

# CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

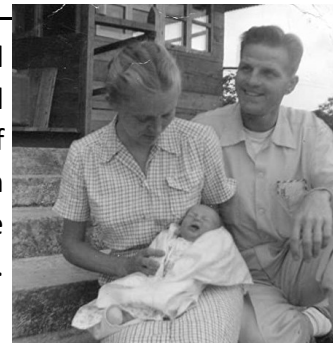
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Recently, I was searching our book shelf for a book that would calm my burdened heart. With God's direction (and my wife's), I settled down into our couch to read *Be Still My Soul* by Elisabeth Elliot. Elisabeth knew a burdened heart. At 27 years of age, she married Jim Elliot on the mission field of Ecuador, South America. Less than 3 years later her husband was massacred with 4 other men by members of a native tribe. There Elisabeth was, doing the Lord's work, and widowed at the age of 29. Consider Elisabeth's words in response to her loss:



Jim, Elisabeth, & Valerie Elliot shortly before Jim's death.

*The process of being stripped does not feel good. But the joy we taste is not incompatible with the sorrow. I remember waking up one morning in my house in Shandia after Jim had been killed. The bed was empty beside me. Suddenly, in place of fresh tears of sorrow, I was surprised by a sudden, unexpected surge of joyful exultation, realizing where Jim was at that very moment. He would never undergo the degradations and humiliations of old age. I would never have to spend days and nights in that dreadful fear of not knowing if he was safe. He was now with the Lord. Even with the reality of my widowhood and my daughter's fatherlessness and the house and station that I had to run all by myself—there was joy! ...It is the person who tries to save him- or herself who loses it all. (p. 20-21)*

What an expression of faith! I do not know what burdens are on your heart as you read this. Is it broken relationships? Political exhaustion? Financial distress? The death of a loved one? (Add your own burdens here...) Whatever your burden, it is nothing in comparison to joy of God's eternity. Consider the words of another man who suffered greatly (see his list 2 Cor. 11:21-33):

*Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death... (Philippians 3:8-10, ESV)*

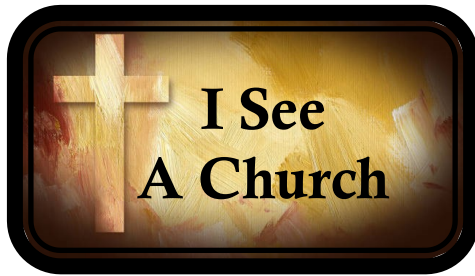
None of us needs to look for hard times—they will come. Instead look to the Savior—He has suffered and overcome! When Paul declares, "I count everything as loss" it is not a cry of hopelessness. In fact, it is quite the opposite. Paul is comparing the difficult things of this world to the "surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."

Those who know Christ as Lord and Savior have found true hope. This hope is found in the Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. It is the same Lord that rose from the dead Easter morning that will one day raise us up to eternal life. In that moment all our earthly treasures will no longer matter. Everything that we count as dear on this earth cannot compare to standing in the presence of the One Who loved us and gave His life for us! May this reminder from Elisabeth Elliot and the Apostle Paul fill you with joy, hope, and peace this Easter season and beyond!

Standing in the power of Christ's resurrection, Pastor Matthew

## April SERMON SERIES

April 4 Easter Mary Magdalene's Confession John 20:1-18 Pastor Tim



April 11 of Conviction Matthew 16:13-19 Pastor Tim

April 18 of Devotion Acts 2:42-47 Pastor Tim

April 25 of Presence Ephesians 2:19-22 Pastor Matthew

May 2 of Mission 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Pastor Tim



### Holy Week Schedule

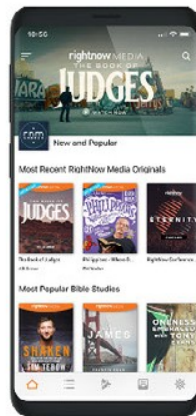
7:00 PM

Will be livestreamed

April 1 Maundy Thursday Communion Service Pastor Tim

April 2 Good Friday Centurion Matthew 27:45-54 Pastor Matthew

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Christ the King Free Lutheran Church  
Financial Report  
As of February 28, 2021

Balance Sheet

Revenue / Expenditures

	<u>Feb 28, 21</u>		<u>Feb 21</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>Revenue</b>	
Checking/Savings		Building and Grounds	130.00
Bank Total		General Revenue	17,752.73
Building		Outreach Revenue	4,436.15
Altar Guild	324.67	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>22,318.88</u>
Building Fund Account	652.09	<b>Expenditures</b>	
Wedding Deposits	500.00	Building & Grounds	1,584.47
Total Building	<u>1,476.76</u>	Discipleship Expenditures	894.72
General Total		Family Support	198.61
General	24,861.00	Misc.	234.30
Truth Help	194.48	Office	346.33
Total General Total	<u>25,055.48</u>	Outreach Disbursement	
Outreach		20 %Outreach	3,892.98
20% Offering	4,387.60	PAS Wellness	100.00
Children's Mission Offering	48.55	Special Outreach	200.00
Thrivent	1,055.99	<b>Total Outreach Disbursement</b>	<u>4,192.98</u>
Total Outreach	<u>5,492.14</u>	Payroll Expenditures	15,368.22
Share And Care	900.00	Prayer and Worship	20.00
Special Accounts		<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>22,839.63</u>
Internship Fund	5,217.20	<b>Net Revenue (Deficit)</b>	<u><u>(520.75)</u></u>
Local Outreach Ministry	4,023.71		
Church Missions	1,493.74		
Marriage Ministry	307.98		
Scholarship	322.26		
Youth	11,453.93		
Total Special Accounts	<u>22,818.82</u>		
Total Bank Total	<u>55,743.20</u>		
Total Checking/Savings	<u>55,743.20</u>		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>55,743.20</u></u>		

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



FRIENDS &  
Fellowship  
DINNER

FRIDAY  
**APRIL 30, 2021**  
SIOUX FALLS  
CONVENTION CENTER

Contact Matthew or  
Sharon Amdahl for  
more information or to  
make reservations

**Trustee Meeting Minutes Christ The King Free Lutheran Church**  
**March 11, 2021 6:00 PM**

**Present:** Jim Gawerecki, Dave Sutherland, Jim Otter, Bill VanderPlaats, Heather De Wilde, Morgan McNickle, Marcine Olsen, Brandie Hulstein **Absent:** Laurie Bruns

**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 Wayne S. a couple devotional "I Hate It When You Do That" based on Micah 7:18. The author related that as a newly married she was surprised when her husband said I hate it when you do that. Each one of us have our quirks and annoying habits, we do not have to love everything about each other. We need to overlook and look past the quirks and see the really good person and look for the good things in others. Look for the positive and not focus on the negative. Wayne S. led in prayer. Marcine Olsen will lead devotions in April.

**Elders' Consultation:** Wayne Smith represented the Elders. They will be meeting on March 25 for their business meeting. They have worked on updating the list of members to call.

**COVID report:** As of 03/11/2021 Pipestone county 1,019 cases (confirmed and probable) and 24 deaths.

**The Treasurer's report** for February was presented.

Jim O. moved to accept the treasurer's report.

Seconded by Brandie H. Motion carried.

Treasurer Mike Morgan reported we are still waiting for the forgiveness for the PPP Cares Loan. It should be approved soon.

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

**Outreach was discussed;** Dave S. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Heather D. Motion carried.

AFLC \$ 387.60 Food Shelf \$ 100. ARC \$ 100.

CRU-Jeff \$ 500. Paul \$ 500. Tim Steele \$ 100.

Brazil Student \$ 100. Matthew & Ednay Abel \$ 100.

Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500. Local Outreach \$ 300.

Alpha Center \$ 300. Atlas \$ 200. Children's Life \$ 200.

Intern Account \$ 400. San Antonio Church \$ 100.

PAS Wellness Room \$ 100. Habitat for Humanity \$ 300.

Lost Timber camp \$ 100.00

**The secretary's report** from the February 11, 2021 meeting was presented. Dave S. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Bill V. Motion carried.

**Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:**

**Youth Ministry:** Pastor Matthew submitted a report of activities from February and a list of activities being planned for March through July. The FLY Convention has been postponed until the summer of 2023. Pastor Matthew reported a youth leadership team has been organized with 4 youth on it, they would like to organize some outreach opportunities.

**Family Ministry:** Will be meeting on March 23.

**Pastors' Report:** Pastor Tim submitted a report of

activities for the last month. Pastor Randy Nelson from the AFLC Evangelism & Discipleship ministry will be speaking on March 21. The district meetings to be held in Arlington, SD have been postponed. The AFLC will not be holding the 2022 Annual conference in Brookings, SD due to the inability to secure an adequate meeting site. Pastor Tim asked the trustees to think about what Christ the King does well, as a church? Some responses were: welcoming and receiving visitors, coming together to do things (often at the last minute), music ministry, sound on streaming, caring for others have the feel of a big family.

**Pastor Matthew** submitted reports of activities from February. The pastors are able to visit residents at Good Sam and Ridgeview. Pastor Matthew revised the vacation time used to March 2-4.

**Old Business: Seminary Intern:** Seminary intern housing and stipend will remain the same at \$2,100 per month stipend plus housing, utilities, and mileage for ministry-related expenses. Brandie H. so moved, seconded by Bill V. motion carried. Intern Sam Willard start date will be June 1. Marcine O. reported she contacted several options for housing. Jim O and Jim G will go with Marcine O. to look at a few places. They will report through text messages to get an approval if appropriate.

**Bus:** Dave S. reported the batteries for the bus were bad and have been replaced. S & S Trucking are checking the wiring for damage as the lights didn't work last time the bus was used. The oil will be changed and oil and fuel filters replaced. The switch to open the door isn't working again. The possibility of selling the bus will be discussed.

**New Business:**

**Easter Sunday Worship time:** Marcine O. moved seconded by Dave S. to move the Easter Sunday worship time to 9:30 AM. Motion carried.

**Good Friday Offering:** Dave S. moved, seconded by Marcine O. to give the offering to the Union Gospel Mission. Motion carried.

**Fellowship Hall:** Heather Stangeland requested to use the hall on May 15 for Hunter's graduation reception. Bill V. moved to approve, seconded by Heather D. motion carried.

**Paint above sanctuary doors:** Stain has left marks on the wall. Julie Manzey and Heather D. will paint a stain blocker and repaint the area.

**Ambassador Subscriptions:** Dave S. moved seconded by Jim O. to pay for the Ambassador, the AFLC newsletter, for both pastors and a copy for CTK. Motion carried.

**The trustees** will meet at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall for the April meeting.

Dave S. moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill V. Jim G. adjourned the meeting and Pastor Matthew closed in prayer.


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



### April Birthdays

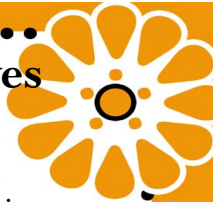



**Chatter-sewers (Quilting) will meet April 6 @ 1 PM**




- 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
- 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

**Christ the King serves**  
**April 15 1-5 PM**  
 at the Pipestone Food Shelf.  
 They are requesting 2-4 people help.  
 Contact the church office at 507-825-5958 if you are willing to help. **PLEASE NOTE:**  
 We do not have a food shelf coordinator at this time. If you are interested in helping, contact the office or one of the pastors.  
 Thank you!



  
**Elders & wives**  
 Will meet  
 April 22 @ 7

  
**Trustee Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 8 @ 7 PM**

**News Letter DEADLINES** April 18

**FAMILY Ministry** April 27 @ 7:00 PM

  
 Youth Ministry will meet  
 April 25 @ 11:45 AM



## CONFIRMATION Students

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



Graduates are: Aaron Johnson, Hunter St Aubin, Christie Swanson



## 60 Years - By God

Marriage is arranged by God  
To love and care for each other by God  
To make it last 60 years by God  
To serve God by all of us.

Thank you to Christ the King for sharing,  
caring, and observing our 60th Anniversary  
To God be the Glory  
Don & Barb Westerbur



A big thank you from the Quilters!  
Thank you for giving us more sheets. We can use thread etc, also. We are always looking for new members.

If you find time to give, you are welcome any time. You don't have to know how to quilt, come anyway. We can always use helpers to tie knots, help keeping the room tidy, chat a bit. A cookie or two for us also.



Sunday,  
April 18  
4-6 PM

# Family Game Night

Table games, group games, prizes, popcorn and other snacks will be available.

For those light on their feet, we will also have an inflatable volleyball court set up.




*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 25, 2021**  
**Pipestone Area School Gymnasium**

**2:30—4:00 PM**

**Fathers and Daughters only**  
**Not Open to the public**  
**Due to covid restrictions**  
**Watch for more details.**

~SHE IS clothed with-  
&

**STRENGTH & DIGNITY**

~ LAUGHS without FEAR of the future

~Proverbs 31:25



**Forge Sunday, April 18,  
11:45 AM Watch for Details!!**



**Wednesday Youth Night  
April 7 6~8 PM  
Hunt 'N Click**

By popular demand, hunt 'n click is back!

Together with your team, rack up the most points by hunting down the best photos around our church & community. Come at 6pm for food, devotions, and explanation. Hunt will finish at 8.

Grades 7-12 welcome!



**SATURDAY  
NIGHTS  
ALIVE**

**April 17 hosted by CTK**

Our AFLC district youth event will take place at Christ the King. Our speaker is Zach Ricke. Zach, a former SNA student, now lives in Brookings, SD.

Outdoor games will include a volleyball arena and 9-square in-the-air! We'll wrap up the evening with a good ol' bonfire and worship time! \$3 will help cover pizza.

**Bring your friends!**

**July 7 FLY One-Night** FLY One-Night is the livestream event set for Wednesday evening, July 7, 2021. The stream will start at 7:00PM, and will end roughly around 8:30PM. Our main Guest Speaker Eric Samuel Timm will share a message with us. Read more about it at [https://www.flyconvention.org/one\\_night/](https://www.flyconvention.org/one_night/)

**Upcoming Dates to remember:**

- April 7 Hunt 'N Click
- April 9-11 FLBC Campus Days
- April 17 SNA @ CTK
- TBD Friday Night @ Finnian's
- May 2 Confirmation Sunday
- May 16 Graduate Sunday
- May 16 Last day of Sunday School
- May 24 Valley Fair??
- July 12-16 Aftershock Canoe Expedition





Pastor Matthew & Natalie Ballmann  
 Liam, Evelyn, Wesley, & Emma  
 Home Missions: Trinity San Antonio  
 Church Plant



Matthew is a fifth generation Texan and grew up near Glen Rose, Texas with his parents, brother, and five sisters.

Matthew has worked in construction, business, medicine, and higher education, but most enjoys serving the local congregation. Before moving back to Texas, he had the joy and privilege of serving as a pastor for five years at Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. Matthew is passionate about helping people come to know God's love & forgiveness through Christ Jesus.

Matthew is married to his wife Natalie who was born and raised in Colorado but came to Texas as soon as she could. They met while both studying at Dallas Seminary, married soon after, and now have four beautiful children.

The whole family has been blessed and humbled to be part of what God is doing in building His Church in San Antonio!

**The power is back on in Texas.** After several days of no heat and broken plumbing pipes, Trinity San Antonio is back in the saddle. Planters Matthew and Natalie Ballman are watching new families bring life and love to the congregation. The Mahan family is one of them. Tabor is a firefighter and medic trainer, wife Carrie a registered nurse. Planters find ways to get involved in the community and help open doors for friendship and ministry. The Tabors and Ballmanns met in a children's scouting ministry called Trail Life. They had been praying where God wanted them to go to church and found Trinity. You can hear part of their story on the video.

**We want say a BIG THANK YOU** to each of you for your partnership in this Gospel ministry in both your financial support and your prayers! This church plant is only able to happen because God has called many of you to support this ministry with what He has given you. Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support! Pastor Matthew & Natalie

God's love & forgiveness

Prayer Concerns

- ◆ Our Easter Service
- ◆ As we battle hardships caused by he recent Texas power outages.
- ◆ For our many new visitors
- ◆ For a couple that Matthew has been able to share the Gospel
- ◆ That all those who are connected with Trinity would be able to grow in their faith and love
- ◆ That the Lord would continue to lead those to us that He would have be a part of our church family
- ◆ Individuals to serve in our music ministry, specifically in helping lead on Sunday mornings



**Baby Chicks** Like a hen who shelters her young brood, God protects and provides for His precious children. "He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge" (Psalm 91:4). **For just \$14, Samaritan's Purse can help a poor family by supplying them with a starter flock of a dozen chicks** that will grow up to produce more than 2,000 eggs! Rich in protein and Vitamin A, they will provide extra nutrition and can be sold for supplemental income.

Given in Jesus' Name, a fluffy chick is a gentle reminder of God's tender loving care.





**Altar Guild**  
Sue DeClerk

**Communion Servers**

**Ushers**

**Acolytes**

- April 4 Kynslee Hulstein
- April 11 Tanner Thomson
- April 18 Alyssa Steuck
- April 25 Nickolas Bruns

**Hospitality Greeters**

**Kitchen Clean-up**

Rose Beck  
Joanne Griebel

**Greeters**

- April 4 Kyle & Sandy Swanson; Jennifer, Christie, Brittany
- April 11 Brian & Samantha Terry; Lyla
- April 18 Scott & Christy Thomson; Cole, Corrie, Tanner
- April 25 Elroy & Elaine Ulk

**Money Counters/Trustees**

Morgan Mc Nickle  
Heather DeWilde

**Nursery**



**Worship Leaders**

- April 1 Maundy Thursday: Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Lynn Hellie, Jane Smith
- April 2 Good Friday: Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Bill Steuck, Judy Steuck
- April 4 Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Jane Smith, Susan Parsley
- April 11 Praise Band: Sheila Westfield leading
- April 18 Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Lynn Hellie, Judy Steuck
- April 25 Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Jane Smith, Susan Parsley

# APRIL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Please Note: Sunday morning worship services will be livestreamed</p>				<p><b>1</b> 7: PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service &amp; Livestream</p>	<p><b>2</b> 7: PM Good Friday Service &amp; Livestream</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>No Sunday School 8:45 AM Easter Fellowship Time 9:30 AM Easter Worship Service</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> 1: PM Quilters meet</p>	<p><b>7</b> 6: PM Youth Night Hunt 'N Click</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7: PM Trustees meet</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>FLBC Spring Campus Days 9-11</p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:15 AM All ages Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 5:00 PM Bible Study @ CTK</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> 6: PM Confirmation 7: PM Youth Group</p>	<p><b>15</b> 2-5 PM CTK serve at Food Shelf</p>	<p><b>16</b> Pastor Tim @ Coordinating Committee @ AFLC</p>	<p><b>17</b> 4:30 PM SNA @ CTK</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p>9:15 AM All ages Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Forge meets 4 - 6 PM Family Game Night <b>Messenger Articles Due</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> 6: PM Confirmation 7: PM Youth Group</p>	<p><b>22</b> 7:00 PM Elders &amp; wives TBD</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9:15 AM All ages Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Youth Parents' meet 5:00 PM Bible Study @ CTK</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> 7: PM Family Ministry meets</p>	<p><b>28</b> 6: PM Confirmation 7: PM Youth Group</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	

