

**Christ the King Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2026 @ 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), Brennan Enstad (Secretary), Heather Krause (Vice President), Gary Rudolf (Past President), Jennifer Svien (Treasurer), Marlin Spangrud, Michel Haugh, Caylin Steinberg, Karen Moritz, Pastor Melanie

Members Absent: Dan Rickbeil, Kathy Kachelmyer, Hailey Bouldin

1. B Roessler called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

2. Devotions – Barbie Roessler

3. Approval of Agenda

G. Rudolf moved to approve the agenda; the motion was seconded by M. Spangrud and carried.

4. Approval of June Council Minutes

A motion to approve the June council minutes was made by M. Spangrud and seconded by H. Krause. Motion carried.

5. RIC Conversation

Several members of the RIC team joined the Council to discuss the latest draft of the Welcome Statement. Council members engaged in discussion regarding specific wording within the statement. The RIC team shared that approximately 40 congregation members have participated in one-on-one conversations with RIC representatives and encouraged all interested members to request a conversation.

Additional discussion focused on ReconcilingWorks and the potential implications and expectations for Christ the King should the congregation choose to move forward with the process.

The RIC team also shared plans for an additional straw poll, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 30. Similar to the previous poll, this opportunity would allow members

to provide feedback on the revised Welcome Statement, which was updated based on input received from the prior straw poll. The poll is expected to be conducted in person only.

The formal congregational vote is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 28th. Formal communication will come out two weeks prior to the vote.

6. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Since we had no meeting in July, Jen presented the monthly financials for the months of June and July.

Jen presented the monthly financials as of June 30, 2026.

- Total operational income in June was \$54,719, which is \$19,332 below the budgeted amount of \$74,050.
- Total expenses were \$65,190, coming in \$8,244 below the budget of \$73,434.
- Total monthly net income was a loss of \$6,972.
- Regular offering was below monthly budget by \$18,587.

Jen presented the monthly financials as of July 31, 2026.

- Total operational income in July was \$54,322, which is \$19,729 below the budgeted amount of \$74,050.
- Total expenses were \$70,014, coming in \$3,420 below the budget of \$73,434.
- Total monthly net income was a loss of \$7,183.
- Regular offering was below monthly budget by \$20,079.
- We have a year-to-date net loss of \$18,976

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by H. Krause and seconded by G. Rudolf; the motion carried.

6. Pastor's Reports

Pastor Brittany reported that much of the past month has been focused on pastoral care activities and advance planning for upcoming ministry programs and events.

Pastor Melanie shared that she has been working closely with the Adult Education Board. She highlighted the upcoming Faith Continuum programming, noting a strong lineup of educational opportunities beginning in September.

Pastor Melanie shared that **Crossroads Campus Ministry** will be closing. As a result, the **Lunch for a Buck** program will no longer be offered, and the **Campus Cupboard** is

expected to close permanently later this fall. The Council discussed the impact these closures may have on the campus and broader community.

7. Board Reports

Adult Education (Marlin)

The fall Adult Education schedule is pretty well complete.

There have been some concerns shared around the sound system at CTK and whether it is clear enough. Discussion over talking with a sound engineer to come do a professional evaluation on what may be going on as the system itself is not that old.

Building & Grounds (Dan) – absent

Barbie shared that Jim Armbruster had requested clarification regarding the planned removal of the ash trees and an additional tree located in the courtyard. The Council noted that the removal of the three ash trees was previously approved at the May Congregational Council meeting.

Bids have been received for the removal of the locust tree in the courtyard. Gary agreed to follow up with Jim to discuss an alternative option for removing the tree.

Children, Youth, and Family (Michel)

Registration is now open for all youth programming opportunities. In September, third-grade students will receive their Bibles.

Preparations are underway for Rally Day, which will feature the theme “Be Salty, Stay Lit.”

A Trunk or Treat event is also tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Congregational Life (Caylin)

A game night is planned for September, and a giving drive is anticipated in November. Planning is also underway for the Advent series, which will take place during the month of December.

Justice & Peace (Hailey) - absent

Servant Outreach (Karen)

Plans are underway for volunteer opportunities with Connections Shelter this fall.

The Christmas in July initiative and the Bike Build Home 500 fundraising event were both successful and well received by participants and guests.

Additionally, the “My Pace Mile for My Place” event is scheduled for October 10. There is interest in forming a Christ the King team to participate.

Stewardship & Finance (Jen)

Jen asked each Council member to connect with their respective boards to identify and communicate any budget changes or funding needs that should be considered in the development of next year's budget.

\$657,147 received thus far out of the roughly \$1.2M. Both June and July were solid giving months.

The pledge drive is anticipated to occur during the week of Wednesday, October 21 and Sunday, October 25th.

Brief discussion on budget forum and annual meeting scheduling. Preliminary date for the budget forum is Wednesday, December 2nd. Preliminary date for the annual meeting is Sunday, January 31st.

Worship & Music (Kathy) - absent

9. Closing Prayer

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by M. Spangrud. Second by H. Krause. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 2026 @ 4:30

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 2026 @ 5:30