

**Christ the King Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
September 22, 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), Marlin Spangrud, Michel Haugh, Caylin Steinberg, Dan Rickbeil, Kathy Kachelmyer, Karen Moritz, Pastor Melanie

Members Absent: Jennifer Svien (Treasurer), Gary Rudolf (Past President), Hailey Bouldin

1. B Roessler called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

2. Devotions – Brennan Enstad

3. Approval of Agenda

B. Enstad moved to approve the agenda; the motion was seconded by K. Kachelmyer and carried.

4. Approval of August Council Minutes

A motion to approve the August council minutes was made by M. Spangrud and seconded by H. Krause. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Jennifer was absent but sent the monthly financials in advance via email.

- Total operational income in August was \$54,807, which is \$19,243 below the budgeted amount of \$74,050.
- Total expenses were \$67,802, coming in \$5,632 below the budget of \$73,434.
- Total monthly net income was a loss of \$9,495.
- Regular offering was below monthly budget by \$18,220.

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

Motion made by D. Rickbeil to authorize Jennifer (Treasurer) to invest designated giving funds received for future years into a Certificate of Deposits (CDs) until the funds are needed for their intended purpose in 2027 and 2028, ensuring the gifts remain reserved for the donor-designated use while earning interest in the interim. Seconded by M. Haugh. Motion carried.

6. Pastor's Reports

Pastor Melanie reported that she met with the Stewardship & Finance Board earlier this week. The theme for this year's stewardship campaign is "Dreaming God's Dream."

The campaign will focus on time and talent commitments in addition to financial giving. Board chairs and liaisons will be asked to review the time and talent survey to ensure it accurately reflects the current needs of their respective ministries and committees.

Congregation members will be invited to share their aspirations for what ministries, programs, and outreach opportunities could be expanded through additional financial support and volunteer involvement.

The stewardship campaign is tentatively scheduled to run from October 21-25 through the end of November.

Pastor Brittany shared that she recently returned from the Women's Retreat held over the weekend.

Confirmation classes are beginning, with approximately 24-25 students participating. A parent meeting is scheduled for tomorrow evening.

The Servant Outreach team will meet next week. In addition, the church received a thank-you video from Washington Elementary expressing appreciation for the Christmas in July event.

The Affirmation of Baptism service is scheduled for October 25 at 2:00 p.m.

Youth Group for confirmed students kicks off this Wednesday, with eight participants currently registered.

7. Board Reports

Adult Education (Marlin)

Marlin reported that scheduling for the remaining October Faith Continuum weeks is still ongoing. Discussion of 2027 programming will take place at the next meeting.

Building & Grounds (Dan)

Meisner will be onsite this week to patch several leaks in the sanctuary roof that were not included in the recent roofing project.

Two heat pump/HVAC issues have been identified, and quotes are being requested from multiple service providers.

Carr's Tree Service has been asked to provide a bid for the removal of the locust tree in the courtyard.

Children, Youth, and Family (Michel)

"Be Salty, Stay Lit" themed Rally Day was a success.

A Trunk or Treat event is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Congregational Life (Caylin)

A donation drive is anticipated in November.

Planning is also underway for the Advent series, which will take place during the month of December.

Justice & Peace (Hailey) – absent

Pastor Melanie provided an updated that Adopt a Highway is coming up on Sunday, October 4th.

The board had a booth at Pridefest.

Servant Outreach (Karen)

Next meeting isn't until later this week.

Stewardship & Finance (Jen) - absent

Worship & Music (Kathy)

A new communion table has been received. In addition to its use for worship services, the table can also be configured for funeral services.

The Quilters Group is planning to create a baptismal banner.

Council discussed upcoming Advent events and recital plans.

8. RIC

a. Straw Poll – Wednesday, September 30, 2026 (in-person only)

b. Official Vote – Sunday, November 1, 2026 (in-person only)

9. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is planning a meeting to begin filling anticipated openings for next year. Liaisons were asked to communicate this to their boards and committees at upcoming meetings.

10. Closing Prayer

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by M. Spangrud. Second by D. Rickbeil. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, October 27, 2026 @ 4:30

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