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Pastor Tim Johnson Associate Pastor Joe Larson

Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus, who existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death — even to death on a cross. (Philippians 2:5-8).

Attitude! It makes a big difference. Attitude can change the outcome of various sporting events. How many teams who show better on paper and statistics, lose a game because of attitude? The flip side is true as well. How many teams win games they aren't expected to win because of attitude? But this doesn't just apply to sports. It applies to work, to leisure, to family and even to church.

A negative attitude helps you see things... negatively. A positive attitude helps you view them... positively. A prideful attitude will cause you to tear others down while a humble attitude will cause you build others up. Pride or humility are often the outcomes of a negative or positive attitude. Scripture is very clear which attitude is desired for the believer.

In fact, the text above, tells us to adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus. The King James Version says, "Let this mind be in you..." In this case, to adopt the same attitude as Christ is to direct your mind toward Him. For me, it plays out in a simple prayer, "Lord God, may I think like You, hear like You, see like You, speak like You and love like You."

It might surprise you to learn that the context for this instruction in Philippians is in regard to the church in Philippi. The local congregation is to cultivate this attitude; to let the mind of Christ control their thinking. Attitude is a big deal!

The first principle in the AFLC's Fundamental Principles is "According to the Word of God, the congregation is the right from of the Kingdom of God on earth." That makes the congregation a bigger thing than just being a group of people gathered together. This group of people gathered in the name of Christ, is God's desire to show the world His Kingdom. Our attitude will either be a "turn-off" for the world or a "turn-on". What was Christ's attitude? He emptied Himself and became a servant, even humbling Himself to the point of death. Hebrews 12:2 says that He did this out of joy. He gave Himself joyfully knowing it was for our best and good.

What will your attitude be as a member/friend of CTK? Will it turn-on people to want to be a part of CTK or turn them off? Are you willing to empty yourself and become a joyful servant of all?

Toward the end of August, we will be starting a new sermon series on being a church member and identifying the attitude that makes the difference for each member. Until then, pay attention to your attitude. Is it negative or positive? Are your ambitions joyfully seeking to build others up or drag them down? How about your words? Are they building up or tearing down? What about your service? Are you joyfully giving of yourself in the name of Christ and for His glory?

Please join me in daily prayer, "Lord God, may I think like You, hear like You, see like You, speak like You and love like You." Amen. Pastor Tim



Discovering the Attitude that Makes the Difference





August Sermon Titles

July 30 You Give Them Something to Eat Matthew 14: 13 - 21 Pastor Joe

August 6 Eat What Is Good Isaiah 55: 1 - 13 Pastor Joe

The Final Tribulation:

August 13 The Time Is Near Revelation 22 Pastor Tim

CHURCH MEMBER: I Will

August 20 Be A Functioning Member 1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 27 Pastor Tim

August 27 Be A Unifying Member Ephesians 4: 1 - 6 Pastor Joe

September 3 Not Make Church About Me Philippians 2: 1 - 4 Pastor Joe

September 10 Pray for My Church & Leaders 1 Timothy 2: 1 - 6 Pastor Tim

September 17 Intergenerational Ministry Guest Speaker Daniel Keinanen

September 24 Lead My Family to Be Healthy Members Ephesians 6: 1 - 4 Pastor Tim



September 16-17
Intergenerational Ministry
Presentation/Workshop
by Daniel Keinanen
(Onalaska, WI)

Daniel has 20+ years of experience forming a successful intergenerational ministry model in the church & community he serves.

Stay tuned for the timing details of Saturday late afternoon/evening and Sunday morning.

Cash Basis

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church Financial Report As of June 30, 2023

Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2023 Revenue / Expenditures

	Jun 30, 23		Jun 23
ASSETS		Revenue	
Current Assets		Building and Grounds	160.00
		General Revenue	17,899.39
Bank Total		Outreach Revenue	4,358.00
Building		Total Revenue	22,417.39
Altar Guild	338.39	Expenditures	
Building Fund Account	(688.91)	Building & Grounds	4,825.48
Total Building	(350.52)	Discipleship Expenditures	196.29
General Total		Misc.	1,060.77
General	81,225.78	Office	182.84
Truth Help	155.08	Outreach Disbursement	
Total General Total	81,380.86	20 %Outreach	3,767.80
Outreach		Bible Translation-Wycliff	191.70
20% Offering	4,146.00	Miriam Infant Home-AFLC	150.00
Children's Mission Offering	212.00	Special Outreach	513.00
Thrivent	2,160.41	Total Outreach Disbursement	4,622.50
Total Outreach	6,518.41	Payroll Expenditures	12,477.44
Share And Care	1,035.36	Share And Care	5.34
Special Accounts		Youth	177.02
Internship Fund	6,800.00	Total Expenditures	23,547.68
Local Outreach Ministry	7,123.71	Net Revenue (Deficit)	(1,130.29)
Church Missions	1,493.74		
Marriage Ministry	307.98		
Scholarship	322.26		
Youth	9,413.93		
Total Special Accounts	25,461.62		
Total Bank Total	114,045.73		
Total Checking/Savings	114,045.73		
TOTAL ASSETS	114,045.73		

Trustee Meeting Minutes: July 13, 2023

Present: Dave Sutherland, Denis Parsley, Alan Warner, Dave Muller, Marcine Olsen, Jim Otter, Heather De Wilde, Dave Krusemark Absent: Brandie Hulstein Also Present: Pastor Tim Johnson, Collene Landgren, Mike Morgan, Pastor Joe Larson

President David Sutherland called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Marcine O. reading from Jesus Always devotional book. It was based on 2 Corinthians 3:4-6, Jesus will show us the way. We are to be thankful and ask God for help. Our confidence comes from Jesus and there is no room for failure or pride. Marcine O. opened in prayer. Pastor Tim will lead devotions in August.

The Treasurer's report for June was presented. Jim O. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Heather D. Motion carried.

Pastor Joseph Larson declared his housing allowance to be \$16, 645 annually, prorated to \$8,846 for 2023. Pastor Joseph will request an exemption from the SECA and FICA.

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

Ankeny Church Plant: The June financial report for the residency program was presented.

Outreach: Dave M. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Alan W. Motion carried.

AFLC \$ 746. Food Shelf\$ 100. Abel \$ 100. Atlas \$200. Lake Benton FoodShelf \$100 Ankeny Church Plant \$500 CRU-Jeff \$ 500.00 CRU-Paul \$ 500. Steeles \$ 100. Brazil Student \$ 100 Alpha Center \$ 300 Lost Timber \$ 100 Kvale's (Wycliffe) \$ 500. Children's Life \$ 200 PAS Wellness Room \$ 100.

The Secretary's report from the June 8, 2023 meeting was presented. Heather D. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Marcine O. Motion carried.

The Minutes from the Congregational meeting of June 4, 2023 were presented for review.

Elders' Consultation: The Elders met on Sunday, July 9 and discussed small groups. Daniel Keinanen would be willing to come in September to give a presentation on multi-generational ministry. Pastor Tim will contact Daniel for potential dates.

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports: Youth Ministry: Pastor Joe has been visiting with youth families. There was a community Youth Night of Worship. Pastors' Report: Pastor Tim: Submitted a report for his activities for the last month and provided a small group outline of what groups look like. A small group study is being planned using the study "I Am a Member" and are looking for leaders and hosts. Paul Scholten and Jeff Scholten have expressed interest in coming to CTK to update the congregation on their ministries.

Pastor Joe: Submitted a written report of his activities for the month. He gave a brief explanation of what he is going to try to do.

Old Business: Dave Krusemark agreed to complete this year of Gene Bouw's term. – Thanks Dave.

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

Building use policy: Tabled for more information.
Landscaping: Ginger McNickle has been working on details for the landscaping. One weekend has been completed. July 22 will work on the east and south side of the building. It would be great to have about 10 people and tractors or skid steer to dig up rock. A couple of trustees mentioned they cannot come on Saturday but will try to get some things done during the week. Landscaping rock will be ordered from Double D Gravel — Denis P.

Sidewalk repair: Alan W. replaced the worst parts of the sidewalk. Thanks Alan.

Playground equipment: The tarp is here and the slide is available for pickup. Jim O. & Marcine O.

Assisted Listening System: Collene reported Verum submitted a bid of \$ 616 for 4 more units that will work with the existing system. Alan W. moved, seconded by Heather D. to order them. Motion carried.

Pop Machine: Pepsi representatives came and did a minor repair. The machine is working for now.

New Business:

Change Sign by road: Heather D. will contact Taylor'd signs to add Pastor Joe's name.

Open Charge accounts: Jim O. moved, seconded by Denis P. to close the charge account at Hank's. Motion carried. Credit Card: Heather D. moved, seconded by Dave M. to apply for a bank credit card for Pastor Joe. It would be the same as Pastor Tim and Collene L. have. Motion carried. Denis P. made a motion for Collene L. to record how the credit card has been used for future reference and to add to the guidelines or policy. Motion approved.

M. to provide two keys to the south door to the homeschool group. They will be assigned to Jessie Vander Poel and Terri Klinsing. They also requested to use the fellowship hall on August 25 for their parents orientation. Marcine O. moved to approve, seconded by Jim O. Motion carried. Provide a copy of the key policy to Jessie and Terri. Sand and pea rock for playground: Collene was instructed to order this from Double D Gravel.

Other: Pastor Joe will be added to the church insurance. **Dave K.** asked about security cameras for around the church building. Will get more information.

Dave S. adjourned the meeting. Pastor Joe closed in prayer. Collene Landgren, recording secretary {Draft subject to approval by the trustees}



- 1 Marge Johnson
- 4 Bill VanderPlaats
- 5 Zooey Garza
- 5 Denis Parsley
- 6 Justin Hoheisel
- 7 Delilah DeZeeuw
- 9 Micah Nelson
- 15 Jesse Johnson
- 16 Ted Stangeland
- 17 Keegan Otter
- 18 Dianne Rood
- 19 Mike Bloemendaal
- 21 Nickolas Bruns
- 21 Kris Schiager
- 24 Lynn Gorder
- 26 Mark Mitchell
- 30 Steve Viland
- 30 Brittany Forness

Chatter-sewers
(Quilting)
Will
Meet
Tuesday
August 1
@ 1:00 PM



Men's Bible Study Saturday, August 5 @ 7 AM



Trustee Meeting August 10 @ 7 PM



Messenger Information Due August 20



AFLC District Women's WMF Fall Rally Saturday, September 16, 2023

Hosted by: Christ the King Free Lutheran & Good Shepherd Free, Madison, SD

Featured Speaker: Pastor Matthew Pillman Ankeny, IA Church Plant

> Registration 9:00 AM 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM Lunch will be provided





Christ the King Church Quilters,
Thank you for the quilt!! Thank you for helping me celebrate by graduation!
Mason DeRuyter

Christ the King,

Thank you for the Life Principles book. It will be useful to me while I attend SDSU. I'll stay grounded in my faith and CTK has helped me get to this point. I'm blessed to have CTK as my church family.

Blessings, Brynn Manzey

Pastor Tim & Christ the King Lutheran

I want to let you know that you, your family, & your congregation are being prayed for the week of July 9-15, by our congregation here at Amery Free. If you have specific prayers or praises that lour staff and/or congregation can bring to the Lord in prayer please feel few to contact me prior to the dates listed. What a blessing it is to be able to left one another up in prayer! Please be encouraged and strengthened this week knowing that you are being prayed for.

Partners in Christ & the AFLC,

Pastor Alan Arneson

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Miriam Children's Home

July 2023

Dear Family of Christ the King

Greetings from Campo Mourao! The Miriam Home and SETELL (Brazil's FLBC and Seminary) are enjoying cooler temps and fun autumn activities. To me it feels like late October, but to my Brazilian family it is the dead of winter! I just wanted to send a note to remind you what a blessing you are to us! Your prayers, gifts and words of encouragement have made eternal differences!

The first half of the year has been hopping! We began with a full house, several pre-teens,



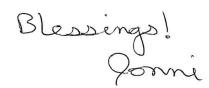
here for the 2nd or 3rd time and drama. Over the months our

gang became as smaller, in part because of a large number of adoptions! Four children were adopted in the first three months of the were (and 6 in the last two months of 2022!). In almost every case the results have been delightful and the children have flourished!

A perfect example is Juliano—he lived with us for over a year and came to us with three younger siblings. Juliano always walked like he had the weight of the world on his shoulders. We recently received pictures from Juliano's new parents, of the kids at school. What touched my heart the most was the look on Juliano's face - pure joy, no fear, no worry!



Thank you for being a precious part of these victories. Please continue to pray for the safe harbor God has for each of our children!





VIM Back to School Backpack Program

The Pipestone County Backpack Program distribution date is Wednesday, August 16 from 10-4 at the VIM Thrift Store in Pipestone. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus by helping with school supplies and notes of encouragement to students! If

you don't find a backpack to fill in your church, please consider purchasing school supplies or monetary donations. Please return to the VIM Thrift Store by the August 16 distribution date.

Questions, call 507-215-0155. Thank you.

Also, the VIM Thrift Store is asking for donations of brown paper bags for their daily bag sales.



Watch the bulletin for information about Aftershock events.

Coming Events:

August 27 Parents' Meeting

September 10 Sunday School & Confirmation Begins



Youth, Forge, & Confirmation Parents

August 27 following worship, there will be a short Youth Parents Orientation for 5th – 12th grades

Followed by a short Confirmation Parents Orientation for 7th – 9th grades in the Fellowship Hall.

The following are thank you notes received from Lost Timber campers:

Christ the King: Thank you for letting me be able to come to camp! I had a good time! Thank again. Caleb Haag



Thanks so much for doing all you do for me, my family, and everyone around. I appreciate you for all you do. I've learned a lot and my relationship with God has strengthened. Thank you. Love Cameron Haag

Thanks for the scholarship and I appreciate the help. Christopher Haag

Dear Christ the King, Thank you for helping me go to camp this year! I loved hanging out with friends and playing games! I had a fun time in chapel singing and listening to the message Scott had for us. Thanks again! Alyssa Steuck

Dear Christ the King, Thank you for helping me get to camp this year. One thing that was my favorite at camp was chapel. Also, one thing that I love to do here is sit around the campfire and talk with friends. Thanks again Lauren

Thank you for helping me come to camp. I loved making rockets. I learned about Gideon. Caden Haag

Thanks for helping me come to camp this week! I had so much fun! Thank you. Kynslee Hulstein















Missionary to Brazil: Jonni Sliver - Miriam Children's Home







Hi Christ the King & Collene,

Thank you for your sweet letter and for your prayers! It is so wonderful to know that the lovely family of Christ the King is standing with us! Dear, there are always good reasons to pray and I will give you the latest. All of them are referring to children you have already met in the newsletters, but with more details



Henzo (9), please pray for the staff to know how to work together to help this boy. He is very sweet, very smart in specific areas, but is also extremely violent when he becomes agitated. He has autism and there are a lot of triggers that cause him to be agitated, but he also has behavioral issues that are independent of the

syndrome. Because we have one set of house moms during the day, another at night and another on the weekend, Henzo has learned how to work around who. Also, none of Henzo's family has any interest in caring for Henzo (he was being raised by his grandmother until she passed away), and the list of people waiting to adopt older autistic children is not long. Please pray for a loving family for this precious boy!

Gilmar (11) and Isaque (8), these boys have gone through so much loss, it is hard to express. The death of their mother, the violent death of their brother, only 10 years old, abandonment by their father, and many more They are finally available to be adopted. Please pray for God to bring just the right family for these young men who badly need the nurture of a truly loving home.

Thayla (12), you have heard about her a lot! She has been in and out of the Miriam Home since she was 7 years old. She has been adopted

Prayer Concerns

- * For all the children currently in the Miriam Home and those who have stayed in the home in the past and those who will be in the future.
- * For health and safety
- * For wisdom and grace for the house moms.
- * For God's strength and renewal for Pr. Silvio, who cares for everyone - the children, the staff

once and returned, lived with her grandmother twice, aunts several times, but she always ends up back with us. We have asked for prayers from all corners and we have seen Thayla calm down greatly, but there is still a great anxiety in her heart and spirit. She hasn't allowed Jesus to come in and bring His transformation -YET, but we believe she is drawing near. Please pray for God's complete healing for this injured child!

Thank you, Collene, for your loving encouragement Blessings, Jonni



Crisis Relief: Ukraine

During more than a year of war in Ukraine, Samaritan's Purse has provided food, water, medical care, shelter materials, and more to over 9 million people. OUR RE-SPONSE BY THE NUMBERS: 183 MILLION+Pounds of Food Distributed; 17 MILLION +Gallons of Clean Water Produced; 164,000+Bibles; 23,000+Patients Served by Our Team; 6,900+Wood Stoves; 43Airlift Missions Completed.

We continue bringing relief to Ukrainians whose lives have been torn apart by the conflict. Many people are now surviving the winter in war-damaged homes without basics like heat and electricity. Some, living closer to the fighting, have no steady supply of food, as they live without jobs and often transportation. Samaritan's Purse is on the ground helping in Jesus' Name by providing food, water, tarp, plywood, and stoves. Since war erupted on Feb. 24, 2022, Samaritan's Purse has also met a variety of urgent medical needs. Early on, we operated an Emergency Field Hospital in Lviv to help the millions displaced by conflict. Later last year, we ran a similar field hospital in a recently liberated area of eastern Ukraine. We are also providing medical training and tons of supplies on an ongoing basis.



Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

-Galatians 6:10

Altar Guild

Jan Muller

Money Counters/ Trustees

Denis Parsley
Dave Krusemark

Acolytes

August 6 Alyssa Steuck
August 13 Nickolas Bruns
August 20 Caden Bruns
August 27 Lauren Steuck

Family of the Week / Greeters

August 6 Charley Sowden

August 13 Craig & JoAnne Stangeland August 20 Heather Stangeland; Hunter

August 27 Jennifer Stangeland; Hailey, Arayah

Ushers

Jeremy Rupp,
Clifford & Christopher

Nursery

August 6 Ashley Hoheisel
August 13 Alyssa Steuck
August 20 Amy Steuck
August 27 Ashley Hoheisel

Sound Tech

August 6 Kyle DeWilde August 13 Alan Warner

August 20 Kyle DeWilde

August 27 Dave Sutherland



Worship Leaders

August 6 Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Jane Smith

August 13 Denis Parsley, Charles Hoffman, Laurel Berg, Susan Parsley

August 20 Praise Band; Sheila Westfield leading

August 27 Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Kari Rupp, Judy Steuck









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8:45 AM Prayer Time 9:30 AM Worship Service & Live stream Fellowship Time	2	8	6	IO 7:00 PM Trustees	11	12
8:45 AM Prayer Time 9:30 AM Worship Service & Live stream Fellowship Time	14	15	91	7:00 PM Elders & wives meet @ TBD	18	19
8:45 AM Prayer Time 8:45 AM Worship Service & Live stream Fellowship Time Messenger Information due	21	22	83	24	6:30 PM Homeschool Meeting in Fellowship hall	26
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