

Christ the King Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
April 28, 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), Heather Krause (Vice President), Brennan Enstad (Secretary), Jennifer Svien (Treasurer), Gary Rudolf (Past President), Karen Moritz, Caylin Steinberg, Marlin Spangrud, Michel Haugh, Dan Rickbeil, Hailey Bouldin, Kathy Kachelmyer, Pastor Melanie

Members Absent:

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

2. Devotions – Kathy Kachelmyer

3. Approval of Agenda

G. Rudolf moved to approve the agenda; the motion was seconded by K. Moritz and carried.

4. Approval of March Council Minutes

A motion to approve the March council minutes was made by J. Svien and seconded by K. Kachelmyer. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Treasurer's Report

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

- Total operational income in March was \$63,272, which is \$10,311 below the budgeted amount of \$73,583.
- Total expenses were \$66,270, coming in \$7,165 under the budget of \$73,434.
- Regular offering for March was \$60,023. \$11,290 below the monthly budget of \$71,313.

Total monthly net income was a gain of \$502, and year to date at a gain of \$26,063.

Operating cash is still TBD as we're in the process of moving some funds around related to the capital campaign.

A pledge drive is expected to take place in October, on the weekend following MEA weekend.

Letters will be sent regarding the Capital Campaign to remind those who have pledged but have not yet made their contributions.

The giving kiosk is now available in the narthex.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Gary Rudolf and seconded by Kathy Kachelmyer; the motion carried.

6. Pastor's Reports

Pastor Brittany reported that the Confirmation Retreat was held at Gustavus on April 26, with eleven students in attendance.

The 9th Grade Confirmation will take place on May 3 at 1:00 p.m.

The Children, Youth, and Family Board met on Wednesday. Their goal for this fall is to establish some form of Youth Group meetings on Wednesday nights. This may include organizing fundraising efforts and staffing the program in a sustainable way, potentially funding two individuals for two hours each week over a 27-week period, possibly involving students from MSU or Gustavus who can regularly attend and actively engage with the youth.

Pastor Melanie shared that CTK welcomed twenty-two new members this week, which is very exciting for the congregation.

Synod assembly is on the horizon.

7. Board Reports

Adult Education (Marlin)

Faith Continuums have been going well. Barry Anderson, a retired Supreme Court Justice, will be visiting this upcoming week. The Congregation Council and board representatives will lead the Sunday, May 10 meeting.

Building & Grounds (Dan)

There was discussion about the possibility of shortening pews to better accommodate wheelchairs. Another idea considered was moving a pew to the front and adding chairs in a location that could be easily adjusted when additional accessibility is needed.

There was also discussion regarding memorial funds, particularly the idea of giving trees in memory of loved ones. Guidance is needed on appropriate types of trees to recommend.

Children, Youth, and Family (Michel)

The Mankato Moondogs game event is scheduled for July 6. Planning and discussions for Vacation Bible School (VBS) are ongoing.

Congregational Life (Caylin)

The April event was held on Saturday, April 18, and featured a painting activity, with 18 people in attendance. The Senior Recognition Banquet is scheduled for May 13.

Justice & Peace (Hailey)

Hailey provided an update on a couple of community events that the board is participating in.

Servant Outreach (Karen)

COPAL, an organization that supports immigrants from the Twin Cities with an office in Mankato, was discussed as a potential addition to benevolence funding.

There was also discussion about Bike Build Home 500, an event in which approximately sixty bikers will be in Mankato fundraising for Habitat for Humanity housing. The possibility of providing a breakfast at 6:30 a.m. on Friday, July 17, at the church was considered.

Additionally, a potential "Giving Tree" initiative in July was discussed to support Washington Elementary teachers with school supplies.

Stewardship & Finance (Jen)

As reported during the Treasurer's report.

Worship & Music (Kathy)

A new men's choral group is being established.

The Safety Committee continues to meet weekly to discuss future plans and actions.

Continuing to push signups for church helpers.

8. Office Administrator Update

The position has been posted on various sites, and there was discussion regarding upcoming candidate interviews.

9. Faith Continuum

The plan is for the Council and Boards to present jointly on Sunday, May 10 at 9 am.

10. Closing Prayer

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by K Kachelmyer. Second by H Krause. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2026 @ 4:30

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2026 @ 5:30