

**Christ the King Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
August 26, 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:

Barbie Roessler (*President*), Gary Rudolf (*Past President*), Heather Krause (*Vice President*), Brennan Enstad (*Secretary*), Caylin Steinberg, Karen Moritz, Kathy Kachelmyer, Hailey Bouldin, Michel Haugh, Dan Rickbeil, Pastor Melanie, Pastor Brittany

Members Absent: Jennifer Svien (*Treasurer*), Marlin Spangrud

1. B Roessler called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

2. Opening Prayer- Pastor Brittany

3. Approval of Agenda - Motion by G Rudolf, Second by H Krause - Motion passed.

4. Approval of June Council Minutes

The approval of the June Council minutes was initially tabled by G. Rudolf due to their absence from the current month's packet. During the meeting, the June minutes were located.

- Motion by G. Rudolf to “take from the table” the item; seconded by B. Roessler. Motion passed.
- Motion to approve the June minutes by D. Rickbeil; seconded by K. Kachelmyer. Motion passed.

5. Treasurer’s Report

The report was tabled by B. Roessler until the September meeting due to Jen’s absence.

6. Board Liaison Assignments

Assignments were confirmed as follows:

- Adult Education - Marlin Spangrud
- Buildings and Grounds - Dan Rickbeil
- Children, Youth & Family - Michel Haugh
- Congregational Life - Caylin Steinberg
- Justice and Peace - Hailey Bouldin

- Servant Outreach - Karen Moritz
- Stewardship & Finance - Jennifer Svien
- Worship & Music - Kathy Kachelmyer
- Personnel - Heather Krause (As needed)

7. Annual Congregation Meeting Summary – Parliamentary & Term Limit Discussion

Following the annual meeting, Marlin raised questions regarding official voting and council/board member term limits.

Motion by G. Rudolf to hold a paper ballot vote in January to reaffirm votes and align with constitutional language; seconded by D. Rickbeil. Motion passed.

Liaisons are asked to consult their boards regarding comfort levels with term structures.

8. Roof Update

Gary provided a status update on roof repairs.

- Solar panel removal is expected next week.
- The crew is ahead of schedule and working long hours.
- Additional costs are anticipated for replacing solar panel inverters.

9. Loan Update

Barbie is awaiting one final piece of information to complete the loan submission.

Loan approval and payment are expected within the next week.

10. Capital Campaign Update

Pastor Melanie shared an updated case statement and campaign timeline.

- Two pledge cards will be distributed in November: one for annual giving and one for the capital campaign.
- Congregational communications will begin soon.

11. Computer Update

Pastor Melanie met with Mankato Computer Technology regarding equipment needs.

- Melanie's computer requires full replacement due to cost-ineffective repairs.
- Amy's computer is outdated and incompatible with current software.
- Estimated cost: \$1,100 per computer.
- Network switches (not previously owned) cost: \$3,675.
- Total estimated cost: \$5,875.

- Motion by G. Rudolf to approve the purchase of two computers and network switches; seconded by H. Krause. Motion passed.
- Recommendation to consult Jen regarding funding sources: RRR, general fund, or financing.

12. YWCA Request

The YWCA requested support for installing a simple orange awning above their entrance to identify their presence.

- The YWCA will fund the sign.
- Motion to approve installation pending our approval of design and city approval; seconded by D. Rickbeil. Motion passed.

13. Other Items, Board and Committee Reports

Buildings & Grounds requested approval to remove two ash trees due to ash borer infestation.

- Bid received: \$2,600 (including stump removal).
- Motion by D. Rickbeil to approve removal and fund replacements using undesignated memorial funds; seconded by H. Krause. Motion passed.

14. Pastor Melanie's Report

- Melanie returned from a well-deserved vacation.
- Ministry Fair scheduled for Rally Night (Wednesday, September 3) and Rally Sunday (Sunday, September 7).
- Council members are encouraged to attend and share dates with their boards.

15. Pastor Brittany's Report

- Future request for board and council members to engage with the 9th grade confirmation class.
- The 9th grade confirmation curriculum is shifting to a more exploratory format requiring students to explore at least five different areas.

16. Closing Prayer - Pastor Melanie

17. Adjournment Motion to adjourn by K Moritz. Second by H Krause. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

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

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