

**Minutes of the Joint Church Council Meeting
Christ the King/Living Hope (at CTK)
August 19, 2025, 6:30 pm**

Present: Pastor Daniel Flucke, Jen Eason, Gary Myrah, Alex Pieper, Patti Luedtke, Andy Krueger, Shannon Stoker, Laura Coleman, Ellen Smith, Paul Hoffman, Deb Bruns, Fred Walls

Opening Prayer and Devotion

Pastor Daniel opened the meeting with questions to the Council. In pairs, the Council members discussed what our church and our faith means to us, then shared with the group.

Looking Back: What's gone well, what needs improvement

- VBS-Changes to be made next year, will start community child enrollment at age 4, HWG children can start at age 3.
- Joint Worship at Living Hope-We did a better job of planning, it was a success
- Joint Ecumenical Outdoor Worship-We will pick a later date in the summer (August) and return to the Upper Lake Park for the location.
- "Thank you!" to Fred Walls for preaching on August 17th

Worship

- Pastor Halverson will be the supply pastor on August 31, Ellen (CTK) and Gary and Joe (LH) will greet him and provide service information.
- Pastor will have a fall sermon series based on the book by Adam Hamilton entitled "Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith"
- Pastor is proposing three Advent services utilizing Holden Evening Prayer (12/3 at CTK, 12/10 at LH, 12/17 at CTK) with suppers at 5:30, worship at 6:30.

Portico Plan for 2026

- Pastor provided a handout with information on all options for health/benefits in 2026. Discussed the two health insurance options (Select Copay 2000 or Value Copay 4000) he would like us to consider for him and his family. P. Hoffman made a motion, G. Myrah seconded, to provide the Select Copay 2000 plan at a cost of \$934.03/month per congregation. No further discussion, motion carried.

Looking Forward

- Monthly Ministries continue: September is Outreach for Hope, October is Lutheran World Relief, November is the Ozaukee County Diaper Bank. Discussed options for next year including having the Ministries every other month. Pastor and D. Bruns to work on a calendar.
- The Synod has developed a response fund for those affected by the flooding this month, please check out the Synod newsletter for giving opportunities.
- The Synod will be holding the Fall Leadership Conference at Lutherdale in Elkhorn. The conference dates are 9/29-10/1. If interested, please contact the Synod to register.
- God's Work, Our Hands will be September 7.

Living Hope projects and plans update

- Root-beer Floats happened today.
- MomCo launches on September 17, no enrollments yet, but they have several verbal commitments.
- Red Cross Blood Drives to be held September 16 and November 18.
- We will be serving a meal at the Ozaukee Food Alliance on Saturday, October 11, will need to prepare a menu at the next Council meeting.
- Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 31
- We have received a “Feast of Abundance” grant, Pastor will investigate the requirements for its use.

CTK projects and plans update

- The rummage sale was a success
- Polka Service and Supper will be Saturday, October 4.
- Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 25

Lighthouse will kick off their programming on Sunday, September 7.

Joint newsletter to be sent out around September 1.

Potential for a “Death and Dying” community workshop on Saturday, November 15; will need volunteers for planning.

Mission Planning, Goals and Process Update

- The process was very successful at CTK. They had 36 people participate over 3 different meetings. L. Coleman would like to get dates for the Living Hope meetings, they will likely be held in October, the Council will discuss.

Next Joint Meeting: Thursday, November 13 at 6:30 pm at Living Hope.

Closing Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Luedtke, Living Hope Council Secretary