

# CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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Since we are going through the 10 Commandments with our sermon series, I thought a look at the introduction to the commandments from our Small Catechism would be wise to consider:

### 13. How has God given His Law to us?

1. In the Creation God wrote His Law in the heart of man. (Conscience) // Romans 2:15
2. At Mount Sinai He gave His Law in the 10 Commandments // Exodus 20:1-17

### 14. Does this Law demand outward observance only?

No; it demands the whole man and the willing obedience of heart and mind.

*Luke 10:27 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."*

### 15. Can we be saved through the Law?

No; since the fall in sin, no man can perfectly keep the Law.

*Romans 8:7 The mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so. // Romans 3:20 By the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.*

### 16. Of what benefit, then, is the Law?

1. It points out to us our sins and the wrath of God toward sin.

*Romans 3:20b For through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.*

2. It makes us anxious to seek Christ.

*Galatians 3:24a The Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ.*

3. It points out to the believer what fruits his faith must bear.

*Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

### 17. What is the substance of the Law?

Love to God, ourselves, and our neighbor. Matthew 22:37-40 // Romans 13:10b

**And so we don't forget: it is *not* by the Law that we are saved, but by the Gospel!**

### 11. What is the Law?

The Law is the divine Word which tells us what we must do.

*Galatians 3:10b "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM."*

### 12. What is the Gospel?

The Gospel is the good news of the grace of God in Jesus Christ our Savior.

*John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." // II Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

**Praise God for His perfect Law & for His saving grace given to us through faith in Christ!**

– Pastor Joe

# The Ten Commandments

How do God's commandments speak into our current day? What do they say about us? What blessings are hidden within them? You might be surprised!

May 5	The Fifth	Exodus 20: 13	Pastor Tim
May 12	The Sixth	Exodus 20: 14	Pastor Joe
May 19	The Seventh	Exodus 20: 15	Pastor Tim
May 26	The Eighth	Exodus 20: 16	Pastor Tim
June 2	The Ninth & Tenth	Exodus 20: 17	Pastor Joe

"HIS WORD DOES NOT RETURN EMPTY" | ISAIAH 55:11  
**2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
JUNE 12-15 | FLBCS CAMPUS | PLYMOUTH, MN

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 11** 3 PM - 7 PM **Rekindle the Fire:** @ Hope Lutheran Register at <https://www.aflc.org/evangelism/events/rekindle-fire/>

**June 12 Women's Missionary Federation** 9:00 AM Register at <https://www.aflc.org/women/wmf-day/>

**June 12 -15 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/>

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

Balance Sheet

Revenue / Expenditures

	<u>Mar 31, 24</u>		<u>Mar 24</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>Revenue</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		<b>Building and Grounds</b>	245.00
<b>Bank Total</b>		<b>General Revenue</b>	22,856.57
<b>Building</b>		<b>Outreach Revenue</b>	6,704.43
Altar Guild	338.39	<b>Visa Reward Points</b>	200.00
Building Fund Account	766.09	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>30,006.00</u>
<b>Total Building</b>	<u>1,104.48</u>	<b>Expenditures</b>	
<b>General Total</b>		<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>	3,044.21
General	61,883.00	<b>Discipleship Expenditures</b>	404.95
Truth Help	186.26	<b>Family Support</b>	55.00
<b>Total General Total</b>	<u>62,069.26</u>	<b>Misc.</b>	1,214.78
<b>Outreach</b>		<b>Office</b>	407.75
20% Offering	5,709.00	<b>Outreach Disbursement</b>	
Children's Mission Offering	274.43	<b>20 %Outreach</b>	3,856.00
Thrivent	2,151.63	<b>Samaritan's Purse</b>	211.98
<b>Total Outreach</b>	<u>8,135.06</u>	<b>Special Outreach</b>	600.00
Share And Care	729.23	<b>Total Outreach Disbursement</b>	<u>4,667.98</u>
<b>Special Accounts</b>		<b>Payroll Expenditures</b>	19,676.52
Internship Fund	7,250.00	<b>Share And Care</b>	75.00
Local Outreach Ministry	7,123.71	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>29,546.19</u>
Church Missions	1,493.74	<b>Net Revenue</b>	<u><u>459.81</u></u>
Marriage Ministry	307.98		
Scholarship	322.26		
Youth	8,713.93		
<b>Total Special Accounts</b>	<u>25,211.62</u>		
<b>Total Bank Total</b>	<u>97,249.65</u>		
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>97,249.65</u>		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>97,249.65</u></u>		

Christ The King Free Lutheran Church  
Trustee Meeting Minutes April 11, 2024 7 PM

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

**Also Present:** Pastor Tim Johnson, Pastor Joe Larson, Collene Landgren, Roger Janssen, Dan Gorder, Denis Parsley.

**Vice-President Dave Muller** called the meeting to order, Heather D will be late to the meeting. Devotions were led by Jane Smith reading Ephesians 4:1 - 6. The theme was diversity & unity and both are necessary. There is one body & one Spirit in Christ. Jane S. led in prayer. Alan Warner will lead devotions in May.

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

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

**Ankeny Church Plant:** The March financial report was presented.

**Dan Gorder** requested to address the trustees. He would like the trustees to consider supporting Pastor Dave Wold in his mission work with outreach funds. The trustees thanked Dan for his input and he left the meeting.

**President Heather DeWilde** chaired the rest of the meeting.

**Outreach:** Dave S. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Laurel B. Motion carried.

AFLC \$ 1,109.00 Food Shelf \$ 100.00 Abels \$ 100.00  
CRU-Jeff \$ 500.00 Paul \$ 500.00 Steeles \$ 100.00  
Brazil Student \$ 100. Alpha Center \$ 300. Atlas \$ 200.  
Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500. Children's Life \$ 200.00  
PAS Wellness \$ 100. Lost Timber \$ 100. Intern \$ 500  
Ankeny Church \$ 500. Lake Benton Food Shelf \$ 100.  
Pastor Dave Wold \$ 500. Pickerel Lake Camp \$ 200.

**The secretary's report** from the March 14, 2024 meeting was presented. Laurel B. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dave M. Motion carried.

**Elders' Consultation:** Roger Janssen reported for the elders. They are continuing to review the membership roll and made a recommendation. Alan W. moved all confirmed memberships who were eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting on January 21, 2024 should be rolled on to the Voting Membership as of January 21, 2024 except Marilyn VanEssen who is deceased. Add January 21, 2024 for nonvoting member list from the March meeting. Seconded by Laurel B. motion carried.

**Pastors' Report: Pastor Tim:** Submitted a report of his activities for the last month. Jim O. moved, seconded by Jane S. to approve vacation request from Pastor Tim. April 13 and June 24 - July 9 motion carried.

**Pastor Joe:** Submitted a written report of his activities for the month. Jane S. moved, seconded by Dave M. to approve vacation time requested by Pastor Joe of June 16. Motion carried. Dave S. moved, seconded by Dave M. to approve

Pastor Joe's request to serve as Chaplain at Pickerel Lake Bible Camp June 23 - 28. Motion carried.

Pastor Joe reported he has been approached about being on the ballot at the AFLC annual meeting for the School Corporation or Nominating Committee and possibly the resolution committee. Alan W. moved, seconded by Jane S. to approve to be a candidate for one corporation and/or committee at the AFLC annual meeting.

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

**Old Business: Policy for CTK pastor for AFLC assignments:** Denis Parsley presented information on AFLC assignments and if an employee of Christ the King Free Lutheran Church can accept an assignment or nomination for AFLC corporations, boards, or committees without prior discussion with the Trustee board. Laurel Berg will draft a policy for AFLC assignments or special speaking requests. Tabled.

**Chairs:** Jane S. submitted additional information. Jane S. will order sample chairs from Comfort Tek and Church Plaza.

**Computer for livestream & pro presenter:** The computer is here and Nathan Sutherland is working on setting it up and the new software. Thanks Nathan

**Intern Ministry review:** Pastor Tim reported the AFLC district pastors discussed collaborating for an intern.

**Offering Policy:** Collene L. submitted a draft of the policy. The trustees will review it. Tabled

**RightNow Media:** Pastor Tim reported on the usage for the previous 4 months. Information will be shared with the congregation.

**New Business: Parking by sanctuary on grass:** Put a reminder in the bulletin to avoid parking on the grass in front of the sanctuary. Also remind people to not park so close to the sidewalk that the bumper hangs over the sidewalk.

**Use of fellowship hall:** Brandie Hulstein requested to use the hall May 18. Dave S. moved to approve, seconded by Dave M. motion carried.

**Other:** Laurel B. reported Jessie VanderPoel thanked CTK for the use of the church facilities for the homeschool group this year.

**Alan W. suggested** to get bids to get the carpet cleaned in the entry and fellowship hall. Collene L. will get some bids.

**Alan W. brought up** concern about the condition of the parking lot. It needs major repair.

**Dave S. informed** the board more people are needed to help with the visual presentation for Sunday mornings. Nathan will be stepping back starting June 1. There needs to be help with setting up pro presenter on Friday or Saturday and run slides on Sunday mornings.

**Heather D. adjourned the meeting.** Pastor Joe closed in prayer.

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

# Confirmation Babies 2024



Nick Bruns  
Alyssa Steuck



**Brunch will be served at 10:30 AM**



In honor of the Confirmands  
Confirmation Sunday, May 7  
The families thank you  
deeply for your prayers!

Alyssa Steuck & Nickolas Bruns



## National Day of Prayer May 2

The Pipestone Area Ministerial is hosting  
**National Day of Prayer**

Thursday, May 2, Noon – 1:00 PM  
Pipestone County Courthouse Lawn

### **“Lift Up the Word, Light Up the World”**

*“For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my  
darkness. For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I  
can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of  
the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take  
refuge in him.” 2 Samuel 22:19-21*

**All are welcome and encouraged to join this time of prayer  
and praise for our community, country and world.**



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

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 \* The graduates of Christ the King will be recognized during \*  
 \* the worship service Sunday, May 19 \*  
 \* Please join us to wish the graduates God's blessings. \*  
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 \* Grad Party!! Join us as we celebrate Brielle Kulm's graduation \*  
 \* on Friday, May 24, 2024 open house 5 - 8 PM at the Hiawatha \*  
 \* Lodge, 805 Third Ave NW, Pipestone, MN. \*  
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Join us in celebrating Trevin DeWilde's graduation on Sunday,  
 May 26, 4 - 8 PM, 1423 221st Street, Ruthton, MN

Join us at a Grad Party for Bode Bruns Sunday, May 26th, 2024  
 from 4 - 8 PM @ our home 920 2nd Ave SE Pipestone



**may**  
BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Connor Zephier
- 3 Julia Pillman
- 4 Justin Hulstein
- 4 Ella Woitaszewski
- 12 Dennis DeClerk
- 15 Darron Westfield
- 18 Maccoy McNickle
- 19 Jerry Rood
- 19 Jennifer Stangeland
- 19 Christian Haag
- 19 Harper Berg
- 20 Jim Gawerecki
- 20 Watson Woitaszewski
- 23 Lyla Terry
- 24 John Paetkau

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



**Men's Morning Bible Study**  
First Saturday of the month @  
7AM in the CTK fellowship hall.  
It will be 1-1.5 hrs. Done in time  
to get back to weekend projects.  
Bring what you want to drink.  
Rolls provided. Study is on men's  
leadership in the family, church  
and community.

Elders meet,  
May 2  
@ 5:00 PM  
@ CTK



**Christ the King serves**

**May 9, 2024 2-5 PM**

**at the Pipestone Food Shelf.**

They are requesting 6-8 people help.  
Contact Diana Uilk or the church  
office at 507-825-5958 if you are  
willing to help. Thank you!

Messenger  
articles due  
May 19





I would like to thank all my friends and fellow church members for all the prayers I received during my journey through fighting breast cancer. I am completely done with my chemo treatments. I am considered cancer free.

Like the song says. Our God is an awesome God.

Jon and Mary Stangeland

**CHRIST THE KING FREE LUTHERAN  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
Staff 2022-2023**

3 & 4 yr old: Samantha Terry / Janelle Brockberg

K - Grade 1: Ashley Hoheisel / Amy Steuck

Grades 2 - 3: Brandie Hulstein

Grade 4 - 5 : Laurie Bruns

Grade 7 Confirmation: Laurie Westerbur

Grade 8 Confirmation: Pastor Joe

Grade 9 Confirmation: Pastor Tim

10 - 12 Grade Tad Woelber, Scott Thomson

Adults: Pastor Tim

Superintendent: Janelle Brockberg

Music: Kari Rupp

**Thanks to each of you!**

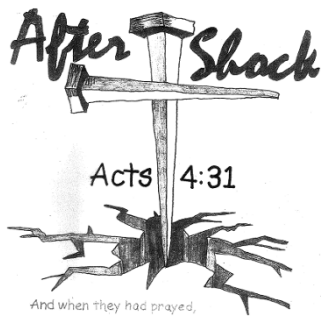
CTK Church  
Thank you for the cookbook given to me for my baby shower.

It is fun to have more recipes to try,  
Thank you for the support  
Tessa (Lueck) Sysavath

**Ankeny VBS help needed:** As Pastor Matthew looks into planning a VBS outreach down in Ankeny, he thought it would be good to potentially recruit some helpers from our congregation. If you, your family, or your youth students are interested in some sort of service down in Ankeny likely around mid-August, let Pastor Tim or Joe know so we can help Pastor Matthew in his planning and prep!







## Upcoming Dates to remember:

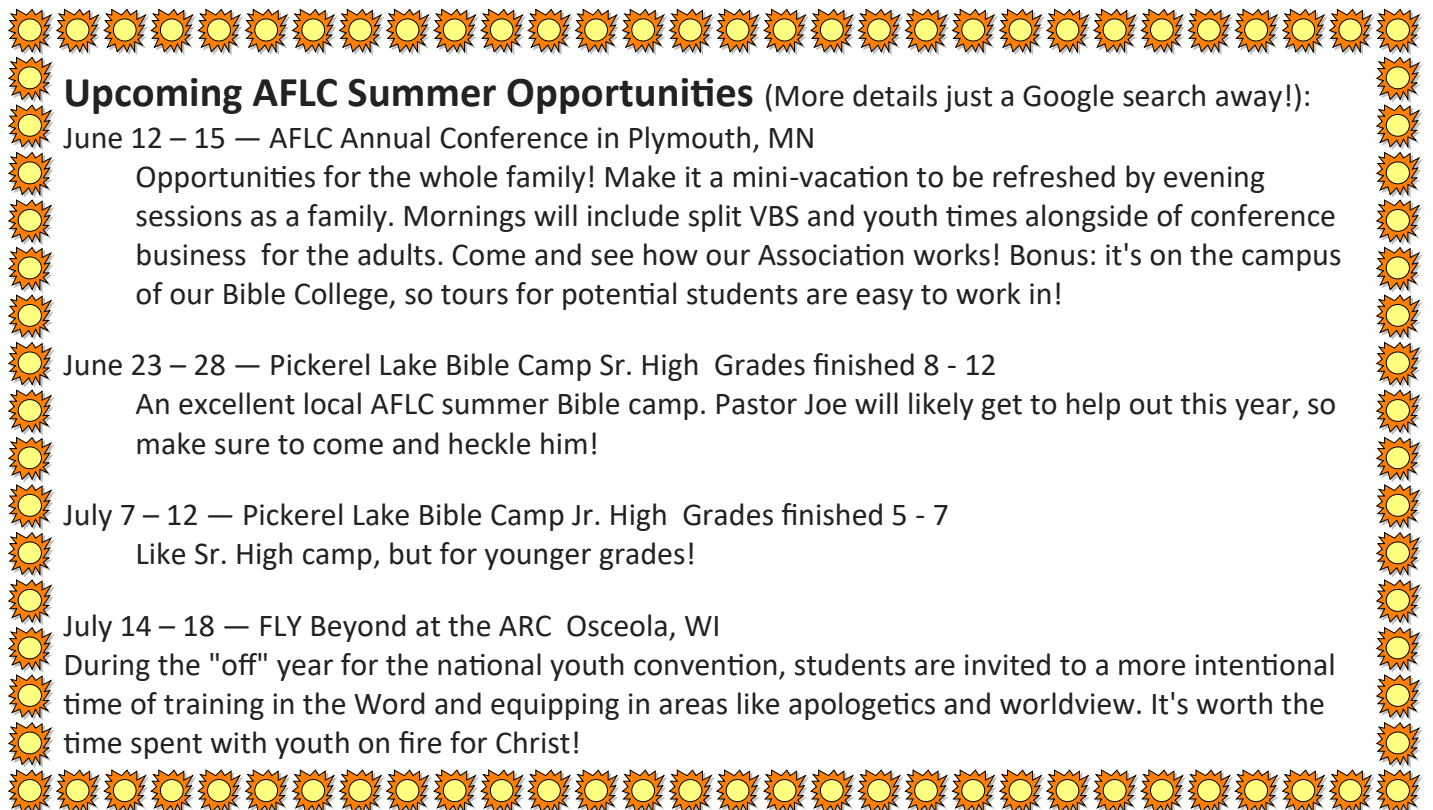
- May 5 Confirmation Sunday
- May 19 Graduate Sunday
- May 21 Last day of Sunday School
- May 22 Baccalaureate
- July 21 - 25 VBS



### Youth Family & Young Family Visits:

May 19: Final youth and family study for the school year. Keep an eye on the bulletin / group text for details. :)

**Youth Visits:** In addition to formal youth and younger family visits mentioned above, I'd love to continue visiting with your students even when school is out. If you would be open to me (and Sarah + Wesley sometimes) coming out to touch base with your students when they are around, I'd love to continue these connections. I may even swing by the school provided lunches as able to catch multiple students at once. I visited school on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year, but I can be flexible! Even if it's for a brief chat or a round of a board game, it's worth it. Please reach out to me if interested and be ready for me bugging y'all as summer kicks in soon!



### Upcoming AFLC Summer Opportunities (More details just a Google search away!):

June 12 – 15 — AFLC Annual Conference in Plymouth, MN

Opportunities for the whole family! Make it a mini-vacation to be refreshed by evening sessions as a family. Mornings will include split VBS and youth times alongside of conference business for the adults. Come and see how our Association works! Bonus: it's on the campus of our Bible College, so tours for potential students are easy to work in!

June 23 – 28 — Pickerel Lake Bible Camp Sr. High Grades finished 8 - 12

An excellent local AFLC summer Bible camp. Pastor Joe will likely get to help out this year, so make sure to come and heckle him!

July 7 – 12 — Pickerel Lake Bible Camp Jr. High Grades finished 5 - 7

Like Sr. High camp, but for younger grades!

July 14 – 18 — FLY Beyond at the ARC Osceola, WI

During the "off" year for the national youth convention, students are invited to a more intentional time of training in the Word and equipping in areas like apologetics and worldview. It's worth the time spent with youth on fire for Christ!



## Jeff & Marci Scholten with CRU: Bridges International

### Brief Background:

While in college, we were confronted with the reality that apart from Jesus, people are lost. Our heart is to see lives changed as students experience God's love and forgiveness through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Jeff** accepted Christ his freshman year in college by a student sharing the Gospel with him, during the '86-87 school year.

**Marci** met the Lord through her Mother's influence at the age of 17.

Both became involved in Cru and eventually lead parts of the ministry while studying at Minnesota State University at Mankato (1987-91).

Joined Cru staff in 1991, where they've served in Florida; Kiev Ukraine; Iowa State University; Greater Iowa team, Bridges Int'l regional field staff and now as a Bridges Missional Director overseeing nine midwest states, but based in Des Moines, IA.

### Present Responsibilities:

Bridges International is a non-profit, Christian organization (under Cru) that exists to help serve and mobilize the international student population in the USA and abroad. We'll do this through students, faculty, staff, pastors and local volunteers on campuses throughout the whole U.S.

**If anyone desires to hear more**, please don't hesitate to text (515-371-8911) or email ( [jeff.scholten@cru.org](mailto:jeff.scholten@cru.org) ) us. Please know that Y'all are greatly appreciated!!

Jeff & Marci



### Prayer Concerns

- Give the Lord praise for the new Couple joining our team!! (Mt 9:37-38)
- Praise our King: a Madagascar Student embraced Christ and has since led his Father & Sister to Christ!!
- Praise for so many Gospel presentations over Easter; our Int'l friends were very curious.
- Pray for Follow Up w/several Who gave their life to Christ, that Satan won't snatch or distract (Mk 4:13-20)
- Gratitude for what the Holy Spirit did accomplish!! (Lk 17:11-19)
- Pls claim God's Word for these Int'l Studs, b/c HE knows them by name.
- Please Pray that Jeff's leadership is Always Compassionately Courageous (Josh 1:9).
- Protection for Marci and Kids while Jeff travels (1Pet 5:6-9)
- Pray for necessary resources to carry on our work (Mt 6:11; Phil 4:18-19)



**Plant a Grove of Trees** JESUS COMPARED HIS KINGDOM TO A MUSTARD SEED. Although the smallest of all seeds, it grows into a tree so large that “the birds of the air come and nest in its branches” (Matthew 13:32). In remote areas of the world, Samaritan's Purse is helping families plant the seeds of a brighter future. We are teaching families how to grow trees that will eventually provide food, shelter, and other materials. From South Sudan to Uganda, your \$45 gift will provide a family with saplings, training, and supplies—all in Jesus' Name.



“For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”  
 - [Romans 1:20](#)

## Family of the Week

- May 5 Marlin Berg
- May 12 Philip & Laurel Berg; Hannah, Isaac
- May 19 Deb Blaue
- May 26 Michael & Leann Bloemendaal; Shelby

## Ushers

### Sound Tech

- May 5 Alan Warner
- May 12 Kyle DeWilde
- May 19 Alan Warner
- May 26 Dave Sutherland

## Worship Leaders

- May 5 Bill Steuck, Kari Rupp, Laurel Berg, Judy Steuck
- May 12 Irene Warner, Donna Smith, Charles Hoffman, Jane Smith
- May 19 Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Jane Smith, Susan Parsley
- May 26 Praise Band; Sheila Westfield, leading

## Altar Guild

- Sue DeClerk
- Linny Janssen

## Money Counters/ Trustees

- Dave Muller
- Dave Krusemark

## Acolytes

- May 5 Kenley DeWilde
- May 12 Jordan DeRuyter
- May 19 Kynslee Hulstein
- May 26 Tanner Thomson



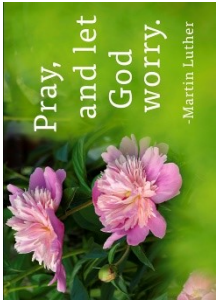

## Nursery

- May 5 Ashley Hoheisel
- May 12 Alyssa Steuck
- May 19 Amy Steuck
- May 26 Ashley Hoheisel





Sunday                      Monday                      Tuesday                      Wednesday                      Thursday                      Friday                      Saturday

			<p><b>1</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study @ CTK 1:00 PM Quilters meet 7:30 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>2</b> Noon - 1 PM National Day of Prayer @ Courthouse Lawn 5: PM Elders Meet</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> 7 AM Men's Study @ CTK</p>
<p><b>5</b> 9:30 AM Confirmation Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Sunday School &amp; Confirmation</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> 1:30 PM Women's Bible Study @ Jeanette Larsons</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> 2-5 PM CTK @ Food Shelf 7: PM Trustees</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
<p><b>12</b> <i>mother's DAY</i> 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Sunday School &amp; Confirmation</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> Private Baby Shower</p>
<p><b>19</b> 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Brunch Blessing 10:45 AM Sunday School &amp; Confirmation 4:30 PM Youth / Family Study <b>Messenger Articles Due</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> 7:30 PM Baccalaureate</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26</b> 9:30 AM Worship Service <b>PAS Graduation</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> +  MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><i>Stay Close TO God THIS Summer</i></p>