

# CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

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Proverbs 16:9 (ESV) — *The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.*

Summer is saying farewell! As summer passes into fall, the pressing reality about new schedules, plans, activities, and events is hard to miss. Especially for me, the pondering of plans in the summer quickly turned to shock at how quickly those plans needed to be turned into scheduled events before the rest of life left us in the dust. But in my moments of planning, which may have felt hectic as August went on, this verse from Proverbs was a gentle reminder.



Even if we were to put together the most elaborate plan for ministry, the fruit and lasting impact of such plans are only established by the Lord. While planning is part of our lives, we really can't say for certain what even the next day truly holds, so we must return to the Maker and Sustainer of life for His blessing and strength. Only by recognizing the smallness of our plans can we begin to see the intricate beauty and eternal nature of the Lord's plans.

So how do you do that? How do you change your perspective from frantic and temporary to measured and eternal? There are a few wise ways of going about this that His Word discusses, but in this specific case for me, considering the nature of our God helped to shift my eyes off of my own plans and see His good will working on bigger and better things. Consider:

Lamentations 3:22–26 (ESV) — *The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.*

Written in the midst of the darkest of days after the fall of Jerusalem, here is a beautiful reminder of the faithfulness and daily mercies of our God. When plans fail, when hearts break, when schedules conflict, when diagnoses come back poorly, when grades drop, when jobs let you go, and when people let you down, what remains? The mercies of God. The salvation won by His Son. The ever-speaking Spirit calling to you in His Word. God is faithful and seeks to give us His good portion, even if we won't see the fullness of that portion until He returns.

So in my planning, I've been asking the Lord to give me that heart of wisdom. I've asked that in all that we undertake as a congregation, it may instill in hearts this reality that He is the King, the Savior, the One who loves us with love eternal, and the One who acts to bring about His will, which is the best possible thing for us. As your plans shift and as you brace yourself for the flurry of fall, take time to come back to the Word of God and see the mighty Creator speak softly and remind you that He is in control even when you feel like you've lost control. I pray we may do our best to plan wisely while always committing those plans to the Lord who guides our steps. He will guide us towards everlasting life, not just the next busy day, because His paths are peace and His Word is our portion now and forever! – Pastor Joe

CHURCH MEMBER: *I Will.....*

September 3	<i>Not Make Church About Me</i>	Philippians 2: 1 - 4	Pastor Joe
September 10	<i>Pray for My Church &amp; Leaders</i>	1 Timothy 2: 1 - 6	Pastor Tim
September 17	<i>Receive Grace</i>	2 Corinthians 12:9 - 10	Daniel Keinanen
September 24	<i>Lead My Family to Be Healthy Members</i>	Ephesians 6: 1 - 4	Pastor Tim

# A Message for the Generations

September 16-17 @ Christ the King  
Free Lutheran Church in Pipestone

**Daniel Keinanen**

20+ years of experience successfully integrating a multigenerational youth & family ministry centered around Christ & His Word.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 5-8 PM**

**Session 1—Relationship, Challenges & Culture**

**Pizza & Fellowship**

**Session 2—Intergenerational Ministry**

**Session 3—Journey & Hopes**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

**9:30 AM Worship Message *Receive Grace***

**10:45 AM Sunday School —Wrap-Up & Q & A**

**FREE & WELCOME TO ALL!**



**Builders**  
Born: < 1946



**Baby Boomers**  
Born: 1946-1964



**Gen X**  
Born: 1965-1979



**Gen Y**  
Born: 1980-1994



**Gen Z**  
Born: 1995-2009



**Gen Alpha**  
Born: 2010-2024

# Christ the King Free Lutheran Church

Cash Basis  
Balance Sheet

## Financial Report As of July 31, 2023

Revenue / Expenditures

	<u>Jul 31, 23</u>		<u>Jul 23</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>Revenue</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		<b>Building and Grounds</b>	80.00
<b>Bank Total</b>		<b>General Revenue</b>	17,497.49
<b>Building</b>		<b>Outreach Revenue</b>	<u>5,536.76</u>
Altar Guild	338.39	<b>Total Revenue</b>	23,114.25
Building Fund Account	<u>(608.91)</u>	<b>Expenditures</b>	
<b>Total Building</b>	<u>(270.52)</u>	<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>	1,140.54
<b>General Total</b>		<b>Conferences/Meetings</b>	129.00
General	77,661.68	<b>Discipleship Expenditures</b>	195.00
Truth Help	<u>155.08</u>	<b>Family Events</b>	73.39
<b>Total General Total</b>	<u>77,816.76</u>	<b>Family Support</b>	94.95
<b>Outreach</b>		<b>Misc.</b>	277.02
20% Offering	4,373.20	<b>Office</b>	372.08
Children's Mission Offering	270.00	<b>Outreach Disbursement</b>	
Thrivent	<u>2,160.41</u>	20 %Outreach	4,146.00
<b>Total Outreach</b>	<u>6,803.61</u>	Hope Haven	783.56
Share And Care	785.36	<b>Samaritan's Purse</b>	<u>212.00</u>
<b>Special Accounts</b>		<b>Total Outreach Disbursement</b>	5,141.56
Internship Fund	6,800.00	<b>Payroll Expenditures</b>	16,358.94
Local Outreach Ministry	7,123.71	<b>Share And Care</b>	250.00
Church Missions	1,493.74	<b>Youth</b>	<u>2,406.63</u>
Marriage Ministry	307.98	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>26,439.11</u>
Scholarship	322.26	<b>Net Revenue (Deficit)</b>	<u><u>(3,324.86)</u></u>
Youth	<u>8,713.93</u>		
<b>Total Special Accounts</b>	<u>24,761.62</u>		
<b>Total Bank Total</b>	<u>109,896.83</u>		
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>109,896.83</u>		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>109,896.83</u></u>		

**Present:** Dave Sutherland, Denis Parsley, Alan Warner, Dave Muller, Marcine Olsen, Jim Otter, Heather De Wilde, Dave Krusemark Absent: Brandie Hulstein

**Also Present:** Pastor Tim Johnson, Collene Landgren, Mike Morgan, Pastor Joe Larson

**President David Sutherland** called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Pastor Tim as he read from Ephesian 1 beginning with verse 17. Share the Word when the opportunity arises. Pastor Tim opened in prayer. Dave Sutherland will lead devotions in September.

**The Treasurer's report** for July was presented. Jim O. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Denis P. Motion carried.

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

**Ankeny Church Plant:** The July financial report for the residency program was presented.

**Outreach:** Alan W. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Marcine O. Motion carried.

AFLC \$ 723.20 Food Shelf \$ 100. Atlas \$ 200.  
CRU-Jeff \$ 500. CRU-Paul \$ 500. Steeles \$ 100.  
Brazil Student \$ 100.00 Alpha Center \$ 300.00  
Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500.00 Children's Life \$ 200.00  
PAS Wellness Room \$ 100.00 Abels \$ 100.00  
Lost Timber \$ 100. Ankeny Church Plant \$ 500.  
Lake Benton Food Shelf \$ 100.00  
Sheepgate Golf Fundraiser \$ 250

**The secretary's report** from the July 13, 2023 meeting was presented. Denis P. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Heather D. Motion carried.

**The Minutes** from Special Trustee meeting of May 21, 2023 were presented. Jim O. moved to approve, seconded by Dave M. motion carried.

**Elders' Consultation:** The elders have not met since the last Trustee meeting.

**Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports: Youth Ministry:** Pastor Joe has been visiting with youth families.

**Pastors' Report: Pastor Tim:** Submitted a report of his activities for the last month. Pastor Tim noted that Brandie Hulstein did a great job of planning and implementing VBS. There were about 60 kids that attended. Daniel Keinanen will be here September

16 - 17 to present information about multigenerational ministry.

**Pastor Joe:** Submitted a written report of his activities for the month. Pastor Joe's installation service will be October 1. Pastor Joe will be requesting vacation time to go to a baby shower at Prince of Peace, where he was intern, date to be determined later.

**Old Business:**

**Cross on entry:** Jim O. has the cross made and will do the finish work when possible.

**Building use policy:** A revision was giving to the Trustees for review.

**Landscaping:** Ginger McNickle has been working on details for the landscaping. Most of the work has been completed. The rock and plants need to be put back.

**Security Cameras:** tabled to get bids.

**New Business:**

**WMF Dues:** Heather D. moved, seconded by Dave M. to pay dues of \$ 50. Motion carried. CTK will be hosting the WMF Fall Rally.

**Request to use fellowship hall:** Brandie H. requested to use for a bridal shower for her sister on September 24. Jim O. moved to approve, seconded by Dave M. motion carried.

**Headset microphone and handheld microphone:**

Kyle DeWilde asked about getting a spare headset microphone and a second handheld microphone. Will get prices.

**Youth & Family Ministry plan:** Pastor Joe presented the preliminary youth & family ministry plan. It was recommended to have a youth Sunday school class.

**Other:** Matthew & Ednay Abel have October 29 available to visit CTK.

**Heather D** suggested the trustees serve brunch on September 17.

**Marcine O** will ask Emerson Winter to do training for ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) for Sunday school teachers, ushers, and anyone else interested.

**Quilters** asked if during announcement time Pastor Tim will show what they have been making. They will be meeting Wednesday, Aug 16.

Dave S. adjourned the meeting. Pastor Joe closed in prayer.

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



# September

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bob Larson
- 4 Dean Lueck
- 4 Dan Gorder
- 5 Esme Fey
- 6 Bill Brockberg
- 6 JoLean Greenhoff
- 7 Amelia Otter
- 7 Alan Warner
- 8 Leasa Kulm
- 9 Sharon Paetkau
- 10 Freya Fey
- 12 Collene Landgren
- 17 Brynn Manzey
- 17 Leslie Lueck
- 17 Aaron Johnson
- 18 John Appeldorn
- 20 Charles Hoffman
- 20 Michael Schnellbach
- 21 Charley Sowden
- 22 Gary Mitchell
- 22 Samantha Terry
- 22 Brooklyn Stangeland
- 24 Jacie Williams
- 24 Shawn Bruns
- 24 Shenoa Farmer
- 26 Christy Thomson
- 26 Shawn Staples
- 26 Alvin Griebel
- 29 Susan Parsley

Chatter-sewers  
will meet  
Wednesday  
September 6  
at 1:00 PM



Trustee Meeting  
Sept. 14 7 PM

NewsLetter

**DEADLINES**

September 17



**Stones Cry**  
SOUND of the TRUMPET

Luke 19:40

Finnesgards

Come for a time of worship and reflection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Music will include worship and inspirational songs in an easy listening style. Joel, June, and their children Joy (17) and Josiah (15) will be sharing with a wide variety of instruments and singing.



**Sunday School Kickoff  
September 10**

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - with Stones Cry
- 10:30 AM Fellowship Time & Brunch
- 10:45 AM Preschool thru Sr High Sunday School and Confirmation. Adults will stay in the Fellowship hall for discussion.
- Sunday School ending between 11:30 - 11:40.

**wholehearted** JER 29:13

SEE YOU AT THE POLE™

GLOBAL DAY OF STUDENT PRAYER

**Sept  
27**

2023





Dear CTK Quilters,  
Thank you for the quilt you made for me. The colors were beautiful. I'll use it to bundle up in the winter while attending SDSU. You matched SDSU's colors pretty well!  
Thanks again! ~ Brynn

Dear Christ the King,  
Thank you for supporting me when I went to Lost Timber Bible Camp. I had such a great time meeting new friends and growing in my faith! I really appreciate it.  
Thank You!! ~ Brielle Kulm

Pipestone Classical Conversations homeschool group will be meeting every Tuesday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the fellowship area and will be using the nursery.



**CTK Women:** Make plans to come and enjoy a day together with other women who love the Lord at our  
**District Fall Rally, Saturday September 16 from 9:00 to 2:30.**

We will have worship and praise, inspirational sharing  
Bible Study by Pastor Matthew Pillman,  
Wonderful food prepared by our  
CTK and Good Shepherd Women,  
a fun mini-concert by the F.R.O.G.S.,  
door prizes and great fellowship.

Sign up in the Narthex if you can  
to help us know how many to expect.

This event has been partially funded by the generosity of Thrivent.





## **NEEDED: Confirmation Prayer Partners**

*God works supernaturally through prayer in ways that we can't always see.*

For 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

**The blessing is a two-way street.**

### **What do you do?**

- + Pray for the student and their teacher regularly.
- + Let them know you are praying for them (through an occasional note, a call or in person).
- + Remember special things like their birthday or some achievement.
- + Seek ways to let them know you care and are cheering them on.

**If you are interested in blessing a student this way, contact Pastor Tim.**

**Please contact Pastor Tim if you have participated  
and want to continue to bless a student in this way.**



### Youth and Family Ministry Scheduling Notes from Pastor Joe:

**Sunday Evening Studies:** We're aiming to have our family + youth studies meet on Sunday evenings. These studies are focused on the youth and their families, but other families are welcome to come if you are plugged in to our weekly family devotional, which will serve as the basis for our lesson. These devotionals will be distributed to youth families (and others interested) to help facilitate family devotions the week before and prepare hearts for the Sunday evening studies. The proposed schedule for the Sunday night studies will look something like this:

4:30 pm - Meet at the church to carpool to host home

5 to 5:45 - Eat and enjoy fellowship

5:45 to 6:15 - Lesson time

6:15 - Gradually depart back to church for follow-up activities

(more visiting, community youth group, etc.)

If you are interested in attending these events and I have not connected with you by Labor Day about how to get the devos or sign up as a host, please reach out to me anytime at 320-305-9521 and we can chat about it.

**Youth Sunday School:** After some feedback from youth families, we are planning on having a youth-age Sunday School class that will meet at the regular Sunday School time. Students from *8th grade up even through college* are welcome, as it will be student focused. 7th graders will have confirmation during this time, so 8th grade and older students are the focus. I'll be leading this group with Tad serving as the primary substitute.

I look forward to seeing these and other pieces of youth and family ministry come together in the Fall as we set aside time to be in the Word together!

## **Greetings from Ankeny Iowa!**

Just over two years ago, God placed a burden on our hearts for church planting in Ankeny, IA. This call was confirmed through prayer, assessment, and the sending of Christ the King. Now, as I write this note, I am sitting in our (mostly unpacked) home in the fast growing northwest side of Ankeny. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness!

Our boys are soaking in every moment of meeting new friends along our street, in the nearby playground, and at the local gym. Julia and I are just getting settled into the new rhythms of life. For Julia, this includes lots of time watching our boys, engaging other moms in conversation, and hosting others in our home. For myself, this means many connection conversations over coffee/lunch, pursuing relationships with the unchurched, and preparing for teaching/discipleship opportunities.

Would you join us in prayer in this exciting season of church planting? One prayer that we have is that we would seek depth of friendship and spiritual formation within the context of the plant. A church planting book I am reading encourages “a slower pace that seeks depth, formation, and long-term sustainability.” In other words, it says, “we plant oaks, not bamboo.”

Please also pray for wisdom, grace, and joy as we pursue meaningful relationships with those that God places across our path! Finally, join with us in prayer for 15 more congregations and 30 more individuals to join with us in regular financial support. Jesus’ promise remains: “I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18)

Following God’s call,

Matthew, Julia, James (4yrs), Benjamin (2yrs), and Solomon (6mo) Pillman





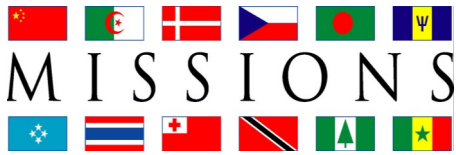
# The

# Big



# Move





# MISSIONS



**Missionary of the Month:** to Paraguay  
Matthew & Ednay Abel: Zoey, Ian, Boaz



Thank you for your support and prayers always. In September we will be transitioning. We drive to Brazil for pastors' conference and Annual Conference, then we fly to the USA and begin our furlough. We would love to visit the Pipestone church. (the following is an excerpt from their newsletter)

### **Joaju Kids club**

July 22nd was an emotional Day for Ednay. After two years of ministering to these children this would be the last club day of the year. She cried as she handed out prizes, thinking about the joy it has been to teach the gospel to over three hundred children through this ministry, and wondering what will become of the seeds planted.

We informed the children that we would restart Joaju with a VBS in January and that they should come to church on Sundays to continue to hear God's word.

### **Children need church**

Fortunately and unfortunately we have found that many people have the opinion that children need church. On the one hand it is true and good. Children do need church: all need the whole gospel. So people bring their children to be moralized and taught to be good.

On the other hand, unfortunately, many don't recognize their own need. So we have had parents send their kids to church or even drop them off but they themselves do not come into church.

### **Discover Youth**

Saturday July 29 was also the last official Discover bonfire for the year before our furlough. We have a pretty consistent number of "regulars". Last Saturday we talked about the importance of God's Word to give faith, and to transform by rebuking, instructing and training. We desire that these young people learn to love God's Word. Blessing in Christ, Matthew & Ednay Abel

**Prayer Requests**

- \* We need strategies to reach the men. We need a move of the Holy Spirit to reach the men. And we need women to embrace change and reject idolatry.
- \* For safe travel and good health while on furlough & those transitions during the month of September.
- \* For the ministry in Paraguay while we are on furlough. That the believers would continue to walk in faith
- \* For Kyle as he discerns God's will and discovers how God will use his life in the kingdom. Also for more short-term volunteers to set apart time to serve in Paraguay.



### **Honeybees**

Noah's ark accommodated "every beast after its kind" (Genesis 7:14), which presumably included buzzing bees! Honeybees turned out to be a special blessing for the Yazidis—a people group in northern Iraq, who believe the ark landed on their Mount Sinjar. Indeed, bees in these hills produce some of the world's finest honey. Samaritan's Purse has provided more than a thousand beehives to Yazidi families in Jesus' Name, and we also have similar projects in Africa. Some have used income to put roofs on their houses, pay school fees, and build a village church. **For just \$20 per family, we can provide a hive, equipment, and training.**



“When I said, "My foot is slipping," your love, O LORD, supported me. When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul.”- Psalm 94:18-19

### Money Counters/ Trustees

Altar Guild  
Cindy Johnson

Jim Otter  
Alan Warner

### Acolytes

September 3 Clifford Rupp  
September 10 Caden Bruns  
September 17 Lauren Steuck  
September 24 Jaelyn Koopman

### Family of the Week / Greeters

September 3 Jon & Mary Stangeland  
September 10 Ted & Jennifer Stangeland  
September 17 Shawn & Heidi Staples; Michael  
September 24 Bill & Judy Steuck

### Sound Tech

September 3 Dave Sutherland  
September 10 Kyle DeWilde  
September 17 Alan Warner  
September 24 Kyle DeWilde

### Nursery

September 3 Alyssa Steuck  
September 10 Amy Steuck  
September 17 Ashley Hoheisel  
September 24 Alyssa Steuck

### Ushers

### Kitchen Clean-up



### Worship Leaders


September 3 Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Donna Smith, Jane Smith  
September 10 Stones Cry  
September 17 Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Kari Rupp, Susan Parsley  
September 24 Praise Band



# SEPTEMBER 2023



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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<b>3</b> 9:30 AM Worship Service Fellowship Time	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 1 PM Quilters meet Parents meeting	<b>7</b> 7:00 PM Trustees	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 4:30 PM Youth/Family Study <b>Grandparents' Day</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9: AM Homeschool group	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00 PM Elders @ CTK?	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00 AM WMF Fall Rally 5:00 PM Multigen- erational Meeting
<b>17</b> 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Sunday School / Confirmation 4:30 PM Youth/Family Study <b>Messenger Articles Due</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9: AM Homeschool group	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Sunday School / Confirmation Private Bridal Shower 4:30 PM Youth/Family Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9: AM Homeschool group	<b>27</b> See You @ the Pole	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

*1st year Confirmation (7th Grade) *2nd year Confirmation (8th Grade) *3rd year Confirmation (9th grade)
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