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Victory in Christ

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The title is the theme of our AFLC's Annual Conference. It is based upon First Corinthians 15:57, "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" It is one of my favorite sections of Scripture to quote at the cemetery while conducting a burial service.

Verse fifty-four says, "When this corruptible body is clothed with incorruptibility, and this mortal body is clothed with immortality, then the saying that is written will take place: Death has been swallowed up in victory." What an illustrative picture!

Years ago in North Dakota, upon the completion of a burial service, some members of the family insisted upon staying to see the casket lowered into the grave. As their loved one was lowered into the ground, an overwhelming sense of grief hit them. God immediately brought the end of verse fifty-four to mind, "Death has been swallowed up in victory." I can't help but think of that every time I'm conducting a burial service for a believer in Christ.

Verse fifty-five mocks, "Where, death, is your victory? Where, death, is your sting?" Then verse fifty-six states, "The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law." Romans 6:26 says, "The wages of sin is death." Romans 3:20 says, "The knowledge of sin comes through the law" and Romans 5:17 says, "Sin is not charged to a person's account when there is no law." Hence the sting of death is sin and the power of sin is the law.

Finally, verse fifty-seven, "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" This is something to celebrate. Christ gives us victory over sin and death. Death no longer needs to be feared. The worst thing that can happen to us no longer has teeth. Psalm 23 calls it "the shadow of death." Shadows have no substance and therefore, death has no substance for the believer. In fact, in Christ, death becomes victory.

Come celebrate Victory in Christ at this year's AFLC Annual Conference in Sioux Falls at the Best Western Plus – Ramkota Inn & Suites on Wednesday evening, June 14th through Saturday afternoon, June 17th. You can share this wonderful victory with other like-minded believers during the day for the ministry reports, resolutions, devotions, prayer, fellowship, pertinent breakout elective sessions and in the evening services. Check out https://



<u>www.aflc.org/about-us/conferences/</u> for more information and the schedule. You can learn about how God is working in our schools, our world missions and home missions, our publications, youth ministry, our association, many of its leaders and so much more.

Victory in Christ is the most wonderful victory we can experience. The only way to enjoy it any more, would be to enjoy it together with others celebrating the same victory. I hope you can make all or part of our Annual Conference. Victory in Jesus, Pastor Tim

The Final Tribulation

June 4 The 7 Bowls of Wrath Revelation 15 & 16

June 11 A Woman Riding the Beast Revelation 17

June 18 What's this gathering all about? Ephesians 2:19-22 & Matthew 18:20

Pastor Matthew Pillman

June 25 TBD-Pastor Tim will be at Ebenezer Free Lutheran's 125th Anniversary in Northwood, ND

July 2nd *The Fall of Babylon* Revelation 18



2023 AFLC Annual Conference June 13 - 17, 2023

REVELA

Ramkota Conference Center and Best Western Inn Sioux Falls

for more information and to register https://www.aflc.org/about-us/conferences/ CTK will reimburse the registration fee for members and regular attenders: Bring in or email registration receipt.

AFLC Annual Conference Opportunities

June 13 3 PM-7 PM Rekindle the Fire: Sharing Jesus in a Post-Christian Culture @ Living Word Free

Lutheran (FREE: Includes Supper as well as childcare). Register at

https://www.aflc.org/evangelism/events/rekindle-fire

June 14 Women's Missionary Federation 8:30 AM- 5:00 PM @ the Ramkota. Register at

https://www.aflc.org/women/wmf-day

June 14 Opening Conference Worship & Ordination Service 7:30 PM at the Ramkota.

June 15 -17 Annual Conference each day from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM (Devotions, Prayer, Reports,

Business, Electives) and evening worship services. Childcare, meals, conference registration and

housing can be accessed here: https://www.aflc.org/about-us/conferences

<u>Volunteers are needed</u> for the AFLC Annual Conference in Sioux Falls June 14-17: 2-4 hour shifts on any of the days for nursery care and/or First Aid (8 AM-Noon, 1 PM-5 PM, 6:30-8:30 PM). Contact Pastor Tim for more information.

Cash Basis

Balance Sheet

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

Revenue / Expenditures

	Apr 30, 23		Apr 23
ASSETS		Revenue	
		Special Events Income	25.00
Checking/Savings		Building and Grounds	1,150.00
Bank Total		Discipleship	197.05
Building		General Revenue	20,669.66
Altar Guild	528.68	Outreach Revenue	6,076.58
Building Fund Account	(1,378.91)	Total Revenue	28,118.29
Wedding Deposits	200.00	Expenditures	
Total Building	(650.23)	Building & Grounds	1,877.23
General Total		Discipleship Expenditures	331.56
General	83,407.05	Misc.	642.36
Truth Help	155.08	Office	525.30
Total General Total	83,562.13	Outreach Disbursement	
Outreach		20 %Outreach	4,245.60
20% Offering	5,153.80	Samaritan's Purse	257.12
Children's Mission Offering	281.78	Total Outreach Disbursement	4,502.72
Thrivent	2,157.41	Payroll Expenditures	8,494.52
Total Outreach	7,592.99	Youth	711.88
Share And Care	1,040.70	Total Expenditures	17,085.57
Special Accounts		Net Revenue	11,032.72
Internship Fund	6,800.00		
Local Outreach Ministry	7,123.71		
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	117,007.21		
Total Checking/Savings	117,007.21		
TOTAL ASSETS	117,007.21		

Trustee Minutes Christ The King Free Lutheran Church May 11, 2023 7:00 pm

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

President David Sutherland called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Gene B. by reading from Our Daily Bread based on Philippians 4:4-8, Stress to Peace. There are many things in life that can produce stress and make us anxious. We need to leave it in God's hand. Gene B. opened in prayer. Dave Muller will lead devotions in June.

The Treasurer's report for April was presented. Jim O. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Gene B. Motion carried.

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

Ankeny Church Plant: The April financial report for the residency program was given. Pastor Tim reported AFLC Home Missions approved \$150,000 for the Ankeny Church Plant to be incrementally distributed over 5 years from \$50,000 down to \$10,000.

Outreach: Brandie H. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Denis P. Motion carried.

AFLC \$ 953.80 Food Shelf \$ 500. Atlas \$ 200. CRU-Jeff \$ 500. CRU-Paul \$ 500. Steeles \$ 100. Brazil Student \$ 100 Alpha Center \$ 300. Abels \$ 100. Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500. Lost Timber \$ 400. Children's Life \$ 200. PAS Wellness Room \$ 100. Ankeny Plant \$ 500. Lake Benton Food Shelf \$ 100. Ministerial/Sydnee Hubner \$ 500.

The secretary's report from the April 13, 2023 meeting was presented. Marcine O. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Gene B. Motion carried.

Minutes from the special congregational meeting on April 26 were presented for approval. Jim O. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Gene B. Motion carried.

Elders' Consultation: The Elders met the end of April. They are reviewing the Elders' part of the constitution.

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:

Youth Ministry: Aftershock will meet May 17 and not regularly the rest of the summer. Forge will meet May 21. FLY convention is July 3 - 8. 3 youth and 5 adults will be attending.

Pastors' Report: Pastor Tim: Submitted a report for his activities for the last month. Pastor Tim reported response was favorable for the brunch and change of time for the worship service this year. He felt it went well. He would like to see more men's, women's, and some small group studies.

Old Business: Call committee update: The call committee recommends CTK submit a call to Joseph Larson for the position of Associate Pastor. The job description was approved at the last meeting. The trustees also discussed the compensation package. Salary \$60,000, moving expenses up to \$5,000. 5% of salary to retirement. Jim O. so moved for the compensation package, seconded by Dave M. Alan W. moved, seconded by Dave M. to call a congregation meeting to be held on June 4 to consider extending a call to Intern Joseph Larson and to approve the term for an elder.

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. Will also review key policy.

Landscaping: Ginger McNickle has been working on details for the landscaping. She has offered to donate the perennials. The estimate for the rocks, plastic, dirt, etc is \$2,500. Tentative dates to work on the landscaping are July 8 & 22.

Sunday School policy: Alan W. moved to approve the Sunday School policy as amended, seconded by Jim O. motion carried.

Right Now Media: Pastor Tim received an updated usage and there has been an increase. Will continue the subscription for now and review in the fall.

Sidewalk repair: Tabled

Playground equipment: Marcine O. reported there is a crack in the slide and requests to have the tarp replaced. Replacement from Rainbow Systems is \$800. Will check for prices. Tabled

New Business: Assisted Listening System: Tabled. Collene L. will check on options to add more receivers ISing Subscription renewal May 13: Alan W. moved seconded by Jim O. to renew. Motion carried Job descriptions: copies of the job descriptions were provided.

Pop Machine: Pastor Tim reported the pop machine isn't working. Tabled

Other:

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



- 1 Steve Kvale
- 2 Rose Beck
- 5 Daniel Minet
- 5 Benjamin Pillman
- 9 Munro McNickle
- 9 Pat Woelber
- 10 Jeremy Bush
- 11 Lydia Brockberg
- 13 David Brockberg
- 14 Duane Stratton
- 15 Erv Scholten
- 15 Lori Williams
- 17 Jim Otter
- 17 Gary Greenhoff
- 20 Judy Steuck
- 21 Caden Bruns
- 22 Barb Westerbur
- 22 Dawn Sutherland
- 23 Darrell Severeid
- 23 Myles Zephier
- 25 Caleb Haag
- 26 Parker Gilbery
- 26 Cammie Haag
- 26 Melissa Zephier
- 27 JaNeil Peschon
- 27 Cassie Woitaszewski
- 28 Kathy Hess
- 29 Hailey Goebel
- 30 Chuck Schaap



Men's Bible Study Saturday, June 2 @ 7 AM

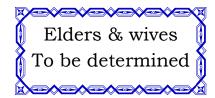
Chattersewers (Quilting) will meet June 6 at 1:00 p.m.







June 18









Greetings

We come to you with a grateful heart for your thoughtfulness in giving to the ministry of ATLAS. The devotion shared emulates the type of love, God's great love, that we pray we can display to those who He places before. What an amazing opportunity to share what we are so thankful for, God's Great Heart and Love!!!

We can't thank ou enough for your faithful & generous giving.

The unity in this community is incredible! Jess & the team at ATLAS

As we look back over the past couple of months, we can't help but remember Pastor Ev's words, "Hello Friend." What a greeting that has been for many of us. Hello Friends who sent cards and greeting to Don while he recovered from a CVA or stroke.

Every card in the mail meant so much. The visits from Pastor Tim, snowstorms and all. Don looked forward to, our real Friend, "What a Friend we have in Jesus", has seen us through each and every day.

Living thanks to our Lord,

Don & Barb Westerbur

Dear Christ the King Church

Many of us want to make a difference in this world. When we see people in need, we want to find a way to help. This is the mission of Alpha Center. To clear confusion surrounding unexpected pregnancies with a message of hope.

Thank you for choosing to come alongside us in the lives of our clients & their children and for making a difference.

Blessings, Alpha Center Staff.



VBS 2022
July 16 — 20
Mark your calendars to
Join the adventure!
Watch for opportunities to
volunteer!

Adult VBS July 16 - 20 6:45-8:05 PM

(Pastor Tim will lead the class and will meet in the Youth Room. Bring your Bible.)









Pickerel Lake Lutheran Bible Camp

is summer camp for youth who have finished grades 5-12. It is a week to build your relationship with Christ, unite with friends from camp, and make new friends. Registration cost is only \$75 and Christ the King youth ministry can help defray this cost. Ask Pastor Matthew for more details.

- Senior High week (grades 8-12) is June 18 23 (register by June 1)
- Junior High week (grades 5-7) is July 16 21 (register by June 30)



$_{f S}$ Pastor Jonathan & Tamba Abel; Missionaries to Brazil

Jonathan and Tamba Abel have been with AFLC World Missions since they were commissioned in 1992. Both Jonathan and Tamba grew up in Brazil as missionary kids and have a deep love of the country. The Abels also have raised four children on the mission field, who are now all grown.

The Abels have planted the church they are currently located at in Maringa, along with two other congregations. While church planting, the Abels observed the necessity of redefining what many Brazilians think about Christianity. Often it is seen as a religious tradition rather than a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Jonathan and Tamba are



excited whenever they have the privilege to share about the free gift of grace, with many Brazilians experiencing evangelical doctrine for the first time.

April 2023

Dear Friends, We are looking ahead to a summer in the United States visiting churches, camps, and the Annual Conference. As we go to the US for furlough this year, we hope to catch up with many of you throughout the summer. We look forward to seeing you all face to face again.

Here is our schedule for visiting churches this summer:

6/4 St. Paul's - Cloquet, MN

6/11 Good Shepherd - Brainerd, MN

6/18 Bethany - Abercrombie, ND

6/25 Triumph - Ferndale, WA

6/25 - 6/28 Family Camp - Arlington, WA Atonement - Arlington, WA

7/2 Prince of Peace - Beulah, ND

7/3 FLY 7/9 Grace - Valley City, ND

7/16 Hope - Minneapolis, MN

7/23 Emmaus - Bloomington, MN

Prayer Requests:

- * For travel this summer
- * For the continuing discipleship of the church in Brazil while we are away
- * For fruit that will come and remain



International Emergency Relief

When natural disasters strike, such as the earthquakes in Turkey, Samaritan's Purse responds quickly to bring relief to people in urgent need.

One way we help in disaster situations is by handing out "family survival kits" that include warm blankets, buckets with water filters, cooking utensils, soap, and other daily essentials. For just \$45, we can provide a lifeline to a family that

has lost everything, to help them get back on their feet.



"Well done, good and faithful servant." Matt 25:21

Altar Guild
Jane Smith

Ushers
Dave, Chris & Nathan
Sutherland

Money Counters/
Trustees
Denis Parsley
&
Dave Sutherland

Greeters / Family of the Week

June 4 Jeremy & Kari; Clifford, Christopher

June 11 Chuck & Diane Schaap

June 18 Bruce Schiefelbein

June 25 Jane Schiefelbein

Acolytes

June 4 Alyssa Steuck

June 11 Nickolas Bruns

June 18 Caden Bruns

June 25 Lauren Steuck

Sound Tech

June 4 Kyle DeWilde

June 11 Alan Warner

June 18 Dave Sutherland

June 25 Kyle DeWilde



Nursery

June 4 Ashley Hoheisel

June 11 Alyssa Steuck

June 18 Amy Steuck

June 25 Ashley Hoheisel

Worship Leaders

June 4 Denis Parsley, Irene Warner, Kari Rupp, Susan Parsley

June 11 Matthew Amdahl, Jane Smith, Janelle Brockberg, Judy Steuck

June 18 Praise Band

June 25 Charles Hoffman, Laurel Berg, Jane Smith







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Monday

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Saturday

				1	2	3 7 AM Men's Bible Study @CTK
4 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Congregational Meeting	5	6 1 PM Quilters	7	8 7 PM Trustees Meet	6	10 Manderschied/Kor Wedding
11 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Time	12	13	14		16	17
		FLAG DAY		-AFLC Annual Conterence-	0	
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY Welfangryou 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Time	19	20	21	22	23	24
Messenger Articles			- Pickerel Lake Camp June 18—2	23		
25 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Time	26	27	28	29	30	*