

CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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Our Heart is Glad in Him!

In November our thoughts often turn to all that we have to be thankful for. After a good harvest, it's natural to thank God. Yet, even in times of plenty it can be hard to tell God *thank you*, and to praise Him. Our attention is often distracted by all the other things we feel are going wrong rather than what God has provided. In the Psalms we see the prayers and songs of David. David wrote many of these when he was suffering greatly: he was abandoned, rejected, homeless, labeled a traitor, hunted, betrayed, cheated, and desolate. Even as he told God of his anguish, it was always with an attitude of trust in God. David knew the goodness of God, and even in times of sorrow, he could praise God, because it is good for the soul to do so. I've come across several recent news articles explaining how thankfulness is good for your mental health; but they never define the object of your thanks. Who are you supposed to be thanking? They never say. God is the giver of every good gift. I would add that not only is it good to be thankful, it is very good to express it. Some of my most powerful memories of worshipping God through song are from college vespers. These were sweet times when I forgot about the hundreds of people surrounding me, or about my problems, and just focused on the words, and on singing them to God sincerely and unreservedly from the heart. This is still hard to do: my heart is easily distracted and often grumpy. What I appreciate so much about David's psalms is that he often talks to himself, he directs his own heart to praise God. We too can remind our grumpy hearts of God's goodness to us, and direct our hearts to pour out praise. Give praise to God and He will make your heart glad.

Blessings – Intern Sam

Psalm 33:1 "Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. 2 Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! 3 Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. 4 For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. 5 He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. 6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. 7 He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! 9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, 19 that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. 21 For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. 22 Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you."



COMPLAINING TURNED TO THANKSGIVING

November 7	A Good Work in Your Days	Habakkuk 1:2-11	Pastor Tim
November 14	The Lord is in His Holy Temple	Habakkuk 2:18-20	Pastor Tim
November 21	Rejoice in the God of Your Salvation	Habakkuk 3:17-19	Intern Sam
November 24	Thanksgiving Eve	TBD	TBD

First Christmas Promises (Advent Series)

November 28	The Promised Seed	Genesis 3:15	Pastor Matthew
December 5	The Promised Blessing	Genesis 12:1-3	TBD
December 12	The Promised King	2 Samuel 7:12-16	TBD
December 19	Youth Sunday / Sunday School Program		
December 24	Christmas Eve Service		



Men's Morning Bible Study

The Man of God through the Life of David

This is a 6-week fellowship
& study on Friday mornings
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM at Finnians.

Invite your friends/neighbors!

October 29	The Man God Chooses	1 Samuel 16
November 7	The Man of Courageous Victory	1 Samuel 17
November 14	The Tested Man	1 Samuel 18
November 21	The Delivered Man	1 Samuel 19
December 3	The Man of Genuine Friendship	1 Samuel 20
December 10	The Man of Conscience	1 Samuel 24

Contact one of the pastors for more information.

Cash Basis

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church Financial Report As of September 30, 2021

Revenue

	<u>Sep 30, 21</u>		<u>Sep 21</u>
ASSETS		Revenue	
Checking/Savings		Building and Grounds	159.00
Bank Total		Discipleship	112.00
Building		General Revenue	18,326.71
Altar Guild	108.92	Outreach Revenue	4,752.71
Building Fund Account	1,531.09	Total Revenue	<u>23,350.42</u>
Total Building	<u>1,640.01</u>	Expenditures	
General Total		Building & Grounds	2,771.36
General	18,874.52	Discipleship Expenditures	495.00
Truth Help	278.93	Family Events	26.14
Total General Total	<u>19,153.45</u>	Family Support	21.27
Outreach		Misc.	717.05
20% Offering	4,569.96	Office	193.92
Children's Mission Offering	182.75	Outreach Disbursement	
Thrivent	1,268.99	20 %Outreach	3,818.42
Total Outreach	<u>6,021.70</u>	PAS Wellness	100.00
Share And Care	1,875.00	Samaritan's Purse	254.35
Special Accounts		Total Outreach Disbursement	<u>4,172.77</u>
Internship Fund	5,033.54	Payroll Expenditures	18,153.86
Local Outreach Ministry	6,123.71	Youth	180.03
Church Missions	1,493.74	Total Expenditures	<u>26,731.40</u>
Marriage Ministry	307.98	Net Revenue (Deficit)	<u><u>(3,380.98)</u></u>
Scholarship	322.26		
Youth	10,953.93		
Total Special Accounts	<u>24,235.16</u>		
Total Bank Total	<u>52,925.32</u>		
Total Checking/Savings	<u>52,925.32</u>		



Just a reminder for you to start thinking about and working on your articles for the Annual Report for the meeting in January. The deadline is January 1. If you have your article finished before then, feel free to drop it off to the church office. Thank You! Articles & reports are due January 1, 2021
Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2022

Trustee Meeting Minutes Christ The King Free Lutheran Church October 14, 2021

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

Also Present: Intern Sam Willard, Collene Landgren, Mike Morgan, Pastor Matthew **Also absent:** Pastor Tim

President Jim Gawerecki called the meeting to order.

Devotions were led by Heather DeWilde by reading from an online devotional on making meaningful prayer time. The devotional defined 3 "Ds" of prayer. The desire, which cannot be forced, discipline, which can be learned and gets easier with practice and delight, it is good when prayer becomes a delight. Heather read from Matthew 6, the Father knows our needs before we even ask. Heather D. opened in prayer. Morgan McNickle will lead devotions in November.

Elders' Consultation: Jim G. reported he spoke with Wayne S. and they will be meeting for the annual pastor evaluation process.

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

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

Outreach was discussed; Heather D. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Morgan M. Motion carried.
AFLC \$ 469.96 Food Shelf \$ 300. Local Outreach \$ 300.
CRU- Jeff \$ 500.00 CRU-Paul \$ 500.00 Steeles \$ 100.00
Brazil Student \$ 100. Abels \$ 100. Alpha Center \$ 300.
KvaleWycliffe) \$ 500. Atlas for Life \$ 200. Children's Life \$ 200
Intern Account \$ 500. San Antonio Church \$ 100. PAS \$ 100.
Lake Benton Food Shelf \$ 100.00 Share N Care \$ 200.00
The purchase of 4 infant car seats to be given to the Pipestone County Medical Center with funds from the Thrivent account.

The secretary's report from the September 9, 2021 meeting was presented. Bill V. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim O. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting: will be January 30, 2022. Worship will be at 9:00 AM with the meeting at 10:30 AM in the sanctuary.

Trustee budget meeting will be Thursday, December 9 at 6:00 PM to be followed by the Trustee meeting at 7:00 PM. Jim G. will arrange for the audit of the church finances.

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:

Youth Ministry: Pastor Matthew reported for the Youth ministry. 8 to 10 youth have been attending Aftershock on Wednesday evenings. Youth group is from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, begins with a snack, worship time, discussion group, and completes with games and a time to hang out.

Family Ministry: no report was submitted.

Pastors' Report:

Pastor Tim submitted a report of activities for the last month. Pastor Tim is on vacation.

Pastor Matthew submitted a report for activities for the last month. He went to an Evening for Life meeting. Pastor Matthew expressed gratitude for the time he and Julia went to a church planting conference.

Old Business:

Bus: The bus was sold for salvage value of \$ 3,500.

Fans in restrooms: They have been replaced.

Skating Rink: Rod A. has volunteered to bank snow for the edges of the skating rink and will maintain and keep the rink clear.

New Business:

Church resume church potluck meals: Morgan M. moved, seconded by Bill V. to resume monthly potluck meals. Motion carried.

Vision 2033: The Military Biblestick ministry requested to take an offering for the ministry. Bill V. moved seconded by Laurie B. to collect for the Biblesticks on November 7 and 14. Motion carried.

Evaluations: Staff and pastor Evaluation forms will be put in the Trustee boxes for completing.

Nominating committee: Dawn Sutherland, Philip Berg, Denis Parsley, Jerry Remund, and Alan Warner are the committee for the election in 2022. Bill V. is completing his second term. Marcine O. is completing Matthew Amdahl's term and is eligible for election. Dave Sutherland is completing his first term and is eligible for reelection.

Investment in youth equipment: Pastor Matthew is requesting a portable speaker for \$150. And \$ 40 for a spikeball. Laurie B. moved to approve, seconded by Heather D. motion carried.

Van rental for Reality Conference in Eden Prairie, MN: The conference is November 12 & 13. Marcine O. moved that CTK will pay for transportation and lodging costs for anyone attending the conference, seconded by Jim O. Motion carried. Students will pay for their own registration.

Skating equipment: Pastor Matthew is requesting \$ 150 for outdoor lights, skates, and hockey sticks and \$ 265 for 18 broom ball sticks. Brandie H. moved to approve seconded by Jim O. motion carried. Funds will come from the youth account. Pastor Matthew also requested \$ 225 for goals/nets, will wait to purchase this equipment.

Clean rain gutters: the youth will clean the gutters when they do the yard clean up.

Jim G. adjourned the meeting, Pastor Matthew closed in prayer. Collene Landgren, recording secretary {Draft subject to approval by the trustees}




- 3 Carol Farmer
- 4 Debra Blaue
- 5 Christopher Rupp
- 6 Makenley De Wilde
- 7 Jeanette Larson
- 8 Alyssa Steuck
- 9 Andrew Berg
- 9 Melissa Wait
- 11 Heidi Woelber
- 13 Marla Viland
- 16 Grayson Lindquist
- 19 Jason Lindquist
- 19 Heidi Staples
- 22 Mary Shane
- 24 Amy Steuck
- 25 Andrew Farmer
- 29 Archie Rood
- 29 Wesley Haak
- 30 Glenda Kvale



**Fall
Back
November 7**

Chatter-sewers
(Quilting)
will meet
Tuesday
November 2
at 1:00 p.m.




Trustee Meeting
Thursday,
November 11, 7 PM



Youth Ministry
Meets Sunday
November 14 @ 11:45 AM



**Choir Rehearsals
Resume**
Wednesdays at 8 PM
beginning November 10



**Veterans Day
November 11**



District Pastors'
Meeting
November 11
@ 10 AM



**Wednesday, November 24
7:00 PM**



Elders' Meeting
@ CTK
Nov 18 @ 7:00 PM

**News Letter
DEADLINES**

November 21

**Christ the King serves
November 11 1-5 PM**

at the Pipestone Food Shelf.
2-4 people are needed to help.
Contact Diana Ulk or the church
office at 507-825-5958 if you are
willing to help. Thank you!



Christ the King

Thank you for donating 4 car seats to Pipestone Hospital Labor & Delivery. This is a great outreach service to our community. You are making a difference in the lives of others!
Pipestone County Medical Center



Every \$25.00 gift provides a valuable service member or veteran with a Military BibleStick and more... Your generosity will also equip others—those living in the outermost areas of the world who have little or no access to Truth—with the vital weaponry of Audio Scriptures.

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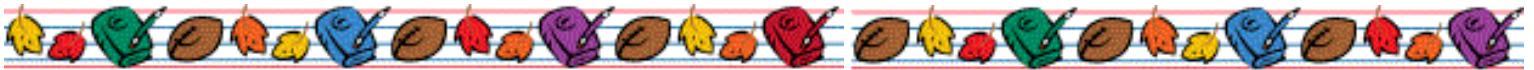




Upcoming Events

- November 6 SNA @ Beresford, SD
- November 12 - 13 Reality Conference
- November 17 Pack Christmas Child Boxes
- November 21 Parents' Meeting
- November 21 Forge Meets
- November 24 Thanksgiving Eve Service
- December 19 Youth Sunday & Christmas Program
- December 22 Christmas Party
- December 29 No Youth Group
- January 16 Nerf Wars Aftershock & Forge
- February 4 - 6 Winter Retreat
- February 17-21 Nogales Mission Trip

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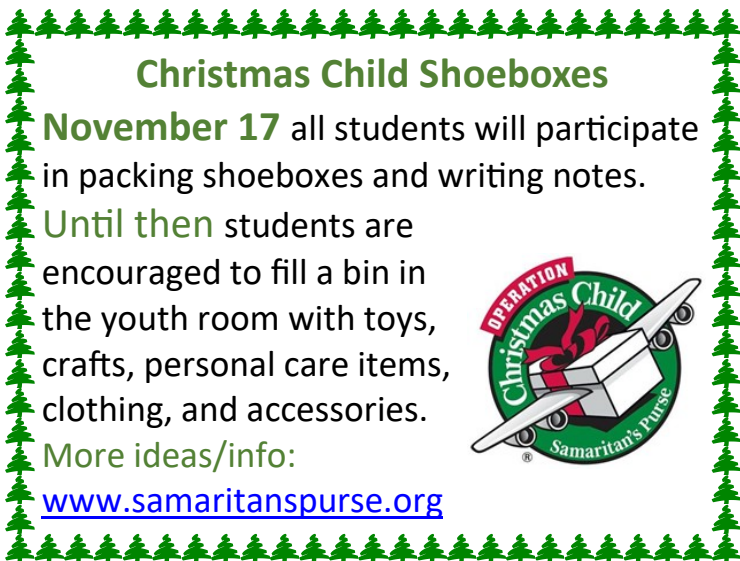


Chaos to Clarity Conference November 12-13 leave CTK at 1pm

This is a weekend full of worship, teaching, and community together with thousands of other like-minded students.
WHO: 6-12 grade students will be attending.

Invite your friends too!

COST: \$ 59 registration. CTK will cover transportation and lodging.
LEARN MORE and REGISTER: www.realityapologetics.com/mn



Christmas Child Shoeboxes

November 17 all students will participate in packing shoeboxes and writing notes.

Until then students are encouraged to fill a bin in the youth room with toys, crafts, personal care items, clothing, and accessories.

More ideas/info:
www.samaritanspurse.org



Nogales Missions Trip Thu, Feb 17, 2022 Mon, Feb 21, 2022

We are gearing up for a multigenerational missions trip to Nogales, AZ over President's Day weekend. It will be led by AFLC Journey Missions and CTK pastors. Please stay tuned for details!





MISSIONS **Missionary of the Month: Jonni Sliver**

 & Miriam Children's Home - Brazil

Massive hugs from the Miriam

Home! Thank you for the precious prayers of the Christ the King family! The news letter is a good source of prayer requests, but I have one extra prayer request.



Prayer Requests

- * For Naiara and her baby
- * For wisdom and grace for the house moms.
- * For God's strength and renewal for Pr. Silvio, who cares for everyone - the children, the staff, as well as being the vice-president of the AFLC Brazil national board.
- * For protection and safety for Diego
- * That the Holy Spirit would bring healing to the hearts of the pre-teen girls.
- * Protection for all the children and staff at the Children's Home.
- * Healing for Mateus of burns received in an accident.

demographic in the Miriam Home, with a full half of the population under 6! Well we have shifted to the tweens taking control. Three new teens arrived in the last week and presently we have 7 kiddos 10 and over. Along with Diego (11), we have Lucia, Vitoria and Sarah, all 16 years old, Sandrine at 13, Anabelly at 11 and Thayla at 10. Having this many girls in teen and pre-teen years we would be expecting more conflicts than we have. This is such a delicate age, please pray that we would have discernment in helping each child understand their value before God and to see that they don't continue to walk in the lies all of society is teaching today.

We also, briefly, had Naiara, a 17 year old girl, 7 months pregnant who was here just one day, but ran away as soon as the evening house moms began getting ready for dinner (one cooking, the other giving baths to the younger children). It was heart-breaking because she left to do drugs with the baby's father. Because she is 17 years old, she is allowed to choose to live with this man and there is nothing we can do to force her to treat herself well, for the sake of her baby. Please pray for protection for Naiara and her child and that the baby will not be born with side effects of her mothers drug abuse!

I am attaching a picture of five of our girls, all ready for a special celebration - they are Thayla, Vitoria, Lucia, Anabelly with 7 year old Juliana in front.

Excerpt from newsletter: Recently I have been thinking a lot about the dichotomy of the Body of Christ and the members individually there of. We know the God so loved the world; that we are a Holy Nation, and the Bride of Christ. But it is also true that God knows the plan He has for me, and that He provides according to my need. Recently Deuteronomy 33 drew my attention; the tribes of Israel were entering the promised land and God sent each in with a blessing that was theirs only! In Christ, Jonni



Operation Christmas Child Takes Off!!
Don't forget to pack your Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child!

Operation Christmas Child

The COVID-19 global pandemic has disrupted everyday life for millions of people around the world. Yet, Samaritan's Purse continues to share the eternal hope of the Gospel and to serve in Jesus' Name.

We want boys and girls around the world to know that God loves them and has not forgotten them during this time of fear and uncertainty. Children need great joy now more than ever. Most of all, they need the hope found only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This year options for boxes include packing traditional boxes, building a shoebox online, or both. Check out creative ideas from Operation Christmas Child Project Leaders across the U.S. at <https://www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/covid-19/#resources>

Please return your shoe boxes to the church by Sunday, November 14

There are pamphlets & boxes located in the Foyer





*“And we know that in all things
God works for the good of those
who love Him, who have been
called according to His
purpose.”- Romans 8:28*

Altar Guild

Pat Woelber

Hospitality Greeters

Communion Servers

Family of the Week / Greeters

November 7 Deb Ahlers
November 14 Rose Beck
November 21 Marlin & Donna Berg
November 28 Philip & Laurel Berg; Hannah, Isaac

Money Counters/ Trustees

Brandie Hulstein
Bill VanderPlaats

Sound Tech

November 7 Dave Sutherland
November 14 Alan Warner
November 21 Kyle DeWilde
November 28 Dave Sutherland

Acolytes

November 7 Nickolas Bruns
November 14 Caden Bruns
November 21 Lauren Steuck
November 28 Grayson Lindquist

Ushers

Myles Zephier; Cole,
Connor, Cayden



Nursery

November 7 Amy Steuck
November 14 Rachel Willard
November 21 Marcine Olsen
November 28 Ashley Hoheisel

Worship Leaders

November 7 Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Charlie Hoffman, Susan Parsley
November 14 Denis Parsley, Laurel Berg, Lynn Hellie, Judy Steuck
November 21 Matthew Amdahl, Jane Smith, Janelle Brockberg, Char Prins
November 24 Matthew & Julia Pillman, Sam & Rachel Willard, Jane Smith
November 28 Praise Band - Sheila Westfield

NOVEMBER

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	1	2	3	4	5	6
		ELECTION DAY 1 PM Quilters	6:30 PM Youth Group	Pastor Matthew & family will be on vacation Nov 4-10		SNA @ Beresford
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:00 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 10:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship Service 5:30 PM Bible Study @ CTK			6:30 PM Youth Group 8:00 PM Choir Practice	VETERANS DAY 10: AM District Pastor Meet 1-5 PM CTK @ Food Shelf 7: PM Trustee Meeting		Chaos to Clarity Conference Grades 6-12
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Christmas Child Boxes Due 9:00 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 10:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Pot Blessing meal 5:30 PM Bible Study @ CTK			6:30 PM Youth Group / Shoe Box Packing 8:00 PM Choir Practice	7: PM Elders Meet @ CTK		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:00 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 10:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Youth Parents meet 11:45 AM Forge Meets 5:30 PM Bible Study @ CTK 7:00 PM Community Thanksgiving			6:30 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service	GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART		
28	29	30				
Messenger Articles Due 9:00 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 10:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship Service 5:30 PM Bible Study @ CTK First Sunday of Advent		7:00 PM Family Ministry Meets				

