

**Christ the King Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Agenda
August 26, 2025 @ 5:30 pm
Fireside Room**

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Devotions** – Gary Rudolf
3. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Approval of June Council Minutes**
6. **Discussion and Approval of Treasurer's Report**
7. **Board Liaison Assignments**
 - a. Adult Education – Marlin Spangrud
 - b. Buildings and Grounds
 - c. Children, Youth & Family
 - d. Congregational Life
 - e. Justice and Peace
 - f. Servant Outreach
 - g. Stewardship & Finance – Jennifer Svien
 - h. Worship & Music
 - i. Library
 - j. Personnel – Heather Krause (As needed)
8. **Annual Congregation Meeting Summary – Parliamentary & Term Limit Discussion**
6. **Roof Update**
7. **Loan Update**
8. **Capital Campaign Update**
9. **Computer Update**
10. **YWCA Request**
13. **Other Items, Board and Committee Reports**
14. **Pastor Melanie's Report**
15. **Pastor Brittany's Report**
16. **Closing Prayer**
16. **Adjournment**

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 @ 4:30

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 @ 5:30

Devotions

Brennan Enstad - September

Caylin Steinberg - October

Dan Rickbeil - November

Hailey Bouldin - December

Heather Krause - January
Jennifer Svien - February
Karen Moritz - March
Kathy Kachelmyer - April
Marlin Spangrud - May
Michel Haugh - June
Heather Krause - Alternate

Christ the King Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2025

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*), Jessica Ehrich (*Past President*), Marlin Spangrud, Kathy Kachelmyer, Karen Moritz, Hailey Bouldin, Pastor Melanie, Pastor Brittany
Members Absent: Michel Haugh, Caylin Steinberg, Heather Krause Quiram, Dan Rickbeil

Gary Rudolf called the meeting to order at 11:38 AM.

The council held a brief discussion regarding the newly established term structure, officially confirming the adoption of a three and a half term format. It was noted that the next election will be held in January 2027.

Karen Moritz made a motion to approve the new council positions as previously approved by the congregation. The motion was seconded by Jessica Ehrich and the motion was carried.

Kathy Kachelmyer then moved to appoint Barbie Roessler as the new Congregational Council President. Marlin Spangrud seconded the motion, which was also carried.

To conclude the meeting, Barbie Roessler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jessica Ehrich. The motion passed, and the meeting was officially adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Senior Pastor Report – Melanie Wallschlaeger

1) Technology Needs & Costs: Mark Thompson and I have had numerous conversations with Mankato Computer Technology about CTK's computers and support network. Here is a breakdown of what is recommended:

a) Network Switches: MCT recommends replacing the two network switches that have reached end of life status – the two new network switches combined will cost \$1125 for hardware and \$1050 in labor to setup. The cost to replace those two switches (balcony) with parts and labor included would be close to \$1500. Total cost of \$3,675.00 for replacement of network switches.

b) Replace 2 computers: Approximate cost of replacing 2 computers \$1100.00 each=\$2200.00 (high estimate). It is recommended that we replace these machines ASAP as Windows 10 end-of-support is October. Total hardware costs, including labor: \$5875.00

2) Personal Time Off

a) August 18-25, I will be traveling with my family to take our daughter to college.

b) October 22-25, I will attend Parents Weekend at GWU, but plan to be back for Confirmation service.

c) November 8-9, I will take the weekend off to attend a college football game with friends.

Associate Pastor Report for August—Brittany Mailleue

- **Boards:**

- Servant outreach: 8/21
- Executive 8/19
- Worship and Music: Met 8/7

- **Preaching/Worship:**

- Pastor Melanie and I have our preaching schedule mapped out through October
- 8/7 Planning meeting-Discussed events coming up August-December

- **Pastoral Care ministry:**

- Visitation-
- Weekly checks at hospital-myself or Pastor Melanie
- Still working to make sure I have an accurate list of people who need visitation

- Visitation Ministry team
- Meeting 7/8 at 5 pm-was sparsely attended. I intend to do another meeting once the program year begins and vacations for many are done.
- I am asking when kits are refilled that they be placed on the Alter to be blessed with the meal. Their visits are an extension of the table and this gives the congregation a visual representation of this ministry.
- I will be establishing some kind of documentation to log a visit to ensure folks are not missed.
- **Confirmation Program**
 - There is a sign-up form for confirmation students to register for the program year.
 - There is a form for guides to help with small groups for confirmation time
 - Changing 9th grade confirmation to be an exploratory year.
 - Asking board liaison to inform board about and upcoming event date to be determined when someone from the board will speak to the 9th grade confirmation students and explain what their board does.
 - I am preparing curriculum for the year.
 - Organizing service nights and some special events.
 - Confirmation retreat happening at Gustavus October 5th
 - Affirmation of Baptism (confirmation) service will be on Sunday October 26 at 3 PM
- **Other:**
 - Sacred Sites tour 8/23
 - Fall Theological Oct 12-14
 - I will be taking off Oct 15-21- My mother is visiting from NC

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

Christ the King Luther Church

Executive Team Meeting

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

Date: August 19, 2025

Time: Meeting called to order at 4:31 PM

Location: Christ the King Luther Church

Members Present: Barbie Roessler (President), Heather Krause (Vice President), Gary Rudolf (Past President), Jennifer Svien (Treasurer), Brennan Enstad (Secretary), Pastor Brittany Mailleue

Members Absent: Pastor Melanie Wallschlaeger

1. Opening

Call to Order: President Barbie Roessler

Opening Prayer: Pastor Brittany

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Gary Rudolf. Second by Jennifer Svien. Motion passed.

3. Council Meeting Summary – Parliamentary & Term Limit Discussion – Marlin Spangrud

Concerns were raised at the annual meeting (Sunday) regarding parliamentary procedures during the election process. The Constitution specifies a written ballot term of three years; clarification is needed on extending the terms by six months. A new annual meeting will be held in January, with a written ballot explicitly stating three-year terms, using Marlin's example.

Council liaisons are to work with their boards to define and communicate term limits.

At the next council meeting, all members will have board appointments; Marlin will lead the Adult Education meeting.

Board membership numbers are determined by each board but require council approval.

The council voted to confirm three board members for 3.5-year terms.

January 26 election ballot will include Marlin Spangrud and Dan Rickbeil for Congregational Council.

Endowment Committee appointments are pending.

The Library Committee is tasked with providing operational guidelines.

Motion to Table Discussion: Gary Rudolf motioned to table further discussion until the next council meeting to allow Marlin to research the Constitution and Brennan to review prior meeting minutes. Seconded by Brennan Enstad. Motion passed.

4. Roof Project Update

Building Project: Gary Rudolf reported that he spoke with Tim (contractor), and the project is progressing well. The team is currently in the removal phase, and no underlying damage has been discovered so far.

Solar Panel Discussion:

- a. Three options were reviewed regarding the existing solar panels:
 - i. **Remove and Reinstall:** Estimated cost is approximately \$19,000.
 - ii. **Do Not Reinstall:** Likely to result in liability for the remaining balance of the Minnesota Department of Commerce rebates.
 - iii. **Replace with New Panels:** Considered too costly and not a viable option at this time.

5. **Financing Update**

Barbie is hoping to have the bridge loan details buttoned up this week.

6. **Capital Campaign Update**

Gary, Pastor Melanie, and John Kind have been in discussion with Steve Olson since the congregational council meeting. No additional news to share at this point.

7. **Ash Tree Request from Building & Grounds**

The B&G committee would like to remove an ash tree. The cost is over the amount they're approved to spend. Discussion planned for next week's council meeting.

8. **Pastor Reports**

Pastoral Laptop Replacement:

Pastor Melanie's laptop is no longer cost-effective to repair. The recommendation to council is to purchase two new laptops—one for Pastor Melanie and one for Pastor Brittany.

Network Switches:

Replacement cost is \$3,675. This was a well-known issue, and the recommendation is to move forward with the purchase.

Confirmation Program Update:

Pastor Brittany recommends that each board appoint a representative to speak with the 9th grade confirmation class about their board's mission and activities.

- a. Students will be asked to engage in two different areas of service.
- b. Each student will also be expected to find a CTK member mentor by November.
- c. The 9th grade program will shift toward an exploration-based model, moving away from traditional lecture-style instruction.

9. **Adjournment**

Motion by Brennan Enstad. Second by Heather Krause. Meeting adjourned at 5:33.

Next Exec Team Meeting: September 16, 2025

Adult Education Board

August 6, 2025

Members Present: Kris Norland, Dick Norland, Gerry Giese, Todd Lundquist (staff liaison)

Absent: Naomi Baker, TBA (Council liaison)

The Adult Education Board is 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 – i.e. Tuesday morning Bible Study (aka Coffee & Conversation), Sunday morning Faith Continuum, Wednesday evening Parent/Youth Faith Conversations, Women's Retreats, Book Club/Study Group (monthly on Thursday evening), Ruth Circle

Old Business

1 No specific Board oversees CTK website - Cong Life Bd budget line item: web update exp

2 Faith Continuum schedule on CTK website needs updating – specific dates or general topics

3 Todd L proposed inviting a rep from each of the 6 programs under Adult Education to attend one of the 2025-2026 monthly Adult Education Board meetings

4 Wednesday Parent/Youth Faith Conversations – topics for confirmands per Pastor Brittany

5 Todd L/Pastor Melanie recently reviewed Adult Ed Bd's budget Jul-Dec 2025 - 2 line items
Todd L proposed Faith Continuum/Tuesday morning Bible Study share treat expenses

New Business

1 Welcome new board member, Gerry Giese - 8/2025 to 12/2028

Gerry G requested list of past Faith Continuum topics/speakers – last 2-4 years

2 New council liaison = TBA

3 Todd L gave brief overview of Fall 2025 Faith Continuum topics/speakers

4 July 2025 Council decision: Library is no longer under the Adult Ed Bd umbrella – it is now a free-standing Committee – Library budget is under Children, Youth & Family Board

5 Opportunity Fair in Narthex – Sep 3 from 5-6pm & Sep 7 from 9-10am – all boards present
– Adult Ed Bd set-up similar to last year

6 Aug 23 Dakota Sacred Sites Tour begins at Gustavus – adult ed opportunity for all CTK members – Carly B/Pastors handling publicity – registration: <https://shorturl.at/j5YVO> - event begins with a 9am speaker

7 Carly Ballman was recently hired as CTK's Office Administrator

8 Gerry G shared trend in Wednesday night church attendance & Sunday School attendance

Adjournment

Motion by Dick N, second by Kris N

Next Board Meeting

W Sep 3 @6:45pm, Fireside Room (continue 1st Wednesday of each month for 2025-2026 year)



Finance/Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 7:00 AM, August 19, 2025
Pioneer Bank

Members Present: Chris Austin, John Kind, Jennifer Svien, Harry Wenner. Liz Zaruba

Chair Jennifer Svien called the meeting to order at 7:03 AM.

Liz Zaruba opened with a devotional based on the 23rd Psalm.

Motion: To approve the agenda – John Kind/Liz Zaruba 2nd, approved

Motion: To approve the minutes of 7/22/25 – Chris Austin/Liz Zaruba 2nd, approved

The July financial reports were reviewed. Several items were discussed:
It appears we did not include any expense for mortgage interest
The summary – YTD and current month do not match – despite July being the first month of the fiscal year.
It appears we are not accruing for payroll.
Some items have been budgeted by splitting the total for the year by 12 and putting the same amount in each month.
It does not appear we are recognizing Synod contributions based on the percentage of revenue as budgeted.
YWCA rental revenue does not appear correct – understated. YWCA did not pay because they have not received an invoice.

It was decided Chris and John would meet with Eide Bailly to iron out some of the financial statement issues. We will do this when Chris gets through his tax deadlines at work.

Leasing to the YWCA is moving forward with no apparent issues.

The ministry fair is scheduled for September 7th. John has agreed to cover for Jennifer if she cannot make it.

Kind reported he is currently recruiting members to be part of the top leadership for the campaign. They will meet on August 25th for the first time. He shared an organizational structure for the leadership of the campaign. It was decided we need to do something to encourage people to continue giving even though the 24-25 church year is over.

Jennifer and Barbie Roessler are working to secure a bridge loan to make the first payment to Meissner.

The online giving Kiosk is ready to hit the Narthex

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59.

Minutes submitted by John Kind

Justice and Peace Board Minutes Fireside Room Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2025 6:30 pm	Members Present: Eileen Campbell, Kathy Sallstrom, Pastor Melanie Walleschlager
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Plan
Devotion - Kathy	https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Peace 5. B.	September: 5.B. (saved August's for the next month due to small August attendance)
Old Business		
RIC	July 30 Faith and Fellowship Activity Participation?	85 or so people there; good spirit to it
Fair Trade - Diane	Recap of the event.	Hold for September
Recycling	Any feedback?	
J & P Board Members	All returning J & P members approved by the council.	
New Business		
PrideFest	Parade 11:15 – 12:00 Publicize to members. Sept 4 on-line registration deadline Booth September 6, 12 - 4 Non-profit registration available online. 10 x 10 booth is \$60 Tables will not be provided. Bring your own table, chairs, tent	Messenger and Weekly Welcome: Kathy will ask Di to modify last years (include community worship information) and send to Carly. Newsletter deadline for September is: Register: Pastor Melanie booth registration link: https://www.eventeny.com/events/vendor/?id=32922 Parade will be as an interfaith done as a group following the pride service at First Presbyterian. There will be choreography in the walking. Service is at 9:30. Order Stickers: Pastor Melanie already has stickers Order Candy: Di again? Kathy will check with her

		<p>Prepare CTK info for distribution: On a postcard - we might still have some. Andrea made last year.</p> <p>Photos of activities on small white board:summary of activities over the past year (and beyond) - conversations; watching The Prom together; participated in pride for over a decade; Eileen will put together if people can send pictures</p> <p>Table, Table cover</p> <p>Baskets for candy & stickers</p> <p>Pop up awning</p> <p>Banners: CTK and God's Masterpiece</p> <p>Scissors, plastic ties, two-wheeled cart</p> <p>Sign up for booth set up and time slots for the day: Liz maybe did it last year? Kathy will check with her; set up will need to be at 10 because that is when we could get a slot</p> <p>Eileen will pick up table, tent, other things from church at 1:30 on Thurs 9/4 and will be there at 10 Saturday to set up</p>
ISAIAH updates- Kathy	<p>Ultimate Goal:</p> <p>December - 5,000 people will congregate to develop a platform</p> <p>promoting initiatives that improve the</p> <p>lives of Minnesotans.</p>	<p>Meeting of interested CTK members to gain input into what's important to them and how that can shape the future of Minnesota. Kathy will talk to Todd to see about doing this at Faith Continuum. Also see if maybe one Wednesday supper there could be a bring your plate to the Fireside room for a discussion. Kathy will talk with Chuck and Kathy K. about the plans.</p> <p>Pastor Melanie is going to the ISAIAH clergy meeting tomorrow and will share our ideas about engaging and bring back ideas from others in case we want to use them, too.</p>

		South central meeting of ISAIAH members planned for October?
Other	Talked about ways to increase understanding and participation in recycling and composting	Ideas: people bring their own reusable mug with handle and we have hooks? More education? Tailored handouts for different groups? Reminders at the beginning of a meeting of what goes where?
	“Fair” in narthex for the different boards; Wed Sep 3 and Sun Sep 7	Need people to sign up for shifts. Have sign up for Pride during the Wed night table time. Give out the same candy has Pride table.
Close: Lord’s Prayer- Kathy	Next Meeting: Sept. 9 , 2025, Fireside Room, 6:30	Adjourned 7:35 pm
Minutes submitted by	Eileen Campbell	

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Servant Outreach Board Reports

Date of Meeting: Thursday, August 21, 2025

Members Present: Pastor Brittany Mailleue, Karen Moritz, Josh Lorenz, Kay Hoffman, Kathy Wenner - Guest - Jo Menden joined the meeting by phone to discuss Connections

Members Absent: None

Meeting was called to order by Karen Moritz

Minutes of July 17, 2025 - Motion by Josh Lorenz, seconded by Kay Hoffman to approve with a correction of Kay Hoffman's correct name spelling - passed

Josh Lorenz gave devotions.

Old Business:

Council Report: The Church Council did not meet in July but did vote via email to have an Opportunity Fair by the various church boards during Rally week September 3rd and 7th.

New Business:

Activities of the Board discussed

All the members of the board are new except for the returning council liaison Karen Moritz who has agreed to facilitate the 1st meeting and take the minutes.

Lunch for a Bunch - Crossroads Cindy Kehoe/Jeri Retzlaff will continue to lead this activity-	Karen provided an overview of this board activity - nothing needed of the board currently.
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Connections Shelter	Jo Menden will support the board on this task for this coming year. This will need board attention at the September meeting.	Jo gave the board a complete overview of the activity and provided information pertinent to the coming year of the shelter activity Julie Brewer is the volunteer coordinator for Connections Weeks assigned to CTK
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		<p>Nov. 9-15, Jan 4-10, March 8-14</p> <p>Jo requests someone from the board shadow her this year so someone can take this over the following year</p> <p>Jo wrote up a procedure for Connections volunteers from CTK to guide them on the days of service</p> <p>The board discussed the need to promote this activity to get volunteers from the congregation starting in October via on screen, Sunday Welcome, Newsletter, broad email reach and temple talks.</p>
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Angel Tree	Action will need to start on this project at the October meeting	<p>This activity of the board was added last year. Karen updated the board members on the general process and history.</p> <p>Someone will need to take the lead on this project.</p> <p>The board will need to begin promoting this beginning in November for participation by the congregation.</p> <p>Discussion about the mechanics of signing up - digital or actual tree cards or both</p>
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Board elections

A unanimous ballot was cast by the members of Board Chair Josh Lorenz and Board Secretary – Kay Hoffman. Pastor Brittany – explained the minutes need to be sent to communications@ctkmankato.org

Discuss 2025-2026 goals (18 months)

This was tabled for the next meeting due to time. Karen suggested that we may want to consider adding the coordination/facilitation of the activities specifically under the goals.

Quilter request of funds – Pastor Melanie to lead discussion

Decisions related to this tabled to Sept when Pastor Melanie is available. Pastor Brittany made some suggestions such as a ministry month to highlight missions to see if they can get donations vs a budget item through a board.

Opportunity Fair for Rally week Sept 3rd and 7th

Pastor Brittany and Karen provided an overview of this activity to the new members. Josh will be at the table Wednesday September 3rd, and Karen and Kay will cover Sunday September 7th. Karen and Kay will work on a display board, Kay will obtain an incentive item to distribute

Additional board members needed

We will start by using the Opportunity Fair to try to recruit more members.

Next Meeting Date/Time/Location/Devotions

Sep 18th, 5:30pm Conference Room

Devotions: Kathy Wenner

Respectfully submitted

Karen Moritz

Worship Committee Meeting Minutes

On August 7, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. the Christ the King Worship and Music committee convened in the conference room. Present were Pastor Melanie Wallschlaeger, Pastor Brittany Mailleue, Chair Barb Lake, Dr. Amy Boles and Kris Irmiter. In attendance via ZOOM to address the committee was Carly Ballman.

The opening devotion was provided by Pastor Mailleue.

The paperwork inside each person's packet was brought out and explained to assure everyone was aware of the contents and purpose. These were the agenda, minutes, dates of all meeting until July of 2026 and a listing of committee members and their terms.

The agenda for the meeting was modified to include the following: The Advent Recital Services and changing the date of the next meeting to September 4th, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. With these modifications, Boles made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Irmiter and approved by all.

The June minutes were brought forward for approval. The motion was made to approve the minutes by Irmiter and seconded by Boles with the following corrections: "Schell" is spelled "Schuldt", "alter" should be changed to "altar".

The first order of old business to be discussed was addressed through a presentation and discussion lead by Carly Ballman via Zoom. She reiterated her wishes to have the Worship and Music Committee (heretofore referred to as WMC) members and or other appointees, in charge of the worship assistants for communion, lecturing, canting, ushering and greeting. She asked that each contact person procure the people needed to assist for each church service for September through December. She also requested the point person make it clear that each volunteer be responsible for finding a substitute when the person cannot be present. The point person would then let Ballman know or at least assure there is a person to fill in for the absent volunteer. It is hoped that all of the volunteers for each service is listed in the church service bulletin. The point people for each category of worship assistance are to be listed and will be given all information of the names of those who wish to volunteer for each aspect of the service. These names are from the Time and Talent survey from October of 2024. It was agreed this would be a doable task. The point people for each post are as follows:

Lectors: Barb Lake

Cantor: Denise Amundson

Greeters: Stan Bruss

Ushers: Bill Beckett

Communion: Marylou Haldorson

The next order of old business to be discussed was an update on the Sacred Sites Tour from Pastor W. An informational email regarding the tour was sent out to all CTK members explaining the tour and all of the vital information regarding date, cost, time frame and so on. Pastor W felt that CTK members who wished to go and pre-registered for the event would have their lunches paid by the church and then notified the office they were attending. This would all have to be arranged in advance of the tour so that the cost of the total number of lunches for the CTK members attending could be paid as a whole. It is hoped that those who participate in this tour will want to learn more about the role and history of the indigenous peoples who lived in the Mankato area opening up other learning opportunities for members of CTK via special church services, a special mention during the Thanksgiving Eve service, indigenous music as well as inviting Dr. Kelley Sherman Conroy to speak at a CTK event or service.

Under new business, Pastor W wanted to get suggestions from members of the congregation regarding the Faith and Fellowship Wednesday evening summer service. She felt that this past summer series was a difficult one in that the weather was often tenuous making certain outdoor events poorly attended. The most popular event during this past session was the final Faith and Fellowship which took place at one of the local pools and was definitely a whole family affair. The event that took place at Chankaska Creek Vineyard garnered an attendance of 85 people even with the issue of the closure of Highway 22. In the long run, however, it was determined that even though this past summer's offerings may have had fewer attendees than was experienced in the past, it is only this one summer that seemed to have this issue. This opened up a discussion of creative ideas for services that would attract a broader range of people and would not have to be necessarily weather dependent meaning the service could take place either inside or outside. One idea was to put on a CTK talent night with some fun awards and categories as well as judges from the CTK staff such as Bri Bergstrom or Robin Hughes who could give an honorary award to a participant to sing with the band or the choir. The committee was excited about the numerous possibilities for next years Faith and Fellowship services. More discussion and work will need to be done in the coming meetings to shape and finalize next summer's venue.

The next topic of discussion was the Advent Recital Series which will take place on the four Tuesdays of December, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23. One of the people who has been wanting to perform during the series, is "Hot Mama" or Cindy Rupp and will be scheduled for one of the dates. Other dates will need to be filled and various performers were discussed.

Lastly, the Christmas Eve services are scheduled for Wednesday, December 24, 2025 at noon, 2 P.M., 4 P.M. and 10 P.M. There was concern over having special music for the 10 P.M. service mentioned by Pastor W. However, it was felt that through the worship choir or others, a musical offering would be no problem to provide.

Pastor W gently reminded the committee chair that opening and closing devotions should be assigned.

The closing devotion of the Lord's Prayer was lead by Pastor W.

The consecutive meetings will continue to be held on the first Thursday of each month at 5:00 P.M. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, September 4, 2025.

No August meetings:

Children Youth and Family

Buildings and Ground (August 28)