

Annual Report 2025



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Cause for Celebration

At our annual meeting one year ago, we faced a daunting decision. After years of moving large amounts of money from our reserves to keep us "in the black", we knew a change needed to be made. And so, with costs continuing to rise and membership and giving on the decline, we made the hard but necessary choice to reduce some staff hours and to move from being a two-pastor parish to a one one-pastor parish. It was not an easy call for the leadership to make. It was not an easy vote for this congregation to pass. And it has been a challenging adjustment for the staff to make.

And yet, from all this difficulty, good things have sprung:

- Our various ministry teams continue to expand and deepen their reach into the CTK community, Bloomington, and beyond.
- In July we began a new relationship with the ACME Speedshop by hosting their annual July 3rd Car Show in our parking lot.
- We opened our doors to the Bloomington Country Jammers while the new Creekside Community Center is being built.
- Our local and global partnerships continue to deepen—especially with our new partners: Tapestry Lutheran Church in Richfield and the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria.
- In partnership with Loaves and Fishes, we helped deliver nearly 25,000 meals in 2025.
- This fall, Anthem Music Academy expanded their offerings and began a new contract with us, making a more permanent home in our lower level.
- We welcomed 4 new members in baptism, congratulated 4 young confirmants, and celebrated the lives of 12 members of our community.
- We are seeing new faces at worship on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.
- In December, we celebrated one year with our Director of Music Ministries Kristi MacKay.
- This September, we celebrated 70 years of ministry in Bloomington by installing Pastor Per (that's me!) as our new(ish) solo pastor.
- We finished 2025 with a surplus by pulling significantly less from reserves and seek to approve a balanced budget for 2026!

Last but certainly not least, we enter into this new year nimbler than ever, eager to face the joys and challenges of the future. The difficult decisions and complicated conversations we have endured in the past are paying off!

And so, we remember with open hearts the words of the Apostle Paul: *if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!* It is a wonderful time to be Christ the King Lutheran Church in Bloomington. And we have great cause to celebrate!

Hallelujah! - Pastor Per

President's Report

Thanks to all for your support and advice during this past year. Special thanks to the CTK staff and members of our church council for all their hard work.

We had several personnel changes this past year as we right size. At our last annual meeting the congregation voted to transition from two pastors to one pastor. Pastor Rory was called to a new position at a Burnsville church, and we called a "new" pastor. Thanks to those involved on the call committee for your time and hard work so we were able to install Pastor Per in July.

Other staff changes and notes, Dan Lenort is now our sexton, with somewhat reduced hours, and Kristina Elder is custodian part time. Hours were also reduced for Jane Bishop. Kristi MacKay's in her first full year as our music director. Plus we always have Jane VeVea our dependable and knowledgeable congregational coordinator.

CTK needed to find a new insurance company as our current one would no longer cover us. Jane B. researched and the council selected a new company at a somewhat higher premium. As part of the insurance requirements we need to look at replacement of portions of the roof, and discuss some updates of the electrical system. Those are two items the church council will work on in 2026.

The council went on our annual retreat in March and discussed goals for the upcoming year. We decided on two major areas: stewardship and story. The mid-year stewardship campaign went well; we raised nearly \$12,000 of which we donated half to Lutheran Social Services. Our annual fall stewardship campaign resulted in pledges higher than the previous year. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of CTK's mission.



Story refers to telling our story, both within our congregation and to others as well. We have had one open forum discuss what council has been doing, and plan to have more in this coming year. We continue our relationship with the Kerala Christian Congregation and Maranatha who worship in our building. We continue to support Loaves and Fishes who serve meals to anyone who comes, five days a week. We support our Global Ministry partners. Something new is a result of Creekside closing, we now host the County Jammers on Thursday mornings from 9-noon. Lots of great music.

We completed our two-year participation and work with the Riverside Innovation Hub, (RIH) through Augsburg College. We are now ready to discuss how we can better interact with and be a vital part of our neighborhood. We can certainly build on the work of the Health Cabinet and there many activities that involve out neighbors as well as our members. There are plans to strengthen our relationship with the other ELCA churches in Bloomington including a future sharing of resources, as well as doing more with the Bilingual ministry of Tapestry.

Looking forward to an exciting year of fellowship and strengthening relationships at Christ the King and with our neighbors!

Chris Gabel
Council President



CTK Staff

Per Halaas, Pastor
Kristina Elder, CYF Ministry Director
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Some of the photos in the annual report were taken by Matt Paul. Thank you for your time and talent! Thank you also for all others who lovingly take photos of our community and share them - Jane Bishop, Lynn & Dan Lenort, Kristina Elder, Sean Johnson, Jane VeVea, Pastor Per and more!

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Music

"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation." Psalm 95:1

2025 proved to be an inspiring year of musical adventures at Christ the King. As it was my first full year, solid patterns of rehearsals and participation in worship became apparent. We were able to try out an entirely new (to the congregation) liturgy: ELW Setting 7, a very rhythmic and global feeling set of pieces. The Holden Evening Prayer was utilized during Advent Wednesday evening worship and we were blessed to have leaders and instrumentalists join in.

The Trinity Choir was able to share their anthems twice per month and practiced Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. They were also able to help/back up congregational singing on the new liturgy. For the first time we were able to utilize guitar during "old time" classic hymns, which we hope to use more of in the future. The repertoire consisted of a few new choral works and a revitalization of familiar anthems.

Chapel Ringers met on Tuesday evenings and shared during worship every 6 weeks or so. The use of one bell ringer during Advent brought a sense of calm and wonder to the season. The pinnacle of the year was a mostly bells Christmas Concert, poetry reading and sing along in December.

WOW Children's Choir definitely made a "joyful noise!" Even through our limited rehearsal time, the kids were able to participate in worship once per month. Hand motions, the use of shakers and lessons on basic music notation became a part of practice toward the end of the year. Those who participated in VBS were even more confident in their singing abilities. The year culminated in a Christmas Pageant.

The Acclaim Worship Band continued to participate in worship once per month-year round! The group consisted of piano, bass, ukuleles, violin, saxophone and drums.

Special musical guests Jeremy Hiniker (guitar, Anthem Music Academy) and Mary Newton (organ) provided an added depth to worship once per month. Various instrumental and vocal soloists shared their talents throughout the year, including a pre Christmas Eve concert and a very musical service. Associate Music Director Darin Tysdal was a stalwart master of the piano during choir and band rehearsals as well as a soloist and sub consistently throughout the year. Dan Lenort, AV/Tech lead, worked hard to find and train a new team to ensure in person and online services ran smoothly.

I am thankful for the opportunities that were presented to me and look forward to another grand year of exploration, collaboration and joyful sounds!

Kristi MacKay, Director of Music Ministry



Bartimaeus

Bartimaeus is the Art Committee at CTK. Members change the altar paraments and decorate the sanctuary and commons area of CTK using seasonal liturgical colors and appropriate festive and seasonal decorations.

In the past Bartimaeus has hosted art opening highlighting various artists in our church family and community. It is a joy to celebrate the talents of the artists who participate. It is hoped that Bartimaeus will be able to do this again in the future.

Thanksgiving, Christmas, Lent and Easter are busy decorating times. Bartimaeus members are thankful for the help of Dan Lenort and the Church Chore Corps who help with the many tasks involved. Also, Pastor Per and staff share new ideas and encourage our work.

Bartimaeus members are also responsible for the picture board over the name tags in the hallway near the social hall. Check this out as it highlights "Life at Christ the King." You may find yourself there. These photos are changed every three or four months.

Bartimaeus meets the second Monday of each Month, September through June, at 9:00am in Room 106 across from the lounge. We welcome new members and new ideas. Please join us!

Sincerely,

Lynne Gasterland, Leader

Karen Gregory, Karen Peterson, Carol Rydell, Verla Olson, Clare Erickson, Holly Hauer, LuAnn Paul, Sandy Roisum, Jodi Haddox and Florence Smallfield, Committee Members



Quilting

The CTK quilters are still creating quilts/blankets every Monday morning- unless the church is closed. In November we gave out a total of 59 – 9 baby blankets, 15 for older children, 30 for adults and 5 lap robes. These all went to Valley View School, Bridging, LSS in Rochester, VA Hospital and Wilshire.

We are now working on more lap robes as they are smaller and easier to make, and there are places that are very interested in getting some – to cover legs when people are sitting around or even in wheelchairs.

Our closet and shelves are still full of lots of fabric to use – as we were given many bags of fabric from other people cleaning out homes. Now, we're finally getting it better organized so we can cut squares, sew, lay out squares, etc. – to make crazy quilts and lap robes.

We usually have 2 quilts hanging on the west wall in the social hall – we try to change that every couple of weeks or so. So, stop by and see what we are making – as some are really quite colorful and crazy.

The quilters also boxed the cookies and candy you are made and bought. These boxes went to shut-ins, those grieving, etc. Thank you to all who brought in goodies – they are very much appreciated – and it's fun to deliver them too.

~ CTK Quilters



Care Card Ministry

During 2025, nine volunteers sent 33 care cards. The cards were sent to Homebound Members celebrating birthdays, Hospitalizations and Deaths of loved ones to convey our support and prayers. Just a reminder to be sure to notify the church in times like this as many times the office will not know of a need unless it is expressed. The volunteers that wrote cards this year are as follows: Mary Schmidt, Diane Walker, Joy Morris, Sandy Fahrendorff, Barbara Felker, Carol Rydell, Sharon Anderson, Melissa Hill and Carol Rathje. A genuine thanks to you for writing cards.

Submitted by: Carol Rathje



Feeding People

We have partnered with *Loaves & Fishes* for a long time and since January 2022 they have served the needs of the hungry out of our CTK kitchen. Every weekday, from 5pm-6pm, folks can drive up and grab as many meals as they need. People are welcome to come in and dine with community too, and occasionally, they will on Wednesday nights. During the program year, CTK volunteers to prep and serve meals twice a month. Thanks to those who gift their time and if you're interested in helping, please contact the church office. Additionally, *Loaves & Fishes'* on site coordinator, Robert, is such a blessing and has really become part of our CTK family. For 2025, Robert has shared that we served 24,476 meals to 7,787 visitors.

Public Witness Team



RECONCILING IN CHRIST

We are called to the work of modern day prophecy, to see a vision of the world not as it is, but as it could be. Our work is organized around five campaigns: Reconciling in Christ, Housing for All, Racial Justice, ISAIAH and Global Mission. Here are some of the highlights of our witness and advocacy in 2025:

Reconciling in Christ

CTK continues to honor its' commitment to the ongoing care of inclusive welcome at church and in the community. To that point, CTK once again co-sponsored a table at Bloomington Pride with fellow RIC churches, St Stephen and Transfiguration along with Community of The Cross and Atonement, who are in the process of RIC discernment. Many CTK members attended the event and shared in the food and fun while showing love and support for our LGBTQ community.

Housing for All

Our witness for the *Housing for All* campaign is being acted out primarily through our relationship with the Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative. The Beacon Collaborative is made up of over 70 faith communities that share the vision that *all people* (no exceptions) have a safe, affordable home. It is a vision of housing not as it is, but as it could be.

We have participated in bringing this vision to life in a variety of ways –



We welcomed families moving into Vista 44 supportive affordable housing, with diapers and household supplies donated by CTK members. We had postcard campaigns, movie nights with group discussion, hosted a panel of supportive housing experts to speak to the community about the risk of losing federal funding for housing. We attend monthly Rent is Due zoom meetings with other Beacon members for legislative updates and action items. There have been rallies and lobby days at the state capital, open forums about advocacy, book studies, gifts of love, grants from the CTK Foundation for Beacon supportive housing buildings, and more. It is an impressive list of ways we, the people of Christ the King, have done justice, loved kindness, and walked humbly with our God.

Racial Justice

The ELCA observed the National Day of Racial Healing with a program called, *Centering Multi Racial Voices*. The program featured diverse voices sharing powerful, intentional storytelling that fostered deep listening and reflection on narratives of truth and courage, challenge and triumph, lament and resistance. CTK members were invited to gather at church to watch on-line. Also, the ELCA Mpls Area Synod has reorganized its' Racial Justice Ministry, providing quarterly opportunities for worshipping communities to meet, network and connect. One of our team members will represent CTK at the meeting on January 27th. We look forward to seeing where the Spirit leads us in these new relationships!

ISAIAH

We did not participate directly in the work of ISAIAH in 2025, but followed their organizing efforts, particularly around the issue of immigration. We are grateful for their bold allegiance to faith based action that respects the full humanity of all people. As a ministry team, we have appreciated being together to share and process our thoughts and feelings around the recent events and treatment of immigrants in our community. We stand in solidarity with Christ, to show compassion, uplift the common good and love our neighbors. In 2026, we hope to participate in ISAIAH's Lighthouse Palm Sunday Plan, rooted in our call to heal the sick, feed the hungry and welcome the stranger. Stay tuned!

Global Mission

We are charged in Matthew 28:19 to "Go therefor and make disciples of all nations." The mission statement for this part of our team: "To assist the Christian Community of Christ the King in being faithful to Christ's commands to go and make disciples of all nations and to love our neighbors as ourselves." To that end our focus continues to be on supporting the education of the congregation about ELCA involvement in God's Global Mission and how we partner with churches and organizations in many places. Along with over 10,000 other congregations, CTK helps support the global mission efforts of the ELCA through the ELCA Global Mission, <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Global-Mission>

CTK directly supports three ELCA missionary efforts as listed in the bulletin and prayed for each week. We continue to support our sister in China, and our two newer areas: The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria, and Tapestry Bilingual Ministry in Richfield, MN. One goal this year is to increase our interaction with Tapestry at the local level, and our involvement with the church in Nigeria.

We also continue to support the Equal Exchange Project where we can directly purchase coffee, tea, olive oil, chocolate, and cocoa (plus maple syrup). This project provides a fairer return to the growers of these products. Thanks to Chris Scanlon for continuing to coordinate this project.

The Good Gifts tree is put up during the Advent and Christmas seasons to encourage people to donate by purchasing a useful gift. Whether animals, work and school support, water wells or other items, this money goes to support ELCA global ministries. These are available year-round – Valentines' Day, Easter, birthdays, or for any occasion where people want to give a gift or just donate. <https://goodgifts.elca.org/>

Finally, we work to distribute informational material, suggesting prayer concerns for Sunday bulletins, maintaining a bulletin board display, and suggesting speakers for the Open Forum. New input is always welcome!

In closing, we will continue in 2026 to raise awareness, offer information, spark discussions and provide opportunities to help Christ the King do the work of witnessing and advocacy. If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to join the team, please contact any of the members of the Public Witness Ministry team.

Team Members: Chris Gabel, Emily Gunyou Halaas, Mike Haddox, Peggy Indahl, Chris Scanlon, Jon Souchek, Lynda Tysdal (Pastor Per, too!)



Community Health Initiative

The following services were provided by the Health Cabinet in 2025

Play Space - held the 1st Saturday of each month November April providing exercise and social interaction providing toys and bounce houses for families with young children during the winter months.



Walk and Talks - Provided exercise and social interaction for all ages and abilities at the Mall of America and during the summer months, gentle hikes, enjoying nature in our area parks.



Community Garden - Provided improved food security and nutrition (access to fresh produce), enhanced physical and mental health (exercise, stress reduction), stronger social connections, and positive environmental impacts and educational opportunities (VEAP donations and Garden Parties).

Raising the Bar - Provided fun event for the congregation and help promote financial gift giving.



Restorative Yoga - Provided to the community as a way to distress and improve flexibility and strength. Held on Tuesdays 6:30pm.

Flu Clinic - Collaborated with The City of Bloomington in providing flu shots to the community.

Education Classes – Provided classes from outside speakers 1) Psychological First Aid, 2) Child hood Diseases and Immunizations, 3) A Creative Look at Self Care, 4) HOPE (Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experience).

Interfaith Sustainable Food Collaborative - Met with Community Gardeners from all over the country.



Collaborated with CTK RIH Members - (Riverside Innovation Hub) to work on being a better neighbor.

Mardi Gras - Provided an event of New Orleans themed lunch, games and social interaction.



Nutrition Month Event – Provided a presentation by Molly Turnquist Butala on "Food Connects Us" with informational booths and making overnight oats.

Whole Person Wellness Screening Event - Brought in Registered Nurses to assess people's well-being who provided a health plan, if needed, for improvement.

Received a \$750.00 Mini Grant from M Health Fairview M Health Fairview Interfaith Health

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

January -

- Epiphany potluck
- Youth event- Eliza's dance recital



February-

- Youth event- Souper Bowl fundraiser
- Family event- Potluck and Sledding



March-

- Mardi Gras Event
- Family event-Adams Family play, Olson Middle school
- Youth event- Finding Nemo at Burnsville High school
- Children- Sunday BLAST Party



April-

- Youth event—Easter Prep & lock-in
- Easter Brunch and Egg hunt
- Max and Nora Baptism
- Youth event - At Luther Seminary



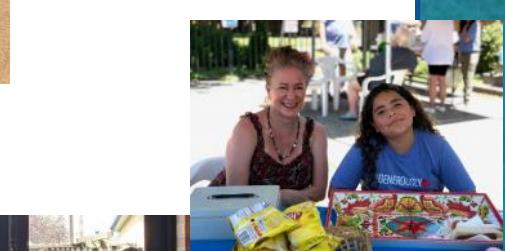
May-

- Youth event- Packing Mothers day bags for the homeless
- Children's Art Show
- Andrew, Gabe and Naomi- Confirmation Celebration
- Talent show



June-

- VBS
- Youth event- DUCK!



July-

- Car show



August

- National night out
- Mini Golf



September

- Kick off Sunday -
- CYF Programming back in session
- Blessing of the backpacks



October

- Said goodbye to the CTK playground
- Youth event - Fall Lock- in
- Garden Clean-up
- Trunk & Treat



November

- Craft fair
- Youth event
- Youth lock in



December

- Christmas Program

Along with all these wonderful events, we also had fun on Wednesday nights during the Children's choir and during WOW, where the kids through music, stories, art and games learned about GOD'S love. They also had fun during BLAST (Sunday school) on Sunday mornings, where learning was centered around stories from the bible. We also played games! As you can see, the CYF group and all our participants were busy. Thank you to all who volunteered in these programs and events! Kristina - Children, Youth and Families Ministry Director

SHINE-

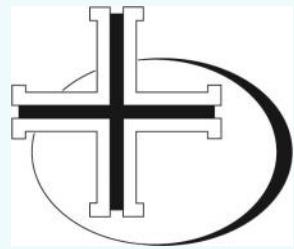
Well as this group is full of amazing women, each of our SHINE events have been different. We have had events here at CTK, and some off campus where we enjoyed events in our community.



We also enjoyed getting together at someone's home. It has been a time to share stories, eat delicious food, but mostly it has been a time to laugh and support each other. I am excited to see where the new year takes this group.
~ Kristina

CTK Foundation

The CTK Foundation supports and extends the mission of Christ the King Lutheran Church beyond our walls and into the wider community. Every confirmed member of CTK is a member of the Foundation. The Foundation exists because of you, and its gifts are made on behalf of this congregation.



Community Impact

This year, through the Foundation, you supported several ministries and organizations:

- **Riverside Innovation Hub**, providing training for staff and lay leaders
- **CTK Youth Soup Fundraiser**, with Foundation matching funds that doubled the impact
- **Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative**, supporting their work toward equitable housing
- **Pinky Swear Foundation**, assisting families with children undergoing cancer treatment
- **VEAP and 360 Communities**, helping provide nutritious food during the holidays

Seven students are currently receiving the largest scholarships the Foundation has awarded to date. This year, the scholarship program was updated so students may apply for up to four scholarships regardless of the accredited institution they attend, correcting a long-standing inequity for state and non-ELCA schools.

Behind-the-Scenes Work

The Foundation Board also updated outdated language in the Foundation by-laws, continuing important work begun by previous board members.

Gratitude for Our Donors

These gifts are possible only because of generous donors. The Board thanks all who gave this year, including Thrivent Choice and memorial gifts. Our community has been blessed by extraordinary generosity.

We received memorial donations in honor of **Jim Scanlon** and **Mary Johnson** and other gifts from: John & Marilyn Akimoto, Barbara Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Jack Bergerson, Dale & Sue Blajeski, John & Lisa Butler, Mary Jo Carlson, H J Colby, Chris Gabel, Jan & Lynne Gasterland, Sam & Thomas Gildseth, Herm & Denise Hagedorn, Margit Hauge, Daniel & Nicole Hocking, Gary & Joanne Hofstad, Alan & Debora Johnson, Mary Johnson, Malcom & Karine Johnson, Al Johnson, Beverly Larson, Roger & Verla Olson, Don & Joan Perlich, Robert & Carol Rathje, Marv & Shirley Roloff, K E Johnson S A Pfeifffer, Chris Scanlon, Mark & Susan Schoepke, Del & Florence Smallfield, Virgil & Gloria Storm, Patricia Utterberg, David & Bonnie Westermoe, Warren Winterfeldt, and Barbara & Gregory Wurdeaman.

A Call to Participate

All grants and gifts were requested by members of Christ the King—by you. This year, we received only **two grant requests**, and we hope to see more in the coming year. Your ideas guide how these funds are used to serve our neighbors and expand CTK's mission.

While Foundation funds cannot currently be used for church operating expenses, they remain a vital way for our congregation to live out its call to serve. If you are interested in submitting a grant request or serving on the Foundation Board, please speak with a current board member. We welcome your participation.

~Sean Johnson , President of CTK Foundation

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"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.... Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many...If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." (1 Corinthians 12:7, 14, 26)

This report to the worshipping communities of the Minneapolis Area Synod is an opportunity to look back on 2025, and to look ahead to the year to come. Most of all, it is an opportunity to name and celebrate some of the ways the Holy Spirit continues to enliven God's church and our shared life as Church Together. We give thanks to you and your congregation for your partnership in this ministry we share, and for your Mission Support, financial commitments that fuel Synod ministry as well as the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Together we accompany one another in times of challenge and joy, seeking the common good as we bear witness to the love of God that makes possible our love of neighbor. Below are a few highlights of 2025.

Our Shared Life

- In May, we lived out the theme Church Together at the annual Synod Assembly
- We hosted two Tool Kit workshops in 2025, one in March and one in November
- We started a monthly virtual learning series called Learn Together Over Lunch
- We gathered rostered ministers for two Ministerium events and the Bishop's Theological Conference
- The deans of the conferences hosted regular conference meetings and the Conference Assemblies in February
- Leaders grew in their work through Peer Groups and Power and Boundaries Workshops
- There were several other gatherings of Synod leaders: Children, Youth and Family leaders, Leaders of Color, Retired Pastors and Deacons, Communicators, and more
- Global partnerships were strengthened in 2025. Archbishop Musa Filibus from the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria visited in October and a few people from our Synod visited the Leipzig District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Saxony in September
- The new ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry was installed in October at Central Lutheran, Minneapolis
- Lay and rostered leaders have been exploring new partnerships, creative building use, and how best to steward resources
- Our Executive Committee and Synod Council are restructuring how we fund ministry together, with a focus on more support for our New Start and Strategic communities
- The Resurrection Fund began in 2017. Seeded by money received at the Holy Closure of congregations, the fund makes possible a wide array of ministry across the Synod, including a new round of Imagination Grants beginning in 2026
- Following the adoption of a resolution on Immigration at Synod Assembly, an Immigration Task Force was formed to guide our action, and a Welcome Fund was created to channel support related to immigration

Daily I see Jesus at work in and through you, dear Synod. Thank you for your dedication, for trusting me and our staff during the tender times, and for daring to boldly live into your faith and baptismal identity.

Transitions in our Synod Staff

In 2025, Karen Ohm and Peg Ihinger retired, and we adjusted the portfolios for many of the Synod staff.

Early in the year we welcomed six new staff members: Sarah Maslowski (CYF Connector), Liz Farmer (Assistant to the Bishop for Administration), Karen Alexander (Administrator for Candidacy, Roster, and Call Process), Pastor Jen Collins (Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Vitality), Pastor Ryan Fletcher (Director for Evangelical Mission), and Juan Gonzalez (Director of Family Faith).



With these changes comes much learning and growth, and some intentional changes to our processes. I'm excited about our team and the gifts we bring individually and collectively. Thanks for your patience as we grow into this new season.

You are in our prayers. God bless us with grace for this day and courage for tomorrow.
In Christ, Bishop Jen Nagel

2025 Christ The King Annual Meeting

January 26, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Chris Gabel at 10:56 am. 71 members were in attendance.

Opening prayer – Pastor Rory. Micah 6:8.

Approve agenda – Florence Smallfield moved to approve the agenda. Lynda Tysdal. 2nd. Motion carried.

Approve minutes from 2024 – Don Perlich moved to approve the minutes. 2nd. Motion carried.

Affirmation of New Mission, Vision and Values – And key Bible verses chosen.

Our Mission –

- Healed to be whole
- Loved to be gold
- Freed for the joy of Christ

Our Vision –

We are a joyous community of Christ, pursuing global connections inclusive love for all people, and the embodiment of the hopes, teaches, and life of Jesus.

Our Values –

*Health + grounded in the life of Jesus, becoming the fullness of who we are made to be.

*Joy + grounded in the hope of Jesus, we find reason to rejoice even in the worst of life.

*Love + grounded in the teaches of Jesus, we courageously act for others, relying on a

Our Key Bible Verses

Micah 6:8 – What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

Galatians 3:26-28 – For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

1 John 4:7 – Dear friends, let us love one another, for loves comes from God.

Pastor's report - "Journeys of 2024" – Played "Journey through CTK Land." Worship, Service, Community, Summer of Renewal - Pastor Rory, Teaching Summer - congregation, Witness.

Nominating Committee consisting of Chris Scanlon, Julie Smith, Loren Thompson, Jean Stoll, Lihn Phan, Mike Vogel, Carol Rydell & Sue Hanson presented the following slate of new positions for 2025: Chris Gabel for president, Sean Bernier – member at large, Jana Olson – member at large, Sam Durbin – member at large. Rick Turnquist moved to approve slate of nominees and it was 2nd. Motion carried putting Chris, Sean Jana & Sam onto council for the 2025-2026 term.

CTK Meeting adjourned at 11:41 am.

*CTK Foundation meeting was held.

CTK meeting was called back to order to continue where left off.

Audit Committee Report – Jana Olson presented audit report of CTK.

2024 Financial Report of CTK - Financials for 2024 were presented.

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2025 Budget Approval of CTK – Personnel changes – contract outside payroll & cleaning services and reduce operations staff hours and reduce pastoral staff from two pastors to one pastor by mid-year. Discussed various versions of how to cut down to 1 pastor; a new position will need to be created for one position to cover both pastors' duties. Discussed how the council arrived at these decisions. Discussed how budget was arrived. Sam Durban moved to approve the 2025 budget. Motion was 2nd and motion carried.

Recognition of CTK staff – Jane V, Jane B, Dan Lenort, Kristina E, Kristi M, Pastor Per, Pastor Rory. Amanda Davis – nursery coordinator, Darin Tysdal – music ministry, Kristi McKay – director of music, Darin Tysdal – music ministry and Chore crew.

Other Business – Loren brought up question of use of organ since we do not have an organist on staff. Suggestions of getting other organists in to play. Special thanks to pastors, council and congregation who came to meeting.

Adjourn - Don Perlich moved to end meeting. 2nd. Motion carried.

Closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Youmans



Christ the King Active Membership

Active Membership as of January 1, 2025

Baptized	313	Confirmed	287
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Members received during 2025

By Baptism (15 & under)	4
By Baptism (16 & up)	
By Affirmation of Faith	
By Transfer	

Members Received During 2025	4
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Baptized Members Confirmed in 2025	4
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Total Members Received	4
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Members Removed during 2025

By Death	11	11
By Transfer	4	2

Total Removed during 2025	15	13
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Active Membership as of January 1, 2026

Baptized	298	Confirmed	278
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Ministerial Services 2025

Baptisms 4

Total Attendance*: 5,872 in person, 5,522 online

Funerals 12

Average Weekly Attendance*: 112 in person, 106 online, 218 total

Weddings 0

*Attendance numbers include online view counts x2, as per ELCA guidance.

Member Deaths 2025

Doris Peterson 1/4

Jim Mrozek 1/30

Mary Johnson 3/8

Dave Jaye 4/3

Stan Clasen 4/4

Ed Anderson 6/5

Ron Senn 6/10

Donna Smith 7/24

Phyllis Berg 9/5

DeVon Schmidt 10/31

Dennis Becker 11/3

Baptisms 2025

Max Anders Rothbauer 4/20

Nora Marie Rothbauer 4/20

Everly Juliette Blazinski-Fix 11/30

Finley Kirk Ornes-Ward 12/28

**CHRIST THE KING BLOOMINGTON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024**

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
Cash - Checking	374,384.85	397,195.17
Cash - Investments	0.00	0.00
Property & Equipment (2010 appraisal)	<u>3,400,000.00</u>	<u>3,400,000.00</u>
	TOTAL ASSETS	3,774,384.85
		3,797,195.17
LIABILITIES		
Mortgage - CTK Foundation loan	26,174.93	32,243.00
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	26,174.93
		32,243.00
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted (Net Worth)	3,373,825.07	3,367,757.00
Restricted Funds	<u>374,384.85</u>	<u>397,195.17</u>
	TOTAL NET ASSETS	3,748,209.92
		3,764,952.17
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	3,774,384.85
		3,797,195.17

**CHRIST THE KING BLOOMINGTON
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025**

INCOME:

	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2024 Actual
<u>Operating:</u>			
General Fund - Pledged	397,744.98	365,738	376,087.23
General Fund - Non-pledged	56,024.56	50,000	62,846.23
Festival	7,358.00	6,000	6,021.00
Loose Offering	4,111.16	3,000	2,906.53
Miscellaneous/Interest	16,365.63	13,000	23,460.64
Reserve Accounts	0.00	36,708	0.00
Memorials	50,000.00	50,000	45,524.74
Community Meal - Loaves & Fishes	16,100.00	16,200	14,300.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars	2,219.00	1,900	1,875.00
Rental Income	62,296.00	52,000	52,132.56
Mid-Year Campaign	5,928.00	5000	4,022.00
Investment - CD	0.00	0	100,000.00
SUB-TOTAL	618,147.33	599,546	689,175.93
<u>Designated (Pass Through):</u>			
Youth Self Funding	5,098.27		7,387.18
Self Funding	4,311.94		15,364.68
Special Benevolence	12,438.00		14,809.94
Coffee, Donuts, Pop	2,236.70		2,607.19
Special Service Staffing	64,821.00		56,447.80
SUB-TOTAL	88,905.91		96,616.79
TOTAL INCOME	707,053.24		785,792.72

**CHRIST THE KING BLOOMINGTON
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

DISBURSEMENTS:

	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2024 Actual
<u>Operating:</u>			
Business Management	44,836.02	45,100	44,044.60
Children, Youth and Family Ministry	4,273.21	3,000	2,999.68
Congregational Life	1,093.64	1,000	1,567.50
Properties	76,365.79	86,000	72,328.19
Misson Support	20,780.00	20,780	20,779.99
Mission - Global	14,800.00	14,800	14,800.00
Worship, Music & Arts	5,470.49	6,000	4,880.37
Personnel	424,954.27	413,914	473,223.80
Technology	1,558.59	1,000	581.69
Community Health Initiives	779.02	1,000	668.61
Loans	6,952.32	6,952	6,952.32
General Reserves- Memorials	16,283.98		46,349.18
SUB-TOTAL	618,147.33	599,546	689,175.93
 <u>Designated (Pass Through):</u>			
Youth Self-Funding	5,098.27		7,387.18
Self-Funding	4,311.94		15,364.68
Special Benevolence	12,438.00		14,809.94
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SPECIAL GIFTS FOR 2025

The following gifts were given "over and above" our budgeted benevolence by you, our CTK congregation. These gifts represent your special response as God's people to the needs of others.

2025 Gift of Love:

Jan	Global Health Ministries	115.00
Feb	Beacon	325.00
Mar	Lutheran Campus Ministries - Twin Cities	975.00
April	CTK Youth Activities	360.00
May	VEAP	235.00
June	Reconciling Works	470.00
July	Prayer Shawels	485.00
Aug	Bridging	245.00
Sept	Kennedy Community Alliance	475.00
Oct	Cornerstone	485.00
Nov	Loaves & Fishes	1005.00
Dec	ELCA World Hunger	415.00

total **\$5,590.00**

Additional Gifts:

ELCA Good Gifts	120.00
Lutheran Disaster Response - CA Wildfires	240.00
Beacon	200.00
VEAP - additional general support	630.00
VEAP - food (Jan-Nov 2025)	853.5 pounds
Lutheran Social Services of MN	5428.00
	100.00

NON-BUDGETED BENEVOLENCE total **\$12,308.00**

	2025	2024
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Contributions	63,074.11	424,547.73
Disbursements	85,884.43	534,143.51
INCREASE OR (DECREASE)	(22,810.32)	(109,595.78)

RECAP Designated RESTRICTED FUNDS - 2025

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
Memorials	204,729.81	41,605.99	52,148.77	194,187.03
Gifts	17,008.38	3,050.00	7,130.24	12,928.14
Staff Education/Pension	3,013.21	0.00	360.00	2,653.21
Youth-Mission Trips/Youth Gathe	27,412.64	1,875.72	0.00	29,288.36
Mortgage Funds	9,261.44	0.00	0.00	9,261.44
Maintenance Accrual	12,395.36	0.00	0.00	12,395.36
Special Projects	53,691.05	0.00	5,000.00	48,691.05
General Operating Reserve	34,025.30	9,206.05	639.00	42,592.35
Shawl Ministry	272.91	485.00	0.00	757.91
Digital Church Sign	5,992.00	0.00	0.00	5,992.00
Adult Education	57.13	0.00	0.00	57.13
YOGA classes - Sept 2012	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Community Garden	870.55	580.00	0.00	1,450.55
Woman's Retreats/Programs	1,494.41	0.00	0.00	1,494.41
Music Festival	951.63	0.00	951.63	0.00
Parish Nurse/Health Program	2,888.17	750.00	180.00	3,458.17
Recovery Ministry	489.16	0.00	0.00	489.16
Pastors & Dragons Retreat	417.33	0.00	417.33	0.00
Financial Peace University	(639.00)	639.00	0.00	0.00
Community Organizing - Grant	527.80	0.00	0.00	527.80
PLAY - Space	1207.90	638.91	520.82	1,325.99
Men's Retreats	506.65	0.00	0.00	506.65
Community Meals	6762.98	1,243.44	1,678.28	6,328.14
Clergy Renewal Grant	13,858.36	0.00	13,858.36	0.00
Restricted Funds total- Dec 31	397,195.17	63,074.11	85,884.43	374,384.85
	397,195.17	Coulee Bank		374,384.85

2025 Loans

CTK Foundation Loan (Dec 2019)

\$60,000 ... 10 year fixed @ 3.00% ... \$579.36/month payment
 2025 ending balance \$26,174.93 2025 Principal paid \$6068.07 2025 interest paid \$884.30

CHRIST THE KING BLOOMINGTON
2025 Budget/Actuals and 2026 Proposed Budget

	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals	2026 Proposed
Income:			
Pledged Offering	365,738.00	397,744.98	394,729.00
Non Pledged Offering	50,000.00	56,024.56	30,000.00
Festival	6,000.00	7,358.00	6,000.00
Loose Offering	3,000.00	4,111.16	4,000.00
Community Meals	16,200.00	16,100.00	15,600.00
Reserve Accounts	36,708.00	0.00	10,000.00
Memorials	50,000.00	50,000.00	24,239.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars	1,900.00	2,219.00	2,200.00
Interest/Miscellaneous	13,000.00	16,365.63	16,000.00
Rental Income	52,000.00	62,296.00	62,000.00
Mid-Year Campaign	5,000.00	5,928.00	-
Total	599,546.00	618,147.33	564,768.00
	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Proposed
Business Management	45,100	44,836.02	45,100
Children, Youth & Family Ministry	3,000	4,273.21	3,000
Congregational Life	1,000	1,093.64	1,000
Community Health Initiatives	1,000	779.02	1,000
Mission Support (Synod)	20,780	20,780.00	20,780
Mission - Global	14,800	14,800.00	14,800
Properties	86,000	76,365.79	86,000
Worship, Music & Arts	6,000	5,470.49	6,000
Personnel	413,914	424,954.27	375,136
Technology/Digital Ministry	1,000	1,558.59	5,000
Loans	6,952	6,952.32	6,952
General Reserves - Memorials		16,283.98	
Total	599,546	618,147.33	564,768.00