

Christ the King Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
December 16, 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*), Heather Krause (*Vice President*), Brennan Enstad (*Secretary*), Jennifer Siven (*Treasurer*), Marlin Spangrud, Karen Moritz, Caylin Steinberg, Michel Haugh, Pastor Melanie, Pastor Brittany

Members Absent: Gary Rudolf (*Past President*), Hailey Bouldin, Dan Rickbeil, Kathy Kachelmyer

1. B Roessler called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

2. Devotions – Heather

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve an amended agenda was made by M. Spangrud and seconded by J. Siven. The motion carried.

Amendments:

1. Add a discussion regarding upcoming nominations for the annual meeting.
2. Include a formal vote on the \$4,000 budget request from the Quilters, previously discussed last month.

4. Approval of November Council Minutes

A motion to approve the November council minutes was made by J. Siven and seconded by M. Haugh. Motion passed.

5. Discussion and Approval of Treasurer's Report

November Financials

- Operating cash (in bank accounts) net of restricted funds equals \$103,018 on 11/30/2025 (44 days of expenses).
- Total Operating Income was \$90,485, which was \$17,878 greater than monthly budget.
- Regular offering was better than monthly budget by \$18,865
- Monthly expenses were \$65,087 which was \$11,904 under budget
- Total net income was a gain of \$28,898

Jen is very close to completing the first draft of the 2026 annual budget.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by M. Spangrud, seconded by K. Moritz. Motion carried.

6. Pastor's Reports

Pastor Melanie shared an update on the significant progress made to date of our capital campaign.

Pastor Brittany shared details about an upcoming special Wednesday worship service scheduled for January.

7. Board Reports

Adult Education (Marlin)

The board did not meet last month.

Building & Grounds (Dan) - absent

Children, Youth, and Family (Michel)

The board did not meet last month due to inclement weather.

Congregational Life (Caylin)

The board did not meet last month. "Beer and Carols" at Paddlefish Brewery was a great event.

Justice & Peace (Hailey) – absent

Servant Outreach (Karen)

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, December 18th.

Brief update on the Giving Tree and we have another commitment with Connections Shelter in January.

Stewardship & Finance (Jen)

Discussed during the Treasurer's report.

Worship & Music (Kathy) - absent

8. T-Mobile Grant Request

The YWCA requested the formation of a working group to review the grant application, parameters, and usage form, as the submission deadline is approaching at the end of December. They asked for

three representatives from CTK to join a few YWCA members for a meeting. Discussion focused on identifying CTK representatives, with Building and Grounds and Children, Youth, and Family committee members mentioned as potential participants.

9. Health Insurance Update

Several quotes were received from Blue Cross Blue Shield, all significantly exceeding the current budget. There was discussion regarding potential wage adjustments to help offset the increased costs.

10. Quilter's Budget Request (Added via Amendment)

Motion by M Spangrud to approve adding \$500 to the 2026 annual budget for the Quilting Committee. Motion fails due to lack of a second.

The Servant Outreach Committee will provide the Quilting Committee with \$500 later this week.

The consensus from the council is there will be further discussion on this topic.

11. Upcoming Meeting Dates

- a. Budget Forum – January 21, 2026, after the 6:00 PM service
- b. Annual Meeting – February 1, 2026, after the 10:00 AM service

12. Nominations (Added via Amendment)

Marlin prepared a sample election ballot designed to ensure clarity during the annual meeting in January.

Discussion included current council members and remaining terms, noting that one or two council positions may become vacant at the end of 2025.

Board terms and membership were also reviewed. Liaisons are encouraged to confirm with their respective boards whether additional members are needed and take appropriate action

The annual meeting is scheduled for February 1. This date was chosen because financials will not be available earlier, and it allows the congregational council to meet following the budget forum. Meeting in January was not feasible due to time constraints for completing year-end financial reports and preparing accurate budget information.

13. Closing Prayer

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by J Svien. Second by H Krause. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 @ 4:30

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 @ 5:30