

Annual Report



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Christ and make Christ known.*

2025 ANNUAL MEETING

AUGUST 3rd at 10:30 AM

Annual Report 2024-2025

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Current Christ the King Staff Members:

Pastor Melanie Wallschlaeger, Senior Pastor
Pastor Brittany Mailleue, Associate Pastor
Kirsten Elliott, Director of Children's Ministry
Robin Hughes, Choir Director
Bri Bergstrom, Contemporary Music Coordinator
Jodi Maas, Faith Engagement Coordinator
Todd Lundquist, Faith Continuum Coordinator
Carly Ballman, Office Administrator
Al Lee, Technology Arts Director
Amy Olson, Financial Assistant
Mark Thompson, Custodian
Ariac Cruz, Custodial & Property Staff

Christ the King Lutheran Church
Annual Business Meeting Agenda
August 3, 2025 – 10:30am

1. Welcome
2. Opening Devotion and Prayer
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of 2023-2024 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Annual Meeting: Aug 4, 2024
 - b. Congregational Meeting: 11-13-24
 - c. Congregational Meeting: 3-19-25
 - d. Congregational Meeting: 5-4-25
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Approval of Short Year 2025 Budget
7. Roof Repairs vote to move ahead ASAP in 2025
8. Vote to acquire short term financing to facilitate the repairs
9. Vote to initiate a Capital Campaign to raise funds to repair the roof
10. Conditional vote to hire Steve Olson Consulting to organize Capital Campaign
11. President's Report
12. Boards Reports
13. Pastors' Reports
14. Elections to approve new council and board members
15. Vote to approve Treasurer
16. Special Recognitions
17. Closing Prayer
18. Adjournment

Christ the King Lutheran Church
Congregational Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Sunday, August 4, 2024

Call to order – Jessica Ehrich called the meeting to order at 10:23 after noting there was a quorum.

Opening Devotion and Prayer – Pastor Melanie

Approval of the Agenda – Nancy Patterson moved to approve the agenda as presented, Lonnie Reemer second. No discussion. All approved.

Approval of the 2022-2023 Meeting Minutes –

Annual Meeting July 23, 2023

Congregational Meeting October 29, 2023

Congregational Meeting December 3, 2023

Barbie Roessler moved to approve all meeting minutes as presented. Marlin Spangrud second. No discussion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – David Krause moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Duane Olson second. David Krause provided an overview of the Treasurer's Report. Question regarding the lease agreement currently in place. We are in year three of a ten-year lease with another entity. David explained we have not received notice to vacate at this time. Motion approved.

Approval of the 2024-2025 Budget – David Krause moved to approve the Budget Report, Ann Stewart second. David provided an overview of the proposed, balanced budget. Question regarding giving to the Synod was addressed. Motion approved.

President's Report – Julie Hatleli moved to approve the President's Report, Phil Patterson second. No discussion. Motion Approved.

Commission Reports – Cindy Kehoe moved to approve the Commission Reports, Jim Hatleli second. No discussion. Motion approved.

Pastor's Report – Doug Cramblit moved to approve the Pastor's Report, second by Jerry Kallheim. No discussion. Motion approved.

Council Transitions and Election of all Boards, and Committees – David Krause made a motion to cease all nominations from the floor, Marlin Spangrud second. No discussion. Motion Approved. David Krause made a motion to approve all nominees on the ballot. Marlin Spangrud second. It was discussed that the Council will appoint any vacant positions. Motion approved.

Special Recognition – Jessica Ehrich gave thanks to Dave Menk, David Krause, Marlin Spangrud, Jim Armbruster, and Chris Carrol.

Closing Prayer – Gary Rudolf

Adjournment – Marlin Spangrud made a motion to adjourn, Barbie Roessler second. No discussion. Meeting adjourned at 11:03. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted by Barbie Roessler

**Christ the King Lutheran Church
Special Congregational Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2024 @ 6:30 pm**

Christ the King Lutheran Church is a caring community to empower all to know Christ and make Christ known.

President Gary Rudolf called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM

President Rudolf shared that we have received an offer from the YWCA to lease the space previously rented by Cultivate. The council recommends moving forward with the lease agreement, but it will require a vote from the congregation. Sharon Hanson made a motion for the congregation to approve the lease agreement with the YWCA, seconded by Barb Lake.

Before the vote, a member asked about the lease duration, which has been agreed upon as three years. Another question was raised about whether the YWCA would use the kitchen, to which it was confirmed they will not. The YWCA's hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and the space will not be available for CTK use. It was also confirmed that Confirmation and Faith Formation will still have sufficient space.

After no more discussion, the vote was held. Motioned carried.

Motion to adjourn by Barbie Roessler. Seconded by Jessica Ehrich. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm

**Christ the King Lutheran Church
Congregational Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2024 @ 6:45 pm**

Christ the King Lutheran Church is a caring community to empower all to know Christ and make Christ known.

1. President Gary Rudolf called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM
2. Gary shared with the congregation that the 13 candidates volunteered to join the call committee. The congregation council reviewed each candidate and submitted a ballot of seven individuals.

3. The seven call committee candidates introduced themselves and provided a background of their experience and why they would make a good member of the call committee.
4. Gary asked three times if there are any additional nominations to the call committee.
5. No new nominations.
6. Marlin Spangrud moved for the congregation to pass a unanimous ballot with these seven names: Megan Sandhurst, Michel Haugh, Garrick Rudolf, Barb Lake, Ken Kuehner, Darla Austin, and Dorothy Viker. Including Kathy Kachelmyer as liaison to the council. John Branstad seconded. Motioned carried.
7. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm

**Christ the King Lutheran Church
Special Congregational Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2025**

Christ the King Lutheran Church is a caring community to empower all to know Christ and make Christ known.

President Gary Rudolf called the meeting to order at 10:55 AM

President Rudolf shared the reason for this meeting was to vote on the recommendation to call Brittany Mailleue to serve as Associate Pastor at Christ the King Lutheran Church.

President Rudolf thanked the members of our call committee for their service. He also thanked Pastor Jenna for all her work at CTK.

A paper ballot was distributed as outlined in the ELCA model constitution.

While the ballots were distributed, call committee member Barb Lake shared some details about Brittany with the congregation.

Motion by Marlin Spangrud to accept Brittany Mailleue as our new Associate Pastor. Second by Jessica Ehrich. Voting by paper ballot commenced.

After tallying the votes, the motion to affirm the call of Brittany Mailleue as Associate Pastor passed by a two-thirds majority.

Total Vote: 149
Yes: 147 No: 0
Abstain: 2

Motion to adjourn by Patti Dykema. Second by Stephanie Thorpe. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 11:07 am

Senior Pastor Report Melanie JS Wallschlaeger

It was a pivotal year for CTK. As you peruse the pages that follow you will be reminded of the breadth of ministry that your gifts, leadership, and serving help accomplish. Thank you, people of CTK, for your ongoing ministry in and through this congregation. God is at work in and through what we accomplish together! A few highlights for this year (2024-25).

- CTK has a dedicated and talented staff working to provide the support and structure that makes so much of our ministry together possible. We welcomed several new staff members this year, including: Ariac Cruz as custodian/facilities management; Kristi Regnier as cook; Pastor Brittany Mailleue as Associate Pastor; and Carly Ballman as office administrator. We are blessed to have each one of them and are grateful for the gifts and passion they bring to their role at CTK.
- CTK is changing to a calendar year. We are asking all current Congregational Council and Board members to serve a 1 ½ year term as we move our annual meeting date and fiscal year. We are in the process of changing our budget year from July 1-June 30 to a calendar year. We are also in the process of adapting our annual meeting and leadership structure to a calendar year. We hope that this change will support an annual fall pledge campaign and strengthen stewardship awareness and education.
- CTK engaged in a feasibility study to assess readiness for a capital campaign to support major repairs and enhancements. CTK conducted a feasibility study, with the help of Steve Olson of Olson Advancement. He conducted 38 interviews. Overall, the feasibility study identified that there's strong support at CTK for a capital campaign to replace the existing roof and make significant updates and enhancements. We will be acting on the recommendations from the feasibility study at this year's annual meeting on August 3rd.
- CTK welcomed the YWCA in 2025. The YWCA's Executive Director, Cecili Bidelman, and I envision the relationship between that is more of partnership, than just a typical landlord/tenant relationship. I recently attended the Youth Mental Health First Aid Training that the YWCA offers at no cost. Kristi Schuck, the YWCA's Engagement and Development Manager, will be talking about the YWCA's programs at a Faith & Fellowship this summer. We look forward to opportunities to partner in projects in which we have shared values.
- CTK lived into a new governance structure. Following the updated CTK Constitution changes that were ratified in 2023, CTK has lived into creation of several new boards, including the Children, Youth, & Family Board and the Adult Education Board, along with already existing groups now recognized as the Worship & Music Board; Congregational Life Board; Stewardship & Finance Board; Building & Grounds Board; Justice & Peace Board; and Servant Outreach Board. These changes were made to give each board greater focus and clarity in their work. I am grateful for all who serve on boards and for the work that they accomplish.
- CTK hosted a WELCOME Team fundraiser in partnership with 5 congregations. This effort raised significant funds to support our family in their process of becoming US citizens.

We are blessed with a vibrant congregation with many thriving ministries. It is my privilege to serve among you as we continue to live into God's calling as a *"caring community empowered to know Christ and make Christ known"* in the next year and a half.

Associate Pastor Brittany Mailleue

I began my ministry at Christ the King in May 2025. I have enjoyed getting to know you all so far and look forward to continuing to get to know you. I have jumped right into the flow of things with meetings and worship. So far, some of my favorite experiences have been the seniors' blessing night, the Faith and Fellowship Summer tour, coffee and conversation, visitation, and doing two baptisms.

While most of these early months have been spent finding a rhythm, I will be meeting with the Visitation Ministry Team to learn about their current activities and identify any resources or assistance they may need. I am excited about this ministry and find it to be an essential part of ministry. It connects us to the early church's practice as expressed in the writings of Justin Martyr, an early church apologist (an explainer of Christian practices) who wrote in 150-160 C.E. about Christian Practices, including communion. He states that communion was given "to each of those present to partake of the bread and wine mixed with water over which the thanksgiving was pronounced, and to those who are absent they carry away a portion." (Administration of the Sacraments) This ministry is an extension of our Saturday/Sunday table and is a foundational piece of early Christianity. It is exciting to be part of this work that has been passed down to us through the tradition of the early church, continuing to this day. If you are interested in the Visitation Ministry team or know someone who would like to be added to the list to be visited by our lay team members, please let me know.

I will be traveling with some youth to California for Rebound II, a youth camp program. I am grateful for the chance to get to know some of the awesome youth at CTK better. This will be such an exciting trip as we gather for "fun, fellowship, and faith building" (<https://lrcchome.com/rebound-ii>). I have never been to California, so this will be a truly memorable experience.

I have also been working on organizing and planning confirmation for this upcoming year. We will be having a conversation with last year's confirmation students and their families to see how we can better serve them in this time of learning and faith formation as they take on the responsibilities of the baptism promises.

My first few months here have been such a joy. I am looking forward to what kind of ministry we will get into together.

Peace be with you all, Pastor Brittany

Kirsten Elliott-Director of Children's Ministry

Annual Report: Kirsten Elliott – Director of Children's Ministry Christ the King Lutheran Church

This year marked my fourth as Director of Children's Ministry at Christ the King Lutheran Church, and it was one of our most vibrant and successful years yet. We had approximately 125 children enrolled in our programs, ranging from age 3 through 6th grade.

Weekly Programming

Rainbow Room (Ages 3–Kindergarten): We used the *Frolic* curriculum from Spark, which provided age-appropriate, faith-based learning.

- **Grades 1–6:** We followed the *Spark Rotation* curriculum, focusing on a single Bible story for 2–3 weeks. Each week included a large group gathering followed by small group activities such as art, drama, science, games, or movie time.

Special Events and Faith Labs

- **Rally Day:** We kicked off the year with Rally Day on September 7 (Wednesday) and September 11 (Sunday), centered around the theme *Act Justly, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly*. Children created hand and footprint canvases that now hang in the church.
- **Bibles & Banana Splits (3rd Grade):** In September 19 third graders received Bibles during a fun and interactive Faith Lab led by Pastor Melanie, complete with banana splits.
- **First Communion Faith Labs:** We held sessions in both fall and spring. Each included a two-hour, hands-on class where children painted their own chalice and paten, baked bread, and even participated in a wine stomp. A congregation member taught us how to make wine, which was used during the spring First Communion. Pastor Melanie also led a sacristy tour and shared the story of the Last Supper. We celebrated First Communion with 14 children in the fall and 15 in the spring.

Worship Participation

Since 2022, children have been reading scripture during Wednesday evening services. This year, we expanded their involvement by including ushering duties. Each week, children served as both readers and ushers, deepening their engagement in worship.

Christmas Program

Our Christmas program, *An Unplugged Christmas*, was held on December 17 and 20. Directed by parent and congregation member Nick Wayne. It was a joyful and well-received event.

Vacation Bible School

We recently concluded a successful VBS led by Shetek Lutheran Ministries. Seven camp counselors stayed at CTK for the week, supported by many volunteers who provided meals. Attendance ranged from 47 to 50 children each day.

Summer Musical

We are currently preparing for our second annual summer musical, *Spend a While on the Nile*, directed by Chuck Hoogland and Jim Hatleli. With 29 children registered, we're excited for another memorable production during the week of August 11–17.

Community and Family Engagement

This year, we established a **Children, Youth, and Family Board** to foster stronger community connections.

Highlights include:

- **Kids Night Out:** Two events for children ages 3–6th grade, supported by high school volunteers. Each event hosted around 60 children and 10 high school volunteers.
- **Cookie Decorating & Christmas Caroling:** Eight families participated in this festive December event, which received heartfelt appreciation from neighbors.
- **Pickleball Family Event:** Open to kids and their families, with about 25 participants.
- **Youth Events:** We hosted outings to the WOW Zone and a rock-climbing event at MSU.

Reflecting on this past year fills me with gratitude and joy. It has been a blessing to witness the growth of our children and to build relationships with their families. I look forward to continuing this meaningful work and nurturing our vibrant Children's Ministry at Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Worship Choir and Handbell Ringers-Robin Hughes

The Worship Choir and Handbell Ringers at Christ the King had a wonderful year of music-making and ministry. Both ensembles provided meaningful musical leadership for worship services twice per month, with additional special contributions during December and Holy Week.

Our ensembles are made up of dedicated and talented individuals—currently 54 members in the Worship Choir and 13 in the Handbell Choir. Each person is deeply valued and appreciated for the gifts they bring to our worship experience.

Year Highlights:

December Cantata – *Raise Every Candle: A Christmas Celebration of Hope*

One of our musical highlights was the December Cantata, *Raise Every Candle*, which brought together the Worship Choir, Handbell Choir, and instrumentalists, including CTK members Graham Wayne and Amelia Wayne, as well as Andrew McNamara. John Petersen provided inspiring narration, and the final number featured beautiful choreography by Mitzi Roberts with dancers from Dance Express. Special thanks to our soloists, Nick Wayne and Eva Donev, for their heartfelt performances.

Les Misérables Outing

The choir and members of the congregation attended a production of *Les Misérables* at the Orpheum Theatre in Minneapolis—a moving and memorable afternoon of fellowship and inspiration.

Holy Week Worship

During Holy Week, the ensembles offered music for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. Our Easter anthems featured a variety of instrumentalists: Erik Hermanson, Graham Wayne, Amelia Wayne, Abby Harpestad, Dave Haugh, Garrett Steinberg, Doug Snapp, and our Handbell Choir. Their talents helped bring our worship to life during this sacred season.

Ash Wednesday – Online Service

Thank you to the choir members who sang for our online-only Ash Wednesday service when in-person worship was cancelled due to weather. Your flexibility and dedication were greatly appreciated.

Spring Anthem – *Come By Here*

In the spring, the choir performed the moving piece *Come By Here*, accompanied by a powerful video presentation coordinated by Liz Zaruba. The video reinforced the message that *all are welcome here*. Thank you to everyone who contributed photos to this meaningful project.

Growth in the Handbell Choir

We were thrilled to welcome two new members to the Handbell Choir after Christmas. Thank you to Katie and Amelia Wayne for joining and enriching the ensemble.

Gratitude

We are continually thankful for Andrew McNamara, who faithfully accompanies the Worship Choir and supports our music ministry with great skill and spirit.

We also extend heartfelt thanks to:

- Gary and Denise Rudolf, and Garrick and Julie Rudolf, for hosting our Christmas celebration.
- Andrew and Jessica McNamara for opening their home for our end-of-season party.

Serving as the Worship Choir and Handbell Director at Christ the King is a joy and a blessing. I'm looking forward to another great season of music starting this fall. If you are interested in joining either ensemble, I warmly invite you to reach out. Flexibility is key—whether you can participate every time or just occasionally, we welcome your involvement and will make it work!

Robin Hughes

Worship Choir & Handbell Director
Christ the King Lutheran Church

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Todd Lundquist-Faith Continuum Coordinator

Faith Continuum completed its fourth year since reemerging as part of the renewed and reshaped Adult Education program at Christ the King. It exists to help all CTK members who have completed Confirmation to continued growth in knowing our relationship with God and one another.

Faith Continuum gears up for our 5th year of ministry. If you have not attended any of the offerings on Sunday mornings after the first service, please check out below what you have missed. It will give you an idea of the depth and diversity of that which is shared.

We would honor all who presented/engaged/offered this season including:

- Kristin Odland attended twice and, on each occasion, brought two MSUM International students. All spoke on that school's friendly family program and the effect of the present national environment on them; and,
- Kathryn Lozada of Isaiah on "Faith in Democracy: Building the Beloved Community in MN." She was followed by ...
- A three Sunday study of a Documentary on Christian Nationalism titled "Bad Faith" including a zoom conversation with its director, Stephen Ujaki. That was succeeded by...
- CTK member, the Rev. Dr. Paul Meyerding with three engaging Sundays on the History of Christianity in America; and shortly thereafter we began our ...
- The ELCA Advent study with World Hunger as the lead topic. The series was ably led by CTK's own Duane Olson, Marlin Spangrud and Manny Zempel. Special guest LizPaul of Connections Shelter joined that group.
- The first gathering of the new year was led by Pastor Donohue Sarff with his excellent review of biblical timelines. We were blessed to have him come back in March and again on Palm Sunday for greater depth on the topic.
- The second gathering in January was led by Pastor Jenna, Becky Menk and Jim Hatlilli on all things Crossroads Campus Ministries. Their conversations included events and fundraising efforts for the Ministry as well as the Campus Cupboard and the lunch for a buck program. Then we turned to ...
- ELCA Deacon David Rask Behling of Reconciling Works with his insights on "Reconciled in Christ" and CTK. Thereafter we began another series with ...
- Dr. Sarah Ruble on her 6-part series of "How did we get to...". This included studies on original sin, the trinity, Christology, justification by faith, divisions between Christians and Jews as well as divisions between Liberal and Conservative Christians; and,
- Duane Olson, Many Zempel returned and were joined by Diane Zempel as a follow-up to our Advent study with the ELCA's World Hunger study during Lent; and we closed the year with ...
- Retired Minnesota Associate Justice G. Barry Anderson on the history of the first amendment's freedom of religion; and,
- a return to the podium to say goodbye with Pastor Jenna and friend on the youth summer trips. Also, Pastor Jenna was joined by Becky Menk sharing the needs of the Campus Cupboard during the summer. They were followed by Kristin Odland the second to last Sunday. We closed the 4th season with ...
- Our Congregational Council with updates with a special thanks to Pastor Steve Olson on the fundraising campaign; and,

Great thanks for all your effort and offerings. All you had to share expanded horizons and opened new vistas to the understanding of all in attendance.

Faith Continuum returns the Sunday after Labor Day. We already have old and new friends scheduled covering a wide variety of topics. It will be an exciting year with so much more ahead and so many more opportunities to have greater understanding of our relationship with God and one another.

One of over 2 billion of Christ's Ambassadors who are one in the Spirit,

Todd PS - Want to get ahold of me, try this email: todd1@ctkmankato.org

President's Report

It is customary for the President of your congregation to write a summary of their year in office of all the major items your council and boards addressed. I must say, there were a bunch! But before that, I must offer some thanks and insight. First, a great big thank you to all the council members and board members that made this year a huge success. Without your efforts, we would not have been able to achieve everything we set out to. Second, another big thank you to everyone on our staff that make the wheels go round to develop and execute the many programs and activities that achieve our mission to "know Christ and make Christ known." Third, I want to thank you, our congregation, for participating and making the programs a success. Listed below are just some of the challenges we faced and the decisions that were made to overcome them and forge a new direction.

We started the year facing the reality that our tenant that had committed to a long-term rental agreement was falling behind in their monthly rent. After several months of forbearance, it became apparent that they were struggling to carry out their business model and were unlikely to be able to fulfill the terms of the agreement. After much discussion and with the benevolent help Michael Jacobs, a member of CTK and local attorney, we were able to part ways as best we could and terminate the lease agreement. With that challenge met, we were on to find a new tenant and met that challenge with the gracious assistance of Cate DeBates, also a member of CTK and a local real estate developer. We were able to secure a new lease agreement with our local YWCA. They have now occupied the space for 2 months and we couldn't ask for a better fit for a tenant whose mission corresponds very nicely to ours. A big thank-you to Michael and Cate for their help and generosity in making that come about. We couldn't have done it without you.

Our Stewardship and Finance Board recommended that we realign our fiscal year to align with the calendar year. The purpose of this recommended change is to make for a smoother budgetary process and to make annual governmental filings and reports easier. We are currently in the process of aligning our program and budget year with the calendar year. This will be the last annual report filed in the middle of the calendar year. Our next fiscal year began in July but will end in December of 2026 (for 18 months). A great deal of thanks needs to go out the Jennifer Svien, your treasurer and the entire Stewardship and Finance Board for helping us wade through the issues that needed to be considered.

We also addressed a leaky roof. As you may remember, we experienced significant leaks over the kitchen last year and because of the potential hazard of dirty water dripping in food, the congregation voted to use available funds to have the section of the roof over the kitchen repaired as quickly as possible in 2024. Other sections of the roof also needed to be repaired, but we tabled the decision on how to address leaks and replacement for the remainder to the following year, so we could thoroughly consider our options this year. After a great deal of discussion, it was determined that our best course of action was to move forward with replacing the balance of the flat roof as soon as possible. Because the total cost of the project was nearly \$ 1 million dollars, we felt we should employ the services of a consulting firm to establish the feasibility of raising that amount of money with a capital campaign. For this task, we hired Stephen Olson of Olson Advancement who specializes in fund raising for church related projects. After the feasibility study was completed, it was determined we should have the ability

to raise between \$1.5 to \$3.0 million over the course of the next 3 years, and we will be voting as a congregation at our annual meeting on August 3rd to move forward with a Capital Campaign. We will also be voting to employ Stephen's services to manage the campaign. John Kind has volunteered to guide the process as chair. This is a big undertaking that will require numerous volunteers, so if you have an interest in helping, please contact John Kind or myself. It is our hope that we will not only raise enough money to pay for the roof but also to meet some additional needs that your council has established as an opportunity to improve our membership experience.

Last, but not least, we now have a new very capable associate Pastor. We welcome Pastor Brittany to our family and thank our Call Committee for their efforts in bringing her to us. We look forward to a long relationship as she grows together with us.

I cannot end without giving a high five to Pastor Melanie. She's been a joy to work with, and I have found her always to be forthcoming and well intended. Thanks for all you do Melanie 😊

It's been a full year for certain, and your council and boards have accomplished a great deal indeed. But there is still more to do, and it will require more talented members to volunteer their time and talents to the many boards and committees to make it happen. So, if you are new to CTK, or have been sitting on the sidelines for years, but have an interest in serving, I'd encourage you to step forward. You will be pleasantly surprised by the people you meet and what a blessing you can be if you dedicate your gifts to a cause bigger than yourself. I know, through my involvement, I have had the opportunity to get to know many members of our congregation on a much more personal level. I've met some amazing folks with diverse backgrounds and amazing skills. I have gained a new respect for the tremendous gifts and talents within our congregation. Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President. It's been an honor, and I hope I've served you well. God Bless!

Gary Rudolf

Board Reports

Board: Justice and Peace	Chairperson: Kathy Sallstrom
Council Liaison: None	Secretary: Eileen Campbell

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>
Kathy Sallstrom	06/30/28	Chuck Syverson	06/30/28
Eileen Campbell	06/30/26	Brent Wood	06/30/28
Di Storvick	06/30/26	Pastor Melanie	Ongoing
Diane Zempel	06/30/27		

Board Responsibility (Constitution): *Responsible for encouraging congregation members to come to a clear understanding of God's justice and peace for themselves and for the world as shown through Scripture. Encourage members to use opportunities to influence effective changes in our community through personal and positive action.*

2024-2025 Goals Identified by the Board: Social Justice & Human Rights issues:

1. **Research Peace:** At each board meeting our members study the ELCA document on **Peace**.
2. **Develop/Continue Activities:** Fair Trade, Adopt-a-Highway, Composting, Pridefest, ISAIAH initiatives. Host Fair Trade Bazaar at CTK during the Christmas Cantata.
3. **Continue WELCOME TEAM** refugee/asylum resettlement efforts.
4. Maintain relationship with Olivia Bergen of ISAIAH and attend sponsored ISAIAH activities.
5. Maintain relationship with RIC Task Force and support RIC in joint endeavors.
6. Organize CTK members to attend the December 2025 Dakota Ride to Mankato, and tour Native Sacred sites.

2024-2025 Activities to accomplish Goals:

1. Make the ELCA document on **PEACE** available to CTK members.
2. Utilize the Messenger, Weekly Welcome, and social media to inform CTK of monthly activities as listed above in **Goals**.
3. Sponsor a booth at the 2025 South Central Minnesota PrideFest each September.
4. Sponsor "Movie Nights" in CTK theater featuring social & environmental justice themes.
5. Maintain standing agenda item, RIC., and relationship with RIC Task Force.

2024-2025 Board Accomplishments:

1. CTK serves Fair Trade coffee, and J & P hosted a Fair-Trade Bazaar during the Christmas Cantata.
2. Sponsored a booth at the 2024 South Central Minnesota Pridefest at Riverfront Park.

3. Two Justice & Peace members attended ISAIAH-sponsored activities.
4. J & P purchased compost/recycle/waste containers now installed at CTK to reduce landfill waste.
5. Highway cleanup was completed with donated pickup tools in September 2024.
6. CTK members participated in the Mankato Fair Trade tea.

The Justice and Peace Board is glad to have the support of the CTK staff and Council as we strive to offer members opportunities to become involved in local and global social justice issues to care for all God's people and in the care of God's Earth, as Jesus taught. Thank you, members, for your participation. "

Board: Building and Grounds	Chairperson: Jim Armbruster
Council Liaison: Brent Sandhurst	Secretary: Julie Hatleli

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>
Jim Armbruster		Bob Meier	
Julie Hatleli		Mike Fletcher	
Kathy Bruss		Mark Thompson - staff	
John Westendorf		Al Lee - staff	
Lori Westendorf		Ariac Cruz - staff	
John Frey		Many Volunteers	

Board Responsibility (Constitution): *Responsible for overseeing the preservation and care of the building and grounds of the church. Works with the property manager and supports the maintenance and custodial staff. The Board shall determine the best options for repairs, changes, and/or additions needed in providing adequate and proper safeguards to the building and it's system and present their recommendations to the Council.*

2024-2025 Goals Identified by the Board and Council:

- A. Seek and review bids for all projects to provide a recommendation to the Council.
- B. Prepare a yearly budget for maintenance and new projects to present to the Council.
- C. Develop long-range planning for roof repair of total church building.
- D. Prioritize, organize, and oversee smaller tasks and projects that may be completed by volunteers.
- E. Monitor all areas as needed for compliance, upkeep, proper operation, and safety.

F. Identify improvements and repairs as needed to the church building and grounds.

2024-2025 Activities to accomplish Goals:

1. Continue replacing the current lighting with new LED light fixtures throughout the church.
2. Replace ceiling tiles throughout the church that have water leakage spots.
3. Canopy main entry and Pfau St entry of church – replace floor tile, repaint walls, fix ceiling cracks.
4. Add toe kick plates to doors throughout church where needed.
5. Paint exterior doors including cold storage doors.
6. Repair half-door and counter in the Nursery, and back splash in Fireside room.
7. Paint rooms in need of an update.
8. Monitor roof leaks and make recommendations to the Council on repairs.
9. Ongoing: Inspect and organize all storage areas, eliminate outdated items, reduce duplication.

2024-2025 Board Accomplishments:

1. Recommended to Council that the roof be replaced. Capital Campaign item.
2. #3 above is to be completed with Capital Campaign funds
3. All interior lights have been converted to LED lighting – Old bulbs recycled.
4. Ongoing disposal or recycling of compost items, unused items, etc.
5. Water-spotted ceiling tiles have been replaced and will continue until the roof is replaced.
6. Toe kick plates have been installed on doors wherever needed.
7. Exterior doors have been repainted this year.
8. Laminate on the half-door and counter in the nursery, and back splash in Fireside room - all fixed.
9. Repainted many rooms.
10. Storage rooms cleaned and organized - ongoing
11. Grounds monitored for proper upkeep. (Parking lot, ash trees, weeds, Thiesse garden, grass mowing, etc.)

Thank you to all who have served on the Board as well as those who volunteered to help with a particular project. All are members of our great Building & Grounds team! **CTK thanks you!**

Board: Adult Education	Chairperson: Todd Lundquist, Staff Liaison
Council Liaison: Marlin Spangrud	Secretary: Kris Norland

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>
Nancy Armbruster	2025	Dick Norland	2026
Naomi Baker	2027	Kris Norland	2027
TBA	8/2025 – 2028		

Board Responsibilities (Constitution): *Responsible for planning and administering a comprehensive life-long ministry of Christian education for adults, in cooperation with the education and pastoral staff, to promote growth and understanding of the Christian faith.*

2024-2025 Goals identified by the Constitution, Council, and/or Board:

1. Explore and evaluate new ways of providing educational opportunities for our adult church programs.
2. Support the work of the programs under the Adult Education umbrella:
 - a. **Tuesday morning 9am Bible Study (aka Coffee & Conversation)** – Each week we discuss the three lessons assigned for the upcoming week's worship. All are welcome September to May.

Contact Person: Pastor Melanie.

- b. **Sunday morning 9am Faith Continuum** – Everyone is invited to attend as we explore a diverse range of topics with our esteemed guest speakers, September to May. Contact Person: Todd Lundquist
 - c. **Wednesday evening Parent/Youth Faith Conversation** – Wednesday evening small groups are the Confirmation small groups. Contact persons: Pastor Melanie and Pastor Brittany
 - d. **Women's Retreats** – CTK has a weekend retreat each Fall at Shalom Hill Farm. Join together and refresh your soul with other women in a time of fellowship. Contact Person: Julie Hatleli
 - e. **Book Club/Study Group** – We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm. We utilize the North Mankato Public Library's book bag system - all are welcome September to May.

Contact Person: Lonnie Reemer

- f. **Ruth Circle** – We gather at 1pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, September to May. New members are welcome at any time to join in studying the Bible. Contact Person: Diane Brekke

2024-2025 Planned Activities to accomplish Goals:

1. The Board participated in the Fall 2024 Opportunity Fair
2. A few Board members attended the Fall 2024 ISAIAH event
3. The Board developed the Faith Continuum schedule for 2024-2025 and brainstormed topics for 2025-2026
4. The Board conducted a variety of great adult forums between Sunday services and provided learning opportunities that encouraged participation by all adults.

2024-2025 Board Accomplishments:

1. Requested reminders in CTK communications asking CTK members to continue to wear nametags.
2. Recommended that new members be given a Time/Talent sheet upon joining CTK.
3. Set up a compensation schedule for treats at Coffee/Conversation and Faith Continuum programs.
4. Initiated CTK website conversations to make our website more dynamic and current.
 - a. Welcome page to be more dynamic
 - b. Get Involved/Adults page to reflect 6 programs listed in Goals above.

We thank all members for their commitment to the Adult Education Board, especially Todd Lundquist.

Congregational Life Board – John Branstad, Chairperson

As written in our updated Constitution, the Congregational Life Board is responsible for strengthening the fellowship among members by means of social and recreational activities, supervising the fellowship organizations of the church, and assimilating all members into the life of the congregation. We were formerly known as the Faithful People Commission.

First and foremost, I would like to thank the dedicated members of our board: Lonnie Reemer, Denise Kuehner, and Heather Krause. Their engagement and commitment enabled our small (but mighty!) board to deliver big things for Christ the King.

Over the past year, the board worked hard to build on the successes of the past and continue to develop new opportunities for Christ the King members and friends to come together in fellowship. This report will recap our activities during that time.

The Congregation Life Board continues to support Sunday morning coffee fellowship and is grateful for the assistance of CTK staff, including custodians Mark Thompson and Ariac Cruz, in creating a welcoming space for members and visitors to connect on Sunday mornings.

As in past years, the Congregational Life Board provided coffee, cider, and treats during the Advent Concert Series. While the weeks leading up to Christmas can be hectic and even a bit chaotic at times, we are so thankful to help provide an opportunity to slow down, take a breath, and enjoy wonderful music with our friends and members of our CTK family.

Throughout the year, the Congregation Life Board organized several “CTK Social” events as an informal opportunity for fellowship and building connections and relationships among church members. We held Game Nights in the Fireside room (bring a snack to share!), created artistic masterpieces (or at least tried to!) at Artifact, and learned how to throw ‘stones’ and ‘sweep’ (in a good way!) at a Learn to Curl event. We capped off our CTK Social calendar this spring with Bingo Night, including pizza and some fantastic prizes. We sincerely hope you can join us at one of these events in the year to come. And if you have any ideas or suggestions for activities, please let us know!

Our year concludes with the High School Senior Recognition event, which is the culmination of many weeks of planning and preparation. This event is an opportunity to celebrate the remarkable young adults in our congregation and bless them as they move forward into the next phase of their journey. The seniors have the chance to select a beautiful hand-made quilt and join their families and the wider community in a special dinner in their honor. They also receive a small gift bag with items to remind them of the love and support they have from God and the entire Christ the King congregation. Special thanks to Kristi and the kitchen volunteers for a wonderful meal; Carol Burns for her work with the slideshow; and Jan Sorenson and Leslie Starr for their decorating expertise. We are especially grateful for their flexibility and resourcefulness in the face of numerous last-minute changes!

Finally, thank you to Pastor Melanie, Pastor Jenna, Pastor Brittany, the CTK Church Council, CTK Staff Members, and the entire congregation for your ongoing support. It's been an honor to be part of this board. If you have an interest in helping strengthen fellowship at CTK, we would love to have you join our board!

Board Name: Servant Outreach	Chairperson: Jeri Retzlaff
Council Liaison: Karen Moritz	Secretary: Heather Javens

Member	Term Exp	Member	Term exp
Mary Jo Menden	2025	Josh Lorenz	2027
Heather Javens	2025		
Jeri Retzlaff	2025		

Board Responsibility (Constitution): *Responsible for directing the service ministries of the church in social education, social service, and action, following the action of Jesus. It shall communicate to the congregation the efforts of addressing the local, nationwide, and worldwide issues. It shall make recommendations to the Congregation Council for the benevolence programs of the congregation.*

2024-2025 Boals identified by the Board and Council:

- A. Research and distribute 2024-2024 local giving fund.
- B. Support CTK in filling volunteer needs in the chosen service ministries.

Planned Activities to accomplish Goals:

1. Review requested donations and local charities
2. Facilitate Opportunity Fair
3. Commission liaisons to connect with chosen ministries on a monthly basis.
4. Fill member openings on this Servant Outreach Board.

Board Accomplishments for 2024-2025:

1. Facilitated the Opportunity Fair in September 2024, to connect members to various groups within our church & in the greater Mankato area.
2. Supported those who are hungry or homeless by providing meals and labor to:
 - a. Connections Shelter
 - b. Crossroads Campus (MSU) Ministry
 - c. Wednesday Community Suppers
3. Supported international refugees
 - a. Welcome Family Program (Nicaraguan family)
4. Oversaw CTK benevolence distribution to allocate funds

Whether you provided funds or food, helped to serve a meal, or connected with those we serve, the Servant Outreach Board shouts out THANK YOU!

Board: Children Youth and Family	Chairpersons: Erin Enstad & Brittany Ward
Council Liaison: Dan Rickbeil	Secretary: Kirsten Elliott

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>
Kirsten Elliott - staff		Claira Rickbeil	2026
Shavonne Emanuel	2025	Jodi Meerbeek	2025
Brittany Ward	2026	Dan Rickbeil - Council	
Robb Wempen	2027		
Erin Enstad	2027		

Board Responsibility (Constitution): *Responsible for working with the youth ministry staff and pastor(s) to stimulate, develop, and supervise the total educational program involving young people (ages 0-12th grade and post-high school) of the congregation in the work of Christ and the church. By incorporating adult leadership from the congregation, the Board shall develop events and programs that encourage the building of faith and friendship among the young people of Christ the King.*

CFY developed Mission: *To support CTK staff with decisions focused on children, youth, and family and to plan and carry out activities that help youth and families feel safe and cared for by their church, to help build lasting relationships amongst youth and families, and to help bring joy to the youth and families of CTK.*

2024-2025 Goals identified by the Board Their Vision:

We believe faith formation is an on-going, lifelong journey that is supported and guided by the CTK community. We want all children and youth to feel safe, welcomed, and loved while engaging in learning at CTK. We believe it is our responsibility to accompany children and youth as they discover their calling and place in God's world. We believe that it is important to collaborate to build well-rounded relationships with the entire community.

2024-2025 Activities to accomplish Goals:

1. MSU Rock Climbing event
2. 2 Kids Night Out events
3. Cookie decorating and caroling
4. Family ice skating event
5. Kids Pickleball event
6. 2 Youth summer trips
7. Easter brunch
8. Family night/Summer Bash at Faith and Fellowship

2024-2025 Board Accomplishments:

1. Planning youth and family events helped us to support on-going lifelong journeys with Christ for the youth and families of CTK.
2. Our Kids Night Out events and youth summer trips helped us accomplish our goal of having all children and youth feel safe, welcomed, and loved while engaging in learning at CTK.
3. Our youth summer trips helped us accomplish our goal of accompanying children and youth as they discover their calling and place in God's world.
4. Our family events, including the summer bash at faith and fellowship, cookies and caroling, and family skating event, helped us to build well-rounded relationships with the families of our CTK community.

Thank you to everyone in the congregation who supports our mission to build positive and lasting relationships with the children, youth, and families of CTK. Whether you supported our events financially, or attended an event with your family or friends, we could not have accomplished our goals without you! We look forward to continuing to plan events for the children, youth, and families of CTK!

Board: Worship and Music	Council Liaison: Kathy Kachelmyer
Chair: Jessica McNamara	Secretary: Kathy Kachelmyer

Board Member	Term Exp.	Board Member	Term Exp.
Jessica McNamara	2025	Stan Bruss	2026
Kathy Kachelmyer	2026	MaryLou Halderson	2025
Amy Boles	2026	Barb Lake	2027

The Worship and Music Board is responsible for the spiritual growth of the membership. They oversee and help plan the worship services of the congregation, guiding the efforts of those contributing to the worship services, and encouraging individuals and families to grow in faith and life.

2024-2025 Goals Identified by the Board and Council:

1. Develop an annual budget to support the worship experience.
2. Provide the pastors with the necessary resources to enhance the overall worship experience.
3. Coordinate communion, lecturing, greeters and ushering assignments for the year.
4. Support the choir and music directors with appropriate materials, equipment and scheduling.

Planned Activities to accomplish Goals:

1. Transition from five commissions to eight boards.
2. Conduct a Time and Talent survey to gather volunteer information and oversee placement.
3. Assist the pastors in reviewing and establishing the worship schedule, special services, and use of guest pastors.

Board Accomplishments for 2024-2025

1. The group was officially renamed the Worship and Music Board.
2. Funeral policies were finalized following thorough review.
3. Advent recitals were successfully planned, prepared and implemented.
4. Greeter guidelines were created, presented and implemented.
5. A Baptism Recognition Sunday was introduced.
6. A Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras celebration was held in preparation for Lent.
7. Results from the Time and Talent survey results were reviewed.
8. Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter services were thoughtfully planned and carried out.
9. Names of members willing to serve as communion assistants, lectors ushers and greeters were compiled and forwarded to the appropriate scheduling personnel.
10. The schedule for Faith and Fellowship was organized.

The Worship and Music Board would like to thank the congregation, our pastors, and council for their support and teamwork. We're so grateful to work together to create meaningful worship experiences.

Board: Stewardship/Finance	Chairperson: Jennifer Svien
Council Liaison: Jennifer Svien	Secretary: John Kind

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>
David Krause		Liz Zaruba	
Chris Austin		Harry Wenner	
John Kind		Jennifer Svien	
Shannon Sinning			

Board Responsibility (Constitution): *Responsible for promoting the concept of Christian stewardship to CTK membership, establishing a balanced budget consistent with giving, receiving gratefully God's blessings, and nurturing the desire to respond to Christ's call to give of our time, talents, and treasure for His sake in the world.*

2024-2025 Goals Identified by the Board and Council:

1. Increase the percentage of Financial gifting of the membership toward the annual budget.
2. Continue to promote electronic giving to complete annual pledges, regular offering, and special contributions.
3. Promote increased giving with a projection of a balanced budget.

4. Promote the Time/Talent survey and utilize the responses to support CTK.

Planned Activities to accomplish Goals:

1. Review monthly financial reports and compare to budget and prior YTD.
2. Provide Time/Talent responses to Boards and Committees.
3. Explore ideas to increase congregational pledged giving.
4. Continue to provide updates to the congregation on electronic giving.
5. Establish a working budget consistent with projected income.

Board Accomplishments for 2024-2025:

1. Met monthly to review financial reports. Published monthly reports.
2. Established a proposed budget and presented it to CTK members at the Sunday budget forum.
3. Implemented eLexio Kiosk giving.
4. Developed and promoted Mission Moments videos.
5. Increased methods to donate on our online-giving platform.

Thank You to the members of this board for their time, talent, and dedication of service. CTK is blessed to have such a committed group of individuals who generously share their expertise. Your contributions make a meaningful difference, and we are deeply grateful for your continued support.

Committee and Task Force Reports

Christ the King Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

The objective of the Christ the King Endowment Fund is to support the growth and distribution of investment income for Christian mission and endeavors now and in the future. The committee members are dedicated to the purpose, growth, and management of the fund. The committee also supports efforts to educate and bring greater awareness of the funds to the members and friends of the church. Since its inception in 2004, the Endowment Fund has distributed over \$84,000 to various organizations that align with our objective.

Endowment Fund Committee members: Erin Enstad (Secretary), Bill Kozitza, Matt Norland (Chair), Jeri Retzlaff (Treasurer), Sarah Person, and Pastor Melanie Wallschlaeger

Endowment Fund distributions fiscal year 2024-2025:

- \$3,000 to Mankato Youth Place. Mankato Youth Place provides a safe place for youth in our community to build the confidence, knowledge, and skills needed to reach their full potential.
- \$4,000 to Feeding our Communities Partners (FOCP). The FOCP mission is to engage our community in solving youth hunger.
- \$6,200 to Connections Shelter, supporting shelter for the homeless. Included in this cost is staff support and care coordination along with the facility and supplies.
- \$2,000 to Welcome Team (Nicaragua) which is a partnership representing Bethlehem, Calvary, Christ the King, Grace, and Messiah who has pledged to support the family of four seeking asylum.
- \$1,000 to Continuous Growth Pathway. This gift supports the costs for retreats and workshops centered on the professional development and well-being of area ELCA pastors.
- \$2,500 supporting Christ the King youth group summer trips. Summer trips are faith formation events for young people.

Investment Summary:

2024-2025 Year in Review		Current Investments	Rate	Current Value as of 6/30/2024
Balance – June 30, 2024	\$229,641.26	Mission Investment Fund	4.25%	\$86,503.61
Contributions Received	\$0.00	Mission Investment Fund	4.85%	\$41,451.22
Investment Income	\$10,464.75	Mission Investment Fund	4.91%	\$52,507.03
Distribution	\$18,700.00	Community Bank CD	4.14%	\$38,500.00
Administration Expenses	\$0	Community Money Market	1.50%	\$2,444.28
		TOTAL		\$221,406.14
Balance – June 30, 2025	\$221,406.14			

Planned Giving:

When you leave a gift to the Christ the King Endowment Fund, your gift continues to support Christian mission and endeavors now and in the future. It's the gift that keeps on giving. Our committee appreciates the notice of any planned gift to the CTK Endowment Fund. If you have thought about adding the CTK Endowment Fund to your estate plan, please let us know.

Reconciling in Christ

Reconciling in Christ (RIC) continues to move forward at Christ the King. One-on-one conversations continued to happen with CTK members. The task force is always available to meet with someone if they have questions about RIC. We have also set up information about RIC in the narthex, with a task force member available to answer any questions. Last summer, we hosted three Bible study sessions that took place before Faith & Fellowship. In January, Deacon David Behling, Program Coordinator at ReconcilingWorks, presented at Faith Continuum.

The RIC task force also recently announced a centralized theme for the RIC Journey:

Laying down the framework for spiritual growth & a radical welcome.

At the center is Christ the King, a place where we empower all people to know Christ and to make Christ known. Each side of the frame is anchored with a word that symbolizes the core values that we uphold during this commitment to becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation: Community. Inclusivity. Belonging. Authentic Faith is on the bottom as it symbolizes the foundation of who we are - or work to be - as Christians.

We invite you to join us in the coming months during this next part of our journey. Our hope is that we can lay down the framework for CTK to grow spiritually and be ready for a radical welcome when it comes time to vote on becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

This journey is all of ours, so we want you to be engaged. If at any point you have questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to a member of the RIC task force. Thank you and let's get to work!

The task force's next step is to start drafting a Welcome Statement. The task force will be holding poll votes with the congregation to help finalize the Welcome Statement. The decision to become a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) church is voted on and must be approved by the congregation.

Reconciling in Christ Task Force Members:

Liz Zaruba, Chair. Jodie Wallschlaeger, Julie Hatleli, Gerri DeWitte, Becky Menk, Kari Fletcher, Kris Barnes

Christ the King Library Committee Report

Our CTK library has something for everyone. We have a great selection of adult fiction, kids' storybooks, non-fiction, biographies, and reference books. New books are added regularly as our budget allows. We also receive donations of books that are carefully checked over by our volunteers before accepting into our inventory. Our church website shows our inventory and can be viewed by clicking on "Discover", then "Library". We also take suggestions for new titles to be added.

Our CTK library has an archive area which includes photo books of confirmands, photos of the building of the church, events and past and present member resources.

We have a large selection of donated puzzles for use within the library or take one home and return when completed. These can help fill the long winter evenings of the hot summer days.

Come in and check us out. Curl up in a comfy chair and enjoy what we have to offer.

Our library committee meets every other month, where our volunteers take turns helping in the library. We are always looking for new volunteers.

Volunteers:

Linda Eisenbeis

Emmy Geppert

Ellen Petersen

Marilyn Mathiason

Ann Stewart

Kathy Wenner

Kathy Bruss

CTK QUILTERS 2024-2025 MINISTRY PROGRAM

The church "*Quilter Bees*" have continued to commit their time and talents to this wonderful CTK ministry of selection of fabrics, stitching, the assembly process and working together for the cause of donation of quilts each year. During this past church year 2024-2025 the **quilters completed a total of (110) quilts in only (16) actual work sessions** with the following quilt donations/distributions [*see schedule below*]. This has been accomplished due to many quilt tops being assembled at home by CTK quilters then assembled at church!

- **Annual 2025 Quilt Auctions Donations** - Green Lake Lutheran Bible Camp (2), Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp (2) & Good Earth Village Gala Event (2).
- **CTK 2025 Seniors Recognition "Wrapped in Love" Quilts Event – May 21, 2025 (22) Quilts & Seniors Blessed**
- **Lutheran World Relief [LWR]– Total Quilts for Mission [24] - [June 2025]**
- **"Blessing of Quilts" for LWR Prior to Delivery to Warehouse – (May 28, 2025)**
- **Mankato CADA Organization – (7) Quilts for residents (June 2025)**

- “Blessing of (12) Quilts” for MSU-M International Students ‘Warm Welcome’ Event (01/25)
- Special Farewell Quilt Gifted to Pastor Jenna Couch (May 14, 2025)

The quilters group has an open invitation to anyone interested in becoming involved in this wonderful ministry opportunity. We work hard producing quilts with lots of conversation, laughter plus coffee & lunch breaks too! You DO NOT need to be an accomplished quilter! On the job training is provided and we know there are jobs for everyone. **Quilters meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month (also the 5th Wednesday when there is one), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fireside Room.** You are welcome to come for part or all of the day depending on your schedule.

The CTK Quilter’s Ministry does not receive any funds from the annual church budget. Your interest and donations of **cash/check** or **Thrivent Member Donation Dollars** are much appreciated as there are ongoing supply needs in the creation of the quilts! Also, most new (or like new) fabric yardage donations will be put to good use. Thank you to everyone that has supported the quilter’s efforts this past year!

The following women participated during **2024-2025 with CTK quilters group**: Marie Bautch, Kathy Bruss, Marilyn Dundas, Mary Eichen, Emmy Geppert, Donna Holt, Shirley James, Jane Maas, Deb Markell, Bonnie Olson, Mary Salge, Ann Stewart, Maxine Thompson and Lori Westendorf. If you have questions or wish to get involved contact any one of the “Quilter Bees”! Remember all are welcome to come, even if you just want to see what is happening with the CTK Quilters.

Submitted by Ann Stewart on behalf of the CTK Quilters

June 2025 Report - *(Based on CTK Church Fiscal Budget Year)*

2024-2025 MINISTERIAL REPORT

PASTORAL ACTS

Children Baptized	13
Adults Baptized	0
First Communion	27
Confirmations	21
Weddings	5
Funerals	19

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

INCREASES:

- By Baptism 13
- By New Members 28

DECREASES:

- By Death 17
- By Transfer 10

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 1905

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Christmas	1124
Holy Week	415
Easter Sunday	764

Saturday Average	45
Sunday 8:00 Average	44
Sunday 9:30 Average	138
Sunday 10:00 Average	153
Wednesday Average	121

Average Weekly Worship Attendance July to December 2024=405

Average Weekly Worship Attendance January to June 2025=383

Council Nominations



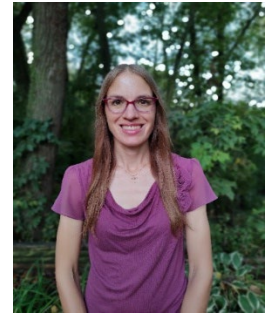
Nominee for Young Adult Rep

My name is Caylin Steinberg. My family and I joined Christ the King in 2012. I graduated from MSU Mankato and currently work at Medline in North Mankato as a microbiologist where I have worked over five years. I joined the handbell choir in 2019 and have also sang in the choir and played alto saxophone for cantatas. In my free time, I like to read, golf, watch sports, and spend time with family.



Nominee for Youth Rep

My name is Hailey Bouldin and I am a sophomore at Mankato East High School. I have been a member of Christ the King for the past nine years and am honored to be considered for the congregational council as a student member. I am passionate about representing and supporting the voices of the youth in our congregation. I participated in the ELCA Youth Gathering in Louisiana in 2024. In my free time, I enjoy playing hockey, tennis, spending time with my family, reading, and caring for our pets-including two dogs, one cat, and seven chickens.



Nominee for Council

I am Michel Haugh. My husband Dave and I have been members of Christ the King since the summer of 2006. We have been married for 19 years and have 3 kids, Milena, Everett, & Elias. At CTK I recently served on the call committee, and I also work in the nursery. In the community, our family fosters animals with Mending Spirits Animal Rescue and care for kids with The Crisis Nursery & Blue Earth County foster care. In my free time, I enjoy running and spending time with my family. I am always up for a new adventure!

Council Nominations Continued



New term-Treasure Nominee

My name is Jennifer Svien and I have been a member at Christ the King since 2012. My family has experienced CTK as a place where we find a deep sense of community, faith and belonging. The warm and welcoming atmosphere, the inspiring sermons, and the meaningful fellowship have all played a significant role in deepening our faith. I am eager to be involved and give back to this wonderful church community. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my husband Paul and our daughters Allison and Olivia.

Southeastern Minnesota Synod ELCA Looking Toward Ministry in 2025



For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so, through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God. (2 Corinthians 1:20, NIV)

The Use of the Means of Grace, a teaching document of our denomination, emphasizes the importance of baptism happening in the midst of the gathered assembly. In baptism, we claim the promises of God for the baptized, and the gathered assembly has the distinct privilege of hearing those promises for themselves, too.

Baptism happens in community because the promises of baptism are for the community.

Indeed, in the rite of baptism, members of the congregation participate as the newly baptized is welcomed among them. Promises to accompany the newly baptized in the journey of faith are spoken aloud.

In baptism, we remember the promises of God as we hear them spoken, again and again, by those in our midst.

I spent a number of years in a faith tradition that emphasized the power of personal testimony. Individuals would testify to the work and power of God in their lives and the lives of those they knew. In these spaces of testimony, we collectively remembered the promises of God. The faith of those gathered was buoyed as they were reminded of God’s work in the world.

Testimony. Reclaiming of the promises. These essential practices in the Christian faith keep us grounded and assured in who God is and what God does, especially in times when it is hard to see. We hear the promises of God over and over again because we often need to be reminded of them. We need to be reminded that in Christ, all God’s promises are “Yes!” Practicing faith in community strengthens us to reply, “Amen!”

As we look ahead to the coming year, I want to pay particular attention to our claiming, naming, and proclaiming of God’s promises for us and all of creation. There may be days in which our faith wobbles, when the promises of God seem a far cry from fulfillment. On those days, harkening back to our baptisms, we benefit from hearing the promises of God proclaimed by our communities loud enough for others to hear. *(continued)*

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

- 42 congregations were engaged in call process
- 13 Rostered Ministers were welcomed to the synod
- 1 new worshipping community was created: the Nuer Community Lutheran Church
- 3 Power+Boundaries workshops were hosted to equip lay people, church staffs, and Rostered Ministers
- A Chrism Mass Advent Worship was offered to leaders for the first time



In the first part of 2025, members of the Office of the Bishop will intentionally collect stories of God's work in the world from members throughout the synod. Our hope is to create a library of stories told by all kinds of voices that give testimony to what God has done and hopes of what God will yet do.

How have the promises of God been fulfilled in your life? In the lives of those you love? In the aspects of creation you explore? In the life of your congregation or larger community? What testimony can you share for the sake of building up the community of faith?

The life of discipleship is, in the words of the late Rev. Eugene Peterson, "a long obedience in the same direction." It is an obedience best undertaken in community with a chorus of believers surrounding us crying, "Yes!" and "Amen!" as we lift our voices to do the same.

May this year in ministry be one in which we claim and proclaim the fulfillment of all the promises of God so that our faith might grow and the world might live more fully into abundant life.

How is the Spirit inviting your congregation to join the chorus of "Yes!" and "Amen!"?

In Christ,

Rev. Regina Hassanally

Bishop Regina Hassanally



2024 HIGHLIGHTS

- Synod Assembly took place with roughly 360 people in attendance, celebrating the theme: **"Every Congregation Connected"**
- Fall Theological Retreat took place with 145 attendees (including Rostered Ministers and congregation staff) in La Crosse, WI, with the theme **"Will You Be My Neighbor? Called to Community"**
- Gatherings were hosted to support leaders who are new to the synod, in their first years of ministry, and retired





What a Year!

