

CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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A Christian Response to Governmental Restriction

Without a doubt, COVID-19 has disrupted life all over the world and demands special attention and unusual response. Every facet of our way of life has had to adjust from the way we do business, buy supplies, worship, educate, recreate, etc. Someone has said that desperate situations call for desperate measures.

But how should a Christian respond when the government restricts churches from meeting publicly for worship? Do we ignore or rebel against such a restriction? Do we just accept it? Sometimes it gets complicated.

What does Scripture say? First off, Romans 13:1 says, "Let everyone submit to the governing authorities, since there is no authority except from God..." Clearly, we are to take what the government says seriously and submit to its laws. However, what if the government's laws contradict God's will? Peter and the Apostles were faced with this contradiction in chapter five of Acts. They responded, "We must obey God rather than man," (v. 29).

Secondly, we must not be a source of stumbling for those around us nor place an undue burden upon them (Romans 14:13). Romans 15:1 says, "Now we who are strong have an obligation to bear the weaknesses of those without strength, and not to please ourselves." A Christian is to look out for the best interest of those around him or her and to love his or her neighbors.

In response to the above Scripture and the desires of the government's shelter in place order, CTK has chosen to not publicly meet for worship. We have sought to obey our governing authorities and to take care of our neighbors by socially distancing ourselves. But wouldn't it be wonderful if we could honor government and our neighbors while safely meeting together in worship?

Many churches all over our country, including several in Minnesota, have been doing just that. They have had drive-in services where people park, stay in their cars, keep their windows rolled up and hear the service on their radios while watching the pastors and leaders from the safety of their own cars. This is a practice that is safer than any Governor's exceptions for sheltering in place. As long as the people don't physically come in contact with each other, they are safe. In fact, they are much safer than going to the grocery store or liquor store or even the drive-throughs of banks, restaurants and pharmacies.



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Some governments have chosen to punish drive-in worship services. However, United States Attorney General Barr addressed this in regard to the state of Mississippi on April 14th.

Today, the Department filed a Statement of Interest in support of a church in Mississippi that allegedly sought to hold parking lot worship services, in which congregants listened to their pastor preach over their car radios, while sitting in their cars in the church parking lot with their windows rolled up. The City of Greenville fined congregants \$500 per person for attending these parking lot services – while permitting citizens to attend nearby drive-in restaurants, even with their windows open. The City appears to have thereby singled churches out as the only essential service (as designated by the state of Mississippi) that may not operate despite following all CDC and state recommendations regarding social distancing.

Attorney General Barr also stated,

But even in times of emergency, when reasonable and temporary restrictions are placed on rights, the First Amendment and federal statutory law prohibit discrimination against religious institutions and religious believers. Thus, government may not impose special restrictions on religious activity that do not also apply to similar nonreligious activity.

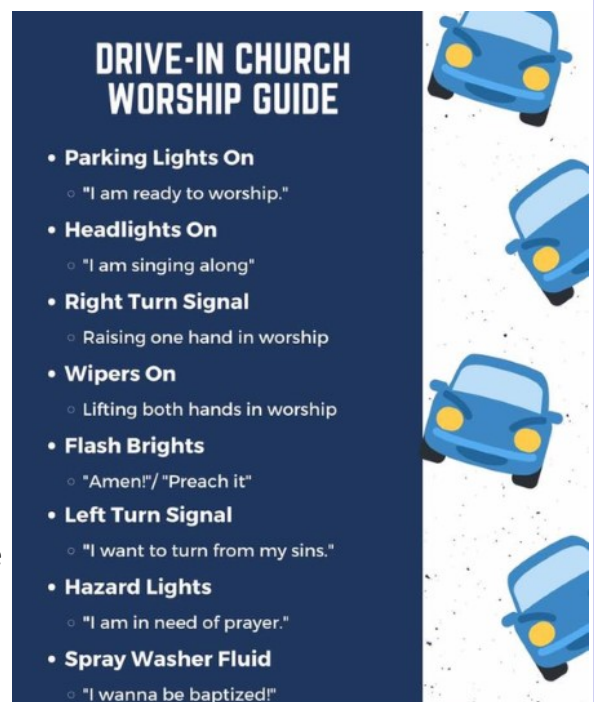
We have found a legitimately safe way to gather together in public worship. It is an opportunity to encourage one another with our presence and show the community that we are still present. We have the technology for this and the highest government in our country has now stated that it is our right. We are hoping to have a drive-in service on May 3rd at 10:30 AM where people stay in their vehicles with their windows up and listen on their radios. A parking arrangement for maximum sight will be organized. The service will be around 30 minutes long including some singing, prayer and a message.

We will continue to offer our worship service and Daily Bible Moments online. This will give those who choose to stay home or are viewing from a distance, an opportunity to still see the worship service. We are also launching an interactive Bible Study time using Zoom on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM. More information on this opportunity can be found in the Messenger. We are continuing to offer our worship service on the local cable access channel on Thursdays at 11 AM, 3 PM and 8 PM as well as the message on KLOH radio on Sundays at 7:30 AM.

In closing, hang in there for the One who hung up there. We belong to the Lord God of all creation; the One loves us so much that He gave His only Son to deliver us from evil. Spring is here and summer is on its way. The SON is shining!

To Him Be the Glory!

Pastor Tim



May SERMON SERIES

New Life

May 3 Fully Realized Revelation 21:1-7 Pastor Tim

New Series:

CHURCH



May 10 The Power Acts 1:1-2:36 Pastor Matthew

May 17 The Beginning Acts 2:37-37 Pastor Tim

May 24 The Message Acts 3:1-26 Pastor Tim

May 31 The Boldness Acts 4:1-31 Pastor Tim

June 7 The Fellowship Acts 4:32-37 TBD

June 14 The Warning Acts 5:1-11 TBD



TRINITY
SAN ANTONIO
A life-giving church

Short Missions Trip to Trinity Free Lutheran Church

We are planning a short missions trip to help an AFLC church plant in San Antonio, TX. Below is some basic information. Contact Pastor Matthew for more details.

- **WHEN:** August 20-24 (NOTE: If there is enough interest, we would love to schedule another trip in January or February)
- **WHO:** All ages! We encourage families to go together.
- **WHAT:** This is an outreach focused trip to benefit the ministry in San Antonio. Our desire is to share information regarding Trinity Lutheran Church with the surrounding area through literature distribution.
- **COST:** \$500 per person (lower family rates are possible) - Includes lodging, food, vehicle rentals, printing outreach materials, a sightseeing trip, and a gift to the church plant. Individuals will be responsible for their own travel to/from San Antonio.
- **COMMITMENT:** There is limited space on this trip so that we are not a burden to the small church plant. Please notify Pastor Matthew if you are interested in joining this trip. We are asking for your final word by May 31.

PLEASE NOTE: There is always an element of sacrifice involved in missions work. For some the greatest sacrifice will be time. We are fully aware the Pipestone Area Schools will have begun by the time of this trip. For some the sacrifice is financial. A trip of this nature is not cheap especially if you count any time taken off from work. For some the sacrifice will be comfort. Speaking with strangers about eternal matters is outside of our comfort zone. But remember this, our sacrifice is nothing more than to share with others about the One who paid the ultimate sacrifice for us on the cross. Sharing Jesus is costly, but it bears eternal rewards! (See Luke 9:57-62)

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church
Financial Report
As of March 31, 2020

Balance Sheet

Revenue / Expenditures

	<u>Mar 31, 20</u>		<u>Mar 20</u>
ASSETS		Revenue	
Checking/Savings		Building and Grounds	170.00
Bank Total		General Revenue	16,289.93
Building		Outreach Revenue	<u>6,711.82</u>
Altar Guild	324.67	Total Revenue	23,171.75
Building Fund Account	<u>6,956.09</u>	Expenditures	
Total Building	7,280.76	Building & Grounds	6,438.73
General Total		Conferences/Meetings	315.00
General	24,720.67	Discipleship Expenditures	497.56
Truth Help	308.09	Family Support	10.12
Total General Total	<u>25,028.76</u>	Misc.	1,085.82
Outreach		Office	407.14
20% Offering	4,041.20	Outreach Disbursement	
Children's Mission Offering	332.54	20 %Outreach	3,286.07
Thrivent	<u>1,402.00</u>	PAS Wellness	100.00
Total Outreach	5,775.74	Samaritan's Purse	<u>450.29</u>
Share And Care	364.49	Total Outreach Disburseme	3,836.36
Special Accounts		Payroll Expenditures	17,448.97
Internship Fund	100.00	Share And Care	216.18
Local Outreach Ministry	1,811.00	Youth	342.75
Church Missions	1,493.74	Total Expenditures	<u>30,598.63</u>
Marriage Ministry	307.98	Net Revenue (Deficit)	<u><u>(7,426.88)</u></u>
Scholarship	322.26		
Youth	<u>10,325.19</u>		
Total Special Accounts	<u>14,360.17</u>		
Total Bank Total	<u>52,809.92</u>		
Total Checking/Savings	<u>52,809.92</u>		

Christ The King Free Lutheran Church
Trustee Meeting Minutes April 7, 2020 6 PM

Present: Dave Sutherland, Jim Otter, Brandie Hulstein, Laurie Bruns, Jim Gawerecki, Matthew Amdahl, Heather DeWilde, Morgan McNickle **Absent:** Bill VanderPlaats

Also Present: Mike Morgan, Collene Landgren, Pastor Tim, Pastor Matthew, Intern Seth Moan.

President Jim Gawerecki called the meeting to order. The meeting was held through text messages as the Stay at Home order issued by the governor of Minnesota prohibited groups of 10 or more meeting. The Trustees were emailed copies of the Treasurer's report and an agenda. Pastor Tim led in prayer. Matthew A. will lead devotions in May.

The Treasurer's report for March was presented. Laurie B. moved, to accept treasure's report. Seconded by Brandie H. Motion carried.

The Payment of bills, Laurie B. moved to approve the bills, seconded by Brandie H. Motion carried.

Outreach was discussed; Brandie H. moved to approve outreach and to keep the \$941.20 of undesignated money to carry over to May to be disbursed, if applicable, at the May meeting, seconded by Dave S. Motion carried.

Food Shelf	\$ 100.00	Alpha Center	\$ 300.00
CRU-Jeff	\$ 500.00	CRU-Paul	\$ 500.00
Brazil Student	\$ 100.00	Atlas for Life	\$ 200.00
Outreach Ministry	\$ 300.	Children's Life	\$ 200.00
Kvale's(Wycliffe)	\$ 500.00		
Matthew & Ednay Abel	\$ 100.00 (for 1 year; May)		
CRU-Tim & Sheila Steele	\$ 100.00 (1 yr 12/19)		
Local Outreach Ministry	\$ 300.00		
San Antonio Church Plant	\$ 100.00		
PAS Wellness Room	\$ 100.00		

The secretary's report was not presented due to nature of the meeting.

Old Business:

Replace Door: The bottom sweep still needs to be adjusted

Roof: Tabled Jim G. reported bids are being received by the Trustees.

New Business:

Coronavirus Impact: The Stay At Home order was extended to May 4. Worship services will continue to be live streamed though the month of April.

Offering Checks & Cash: Collene L. will record the offering and take the funds to the treasurer for deposit.

Easter drive-in service: Pastor Tim brought up the possibility of offering a drive-in type service for Easter Sunday worship. After discussion it was decided it may give the wrong impression the Stay at Home order was being relaxed. The MN Department of Health gave a verbal "No" to this activity and the Governor had not responded to our request about doing this activity. Given that we were unable to secure permission from the state and the weather report was predicting blowing snow and cold, it was decided not to continue plans for a drive-in service for Easter worship.

Cares Payroll Protection Plan Loan: This is a loan to help specifically with payroll. Amounts used for payroll and utilities will turn to a grant and not have to be paid back. Money in excess of the grant amount will have to be paid back within two years at a very low interest rate. The trustees agreed to apply for the loan. Mike Morgan will complete the application and submit to the First Bank and Trust.

Morgan M. moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dave S. Matt A. closed in prayer. Jim G. adjourned the meeting.

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

Confirmation Babies 2020



Brynn Manzey

Connor Holt

Mason DeRuyter



Due to the uncertainty at this time

The confirmation service will be rescheduled to a date to be determined later.



Confirmands are:

Brynn Manzey

Connor Holt

Mason DeRuyter

AFLC Conference Information

Host: ARC - Association Retreat Center,
Osceola, WI

AUGUST 10- 12, 2020

Due to the Coronavirus epidemic, the AFLC Conference Committee, in consultation with this year's host, the Association Retreat Center, is announcing a change in dates. A shortened version of the Annual Conference will be held starting at 9 a.m. on Monday August 10th and will close with the business session on Wednesday August 12th at 5:30 p.m. We confess that we certainly see through a glass darkly right now, but believe the most helpful thing we can do for our future planning is to set these dates and trust that we will be able to move forward when the time arrives.

PLEASE PRAY for the AFLC Annual Conference

*The AFLC would continue to uphold the inerrant Word of God and stand strong in the face of spiritual warfare.

*Elections at the conference would be guided by the Holy Spirit.

*Safety for those attending the conference.

WILL HE FIND
FAITH?

Luke 18:8





Isaac Berg,
 Christian Haag,
 Jennifer Swanson,
 Jackson Winter,
 Marcus Westfield,
 Hannah Minet,
 Gabriel Schiebout,
 Carl Haag,
 Christopher Sutherland,
 Heather Huether

#LoveTheBanquet



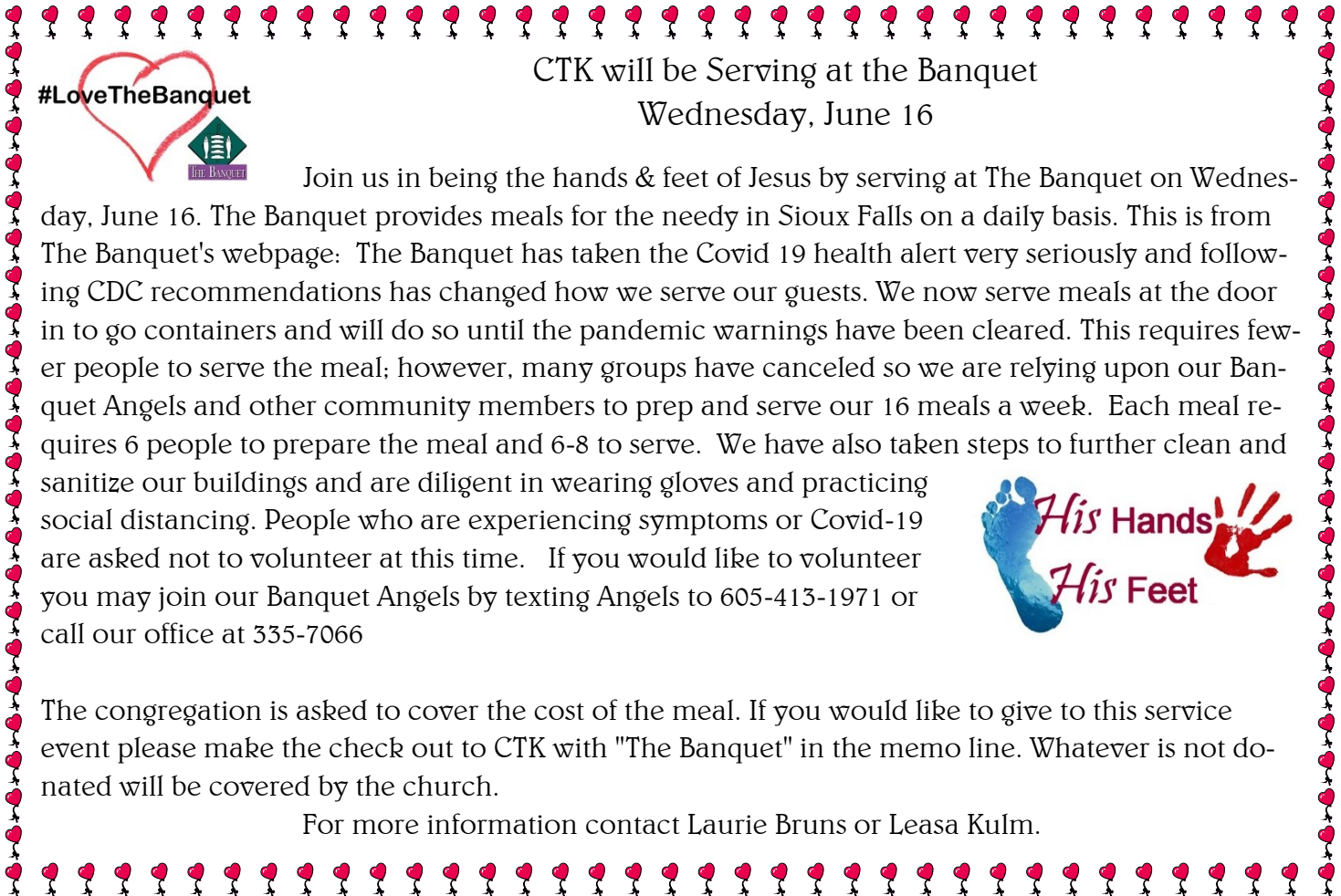
CTK will be Serving at the Banquet
 Wednesday, June 16

Join us in being the hands & feet of Jesus by serving at The Banquet on Wednesday, June 16. The Banquet provides meals for the needy in Sioux Falls on a daily basis. This is from The Banquet's webpage: The Banquet has taken the Covid 19 health alert very seriously and following CDC recommendations has changed how we serve our guests. We now serve meals at the door in to go containers and will do so until the pandemic warnings have been cleared. This requires fewer people to serve the meal; however, many groups have canceled so we are relying upon our Banquet Angels and other community members to prep and serve our 16 meals a week. Each meal requires 6 people to prepare the meal and 6-8 to serve. We have also taken steps to further clean and sanitize our buildings and are diligent in wearing gloves and practicing social distancing. People who are experiencing symptoms or Covid-19 are asked not to volunteer at this time. If you would like to volunteer you may join our Banquet Angels by texting Angels to 605-413-1971 or call our office at 335-7066



The congregation is asked to cover the cost of the meal. If you would like to give to this service event please make the check out to CTK with "The Banquet" in the memo line. Whatever is not donated will be covered by the church.

For more information contact Laurie Bruns or Leasa Kulm.





Birthdays

- 1 Connor Zephier
- 3 Julia Pillman
- 4 Jennifer Swanson
- 4 Justin Hulstein
- 4 Ella Woitaszewski
- 6 Coltin Dupont
- 8 Carol Glidewell
- 11 Marina Wollman
- 12 Dennis DeClerk
- 15 Dorothy Wendt
- 15 Darron Westfield
- 16 Garrett Glidewell
- 19 Jerry Rood
- 19 Jennifer Stangeland
- 19 Christian Haag
- 20 Jim Gawerecki
- 23 Lyla Terry
- 27 Emerson Winter



Tentatively Scheduled National Day of Prayer 7

Please join other Christians in praying for our community & nation on Thursday, May 7, noon to 1 PM
Come & go as you are able.
North steps of the Pipestone Courthouse lawn.
This event is being sponsored by the local Ministerial.
All are welcome.

**Chatter-sewers
(Quilting)
will meet NOT
In May**



Messenger
articles are due
May 24

Elders meet,
May 21
@ 7:00 PM
@ CTK



Memorial May 25 DAY

Food Shelf



Christ the King serves
May 21 2-5 PM

Christ the King is scheduled to serve at the Pipestone Food Shelf on May 21, at this time the Food Shelf is distributing food. They are requesting 2-4 people to help on the day before, Wednesday, May 20 to pack boxes of food and 2 to 4 people to help on May 21 to distribute the boxes.



Christ the King Lutheran Church

Thank you for your donation to our food shelf. We appreciate it very much. It will help our local people who just need a little help.

We appreciate it very much,
Lake Benton Food Shelf

Dear Tim & Christ the King Free Lutheran Church
Each day when we walk in the doors of the Alpha Center, we are not alone. We work as a team, encouraging and supporting each other as we serve those who need us most. We are, in a strong sense, family. - praying with and for one another.

We fight a daily spiritual battle, and it is only by God's grace we succeed. Yet, this family is not just the staff. You are a part of this team, this family. Your support is not just counted in physical gifts, but in the simple fact that you are a vital part of the encouraging and supportive atmosphere that defines who we are at Alpha Center.

Thank you for playing an integral role in our work. Together, we reach those in need. And together, we are changing a culture. It is an honor to serve alongside you.

Sincerely, Alpha Center Staff

Thank you Friends at Christ the King,

I have so enjoyed the notes and letters from everyone, it has been wonderful being remembered by you.

As you know, being inside the care center and not having visitors is lonely for us. My daughter, Sharon has stopped by and talked thru the speaker inside the front entrance. That's a close as we can be to family or friends.

Please continue to remember me with letters, calls, and prayers as well as others that are in care facilities. The day I receive your letter and sometimes even a package with special treats makes me feel wonderful. Each day is a blessing. Hopefully, this will all pass soon and we can get back to a normal way of life.

I pray God's blessings to you all, my church family.
Malva DeVine



**CHRIST THE KING FREE LUTHERAN
CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL
Staff 2019-2020**

4 yr-Pre K:	Jason & Amy Steuck Melissa Zephier Heidi Woelber
K & 1 Grade:	Scott Thomson
Grade 2 & 3:	Philip Berg
Grade 4:	Dawn Sutherland Collene Landgren
Grade 5 & 6:	Dave Muller
Grade 7 & 8:	Pat & Jodi Haag
Grade 9-12:	Pastor Matthew Intern Seth Moan Pastor Tim
Adult	Pastor Tim Intern Seth Moan Pastor Matthew
Superintendent:	Janelle Brockberg Cindy Johnson
Music:	Julia Pillman Hannah Minet

Thanks to each of you!

Dear Christ the King Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful Easter lilies, they brightened up our rooms. It was such a nice surprise to receive them for Easter.

Blessings, Malva DeVine, Irene Tirrel, Sharon Claussen



Dear Diana (Uilk) and Christ the King Quilters,

We would like to thank you for your generous donation of various sized quilts for families in need.

Thank you for thinking of us and trusting us to get these to people in need.

Sincerely,
Southwest Health and Human Services

Online Interactive Bible Study Beginning this Sunday Evening April 26 @ 7:00 PM.



The format will include an introduction of the text, short random break-out groups of 4 (devices that are logged in) entertaining certain questions of the text and large group come-together-time. The texts will include segments from the end of Romans 12 through Romans 15 which deal with how Christians interact within their culture and community.

An email will be sent out with the link for any who want to participate. Zoom is a very simple format to use for the participants. You can access it on your computer or smart phone as well as simply call in for audio only. Below is the information that will be emailed.

How to join the video call (Zoom)

If you have not already done so, download the "Zoom client" for either your laptop or cell phone by following this link: <https://zoom.us/download>

Click this link to join our scheduled Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89499810014>

How to join by telephone

1. Dial +1 312-626-6799
2. Enter this meeting ID as prompted: 894 9981 0014#

You will be able to hear the study and talk during the small group time



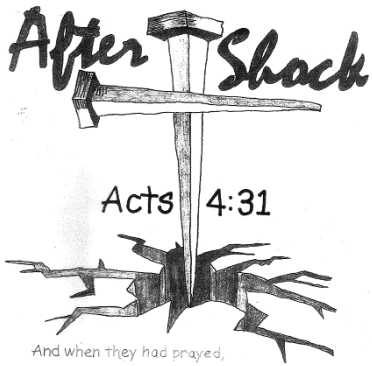
Drive-in Worship Service May 3 @ 10:30 AM

Where? In the church parking lot (parking will be organized for optimal viewing)

How? Stay in your car with your window rolled up and tune your car radio to FM 107.3. Words for songs will be available on your phones or made available ahead of time so you can sing along if you choose.

What? Will include music, prayer and a message. Total service will be about a ½ hour.

Following the Drive-in Worship: We will be honoring our intern Seth and Cassie and baby Kate with a drive-by wave as people leave the church parking lot. We might even get wild and honk our horns. Seth and Cassie's last Sunday with us is May 3.



Upcoming Dates to remember:

- ♦ May 24 PAS Graduation
- ♦ June 16 Serve At the Banquet
- ♦ June 21-26 Sr High Pickerel Lake Camp
- ♦ June 26-31 Jr High Pickerel Lake Camp
- ♦ July 19-23 Beyond FLY



Pickerel Lake Lutheran Bible Camp

is a 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 21-26 (register by June 1)
- Junior High week (grades 5-7) is July 26-31 (register by July 7)

FLY Beyond 2020 (July 19-23)

FLY Beyond is a biennial, national youth equipping conference put on by AFLC Youth Ministries. It is held at the Association Retreat Center in Osceola, WI. The theme this year is Mysterious Hope. The first registration deadline has been extended to June 30 with a deposit of \$150. Remaining travel and registration costs will be covered by Christ the King youth ministry.



PLEASE NOTE: This event is not for everyone! We highly recommend this event for students that are ready to grow deeper in their confidence as a spiritual leader. Students will be challenged and equipped by apologetics training and Biblical teaching.



Todd & Barb Schierkolk Zacatecas, Mexico



Thanks so much for your note. Thanks for your prayers for us down here south of the border.

In our state of Zacatecas, churches have had to close since the last week or so of March. In our town of Jerez, 16 people currently are infected with COVID-19 and two people have died. One young man who was confirmed in our church went in to be tested for the virus but it came back negative. We are grateful that no one in our little congregation has gotten sick so far.

This past week we finished our reading through the Gospel of John on Easter Sunday in our own homes and this week we began our in-home reading through the book of Acts. I've been grateful to the Lord for opportunities that have come up to discuss and clarify questions about the End Times and also about Christians and God's promises of protection from viruses and healing. We continue to pray for the work of the Spirit in calling people to repentance and faith in Jesus as we face our own vulnerabilities and human fragility. Thankfully, the Word of God is not quarantined.

Several sons and their wives have come to their mom's home to listen and participate in the readings and studies so we pray for the gracious effect of God's word on the hearts.

Our daughter, Kirstie's, wedding ceremony in Illinois has been cancelled and they are working to come up with a new plan for how to get married in the middle of May. So, we would appreciate your prayers with us that our Father in heaven would help Kirstie and her fiancé to accomplish their wedding.

Pastor Todd and Barb Schierkolk began serving in Mexico in 1996. They have started exciting ministries with kids and families, finding that to be one of the most successful ways to reach people. Alongside their congregation, Todd and Barb minister in the community. They have a special heart for the youth and look to mentor and train them to become active members of the congregation. The Schierkolks are now empty-nesters as their daughters are now living in the U.S.

Prayer Concerns

- ◇ For safety and protection in these times of uncertainty with covid-19
- ◇ For people to turn to and know the Lord
- ◇ For the work of the Spirit in calling His people to repentance
- ◇ For good health & safe travels
- ◇ For Kirstie's wedding ceremony that was postponed, as they work on new plans.



Baby Chicks

For impoverished families, a brood of chicks can become a daily reminder of God's faithfulness, as their eggs provide nutritious food as well as income. For \$14, we can supply a dozen chicks, help a family set up a coop, or offer basic veterinary care.



“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](#)

Acolytes

Altar Guild

Sue DeClerk

Family of the Week

- May 3 Dean & Leslie Lueck; Chase, Tessa, Trase
- May 10 Bryan & Kennedy Manzey, Finnick
- May 17 Julie Manzey; Brooke, Brynn
- May 24 Lisa Masica
- May 31 Nathan & Nancy McConnell; Trinity

Money Counters/
Trustees

Nursery

Kitchen Clean-up

Hospitality Greeters

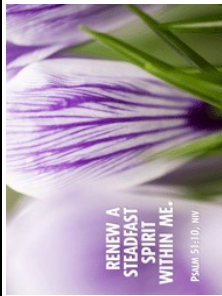



Ushers



Worship Leaders





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>3 10:30 AM Drive-In Streaming Worship Service</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Noon—1 PM National Day of Prayer @ Courthouse Lawn</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>10  10:30 AM Streaming Worship Service</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 7: PM Trustees</p>	<p>15 Pastor Tim @ Coordinating Committee @ AFLC</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 10:30 AM Streaming Worship Service</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 CTK help at Food Shelf</p>	<p>21 2-5 PM CTK @ Food Shelf 7:00 PM Elders Meet @ Church</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Tentative Scheduled Gabe Schiebout Grad Reception</p>
<p>24 10:30 AM Streaming Worship Service Messenger Articles Due</p>	<p>25  MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 </p>
<p>31 10:30 AM Streaming Worship Service</p>						