

CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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Isaiah 49:15 ESV — 15 *Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.*

Two things have been on my mind as of late. As a first-time father to a healthy baby boy born at the end of January, my mind is still reeling with how dramatically and wonderfully my home life has changed. Then, as a pastor, our church calendar has officially flipped into the season of Lent, giving us a few weeks leading up to Easter to consider our great need for salvation and the sufferings of our Savior. Both of these mental ponderings collided as I was reading in the book of Isaiah for Lent and hit the verse above. Here, the Lord makes it clear that He would never forget His people. Like the perfect mother caring for the son of her own womb, the Lord's compassion for His people will not run out. But, as I went along in Isaiah, it became clear that this compassion and its connection to motherhood were not over yet.



As you get into the end of Isaiah 52 and through 53, you'll find a famous passage that is perfectly fitting for Lent. Centuries before Jesus came, Isaiah writes about the coming Messiah's sufferings in graphic detail. I would encourage you to read the whole portion (Isaiah 52:13–53:12), but it was these two verses that tied together my mingled thoughts about parents and the Lenten season:

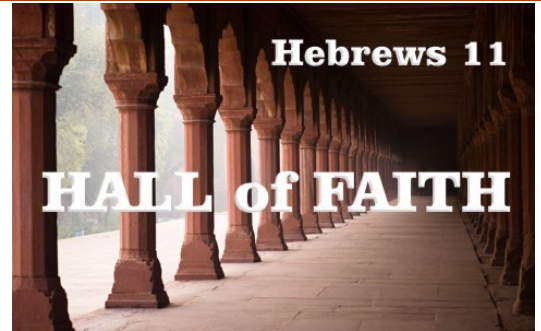
Isaiah 53:10–11 ESV — 10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

The bloody, ugly work of the Messiah, the death of Jesus, the Son of God, had been God's will all along. Why? Why send His only Son into the world to be humiliated, beaten, mocked, and killed? It was for you. For your sins. For my need. For the sake of all mankind. Look at verse 11 again. Out of this anguish, the Savior would be satisfied. Few things are as "anguished" as a mother's labor, but think of how tenderly that mother looks on her baby after her pushing is over. So also did Jesus, for the joy set before Him, so that He might make us children of God through faith in His work, go willingly through agony, suffering, and death, all spoken of by Isaiah. Not even the love of a mother can compare to the love that God had for us in sending His Son to die for us. As Lent carries on until Easter (a celebration of Christ's victory over death), I would encourage you to walk through the book of Isaiah and see God's justice and His grace tied to His coming Messiah. Think of His compassion and remember His sufferings with awe and thankfulness. It is by Jesus' wounds that you have been healed. Don't turn from this anguish, but rejoice that it was suffered for you. Praise God that someday I'll get to tell my own son about what his mother went through for him and about what Jesus, God's Son, went through for us all!

– Pastor Joe Larson

God's Hall of Faith

Who were these people entered into God's Hall of Faith in chapter 11 of Hebrews? Why are they held up as examples of faith? What are their stories and what do they have to do with me?



March 3	Joseph - Experiencing God's Faithfulness	22	Pastor Joe
March 10	Moses - Committed Obedience	23 - 29	Pastor Tim
March 17	Rahab - Peaceful Welcome	30 - 31	Pastor Tim
March 24	The Rest - Tremendous Acts of Faith	32 - 40	Pastor Joe
March 31	<i>The Living Truth v. The Deadly Deception</i>	Matthew 28: 1 - 15	Pastor Tim

Crosses We Bear

Lent Service: Sundays at 6:00 PM



March 3	The Cross of Separation	Colossians 4: 2 - 6	Pastor Joe
March 10	The Cross of Sorrow	2 Corinthians 5: 13 - 21	Pastor Joe
March 17	The Cross of Service	Luke 14: 25 - 33	Pastor Tim
March 28	Communion	Matthew 26: 26 - 30	Pastor Tim
March 29	Good Friday		Pastor Joe

Maundy Thursday
March 28 @ 7 PM

Good Friday
March 29 @ 7 PM

MARCH 31

JOIN US FOR

EASTER

Sunday

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Christ is Risen!

Cash Basis
Balance Sheet

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church
Financial Report
As of January 31, 2024

Revenue
Expenditures

	<u>Jan 31, 24</u>		<u>Jan 24</u>
ASSETS		Revenue	
Checking/Savings		Building and Grounds	440.00
Bank Total		General Revenue	12,647.10
Building		Outreach Revenue	3,578.22
Altar Guild	338.39	Total Revenue	<u>16,665.32</u>
Building Fund Account	521.09	Expenditures	
Total Building	<u>859.48</u>	Building & Grounds	1,482.03
General Total		Discipleship Expenditures	209.95
General	65,322.57	Family Support	190.00
Truth Help	175.55	Misc.	478.20
Total General Total	<u>65,498.12</u>	Office	506.03
Outreach		Outreach Disbursement	
20% Offering	3,149.22	20 %Outreach	5,510.20
Children's Mission Offering	279.00	Samaritan's Purse	258.00
Thrivent	2,360.41	Total Outreach Disbursement	<u>5,768.20</u>
Total Outreach	<u>5,788.63</u>	Payroll Expenditures	20,850.92
Share And Care	854.23	Share And Care	731.13
Special Accounts		Youth	451.72
Internship Fund	6,800.00	Total Expenditures	<u>30,668.18</u>
Local Outreach Ministry	7,123.71	Net Revenue (Deficit)	<u><u>(14,002.86)</u></u>
Church Missions	1,493.74		
Marriage Ministry	307.98		
Scholarship	322.26		
Youth	8,713.93		
Total Special Accounts	<u>24,761.62</u>		
Total Bank Total	<u>97,762.08</u>		
Total Checking/Savings	<u>97,762.08</u>		
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>97,762.08</u></u>		

CTK Trustee Meeting Minutes February 8, 2024 7 PM

Present: Dave Sutherland, Alan Warner, Jim Otter, Heather DeWilde, Dave Muller, Dave Krusemark, Laurel Berg, Jason Lindquist, Jane Smith
Absent:

Also Present: Pastor Tim Johnson, Pastor Joe Larson, Collene Landgren, Roger Janssen.

President David Sutherland called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Alan Warner reading Romans 1:21, thankfulness gives glory to God. God gives us the true gospel and redeems us from sin. Alan W. led in prayer. Dave Krusemark will lead devotions in March.

Election of Officers: President David S. asked for nominations for President; Dave Muller nominated Heather DeWilde, seconded by Jim O. There were no other nominations, Dave M. moved for nominations to cease, seconded by Jim O. motion carried. Heather DeWilde was elected president. Heather D. nominated Dave Muller for Vice President, Jim O. seconded, no other nominations. Dave Muller was elected vice-president. Dave Krusemark, nominated Jane Smith for Secretary, seconded by Jim O. no other nominations. Jane Smith was elected secretary.

Heather DeWilde moved to the chair position.

The Treasurer's report for January was presented. Jim O. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Dave M. Motion carried.

The Payment of bills, Dave S. moved to approve the bills, seconded by Dave M. Motion carried.

Ankeny Church Plant: The January financial report was presented.

Outreach: Jim O. moved to approve outreach and to move \$ 250.78 from Thrivent to cover as outreach was short for the usual giving, seconded by Dave S. Motion carried.

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

The secretary's report from the January 11, 2024 meeting was presented. Dave M. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim O. Motion carried.

Minutes from the Annual meeting of January 21, 2024 was submitted for review. There were a few suggested revisions.

Elders' Consultation: Roger Janssen reported for the elders. They met last week and are reviewing the membership roll.

Pastors' Report: Pastor Tim: Submitted a report of his activities for the last month. He reported Bill Britton from the Flandreau Indian School will speak at CTK on February 11 to explain their mission. Jane S. moved, seconded by Jim O. to take a love offering. Motion carried.

Pastor Joe: Submitted a written report of his activities for the month. Pastor Joe appreciated the time off when Wesley was born. CTK was asked to host an event in April for the District. Pastor Joe reported he was asked to speak at Bethany Bible camp; however, it is the same week as the Annual Conference. He asked if the board had a preference which he should attend. The board did not have a preference.

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports: Youth Ministry: Pastor Joe reported the youth & family will meet during Lent at 4:30 for some family games then participate in at the soup supper. At 5:30 Pastor Joe will lead a time for youth only and join the Lent service at 6:00 PM.

Old Business: Kitchen update: Heather D. reported the project is done. Thanks Heather

Policy for CTK pastor for AFLC assignments: Tabled Denis P. will draft a policy for the trustees to review.

Ankeny CD: Pastor Tim reported for the Ankeny board the First Bank and Trust has a promotional CD for 7 months @ 5% interest and to put \$43,000 in that option. There is a 12 month liquid CD that is 4.5 % interest and to put \$25,000 in that option. The Ankeny advisory board approved at their February 6 meeting to move the funds. Laurel B. so moved, seconded by Dave M. motion carried.

VBS Offering suggestions: Tabled

New Business: Update General account # x5887 signatories for checking account, update resolution papers, & safe deposit box:

Dave Sutherland moved, Jim Otter seconded to update the signatories on the checking account for CTK; remove Dave Sutherland, add Heather DeWilde, and leave Dave Muller and Mike Morgan on as signatories. Also, to remove Dave Sutherland, add Heather DeWilde, leave Dave Muller, Collene Landgren, and Mike Morgan on the resolution papers. Remove Dave Sutherland from the safe deposit box and add Heather DeWilde. Motion carried.

Update Ankeny account # x2638 signatories for checking account remove Dave Sutherland, leave Mike Morgan and add Heather DeWilde and Dave Muller. Dave Sutherland so moved, seconded by Dave Krusemark, motion carried.

Request to use fellowship hall: Dave S. moved, seconded by Alan W. to approve Leslie Lueck to use the fellowship hall on March 30 for a family shower. Motion carried.

Falls Landing request: to identify Christ the King as one of their emergency relocation sites. We have received their insurance information. Dave M. moved, seconded by Dave S. to allow this. Record in policy book or other source. Check how often is the agreement renewed. Motion carried.

Membership Record Policy: Alan W. presented a second draft. There were a few revisions. Alan W. moved, seconded by Dave M. to approve the second draft with the cited revisions. Motion carried.

Assign homeschool contact person: Laurel Berg volunteered to be the contact person. Thanks Laurel.

Intern Ministry Review: Tabled

Absentee Ballot: Alan W. moved to remove the absentee ballot policy due to constitution revision. Seconded by Jim O. motion carried.

Chairs: per Jane Smith "Alan Warner suggested that chairs need replacing. Jane S offered to get some chair quotes".

Update ProPresenter software: Dave M. moved, seconded by Jim O. to upgrade to ProPresenter 7, cost is \$399. Motion carried. Will need to upgrade the computer soon. Tabled.

Pest Problem: There is a problem with carpenter ants in the kitchen and a couple classrooms. Alan W. sprayed and it seems to have corrected the problem. Will monitor the situation for any further action.

Copier Estimate: Collene L. reported the Century Business Products contact person informed her replacement parts for the copier will no longer be available soon. He submitted an estimate for a used copier similar to what we have. Will hold off for now.

Lent soup supper: Trustees will provide soup for the first Lent supper on Feb 18.

Nerf Wars: Pastor Joe reported Nerf Wars will be with Faith Community and is scheduled for March 22.

Request for key: Sharon Amdahl requested a key for the church to drop off brunch supplies. Dave S. so moved, seconded by Jane S. motion carried.

Trustee representative: Decorating, Laurel Berg; Hospitality, Jason Lindquist; Music & Worship, Jane Smith.

Homework folders: Had a request for advertising funds for homework folders. Declined request.

Ambulance donation: Dave S. moved, seconded by Dave M. to donate \$200 to the Pipestone Ambulance fundraiser, funds to come from Thrivent account. Motion carried.

VOM March 8: Pastor Tim reported Voice of the Martyrs will be presenting a virtual event on March 8 and he would like to access the live link at CTK for viewing. The event is from 8 to 10 PM. Dave M. moved to host the event, seconded by Jim O. motion carried.

Heather D. adjourned the meeting. Roger J. closed in prayer. Collene Landgren, recording secretary {Draft subject to approval by the trustees}



- 1 Elroy Uilk
- 1 Brandie Hulstein
- 5 James Haak
- 8 Landry Zephier
- 8 James Pillman
- 9 Jaxon Feske
- 9 Sarah Larson
- 11 Brielle Kulm
- 15 Helen Klingman
- 15 Myer McNickle
- 16 Jaelyn Koopman
- 16 Gerrit Slegers
- 17 Lois Gawerecki
- 17 Scott Thomson
- 18 Jerry Remund
- 18 Lauren Steuck
- 18 Charlie Haak
- 20 Marlin Berg
- 20 Marlys Viland
- 22 Gavin Viland
- 22 Jed Woitaszewski
- 22 Roger Janssen
- 23 Nathan Sutherland
- 25 Hailey Steuck
- 27 Finnick Manzey
- 28 Wayne Smith
- 30 Owen Minet
- 31 Levi Brockberg



Time to
Spring Ahead
March 10

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

Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 5 @ 1:30 @
the home of Jeanette Larson
Meets the first Tuesday of
the month. Can still join the
study. Contact Jeanette or
Linnea Janssen.

Chatter-sewers
(Quilting)
will meet
March 6 at 1:00
p.m.



Trustee March 14
MEETING
7 PM



Elders Meet
March 7 @
5:00 PM
@ CTK



Sundays
@ 5 PM



THANKS from the HEART

Dear Christ the King congregation,

We want to thank you for your prayers for Angie Schreder while she was having so much tooth pain and infection, which had gone down into the jawbone. It was a challenge finding a dentist or surgeon that would do the extraction. She was able to get the extraction this past week and is healing. All your prayers were appreciated so much.

Mike and Angie Schreder family and Jerry and Dianne Rood.



Open House Baby Shower For

Sarah and Wesley Larson

March 3, 2024 2:00 PM



At Christ the King Free Lutheran Church

Join us to bless Pastor Joe & Sarah

as they welcome their first baby!

They are registered at:



<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/sarah-larson-january-2024-pipestone/1SNUAZE1FOYHL>

With sincere gratitude and appreciation.
We thank you so much for your steadfastness in support & for seeing & reacting to the Treehouse need. We pray all we receive is used to glorify God!
Blessings Jess & team ATLAS

Pastor Tim

Thanks so much for allowing us to share the FIS Chaplaincy Program with Christ the King on Feb 11. We had a great time and we look forward to visiting again in the future.

In Christ Bill Britton FIS Chaplain



During the month of March local congregations are joining people of good will from across the state to help alleviate hunger. Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign is the largest food drive in the state, and congregations like ours are the heart of the campaign. **During 2023, the Pipestone County Food Shelf distributed 359,793 pounds of food, representing 276,764 meals.** That's a 93% increase over 2022. This year our congregation will be collecting both food and cash contributions February 26 thru April 6, 2024. Donations made during the March Campaign are important to help the Pipestone County Food Shelf secure additional grant funding from Minnesota FoodShare and help provide nutritious food for those in our community that are in need.

ALL LOCAL DONATIONS REMAIN IN PIPESTONE

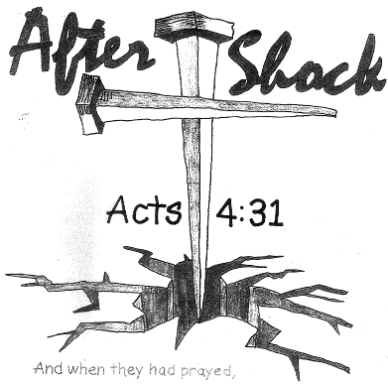
Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed. Proverbs 19:17

I AM N (A Voice of the Martyrs Event)

FREELY Streamed at CTK Friday, March 8 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Includes worship with Steven Curtis Chapman and firsthand stories from three Christians who have paid the price for advancing the gospel in places dominated by Islam.

Hear stories of courage in the shadow of radical Islam.

Ten years ago, the self-proclaimed Islamic State (ISIS) began marking Christian homes and churches with the Arabic letter "n," or , as its fighters overran parts of Iraq. The symbol ("n" for "Nazarene") marked the buildings as belonging to Christians and served as a threat to all believers in the area. Hundreds of thousands of Christians fled the country, but where are they today? And what about those who stayed behind?



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◇ March 22 Nerf Wars
- ◇ March 31 Easter Sunday
- ◇ April 12-13 FLBC Campus Days
- ◇ May 5 Confirmation Sunday

NERF WARS

NERF Wars - Friday, March 22 6:00 - 8:00 PM

We will be inviting students 6-12 from other local youth groups to join us. NERF guns, ammo, and glasses provided. For details and to sign-up, contact Pastor Joe.

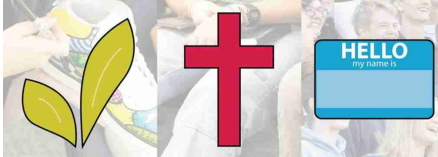


Saturday Nights Alive

Spring AFLC District youth event (SNA): Pipestone is planning to host our fellow AFLC district youth groups sometime in the later spring. There has been interest in this being a youth-led endeavor. If you are a youth (or you have youth students) and Pastor

Joe hasn't reached out to you about a planning session (possibly on the evening of March 24), please reach out to him soon!

CREATED REDEEMED CALLED



Spring Campus Days April 12 - 13

Campus Days: Are you a high schooler or recent grad that wants to check out our Bible College and have a great time of fellowship? Then you're invited to campus days on April

12 -13. Registration of \$75 due by April 4, which will cover on-campus meals.

Contact Pastor Joe if interested, especially if he hasn't reached out to you!



Missionaries in Uganda: Brent & Emily Raan; Amaleah, Sarala, Isaiah, and Amari

Thank you Collene for your email and the prayer support. Here are a few things

that we really need prayer for: Thank you! Brent Raan The following is an excerpt from their newsletter.

January & February 2024 We've officially been in the US for more than seven weeks now. It's crazy how fast the time has flown! It has been (and continues to be) a wonderful, chaotic whirlwind. We have been incredibly blessed by so many of you; you love us well! Over and over again, we've been asked if we're taking time for our family and for rest. Our concern is often "Are we doing enough?" but your concern has been for us. We have felt lifted up by your prayers; encouraged by your good questions about Uganda and concern for us; and grateful for the opportunities we've had, especially for good medical and academic care for our children. The Lord continues to provide for our needs, even before we ask of Him. We hope you have seen the same things for your family this year. As 2024 begins, may our hearts and homes be turned toward Him in worship, praise, and gratefulness. Many of you have asked about our on-going visa difficulties. As of writing this, we continue to wait. We have heard that we are on a priority list for the immigration office when they begin ruling again after their Christmas and New Year break. They may already be back in session - we haven't heard anything for a while. We are still hopeful that we will know sometime this month or next. We will keep you all posted. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement as we walk this road for the second time. Brent and Emily Raan



Prayer Requests:

- * I will be traveling back to Uganda from February 29 -March 27. Please pray for safe travel and for the family to be healthy and safe here in America while I am gone.
- * We have over 80 people graduating in March. Please pray that the Word of God that they have memorized would bear much fruit in their lives and overflow to others.
- * Pray for wisdom and direction for the ministry and that all are obedient to God's leading.
- * Pray for our Ugandan national leadership team; that God would bless them and lead and guide them.



Baby Chicks

Miriam and Cesar were so thankful when Samaritan's Purse gifted their family with a brood of fuzzy chicks. Our team helped them set up a chicken coop and trained them to raise their chickens. Now, instead of traveling long distances for work, Miriam can stay home with their two children, who delight in helping take care of the chicks. With the income they make from selling nutrient-rich eggs, the couple hopes to eventually buy land to build their own house. Just \$14 can supply families in countries like Bolivia, Cambodia, and the Philippines with a dozen chicks, a coop, and basic veterinary care in Jesus' Name.



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

Ushers

- Rod Altena
- Mark Mitchell

Money Counters

- Jim Otter
- Jane Smith

Altar Guild

- Pat Woelber
- Donna Smith

Sound Tech

- March 3 Dave Sutherland
- March 10 Kyle DeWilde
- March 17 Alan Warner
- March 24 Dave Sutherland
- March 31 Kyle DeWilde



Acolyte

- March 3 Keegan Otter
- March 10 Kenley DeWilde
- March 17 Jordan DeRuyter
- March 24 Kynslee Hulstein
- March 31 Tanner Thomson

Nursery

- March 3 Amy Steuck
- March 10 Alyssa Steuck
- March 17 Ashley Hoheisel
- March 24 Amy Steuck
- March 31 Alyssa Steuck

Family of the Week / Greeters

- March 3 Wendy Woelber; Trey
- March 10 Jed & Cassie Woitaszewski; Ella, Adlee, Axton, Watson
- March 17 Myles & Melissa Zephier; Cole, Connor, Cayden, Landry
- March 24 Deb Ahlers
- March 31 Rod Altena




Worship Leaders

- March 3 Praise Band; Sheila Westfield leading
- March 10 Bill Steuck, Kari Rupp, Laurel Berg, Judy Steuck
- March 17 Matthew Amdahl, Jane Smith, Janelle Brockberg, Susan Parsley
- March 24 Irene Warner, Donna Smith, Charles Hoffman, Susan Parsley
- March 28 Bill Steuck, Kari Rupp, Laurel Berg, Susan Parsley
- March 29 Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Jane Smith, Judy Steuck
- March 31 Praise Band; Sheila Westfield leading, Jane Smith

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>3 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Confirmation 10:50 AM Sunday School 2:00 PM Larson Baby Shower 4:30 Youth / Family Games 5:00 Lent Soup Supper 6:00 Lent Service</p>		<p>5 9 AM Home-school group 1:30 Bible Study @ Jeanette Larson</p>	<p>6 10:30 Bible Study @ CTK 1:00 Quilters Meet 6:30 Zoom Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p>7 5: PM Elders Meet @ CTK</p>	<p>8 8 PM Voice of the Martyrs livestream event</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 Daylight Saving Time Starts 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Confirmation 10:50 AM Sunday School 4:30 Youth / Family Games 5:00 Lent Soup Supper 6:00 Lent Service</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 9 AM Home-school group</p>	<p>13 6:00 Year 3 Confirmation 7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p>14 7: PM Trustees</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Confirmation 10:50 AM Sunday School 4:30 Youth / Family Games 5:00 Lent Soup Supper 6:00 Lent Service</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 9 AM Home-school group</p>	<p>20 6:30 Zoom Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 6 PM Nerf Wars</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 9:30 AM Palm Sunday Service 10:30 AM Brunch Blessing 10:45 AM Confirmation 10:50 AM Sunday School 4:30 PM Youth/Family Messenger Information Due</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 9 AM Home-school group</p>	<p>27 6:00 Year 3 Confirmation 7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p>28 6:30 PM Bible Study in Flandreau</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Lueck Family Shower</p>
<p>31 Easter Sunday 9:30 AM JOIN US FOR WORSHIP</p>						