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A Change of Seasons

No one has to imagine whether or not Minnesotans/South Dakotans are ready for a change of seasons. We are wintered out! Many have said they have never seen this much snow or, if they have, it was a long, long time ago. Even the animals are hanging around any open spot, usually the roads, in order to find something other than snow.

Perhaps this describes your spiritual life? You are tired of the doldrums of winter and need a change. Your faith is still there, kinda, you think. God seems distant, but deep down, you know it's you that is distant. The word cold might come to mind because you have been living in a sort of spiritual snowbank. You're not only distant from God, but have distanced yourself from His people. To say it bluntly, you could use a change.

Song of Songs offer an intimate back and forth exchange between husband and wife who love and adore each other. You should read this short book. In fact, husbands and wives should take turns reading their parts responsively. Though it might make you blush, it might also warm things up in your relationship with one another.

Song of Songs is God's way of expressing His love for you in the most intimate way you can understand. He doesn't just want a relationship with you, He wants you to experience an intimacy with Him that goes beyond anything you could possibly experience anywhere else. Listen to His calling from verses eleven through thirteen in chapter two, "For now the winter is past; the rain has ended and gone away. ¹² The blossoms appear in the countryside. The time of singing has come, and the turtledove's cooing is heard in our land. ¹³ The fig tree ripens its figs; the blossoming vines give off their fragrance. Arise, my darling. Come away, my beautiful one."

Spring is God's visual invitation to you to draw near. He wants to lift you out of your winter doldrums. He wants to warm you up in the added light of His Son. He wants to show that life arises out of the darkest times. He wants you to understand that He is your source of life. Go to Him. Read His letter of love to you out loud. Let His Word be spoken over you from your own lips. Hear and accept His invitation, "Arise, my darling. Come away, my beautiful one." To you guys out there, it's okay for God to call you His darling and beautiful one. He means nothing weird about it. It's the same for you gals. He loves you all like no other can. He proved it through His Son, Jesus, who took your sin and died for it.

So, Spring is springing and God is calling. The snow melt is just the first sign. You will see more and more Spring and as you do, let it remind you of God's loving invitation to come away with Him. Enjoy His warmth and light and love!

He has risen, is returning and His reward is with Him (Revelation 22:12).

Happy Spring! Pastor Tim



Balance Sheet

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church Financial Report As of February 28, 2023

Revenue / Expenditures

	Feb 28, 23		Feb 23
ASSETS	Revenue		
		Building and Grounds	255.00
Checking/Savings		General Revenue	15,217.73
Bank Total		Outreach Revenue	5,039.01
Building		Total Revenue	20,511.74
Altar Guild	528.68	Expenditures	
Building Fund Account	5,461.09	Building & Grounds	1,627.09
Total Building	5,989.77	Discipleship Expenditures	202.34
General Total		Family Support	6.84
General	72,943.31	Misc.	583.99
Truth Help	155.08	Office	499.32
Total General Total	73,098.39	Outreach Disbursement	
Outreach		20 %Outreach	4,980.06
20% Offering	3,803.35	Miriam Infant Home-AFLC	150.00
Children's Mission Offering	213.66	Special Outreach	450.00
Thrivent	2,004.41	Total Outreach Disbursement	5,580.06
Total Outreach	6,021.42	Payroll Expenditures	10,414.81
Share And Care	1,040.70	Youth	488.54
Special Accounts		Total Expenditures	19,402.99
Internship Fund	6,600.00	Net Revenue	1,108.75
Local Outreach Ministry	7,123.71		
Church Missions	1,493.74		
Marriage Ministry	307.98		
Scholarship	322.26		
Youth	10,113.93		
Total Special Accounts	25,961.62		
Total Bank Total	112,111.90		
Total Checking/Savings	112,111.90		
TOTAL ASSETS	112,111.90		

Trustee Meeting Minutes Christ The King Free Lutheran Church March 9, 2023 7:00 PM

Present: Dave Sutherland, Brandie Hulstein, Denis Parsley, Alan Warner, Dave Muller, Heather DeWilde, Marcine Olsen, Jim Otter, Gene Bouw

Also Present: Pastor Tim Johnson, Collene Landgren, Mike Morgan

President David Sutherland called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Denis Parsley by reading from an article from the Lutheran Ambassador by Ryan Egan. Denis P. opened in prayer. Alan Warner will lead devotions in April. The Treasurer's report for February was presented. Marcine O. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Jim O. Motion carried.

The Payment of bills, Brandie H. moved to approve the bills, seconded by Gene B. Motion carried.

Ankeny Church Plant: The February financial report for the residency program was given. Matthew Pillman and Matthew Ballmann joined the meeting via zoom to give an update on the residency program

and answer any questions.

consider the request.

Outreach: Jim O. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Marcine O. Motion carried. AFLC \$ 203.35 Food Shelf \$ 100. Atlas \$ 200. CRU-Jeff \$ 500. CRU-Paul \$ 500. Steele \$ 100. Alpha Center \$ 300. Kvale's (Wycliffe) \$ 500. Brazil Student \$ 100 Children's Life \$ 200.00 Intern Account \$ 100. PAS Wellness Room \$ 100 Abel \$ 100.00 Lake Benton Food Shelf \$ 100. Ankeny Church Plant \$ 500. Trinity San Antonio \$ 200 The secretary's report from the February 9, 2023 meeting was presented. Jim O. moved to approve the minutes, seconded Heather D. Motion carried. **Request from Classical Conversations Homeschool Group:** Jessie VanderPoel presented information and answered questions from the trustees. The homeschool group is requesting to use the facilities once a week from 8:30 to 3 PM for 24 weeks during

Elders' Consultation: Pastor Tim reported for the Elders. The elders & wives met and discussed the table groups and the schedule on Sunday morning. Tad Woelber is the chairman for the elders and Matthew Amdahl will be co-chair.

the school year for their classes. The trustees will

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:

Youth Ministry: The youth have been meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month and Forge has been meeting on the 1st Sunday after Sunday school. On Sunday, March 12 there will be a night of praise, worship, & testimony at the Performing Arts Center.

Pastors' Report:

Pastor Tim: Submitted a report for his activities for the last month. Pastor Tim reported the elders have approved JaNeil Peschon for membership.

Old Business:

Intern Housing: Marcine O. reported she looked at a couple of apartments.

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

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

Building use policy: tabled for review. Updated recommendations from the insurance company were distributed for review.

Committee: Plan to continue meeting. They are going to contact Christian universities to broaden the search area. **RightNow Media:** Pastor Tim reported RightNow Media will give two months of free service and CTK will promote the service.

Constitutional Change: tabled for review.

New Business:

Certification of Beneficial Owners of Legal Entities form:

The bank informed CTK a person needs to be designated as the representative for this form to institute changes to the account. The changes need to be requested through Trustee minutes and with proper signatures. Denis P. moved to designate Collene Landgren as representative on the form, seconded by Heather D. motion carried. Landscaping: Marcine O. was contacted by Ginger McNickle about updating the landscaping around the building. The plastic and existing rock will need to be removed and the area prepared for new plants. There will need to be skid steer loaders and people lined up to do the job. It will take a couple of Saturdays to properly complete the task.

Pipestone church services directory: Marcine O. moved, seconded by Heather D. to have CTK services time updated and included in the visitors guide. Motion carried.

Sunday School policy: Alan W. recommends the Sunday school policy be reviewed and updated to be included in the CTK policy book.

Minnesota Food Share March Campaign: To promote this, children will be encouraged to bring food items for offering on March 26, a basket will be at the back of the sanctuary for cash offerings also.

Other: Denis P. would like to review the procedure used for distributing the outreach offering. Tabled. Dave S. adjourned the meeting and Pastor Tim closed in prayer. Collene Landgren, recording secretary {Draft subject to approval by the trustees}

April 2 The Triumphal Responses Matthew 21:1-17

April 9 The Tale of Two Gardens John 19:38-20:18

The Final Tribulation

April 16 War in Heaven Revelation 12

April 23 Hell on Earth Revelation 13

April 30 A New Song & Final Proclamation Revelation 14

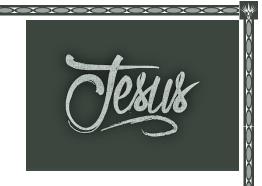


LENT: Jesus Who?

March 26 I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life John 14:1-6

April 6 Maundy Thursday I AM the True Vine John 15:1-8

April 7 Good Friday









Chatter-sewers
(Quilting)
will meet
April 4
@ 1 PM





April Birthdays

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



Elders & wives Will meet April 20 @ 7



April 23

Christ the King serves April 20, 2023 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!

Students May 7

Trey Boelman, Hailey Goebel, Laura Minet, Braden Otter, Cayden Zephier





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Brynn Manzey, Mason DeRuyter, Connor Holt Christ the King family,

Thank you all for your calls, prayers, and cards while I was in the hospital.
Especially to Pastor Tim & Dr Zephier for your care on my behalf. I'm home and doing well.

Gary Winter & family



Thank you so much for your generous gift to ATLAS! WE so appreciate the partnership to share Christ in this community. May God be glorified.

Jess Bosma & the team at ATLAS

Mae Beth and I thank you so much for your prayerful and financial support for our ministry. Without generous individuals such as yourself, this ministry would not be possible. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You are precious in God's and our sight. God bless you. Have a great day in the Lord! Yours in Christ, Dave and Mae Beth

Women's Small Group Bible Study At CTK will be on first and third Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30, April 5, April 19, & May 3

They will be meeting to coincide with Aftershock so moms can go to the study while the kids are at Aftershock, all women are invited to attend.

The first study will be a 5-week study titled Warrior Women: Deborah, and is through RightNow Media. It is a short video with a time of discussion, there is no homework with this study. Contact Dawn Sutherland for more information.



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 30, 2023 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



Forge will meet April 2 from 11:45 to 2:15.



Aftershock meets April 5 & 19

Spring Campus Days April 14 - 15



Do you ever feel like you're drowning in the pressures of life? FLBC offers A FIRM FOUNDATION in God's Word that provides you with the tools you need to make sense of it all. During Campus Days, you will see why our students love studying here!

This event is a great time for high schoolers and recent grads to experience FLBC in person. Tour our beautiful campus, learn from our experienced Bible professors, and take part in special weekend activities. Even if you're not planning on attending FLBC, we'd love to see you here!

Housing: Guests are asked to secure their own housing. A block of rooms is available at Minneapolis Marriott West at \$119/night (+tax). This rate is available through March 17. Book online or call 1(800) 228-9290 and reference "Free Lutheran Bible College."

Upcoming Dates to remember:

April 2 Forge Meets

April 5 Aftershock Meets

April 14 -15 FLBC Campus Days

April 19 Aftershock Meets

May 7 Confirmation Sunday

May 21 Graduate Sunday

May 21 Last day of Sunday School



Tim & Sheila Steele; Missionaries with Cru



Dear Ministry Partners at Christ the King,

Your partnership with us while we serve with FamilyLife is making a difference in lives across the nation and around the world. Just like the apostle Paul, we are SO

thankful for your partnership, prayers and encouragement over the past 6 years. Our personal focus on the Great Commission through evangelism and discipleship (and equipping those in our sphere of influ- * For growth and a passion for Christ ! ence to do the same) is desperately needed especially within the context of marriage and the family! FamilyLife has been deepening our Position (faithfully grounded in scripture), our Posture (to winsomely navi-!* For the growth of the fruits and gate the culture around us to introduce people to the person of Jesus Christ and the Gospel) and our Practice (intentionally engage those who are far from God and far from the Church while encouraging the Body of Christ to do the same).

Again, hear our hearts ... THANK YOU for your partnership with us! This year we have been intentionally praying for opportunities to come alongside those who are "far from the Church and far from God". God has creatively gifted us with personal friendships with folks that fit that description.

Sheila is helping Tim lead the "Step Family" small group at our house (Did you know there are 67 blends of step families?) I also mentor several gals from our church and just finished a study on "The Names of the Holy Spirit" by Tony Evans with ladies from our church. We are planting a huge garden (about half of which is already planted) with the across the state of New Mexico. intention of giving produce away to our church family and neighbors.

Tim is involved in co-leading a bi-weekly men's leadership study, an early morning men's study, mentoring a couple of men as well as joining Sheila in guiding some engaged couples in their premarital classes.

This us at the personal level choosing to live out our calling to be "salt ! churched, dechurched or exand light" and a "beacon of hope" in a world that is desperate for Truth | churched) to learn the biblical blueand sanity as it deals with ever changing worldviews that are drawing our neighbors, family, and friends further and further from traditional Christian values and biblical Truth. Thank you again for allowing God to

continue to use Christ the King to help us reaching marriages and families across the US, in Pipestone and New Mexico providing them with help, hope and encouragement.

Serving alongside you with Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow,

Tim & Sheila Steele



Prayer Concerns

- for those that asked Jesus to be Lord of their lives at our recent WTR.
- veggies we are growing in the house as we get ready to transplant to our garden. It's always been our desire I to bless others from our harvest; especially those in need around us, in-I cluding our church family.
- * For safety and a great family time as we vacation for a week in the mountains of northern NM.
- *Our continued impact on intentional Christian Grandparenting, First Responders, raising blended family awareness and ministry marriages
- *The launch of The Art of Marriage 2.0 is this fall. Our goal is to spearhead an initiative across the state for couples (whether churched, unprints for marriage; especially needed in todays's American culture.

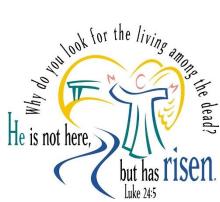


In poor communities—like the rural Kenyan village where Rhoda lives—a little dairy goat has tremendous value. Rhoda was struggling to put food on the table for her grandchildren. But then she received several goats from Samaritan's Purse, along with specialized training which equipped her to take care of them. The goats are providing plenty of nourishing milk for Rhoda's family. She sold one of the animals for income and is using a portion of her earnings to support

Give a Dairy Goat

her small sewing business. For \$70, you can provide a goat or another dairy animal, along with related training and resources, and bring hope in Jesus' Name to a struggling family.





Altar Guild

Sue DeClerk

Ushers

Sound Tech

April 2 Kyle DeWilde

April 9 Alan Warner

April 16 Dave Sutherland

April 23 Kyle DeWilde

April 30 Alan Warner

Money Counters

Brandie Hulstein Heather DeWilde

Acolytes

April 2 Alyssa Steuck

April 9 Nickolas Bruns

April 16 Caden Bruns

April 23 Lauren Steuck

April 30 Keegan Otter



Family of the Week / Greeters

April 2 Kasi Pantekoek; Mataya, Kamrik

April 9 Denis & Susan Parsley

April 16 JaNeil Peschon

April 23 Debra Pick

April 30 Matthew & Julia Pillman; James, Benjamin, Solomon

Nursery

April 2 Ashley Hoheisel

April 9 Marcine Olsen

April 16 Amy Steuck

April 23 Alyssa Steuck

April 30 Marcine Olsen

Worship Leaders

April 2 Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Dawn Sutherland

April 6 Maundy Thursday: Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Jane Smith

April 7 Good Friday: Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Charlie Hoffman, Judy Steuck

April 9 Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Dawn Sutherland, Susan Parsley

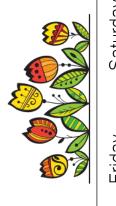
April 16 Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Jane Smith

April 23 Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Charlie Hoffman, Susan Parsley

April 30 Praise Band - Sheila Westfield, leading







Saturday	1 11:30 AM Private Event	8	4 9:00 AM Lueck Bridal Shower FLBC Spring Cumpus Days 14 & 15	22	59
Friday		7 7: PM Good Friday Service	14 FLBC Spring C	12	28
Thursday		\$ 7: PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service	13 7: PM Trustees meet	2.5 PM CTK Serves at the Food Shelf 6:30 PM Elders & wives	22
Wednesday		6:30 PM Aftershock 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 7:15 PM Choir Practice	12 7:15 PM Choir Practice	6:30 PM Aftershock 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 7:15 PM Choir Practice	26 7.15 PM Choir Practice
Tuesday		4 1: PM Quilters meet	11	18	25
Monday		8	10	21	24
Sunday		9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 11:45 AM Forge Meets 6:30 PM Year 3 Confirmation Palm Sunday	9 9:30 AM Worship Service FASTER	9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 6:30 PM Year 3 Confirmation	23/30 Messenger Articles Due 4/23 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch (4/30) 10:30 AM Brunch Blessing 10:45 AM Sunday School / Confirmation