

Christ the King Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Agenda
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.

1. Call to Order
2. Devotions – Hailey Bouldin
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of November Council Minutes
5. Approval of Treasurer’s Report
6. Pastors’ Reports
7. Board Reports
 - a. Adult Education
 - b. Buildings and Grounds
 - c. Children, Youth, and Family
 - d. Congregational Life
 - e. Justice and Peace
 - f. Servant Outreach
 - g. Stewardship and Finance
 - h. Worship and Music
8. T-Mobile Grant Update from YWCA
9. Health Insurance Update
10. Upcoming Meeting Dates
 - a. Budget Forum January 21, 2026 after 6:00 PM service
 - b. Annual Meeting February 1, 2026 after 10:00 AM service
11. Closing Prayer
12. Adjournment

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

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

Devotions

Heather Krause - January

Jennifer Svien - February

Karen Moritz - March

Kathy Kachelmyer - April

Marlin Spangrud – May

Michel Haugh - June

Heather Krause – Alternate

Senior Pastor Report - Melanie JS Wallschlaeger

1. “Covering Our Church in Love” Capital Campaign:

We have received 161 pledges. So far, we have received \$1,172,350 in pledges to the capital campaign and at \$450,445 to our annual budget. A 2nd mailing is going out this week to members and friends to invite participation. This is a remarkable response & I am grateful to our Capital Campaign leadership. Thank you, all!

2. New Members:

We welcomed 14 new members in December. We encouraged them to take the Time & Time Survey that we look forward to seeing in the New Year.

3. Christmas Staff Luncheon

The CTK Staff will be having an annual Christmas lunch at CTK on December 23rd, 2025. I will host an Epiphany party for the staff and their spouses on January 3rd at my home. Both are annual traditions and the way I share appreciation with the staff for all their work throughout the year.

4. YWCA T-Mobile Grant:

The YWCA would like to partner with CTK in the application for a T-Mobile Grant. We are in discussion about what enhancement to a multi-use community room could look like and be for both entities. The deadline for this application is December 31st. With that deadline quickly approaching, please let me know if you can think of people who would like to be on a team to think about this with several members of the YWCA.

Associate Pastor Report for December—Brittany Mailleue

- **Boards:**

- Worship and Music: 12/4
- 12/16 Executive and Council meetings

- **Preaching/Worship:**

- Pastor Melanie and I are taking up the task of responding to confirmation worship responses for weeks that we preach.
- Planning and organizing Lessons and Carols for Dec. 27th and 28th
- Planning and creating Epiphany themed worship for 1/7/2026

- **Pastoral Care ministry:**

- Visitation-
 - Weekly checks at hospital-myself or Pastor Melanie
 - Phone calls and visits as needed
 - Advent service with Holy Communion at Pillars and Mankato Lodge
- Visitation Ministry team
 - Looking to call meeting after time and talents are done in the new year.
 - Emailed the team about updates on visitation for my records
- **Confirmation Program**
 - Confirmation
 - Writing curriculum
 - 12/3 2nd Article of the Creed
 - 12/10 Cancelled due to weather
 - 12/17 Review night through games
 - Tracking points and responding to worship responses
- **Other:**
 - 12/8 Attended House of Worship Safety program
 - 12/12 Youth Event-Paint and Sip
 - 12/15-Spiritual Direction
 - 12/15 Beer and Carols

Finance/Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, 7:00 AM, December 15, 2025
Pioneer Bank

Members Present: Chris Austin, John Kind, David Krause, Shannon Sinning, Jennifer Svien, Harry Wenner

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

Shannon Sinning opened with a prayer.

Motion: To approve the agenda. John Kind, Chris Austin 2nd, approved

Motion: To approve the minutes from 11-17-25. Dave Krause, Chris Austin 2nd, approved

The financials for November were reviewed. We had a better month on income and cut our deficit to date significantly. We are still behind year to date. The mailing that went out in late November should hopefully help our numbers in December.

The \$87,135 we have collected from the capital campaign should be used to pay Steve Olson of Olson Advancement and the remainder to pay off our loan once it is established.

There was a discussion regarding compensation. We did not reach a clear consensus on the issue presented and will leave it to the council to decide how it should be managed.

Kind gave a report and the Capital and Stewardship Campaign. So far, we have raised \$1,172,350 for the capital campaign and \$450,455 for the 2026 Stewardship campaign. A mailing is being prepared which will be sent out this week to all members who have not yet pledged. This letter will ask for a pledge to be returned by Christmas.

We are still getting the giving kiosk up and running.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Minutes submitted by John Kind

Worship and Music Meeting Minutes Dec. 4, 2025

Members present: Barb Lake (chair), Kris Irmiter, Garrick Rudolf, Kathy Kachelmyer, Amy Boles, Stan Bruss, Pastors Melanie Wallschlaeger & Brittany Mailleue

Members absent: None

Call to Order: Barb Lake called the meeting to order at 1708

Devotions: Given by Stan

Approval of Agenda: Motion made/seconded by Stan/Garrick to approve agenda. Motion carried

Approval of November Minutes: Motion made/seconded by Kathy/Kris. Motion carried.

Old Business: A.) First Advent recital went well. Attendance may have been a little low because the first recital was in close proximity to Thanksgiving.

B.) It was suggested that members do brainstorming for future Advent recitals

C.) Confirmation robes are being tended to for necessary maintenance & repair

New Business: A.) Barb gave a brief report on her attendance at the most recent Southeastern Synod meeting
B.) Some feedback from congregants regarding worship music was reviewed and discussed. Consensus was that we are grateful for all our music leaders and participants
C.) Stan is going to speak with some members to see if there is interest in starting a men's choral group
D.) Baptism of our Lord is scheduled for January 11, 2026
E.) This board will continue to meet on the first Thursday of the month @ 1700.

Pastoral Reports: A.) There is going to be a training opportunity for house of worship safety & security. Details include:

Date: Monday, December 8

Location: Mayo Clinic Event Center – Banquet Room

Session Options: 1:30-3:30 & 6:00-8:00

Pastor Melanie plans to attend one of these sessions. Other congregation members have also expressed interest in attending.

B.) Christmas Eve services will be at 12-noon (with communion)

2 PM

4 PM

10 PM (with communion)

C.) This board will need to address planning services and/or special events for 2026

D.) Pastor Brittany is making plans to coordinate a youth led service

Prayer Requests: Were taken and led by Melanie followed by The Lord's Prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 1850

Next meeting: January 8, 2026 (second Thursday due to New Years holiday)

Devotions will be led by Kris

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Kachelmyer