

**Christ the King Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
October 28, 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:

Barbie Roessler (*President*), Gary Rudolf (*Past President*), Heather Krause (*Vice President*), Brennan Enstad (*Secretary*), Jennifer Svien (*Treasurer*), Marlin Spangrud, Caylin Steinberg, Kathy Kachelmyer, Michel Haugh, Karen Moritz, Dan Rickbeil, Pastor Brittany

Members Absent: Pastor Melanie, Hailey Bouldin

1. B Roessler called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. Devotions – Caylin

3. Approval of Agenda

The Treasurer's Report was moved up as the next item on the agenda. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by M. Spangrud and seconded by H. Krause. The motion carried.

4. Discussion and Approval of Treasurer's Report

Jen reported that the final monthly financials have not yet been received. However, total income for the month is projected at \$66,212, indicating an upward trend compared to the previous two months:

- July: \$54,244
- August: \$58,611

Total operational income for the past three months stands at \$179,067, which is approximately \$50,000 below the budgeted amount of \$229,721.

Total expenses for the same period are \$224,638.25, roughly \$6,000 under the budgeted \$230,972.04.

September expenses totaled \$91,607, exceeding the budgeted \$76,991. The increase is primarily due to higher pastoral and support staff wages. Jen is investigating this variance with Eide Bailly, who indicated the discrepancy may be due to a shift from cash to accrual accounting methodology. Further review is underway.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by D. Rickbeil, seconded by G. Rudolf. Motion carried.

5. Approval of September Council Minutes

A motion to approve the August council minutes was made by D. Rickbeil and seconded by K. Kachelmyer. Motion passed.

6. Pastor's Reports

Pastor Brittany shared that Sunday's confirmation service went well and was positively received.

New laptops have been received for both Pastor Brittany and Pastor Melanie.

7. Board Reports

Adult Education (Marlin)

The Faith Continuum schedule has been finalized for the year. The committee is requesting the Congregational Council's participation again in the spring. There is growing interest in hearing from each of the boards. Suggestions for future Faith Continuum programs and recommendations for new members are welcome.

Building & Grounds (Dan)

Work was completed on Saturday to fill in the holes left by the removal of ash trees.

Children, Youth, and Family (Michel)

Kids Night Out is scheduled for Saturday, November 8th. Upcoming events include lefse making with Pastor Melanie and a caroling event in the coming months.

Congregational Life (Caylin)

The November event is titled *Give Thanks by Giving Back*. In December, the committee will serve cookies and refreshments during the recital.

Servant Outreach (Karen)

The Connections Shelter will be hosted November 9–15. Mary Jo Menden is assisting with coordinating and communicating shelter procedures. Work on the Sharing Tree continues, with the list expected to be ready shortly after Thanksgiving. Additional board members are needed.

8. Approval of Pioneer Bank

Pioneer Bank stepped in to assist with a line of credit after delays with the Mission Investment Fund (MIF), which impacted timely payments to roofing and electrical contractors. As part of the agreement, Pioneer Bank requested that Christ the King move its checking and savings accounts from Profinium to Pioneer Bank. Currently, the church holds checking, savings, and a CD at Profinium. The CD will remain at Profinium until it reaches maturity.

The council discussed potential conflict-of-interest concerns, as both the Treasurer and a member of the Stewardship & Finance Board are employed by Pioneer Bank. It was noted that neither individual has signature authority or the ability to act on behalf of Christ the King. Jen Svien will consult the Audit Committee for their opinion on the matter.

A motion was made by K. Moritz to move the checking and savings accounts from Profinium to Pioneer Bank, contingent upon approval from the Audit Committee. The motion was seconded by G. Rudolf. Motion carried.

9. Budget Forum Update

The Budget Forum is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, immediately following the 6:00 PM service.

This date was moved from the originally planned January 14 due to a scheduling conflict with the Confirmation class's use of the sanctuary.

10. Annual Meeting Date

The Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, February 1, immediately following the 10 AM service.

11. Solar Panel Update

Gary reported that the solar panels are not yet connected. However, installation work is expected to be completed by the end of the week, at which point the system should be fully operational.

12. December Council Meeting

The December Council meeting has been moved up one week and will now take place on Tuesday, December 16th.

13. Closing Prayer

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by D Rickbeil. Second by M Haugh. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 @ 4:30

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 @ 5:30