

# CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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## March Madness

Remember the days of March Madness? Offices and businesses everywhere had a master bracket while its employees picked winners in each bracket of 68 teams all the way down to the NCAA Final. Sometimes the Jacks would even be in the tourney. What about the madness of the state basketball playoffs? There is just something exciting about the one and done nature of the basketball playoffs. And we must not forget the annual March blizzard mixed in to challenge people in their travels. Who would think that something with the name "madness" could be so exciting?

This year the madness will be much more subdued in that the fans will be limited in number or limited to watching the games entirely on their televisions. The excitement created from full gymnasiums kind of stifles the spirit. It's just not the same. Can it even be called madness?

What is it really that makes March so exciting? I believe it's the passion of young men and women fighting to push past their limits while training their minds and bodies to be able to compete at a high level over the course of several weeks. It's the competitive nature of multiple teams competing for the prize. It's also the passion of each team's fans and those who love the game. Passion is the inspiration.

Most people, especially the young generation, are passionate about doing something life-changing. Jesus has always been passionate about changing lives. It's why He left the throne of heaven to take on flesh. It's why he went to the cross to take on sin. It's why He chose to pay our death penalty. It's why He arose from the dead and ascended into heaven having fulfilled God's Law of justice and having defeated that which ruins us. It's why He offers us eternal life just for believing in Him and what He's done.

Mark 1:16-18 (CSB) say, "As he passed alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew, Simon's brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> "Follow me," Jesus told them, "and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him."

Just like the student athletes in the tournament are sold out for basketball, Simon and Andrew were sold out for being fishermen. That was their passion, probably what they worked the hardest at. One interaction with Jesus moved them to give up everything they had. Why? He was calling them to a bigger passion; a greater purpose. They went from simply fishing to changing lives.

Jesus also called Saul (who became the Apostle Paul) to such a high calling that it eclipsed being among the highest, most favored of Jews. "I am sending you to [the Gentiles] <sup>18</sup> to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a share among those who are sanctified by faith in me" (Acts 26:17-18 – CSB).

God's passion is opening people's eyes so they can know how to have a real relationship with Him. That's a madness that transcends any basketball tournament. It's an excitement that lasts for eternity. I've heard it said that they only two things on earth that will last forever are God's Word and the human soul.

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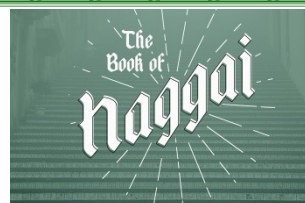
- \* Are you willing to join in God's madness of changing lives?
- \* What people has God put into your life?
- \* How does the passion for changed lives overwhelm your soul?

The Jewish leadership clearly saw the answer to this last question in Peter and John as they talked about Jesus. Acts 4:13 (CSB) says, "When they observed the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed **and recognized that they had been with Jesus.**" This is where the excitement really begins.

With Him, Pastor Tim

## MARCH SERMON SERIES:

### HAGGAI (2 part series)



March 7	<i>Finding Satisfaction</i>	Chapter 1	Pastor Tim
March 14	<i>Finding Blessing</i>	Chapter 2	Pastor Tim
March 21	Pastor Randy Nelson from AFLC Evangelism & Discipleship		
March 28	<i>The Triumphal Entry</i>	John 12:12-19	Pastor Matthew

## LENT: Crucifixion Confessions

February 17 Ash Wednesday @ 7:00 PM  
**Caiphias** Matthew 26:57-68

Sundays at 6:00 PM / Soup Suppers at 5:00 PM

February 21 **Pilate** Luke 23:13-25

February 28 **Christ** John 18:19-24, 33-38; Matthew 26:62-64

March 7 **Peter** Mark 14:66-72

March 14 **Criminals** Luke 23:39-43

March 21 **Passersby** Mark 15:29-32

April 1 Maundy Thursday @ 7:00 PM with Communion

April 2 Good Friday @ 7:00 PM **Centurion** Matthew 27:45-54



Cash Basis  
Balance Sheet

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church  
Financial Report  
As of January 31, 2021

Revenue  
Expenditures

	<u>Jan 31, 21</u>		<u>Jan 21</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>Revenue</b>	
		<b>Building and Grounds</b>	140.00
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		<b>General Revenue</b>	18,795.83
<b>Bank Total</b>		<b>Outreach Revenue</b>	<u>5,092.98</u>
<b>Building</b>		<b>Total Revenue</b>	24,028.81
Altar Guild	324.67	<b>Expenditures</b>	
Building Fund Account	522.09	<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>	870.79
Wedding Deposits	<u>500.00</u>	<b>Discipleship Expenditures</b>	369.67
<b>Total Building</b>	1,346.76	<b>Misc.</b>	814.70
<b>General Total</b>		<b>Office</b>	553.09
General	25,126.09	<b>Outreach Disbursement</b>	
Truth Help	<u>348.23</u>	20 %Outreach	3,117.20
<b>Total General Total</b>	25,474.32	<b>PAS Wellness</b>	100.00
<b>Outreach</b>		<b>Samaritan's Purse</b>	<u>205.01</u>
20% Offering	4,667.00	<b>Total Outreach Disbursement</b>	3,422.21
Children's Mission Offering	425.98	<b>Payroll Expenditures</b>	20,479.68
Thrivent	<u>1,055.99</u>	<b>Share And Care</b>	100.00
<b>Total Outreach</b>	6,148.97	<b>Youth</b>	<u>113.15</u>
<b>Share And Care</b>	900.00	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>26,723.29</u>
<b>Special Accounts</b>		<b>Net Revenue (Deficit)</b>	<u><u>(2,694.48)</u></u>
Internship Fund	4,617.20		
Local Outreach Ministry	3,723.71		
Church Missions	1,493.74		
Marriage Ministry	307.98		
Scholarship	322.26		
Youth	<u>11,453.93</u>		
<b>Total Special Accounts</b>	<u>21,918.82</u>		
<b>Total Bank Total</b>	<u>55,788.87</u>		
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	55,788.87		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>55,788.87</u></u>		

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

**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 Jim G.

reading from *Our Daily Bread*, A Gift based on Matthew 5:6. We spend a lot of time searching for happiness, Jesus understands our needs and desires, He died on the cross for us, Luke 12:31. Matthew 5:1-10 tells us Jesus gave us words of wisdom to put things in perspective. The most blessed people are those who recognize their need for God. Jim G. led in prayer. Wayne Smith will lead devotions in March.

**Trustee Orientation:** Pastor Tim gave the trustees an outline of the responsibilities and duties of the Trustees.

**Election of Officers:** Laurie B. nominated Jim Gawerecki for president, Brandie H. seconded. Jim Gawerecki elected president. Brandie H. nominated Jim Otter for vice president, Morgan M. seconded. Jim Otter elected vice president. Jim G. nominated Laurie Bruns for secretary, seconded by Brandie H. Laurie Bruns elected secretary.

**Elders' Consultation:** Wayne Smith represented the Elders. They are recommending CTK have the soup suppers before the Lent services on Sunday evenings for those who wish to participate. There will be people wearing gloves to serve the soup to reduce contact. They conducted the pastoral & congregation review. As we have two pastors and will soon have an intern, they are recommending CTK consider mentoring another church that doesn't have a pastor. Wayne S. was approached by an individual about adding a question to the trustee nominee introduction; what their views are for carrying out the mission and vision of CTK. The elders are discussing how to contact those staying away from church because of covid and what can be done to help them feel safe and more comfortable about coming back to in person services.

**COVID report:** As of 02/11/2021 Pipestone county total reported 997 cases and 24 deaths.

**The Treasurer's report** for January was presented. Bill V. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Heather D. Motion carried. Treasurer Mike Morgan reported the paperwork has been signed for the forgiveness of the PPP Cares Loan and 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 Jim O. Motion carried.

AFLC \$ 567. Food Shelf: Pipestone \$ 200. L Benton \$ 100. CRU-Jeff \$ 500. Paul \$ 500. Tim Steele \$ 100 Atlas \$ 200 Brazil Student \$ 100. Alpha \$ 300. Local Outreach \$ 300 PAS Wellness Room \$ 100. Pipestone Ambulance \$ 200. Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500. Children's Life \$ 200. Matt Abel \$ 100 Intern Account \$ 600. San Antonio Church \$ 100.

**The secretary's report** from the January 17, 2021 meeting

was presented. Dave S. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Morgan M. Motion carried.

**The minutes from the 2021 Annual meeting** were presented to the Trustees for review.

**Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports: Youth:**

Pastor Matthew submitted a report of activities from Nov. through Jan. and a list of activities being planned for Feb. through July. The FLY Convention has been postponed until the summer of 2023. Pastor Matthew reported the youth have been invited to go to Great Bear on Feb. 15 with the youth from Faith Community.

**Family :** No report

**Pastors' Report: Pastor Tim** submitted a report of activities for the last month.

**Pastor Matthew** submitted reports of activities from Jan.. Pastor Matthew requested vacation time March 1-4, Morgan M. so moved, seconded by Jim O. motion carried.

**Old Business: Seminary Intern:** Pastor Tim reported we have been assigned Samuel Willard as an intern from June 2021 to May 2022. The seminary will be providing CTK with financial compensation information.

**AFLC Meetings in March:** Pastor Tim reported the AFLC informational meetings were rescheduled for March 20. He recommended the meetings be held in Arlington, SD due to the covid restrictions in Minnesota.

**Lent soup suppers:** The elders recommended CTK offer the soup suppers before the Lent services. There will be people designated to serve the soup to limit contact. Morgan M. moved to approve, seconded by Bill V. motion carried. There will be a signup sheet posted in the foyer for providing soup.

**New Business: Housing for the Intern Sam Willard:**

Marcine O. will check on availability with Prairie Winds apartments and if there are other apartments available.

**Trustee Representative to teams:** The representatives will remain the same, Marcine Olsen will be the representative to the Music & Worship team.

**Bus:** The bus appears to have wiring issues. S & S Truck Repair put a charger on the batteries and it has started. The last time the bus was used there were issues with the exterior lights. Dave S. will take it to S & S Truck Repair after the meeting.

**Checking Account:** Signatories for the checking account will remain the same: Bill VanderPlaats, Laurie Bruns, & Mike Morgan.

**Other:** Pastor Matthew gave a short presentation about RightNow Media. It is described as the Netflix® of Bible study videos. It has Bible studies, curriculum, kid shows, devotionals, etc. The whole congregation can gain full access to the content using our single subscription. Dave S. moved to sign up for it with funds from local outreach, Morgan M. seconded, motion carried.

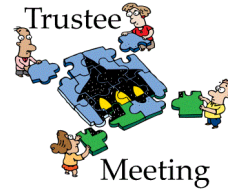
**Dave S. moved to adjourn** the meeting, seconded by Heather D. Jim G. adjourned the meeting; Pastor Tim closed in prayer. Collene Landgren, recording secretary {Draft subject to approval by the trustees}

# march

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Elroy Uilk
- 1 Brandie Hulstein
- 5 James Haak
- 8 Landry Zephier
- 8 James Pillman
- 11 Ashley Bloemendaal
- 11 Brielle Kulm
- 15 Helen Klingman
- 15 Myer McNickle
- 17 Lois Gawerecki
- 17 Scott Thomson
- 18 Jerry Remund
- 18 Lauren Steuck
- 18 Charlie Haak
- 20 Marlin Berg
- 20 Jordy Scholten
- 20 Marlys Viland
- 21 Owen Lindquist
- 22 Gavin Viland
- 22 Jed Woitaszewski
- 23 Nathan Sutherland
- 25 Hailey Steuck
- 27 Finnick Manzey
- 28 Wayne Smith
- 30 Owen Minet

Chatter-sewers  
(Quilting)  
will meet  
March 2 at 1:00



Trustee  
Meeting  
Thursday  
March 11  
@ 6 PM



Time to  
Spring Ahead  
March 14

**FAMILY  
Ministry**

Meets  
Tuesday, March  
23 @ 7 PM

Youth Parents meet  
Sunday, March 28

Following the worship service

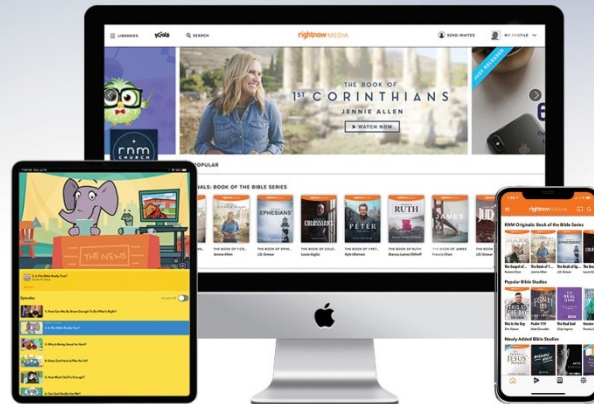


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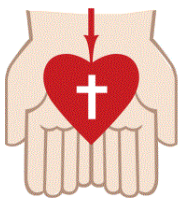
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- 1 Check your email for the invite from RightNow Media. \*Let us know if you don't see one.
- 2 Open the email and click "Get Started"... yeah, it's that easy.



Elders Meet  
March 25 @  
7:00 PM  
@ CTK

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Roku Apple TV fireTV





Dear Christ the King Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for your financial gift of \$ 221.00 I am thankful to be in the prison sharing the Word of God with inmates through Bible studies and distributing Bibles.  
It is great to see how God is at work in these Men's lives!  
You are a blessing!  
In Christ, Harlan Moss

Christ the King Lutheran Church,  
Happy New Year! I hope this note finds you well.  
On behalf of the Board of Lost Timber, I want to say thank you for your support of the camp.  
We saw the camp thrive in 2020 and are looking forward to seeing God work through us in 2021.  
All the best! Tina Thiessen

Thank you for your recent gift.  
We continue to be humbled by gracious gifts from you and all those who support AFLC World missions prayerfully and financially.  
Our missionaries and our World Mission Committee, and office staff are grateful for every gift. We have the responsibility to bring the Gospel to those beyond our borders. Please know that your gift is appreciated and that we are taking care to use it as intended.  
I pray that you are encouraged to know that God continues to be faithful to us in reaching this generation with the Gospel. On behalf of our missionaries and office staff, thank you for your gift to AFLC World Missions.  
In His Service, Earl Korhonen, Director



**Bridal Shower for Lenaya Kvale**  
**Bride-to-be of Derrick Timm**

Saturday, March 27, 10 am to Noon  
Please RSVP by Thursday, March 18  
call, text or email Glenda @  
507-530-4077 or glenda\_kvale@wycliffe.org  
Wear plaid of any kind as part of the theme and  
Meet us at The Plaid Moose in Slayton, MN

Join us in prayerfully commissioning her as a military wife and shower her with blessings preparing for wherever they live/serve.  
Cards can be put in Jodi Haag's mailbox. A group card will be available to sign at the shower if you'd prefer to contribute toward a vacuum.

**Thank you, CTK Family,** for the ways you have been a part of Lenaya's life and for your prayers. This has meant so much to us!!



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- ◇ March 3 Blacklight Dodgeball 6-8 PM
- ◇ March 19 Friday Night @ Finnian's
- ◇ March 21 Forge Meets
- ◇ April 7 Youth Outing 6-8 PM
- ◇ April 9-11 FLBC Campus Days
- ◇ April 17 Saturday Nights Alive @ CTK
- ◇ May 2 Confirmation Sunday
- ◇ May 24 Valley Fair?
- ◇ June 27-July 2 Senior Camp @ Pickerel Lake
- ◇ July 12-16 Aftershock Canoe Expedition
- ◇ July 25-30 Junior Camp @ Pickerel Lake



**WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 3, 2021  
6:00 PM 8:00 PM**

This is our once a month extended youth time with a family style meal, games, and Bible study. This month we will have a smashing game of black light dodgeball.

**Invite your friends!**  
Grades 7-12 welcome!

**Friday Night at Finnians  
March 19 7 - 11 PM  
Grades 9-12**

**OPEN MIC NIGHT** will include special musical performances, flatbread pizzas, specialty coffees & sodas along with an opportunity to sing karaoke, share poetry, comedy or testimony.



Students will be able to hangout, socialize, & play board games.

**We hope that you will join us!**

**CAMPUSDAYS**  
APRIL 9-11, 2021

**BUILT ON THE  
ROCK**  
MATTHEW 7:24-27

**Spring Campus Days April 9 - April 11**

We encourage our students to attend this event hosted by the Free Lutheran Bible College (FLBC) in Minneapolis. We will coordinate rides leaving early Friday afternoon and return Sunday afternoon.

While students can learn more about FLBC, this event is designed specifically for guests to enjoy FLBC campus life, find spiritual encouragement from FLBC staff and faculty, and build relationships with other prospective students.

More details can be found at: [www.flbc.edu/events/spring-campus-days](http://www.flbc.edu/events/spring-campus-days)

## Missionaries to Alaska: Bob & Margaret Lee



Pastor Bob Lee and his wife Margaret also serve in Alaska. Bob is a pastor and KAKN station manager and Margaret is a teacher at Bristol Bay Borough School in Naknek. Pastor Lee is a 2010 graduate of Association Free Lutheran Seminary, and began his service at KAKN in June, 2010. Bob & Margaret have four married children and twelve grandchildren who live in California, Alaska, Sierra Leone, and Brazil.

Prior to attending seminary, Pastor Lee also received training at California State University, Omaha Lutheran Bible School, Concordia Seminary, Fuller School of World Mission, and the International School of Theology.

Sensing God's call back into missions, and seeing the Lord at work in Naknek, the Lee's accepted the call from AFLC Home Missions to serve in Naknek, AK.

KAKN (100.9), is a commercial non-profit FM Christian radio station with studios in Naknek, Alaska, serving Bristol Bay and the communities of Naknek, King Salmon, South Naknek, Dillingham, New Stuyahok, Ekwok, and Levlock and has translators located in Egegik (103.9), and Manokotak (102.9).

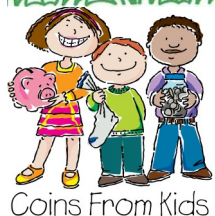
KAKD (104.9), is a non-commercial non-profit FM Christian radio station with the same schedule as KAKN, serving Dillingham.

KIGI (106.9), is a non-commercial non-profit FM Christian radio station with the same schedule as KAKN, serving Igiugig.

**WHERE IS NAKNEK?** Naknek, AK is located on the north bank of the Naknek River near it's mouth on Bristol Bay. It is approximately 300 miles SW of Anchorage and only accessible by boat or air. It is on a part of the peninsula that has only 15 miles of paved road. The local economy is almost entirely based on salmon fishing, and seats one of the largest commercial salmon fishing areas in the world.

### Prayer Requests:

- \* The village of Ekwok & others as they remain on COVID lockdown. Pray that the lockdown would lift so the missionaries can minister in person again.
- \* Those in the community who have lost loved ones due to illness.
- \* For revival. That people chained by addiction can be set free and filled with love and hope. That they would have a living relationship with the Lord.
- \* For good weather and safety in flying in the planes.



### Children with Disabilities

Children with crippling disabilities or birth defects are precious to God, and Samaritan's Purse works with missionary surgeons and others to help them walk or overcome their infirmities. A gift of \$250 can help provide a wheelchair, prosthetic limb, surgery, physical therapy, or other care for these special children as we help them find hope in the Lord.







In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

**John 3:3**

### Communion Servers

### Acolyte

- March 7 Cayden Zephier
- March 14 Mataya Pantekoek
- March 21 Kenley DeWilde
- March 28 Jordan DeRuyter

### Altar Guild

Heather DeWilde



### Ushers

Rodney Altena  
Ross Lange

### Money Counters

Morgan McNickle  
Jim Gawerecki 7 & 21  
Marcine Olsen 14 & 28

### Family of the Week / Greeters

- March 7 Bill & Judy Steuck
- March 14 Jason & Amy Steuck; Alyssa, Lauren, Hailey
- March 21 David & Dawn Sutherland; Christopher, Josie, Nathan
- March 28 Janice Swanson

### Kitchen Clean-up

Rebecca Gilbery

### Hospitality Greeters

### Nursery




### Worship Leaders

- March 7 Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Lynn Hellie, Judy Steuck
- March 14 Matthew Pillman, Julia Pillman, Jane Smith
- March 21 Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Jane Smith, Susan Parsley
- March 28 Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Julia Pillman, Judy Steuck

**\*\*\* Reminder: Leaders will also lead the Lent Services \*\*\***

# March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> 1: PM Quilters  — Pastor Matthew & family on vacation —	<b>3</b> 6:00 PM Youth Night Black Light Dodgeball  — Pastor Matthew & family on vacation —	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 4:30 PM Gospel of Mark Study 5:00 PM Soup Supper 6:00 PM Lent Service	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Aftershook	<b>11</b> 6: PM Trustees	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Daylight Savings Time Starts 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 4:30 PM Gospel of Mark Study 5:00 PM Soup Supper 6:00 PM Lent Service	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Aftershook	<b>18</b> RSVP for Kvale/Timm Bridal Shower	<b>19</b> 7 PM Friday Night @ Finnsians Pastor Tim @ Coordinating Committee @ AILC	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Forge Meets 5:00 PM Soup Supper 6:00 PM Lent Service <b>Messenger Articles Due</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7 PM Family Ministry Meets	<b>24</b> 6:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Aftershook	<b>25</b> 7 PM Elders Meet @ CTK	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10 AM Kvale/Timm Bridal Shower in Slayton, MN
<b>28</b> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Palm Sunday Worship 11:45 AM Youth Parents Meet 5:00 PM Gospel of Mark Study	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Aftershook	