traveled to Uganda and has felt called back ever since. He was commissioned as an AFLC missionary in 2018.

For part of the year, Michel is in Uganda serving in his role as a support to the national leaders and the full-time missionaries stationed in Jinja. Because of his unique position, his focus of the ministry can be flexible and adapt to the needs of the time. In 2018, Michael spent time with Micah, exploring locations for possible church plants and speaking in local schools.

Prayer Concerns

- * Recent graduates of the Ambassador Institute.
- * Students of the Ambassador Institute
- * For work visas and obtaining them without problems.
- * For Pastor Alex, he was put in jail under false charges.
- * For travel mercies and safety for Michael and others traveling to and from Uganda.
- * For the Ugandan mission field.



Give a Dairy Goat

Haidrah had tried raising goats, but they all died of disease. He was desperate to find a way to provide for his eight children. Work was scarce in his war-stricken community. Samaritan's Purse not only provided him several goats, but we also taught him how to feed and care for the animals. Income from selling goats can be used to buy food, clothes, and other essentials. For \$70, we can give a struggling family a goat or other dairy animals, along with related training and resources.



Altar Guild

Pat Woelber

Ushers

Morgan McNickle
Munro, Myer, Maccoy

Money Counters

Jim Otter
Heather DeWilde

Sound Tech

April 7 Alan Warner
April 14 Kyle DeWilde
April 21 Dave Sutherland
April 28 Kyle DeWilde



Acolytes

April 7 Clifford Rupp
April 14 Caden Bruns
April 21 Lauren Steuck
April 28 Keegan Otter

Family of the Week / Greeters

April 7 Matthew & Sharon Amdahl
April 14 John & Gerri Appeldorn
April 21 Rose Beck
April 28 Andrew & Kiah Berg; Harper

Nursery

April 7 Ashley Hoheisel
April 14 Amy Steuck
April 21 Alyssa Steuck
April 28 Ashley Hoheisel

Worship Leaders

April 7 Irene Warner, Donna Smith, Charles Hoffman, Susan Parsley
April 14 Bill Steuck, Kari Rupp, Laurel Berg, Judy Steuck
April 21 Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Jane Smith
April 28 Praise Band; Shelia Westfield, leading



APRIL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 9: AM Home-school Group 1:30 PM Bible Study @ Jeanette Larsons	3 10:30 PM Bible Study @ CTK 1:00 PM Quilters meet 6:30 PM Zoom Bible Study 7:30 PM Choir Practice	4 5: PM Elders Meet	5	6 7: AM Men's Study @ CTK	
7 8:45 AM Prayer 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Confirmation 10:50 AM Sunday School 4:30 PM Youth / Family Study	8	9 9: AM Home-school Group	10 6:00 PM Year 3 Confirmation 7:30 PM Choir Practice	11 7: PM Trustees meet	12	13 FLBC Spring Campus Days 12 & 13
14 8:45 AM Prayer 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:50 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 4:30 PM Youth / Family Study	15	16	17 10:30 PM Women's Bible 6:30 PM Zoom Bible Study 7:30 PM Choir Practice	18	19	20
21 8:45 AM Prayer 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:50 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 4:30 PM Youth / Family Study Messenger Information Due	22	23	24 6:00 PM Year 3 Confirmation 7:30 PM Choir Practice	25	26	27
28 8:45 AM Prayer 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Brunch Blessing 10:50 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 4:30 PM Youth / Family Study	29	30				