

**Christ the King Lutheran Church**  
**Congregational Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 25, 2025 @ 5:30 pm**  
**Fireside Room**

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

**Members Present:** Gary Rudolf (*President*), Jennifer Svien (*Treasurer*), Barbie Roessler (*Vice President*), Brennan Enstad (*Secretary*), Brent Sandhurst, Marlin Spangrud (remote), Kathy Kachelmyer, Karen Moritz, Pastor Melanie, Heather Krause Quiram, Dan Rickbeil, Kaia Austin

**Members Absent:** Jessica Ehrich (*Past President*)

**1. G Rudolf called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM**

**2. Devotions** – Karen Moritz

**3. Approval of Agenda** - Motion by M Spangrud, Second by B Roessler - Motion passed.

**4. Approval of February Council Minutes** – Motion by B Roessler, Second by D Rickbeil- Motion passed.

**5. Discussion and Approval of Treasurer’s Report** - Motion by K Moritz, Second by Heather Krause Quiram. Motion passed.

Operating cash (in bank accounts) net of restricted funds equals \$ 152,284.92 on 2/28/2025 (71 days of expenses).

Regular offering was below monthly budget by \$7,995 and YTD variance of \$31,138.

Monthly operational income was below monthly budget by \$8,609 and YTD variance of \$25,668.

Monthly expenses were under budget by \$5,057 and YTD under budget by \$24,711

-\$5,000 in rent income due to an accounting correction by Eide Bailey

Discussion on the available budget for a potential pastoral candidate. We’re okay from a budget perspective to cover wages.

**6. Technology Update**

We’ve received a quote from Netrio in the Twin Cities, and Gary has also contacted Mankato Computer Technology for an estimate. We’re currently evaluating and comparing the quotes and service offerings.

**7. YWCA Lease Update**

The congregation voted last Wednesday during the special congregational meeting to enter into a lease agreement with the YWCA. We have the lease in place; it’s now just a matter of getting it signed. The lease is for three years at \$3,500 per month.

**8. Capital Campaign Update**

Steve (the consultant) will present a case statement to the congregation as part of the feasibility study interviews. Announcements will be made during early-April worship services to inform members about how to sign up for the interviews. The interview results will be analyzed, and a report will be provided by the end of May.

## **9. Yearend Transition Discussion**

We are planning to transition to a fiscal calendar with a December 31 year-end. As a result, our annual pledge drive will likely shift to the fall, rather than taking place in the summer. If we proceed with this change, the congregation will be given ample notice.

## **10. Nominating Committee – Make up & timeline discussion**

David Krause and Dan Menden are the current members of the nominating committee, and we're looking to add 4-5 more people.

Three council members will be completing their terms this year.

The next term will be 18 months long due to the change in our fiscal year-end.

## **11. Call Committee Update**

Kathy provided an update on the call committee. In total, we received four resumes. A second round of in-person interviews will begin tomorrow (March 26). One deacon and two pastors will be interviewing again, while one candidate was not invited for a second interview.

## **12. Congregation Photos Update**

Andrea is finishing up the project.

## **13. Other Items, Board and Committee Reports**

The Fat Tuesday dinner was well attended and well received.

## **14. Pastor Melanie's Report**

- a. Our insurance is due for renewal on March 31st. Our agent has informed us that the rate will increase due to a couple of recent accidents, and the replacement cost of our church has also gone up. Currently, our contents are insured for over \$1M, and there is some discussion about whether this valuation is too high and if we can reduce it.
- b. We'll be hosting a WELCA conference here at CTK on Palm Sunday weekend.
- c. Additionally, we've been experiencing issues with our phone service, particularly frustrations around the inability to leave a message at the church office. We're working with Consolidated Communications to resolve the problem.

## **15. Closing Prayer**

**16. Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn by M Spangrud. Second by K Austin. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 @ 5:30

**Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 @ 5:30**