

**CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Congregational Council Meeting Minutes**  
May 17, 2022 @ 5:30pm

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

**Members Present:**

Nancy Patterson – President  
David Menk – Vice-President  
Chris Austin - Treasurer  
Liz Zaruba – Secretary  
Pastor Melanie Wallschlaeger

Kathy Brozik  
Brent Sandhurst  
Duane Olson  
Jessica Ehrich  
Gary Rudolf  
Chloe Sinning (Youth Rep)

**Members Absent:**

Carrie Kijenski – Past President  
Brandon Stensrud  
Ola Pietka (Youth Rep)

**Call to Order:** N. Patterson

**Devotions:** D. Menk

**April Minutes**

G. Rudolf moved to approve the March minutes  
C. Austin second  
No discussion

Vote: All approved

March Meeting Minutes Amended

D. Menk moved to approve the amended March minutes  
D. Olson second

Discussion: Reason for the amended minutes: needed to update a resolution for mortgage refinancing

Vote: All Approved

**Treasurer's Report**

J. Ehrich moved to approve the treasurer's report  
D. Menk second

Discussion: Currently ahead of budget but behind where we were last year; we're still strong, just seeing a trend of lower giving over the past couple of months; something we'll need to look at when planning next fiscal year's budget (probably looking at a close to flat budget increase); employee retention credit has been beneficial

We did start passing the collection plate again; Pastor Melanie also questioning if inflation is having an impact on our giving

Vote: All approved

**2022/2023 Budget**

Chris just starting to get this going; looking for guidance from the council on how we want to budget for commissions; will work with council liaisons

### **Church Software Selection**

Realm: upgrade from our current system of ACS; already has all our data; members do not need to create new logins; website also included; does not have a facility scheduler included; could pay extra for this service but not ideal

Set up fee: \$526; Monthly: \$376.80

Elexio: entirely new system; they convert all our data once we export it; would require members to set up new login information; includes facility scheduler; website included

Set up fee: \$1500; Monthly: \$307.70; online giving fees per transaction w/the option to be covered by members

Discussion: Debating the differences between the two systems

K. Brozik moved to go forward with the Proclaim commission's recommendation of Elexio software

D. Menk second

Vote: All approved

### **Strategic Planning**

Dave Menk heading this up: been five years since the last time we've done any sort of strategic planning;

Caring Community (congregation)

Committed all to empower all to know Christ (education)

Make Christ Known (outreach)

Starting with SWOT analysis with commissions, committees, council, executive council, staff and individual congregational members (mention at the congregational meeting, email link coming); conducted all online; asking that the council helps commissions through the process; council will go first; compile information in December/January; then we'll hold a meeting with one representative from each group and set priorities & goals

### **Old Business**

- Mortgage Refinance is now complete; titling fees also paid
- Property issues - Carl is moving forward with the HVAC update; we emailed past exec council minutes regarding the roof; still waiting to hear back more; try to get a meeting set up with J. Fry; T. Lundquist also still looking through old records to see if there are any legal pathways forward; will be getting another quote from a contact of G. Rudolf
- Nominating committee: Committee is in place; did get two volunteers for council members: Dan Rickbell and Marlin Sprangrud; next meeting is May 26, will review commissions; will update the council at June meeting
- Cultivate Mankato: waiting for an inspection before they can open; have been using the kitchen; no issues; they are going to purchase their own freezer
- Endowment Fund - we are in the process of writing down expectations for the committee; will not ask to fill this committee until the council and commissions are filled

### **Pastoral Leadership Report - Pastor Melanie**

Nothing to report

### **Commission Communications**

D. Olson moved to approve commission reports

K. Brozik second

Discussion: Kathy questioned the RIC interest meeting; if one-on-ones are not done with the staff yet, should we be inviting congregational members; if anyone goes to staff or council with questions, they should be directed to the RIC taskforce;

Kathy asked about making a statement on Roe v. Wade and wondering what that looks like; J&P shared that it would likely be sharing the ELCA statement from 1995; will share that statement with the council

Stewardship Team is supporting BBB; June 22; asking for council members to make phone calls when the time comes

Servant Commission: Idea to have a commission to host a Wednesday night, be the volunteers, getting in front of the congregation

Faith People - Planning the Senior Recognition Dinner again this year

Vote on Commissions Reports: All approve

D. Menk moved to adjourn

J. Ehrich second

No Discussion

Vote: All approved

Next Executive Committee Meeting: **Monday, June 13th @ 5:30pm**

Next Council Meeting: **Tuesday, June 21st @ 5:30pm**

### **Devotions Schedule**

<b>Meeting Month</b>	<b>Scheduled Date</b>	<b>Devotions</b>
August	08/17/2021	Nancy Patterson
September	09/21/2021	Jessica Joyal
October	10/19/2021	Brent Sandhurst
November	11/16/2021	Duane Olson
December	12/21/2021	Kathy Brozik
January	01/18/2022	Brandon Stensrud
February	02/15/2022	Ola Pietka
March	03/15/2022	Chris Austin
April	04/19/2022	Carrie Kijenski
May	05/17/2022	David Menk
June	06/21/2022	Liz Zaruba