

**Christ the King Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
June 30, 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, Hailey Bouldin, Kathy Kachelmyer, Pastor Melanie

Members Absent: Dan Rickbeil, Karen Moritz

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

2. Devotions – Michel Haugh

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of May Council Minutes

A motion to approve the May council minutes was made by G. Rudolf and seconded by H. Krause. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Treasurer's Report

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

- Total operational income in May was \$56,401, which is \$17,182 below the budgeted amount of \$73,584.
- Total expenses were \$79,343, coming in \$5,908 over the budget of \$73,434. Year-to-date our expenses are \$1,876 over budget.

Total monthly net income was a loss of \$19,441, and year-to-date at a loss of \$4,604.

Regular offering was below monthly budget by \$18,559.

Fuel, gas, electricity, and other utilities have exceeded budget amounts year-to-date.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by M. Spangrud and seconded by K. Kachelmyer; the motion carried.

6. Pastor's Reports

Pastor Brittany provided coverage for Pastor Scott Richards while he was on leave and participated in Camp Fire Church in Gaylord. This support was provided in exchange for Pastor Scott recently preaching at Christ the King (CTK).

In addition, Pastor Brittany identified several potential resources and curriculum options for next year's youth programs.

Discussion continues regarding opportunities and areas of interest for the senior youth group, with further exploration and planning underway.

Pastor Melanie reported that the Office Administrator position has officially been filled by Pam Bartelt.

Vacation Bible School (VBS), "Rainforest Falls," was a tremendous success. Our Children's Ministry Director, Kirsten Elliott, planned and led the entire program in-house. While organizing and coordinating VBS was a significant undertaking, the enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication of the adult and youth volunteers, along with the excitement of the children, were evident throughout the week. A total of 56 children participated, supported by 28 volunteers. A big "Thank You" to everyone who contributed their time and talents to make this year's VBS such a meaningful and memorable experience.

7. Board Reports

Adult Education (Marlin)

Continued discussion on future Faith Continuum ideas.

Meetings have been moved to Thursdays.

Building & Grounds (Dan) – absent but emailed update

The church's air conditioning system is not functioning properly, potentially due to a recent lightning strike or power surge. Mark is obtaining repair and replacement quotes for review.

Melanie provided an update on a recent Church Safety meeting attended by her and several other congregation members. Discussion over various safety measures and best practices that could be considered to help enhance safety and preparedness at the church.

Children, Youth, and Family (Michel)

Planning and discussions for Vacation Bible School (VBS) occurred during the last meeting.

The Mankato Moondogs game event is scheduled for Sunday, July 5 at 5:05 pm.

Kids Night In is scheduled for Friday, July 10.

Congregational Life (Caylin)

No new updates. The next meeting is scheduled for August.

Justice & Peace (Hailey)

RIC discussion during the last meeting.

Pride Fest is scheduled for Saturday, September 12th.

Servant Outreach (Karen) - absent

Pastor Brittany was at the last meeting and provided an update.

CTK will provide breakfast for approximately 70 participants in the Bike Build Home 500 fundraising event benefiting Habitat for Humanity. The event is scheduled for 6:00 a.m. on Friday, July 17, at the church.

A “Christmas in July” initiative has started to support teachers at Washington Elementary School. Congregation donations will help provide needed classroom supplies, helping to reduce out-of-pocket expenses for teachers and support their work with students.

Stewardship & Finance (Jen)

The pledge drive is anticipated to begin the weekend of October 24–25.

With the next roof payment due August 1st, communication will be sent to those with outstanding pledges inviting them to consider fulfilling their commitments early.

Worship & Music (Kathy)

The Safety Committee is continuing to develop a plan. A “Securing Sacred Spaces” meeting occurred on June 23, 2026, at the Public Safety Center.

A request was made to explore the potential purchase of church banners for baptism celebrations. Additional information, including design options, costs, and potential uses, will be gathered for future consideration.

Stan Bruss has the materials he needs to create a communion table. This table will make it easier for servers to avoid steps.

No meeting scheduled for July.

8. RIC Update

Liz Zaruba requested an official congregational vote to be held on a Wednesday evening in September. The vote would address two items: adoption of the Welcoming Statement and designation of CTK as an official Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.

A tentative date of Wednesday, September 30 has been proposed, pending approval from both the RIC Task Force and the Congregational Council.

9. Closing Prayer

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by G. Rudolf. Second by M. Spangrud. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, August 25, 2026 @ 4:30

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, August 25, 2026 @ 5:30