

# Christ the King



# 2025

## ANNUAL REPORT



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# OUR MISSION STATEMENT



God has blessed Christ the King with strong people who are committed to their faith, to one another, and to people in need.

We are a church that is rooted in Christ, nurturing faith, loving and serving all.



# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

January 25, 2025

Call to Order

Opening Prayer & Litany

Approval of Minutes from 2025 Congregational Annual Meeting

Pastor's Report

President's Report

Committee Reports

- Evangelism and Outreach Committee Report
- Worship and Music Committee Report
- Nominating Committee Report / Election
- Presentation of 2025 nominees for Church Council & Synod Assembly

Treasurer's Report

Presentation of 2025 Financial Ministry Plan

Constitution: ELCA Model Constitution Updates from 2019, 2022, & 2025

Closing Prayer

Adjournment



# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 9:18 am with 30 confirmed members in attendance.

Council President Paul Hoffmann led the Opening Liturgy and Prayer found in the Annual Report booklet.

Minutes from 2024 Annual Meeting- Laura Coleman made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Probelski to approve the minutes. All voted in favor.

## Committee Reports

**Evangelism and Outreach-** Paul Hoffmann reviewed 19 outreach projects that our congregation participated in during 2024.

**Music and Worship-** Ellen Smith's report thanked everyone who volunteers with the various aspects of music and worship and coffee hour.

**Nominating Committee-** Paul Hoffmann and Mary Stevens presented the following as Council officers for 2025:

President- Laura Coleman

Vice President- Fred Walls

Secretary- Deb Bruns

Treasurer- Paul Hoffmann

There were no nominations from the floor for these positions so a motion was made by Connie Hoffmann and seconded by Vicki Lidicker to accept the above nominations. Motion carried unanimously.



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# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mark Dybdahl and seconded by Josh Schlicht to have Robin Honish and Leslie Braun serve as our Synod Assembly representatives for the meetings on May 30 & 31. All voted in favor.

A motion was made by Mark Dybdahl and seconded by Leslie Braun to elect Ellen Smith as Member-at-Large for the church council. All voted in favor.

A motion was made by Jan Nealy and seconded by Fern Rathsack to elect Ron Voigt and Robin Honish for the Nominating Committee. All voted in favor.

A motion was made by Jan Nealy and seconded by Elly Schlicht to have Ron Voigt and Kathy Wiskow serve on the Audit Committee. All voted in favor.

## Pastor's Report

Pastor Daniel said he is proud of the generosity of our congregation, especially for the funds raised for our 60 for 60 Campaign which reduced our mortgage debt by half.

## President's Report

Paul Hoffmann offered his thanks for allowing him to serve as the council president for the past four years. Pastor Daniel also thanked Paul for his service as president.



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# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

## Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 12/31/24

Checking: \$23,925.24

Fidelity Investments: \$53,976.24 (\$30,006.48 are Memorial Funds)

Youth Fund: \$887.99

**TOTAL CASH ASSETS:** \$78,789.47

TOTAL LIABILITIES (mortgage): \$54,378.28

This compares to 2023 with TOTAL CASH ASSETS: \$79,142.54

And TOTAL LIABILITIES: \$116,683.70

-The Fidelity account was opened to earn more interest than the checking account earns.  
-Office manager, Carrie Rydzewski, has been working with Fred Walls using Quickbooks to help smooth the transition for Paul to take over as Treasurer.

Fred walked us through the Proposed Budget for 2025.

Tom Bruns was concerned that the budget shows a negative balance. Fred explained that there is never actually a deficit at the end of the year. Either more donations come in or expenses are lower than budgeted. Motion was made by Ron Voigt and seconded by Kathy Wiskow to approve the 2025 Budget.

All voted in favor.

Fred thanked the congregation for trusting him as treasurer. Paul thanked Fred for keeping accurate books for the church.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Daniel Flucke.

A motion to adjourn was made by Everett Hoffmann and seconded by Leslie Braun.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deb Bruns  
Council Secretary



# PASTOR'S REPORT

"You are the light of the world....let your light shine before others,  
so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

—Jesus in Matthew 5:14–15

Over the past year, both Living Hope and Christ the King have put significant time and energy into crafting new mission statements. In small and large groups as well as individual conversations, we've dug into how things are going in our congregations, both to celebrate what's going well and to notice areas in need of attention and improvement.

My hope—and the hope of the church councils as well—is that the words of these mission statements will help us frame the ministry we do together as a congregation. Hopefully you've heard or even memorized our new statements, but just in case, here they are:

- Christ the King Lutheran Church is:  
**Rooted in Christ, Nurturing Faith, Loving and Serving All.**
- And at Living Hope: **We are Alive in Faith, Loving God and Neighbor, Living Hope.**



Now, to be clear, I trust everyone reading this understands a mission statement on its own accomplishes nothing. It doesn't matter how nicely formed our mission statement is if it's just something to mark off on a checklist as an accomplishment. But personally, I've found this process very valuable for the conversation it's inspired. I've heard some wonderful (and some less wonderful) memories of our community, as well as hopes, dreams, and fears for the future. Thank you to Laura for facilitating so much of this process!

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# PASTOR'S REPORT

The whole process of exploring our mission and seeking to discern God's calling for our churches grows out of the central question: **Why are we here?** Why does it matter that our churches exist as institution in this time and place? After all, we don't believe we have an exclusive claim on salvation. We certainly don't believe everyone outside of our particular church is going to hell, or anything like that. Instead—as you'll see throughout this report—we do our best to partner with other churches and community organizations. What is our unique proclamation for our community?

In Matthew 5, Jesus tells his followers (us!) to **"Let your light shine"** so that our good works may be seen, not for our glory, not so people will look at our church and say how great it is, but so that people will give God glory. Our mission statements are all about how we serve God, not ourselves. Our purpose is to share God's love, to act out of our faith to love and serve our neighbors.

The Lutheran tradition puts a heavy emphasis on **God's grace**. Core to our understanding of God is the promise that God is love and that God's salvation is a gift bestowed on us, a gift we cannot earn or deserve, but which God offers to us freely. In response to God's grace, we seek to live out Jesus' call to love our neighbor, sharing the grace we've received.

And because we know we have done nothing to deserve God's grace, **we believe and proclaim God's is for everyone**. As Paul says in Galatians 3:28, "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." As I said in a sermon a few weeks ago, there is no "them." We need to resist attempts to "other" people, to offer an alternative to the narratives of fear and division in our world. No matter who you are, no matter what you've done, you are welcome in God's family. Everyone is welcome at God's table. No matter what your immigration or citizenship status, no matter what language you speak, or who you love, or what teams you root for. No matter how much money you have, or your singing ability, how old or young you are, your gender or race, your physical or mental abilities, we believe and proclaim that you are a beloved child of God. God's grace is for you.

**That's a message of hope I believe is worth proclaiming.**

That's a message our neighbors need to hear. Humbly, lovingly, peacefully, we need to proclaim that message of love and grace loud and clear, in our words and our actions as a church. Sadly, some of the loudest voices claiming to represent Christianity in our culture don't seem to share this understanding of God's abundant grace for all people, for a world where everyone can thrive.



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## PASTOR'S REPORT

I won't say our mission has never been more important, because God's Church has survived many seasons of persecution (and still is in places around the world) and has endured through being the religion of the empire, through the reformation, and through more scandals than any of us can count. But I will say **the message we have to share—the good news of Jesus we proclaim—is as important today as it's ever been.**



As a community of faith, we are formed by weekly gathering together for worship. We're blessed in both congregations by wonderful musicians to lead our congregational song. Thank you to Mary, Sue, and Tim for accompanying at Living Hope, and to Mary, the ATHIRST praise band, CTK Handbells, and CTK choir at Christ the King. And of course, more special music throughout the year is most welcome!

Worship highlights for me this year included a fun service after Vacation Bible School with a Christian illusionist illustrating the gospel, a meaningful Maundy Thursday service including supper as part of the service and first communion for five kids, and ecumenical services for Lent (including our Lighthouse youth leading one night!), Thanksgiving, and a very hot summer Sunday morning in July.

Thank you also to everyone who participated in the online Advent Calendar videos, which have been viewed over 12,000 times! Episodes of our weekly sermon podcast have been downloaded over 5,500 times this year—wow!

Our joint Living Hope-Christ the King-Here We Grow Vacation Bible School was even larger this year, with 84 kids participating, including over 25 from the wider community not already connected to our churches! Thank you so much to everyone who donated, volunteered, and prayed for this to be an amazing week "Under the Big Top."



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# PASTOR'S REPORT

In my report last year, I highlighted the generosity of both Living Hope and Christ the King. Jesus said when we care for the least of these, we are caring for him. We do that through service projects like Hearts to Hands, God's Work Our Hands Sunday, Family Promise meals, Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits, and so much more. Generosity was an intentional focus this year as we highlighted monthly ministries, bringing in representatives from Young Adults in Global Mission, Crossways Camps, Breaking the Chains Church, Ozaukee Baby Bank, Mt. Meru Coffee, and Outreach for Hope to share about giving opportunities beyond our congregations. As a congregation, we raised just over \$4,300 to give away to these monthly ministries in 2025!

**Thank you to all our volunteers** who work behind the scenes to care for our buildings. Tasks like organizing the shed, changing light bulbs and furnace filters, and cleaning so often go unnoticed, yet are vital to allowing us to use our building as a tool for ministry.

At Christ the King, I've been glad to see our building getting more use this year as we've provided space for Kiwanis and the Port Washington Bookworms groups to meet.

A major change this year at Christ the King was Carrie's departure in November as our office administrator. I'm grateful for her true partnership in ministry over the last three years and the many ways she blessed our congregation. In November, Rebecca joined our staff, just in time for Christmas and putting together this annual report – welcome aboard! If you haven't met her yet, send a message or stop by and say hi.

Looking forward, I'm excited to see where God is calling our churches in 2026, and the ways we'll find to live out our new mission statements. This summer, I'm planning a Summer of Service focus, which will involve various service projects in our community and beyond, with the goal of everyone in our church doing something. In cooperation with Lighthouse Youth Ministry, this focus will help shape our summer worship, Lighthouse youth service trip, and even a potential adult two or three day mission trip—watch for more information on that opportunity.

**Thank you for all the ways you let your light shine through our church and beyond.** Please continue to pray for our congregation and for the Holy Spirit to lead us in God's mission. And thank you for your partnership in sharing the love of God and the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Your partner in the Gospel,  
-Pastor Daniel Flucke





# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brothers and sisters in Christ, 2025 brought us many opportunities and you all embraced each opportunity that led to an impact on our church, our community and internationally. The peace and drive I get to experience at CTK is inspiring. Groups make beautiful quilts, baby layette packages, warm bowls of homemade soup, warm meals for those who are homeless in Ozaukee County, school kits for less fortunate children in our community and the list goes on as we have 12 non-profits throughout the year. The rummage and Christmas sales give people the opportunity to buy nice items at a low price which is helpful to many.

There is always more to do and many ways to help and this year we met multiple times to develop a new vision/mission statement and goals to follow. Over 70% of our congregation attended listening sessions to give the council insights on where the congregation wanted to focus our efforts. Over 60% met for 5 hours on a Saturday to develop our vision/mission statement: Rooted in Christ, nurturing faith, loving and serving all. We then developed goals: Improve our welcoming experience; Improve communications on finances, document what volunteer jobs are being done to keep the church going; Intentionality in worship and discipleship; and Improve outdoor and indoor appearance to make us more vibrant and inviting. Each of the goals have action items that will take place over the next two years.

Our first action carried out is the replacement of carpeting throughout the area in the fellowship hall which was partially funded by generous donations by congregation members. We also raised money to buy a new lawn tractor and to expand our pollination garden.

The committee reports will give you further details on our remarkable year.

God bless you all. We can look forward to another year of putting our faith into action.



In Christ,  
Laura Coleman



# FOR THE RECORD

## Attendance Report:

**2019:** Average Sunday Worship Service Attendance: 39

**2020:** COVID made attendance challenging to track, with most services being online only.

**2021:** Combined services alternating with Living Hope, with total attendance averaging 38.

**2022:** Combined services with Living Hope, with total attendance averaging 44. Once separate weekly services resumed, Christ the King's average attendance was 30.

**2023:** Average Worship Attendance: 33  
Average Online Attendance: 10

**2024:** Average Worship Attendance: 32  
Average Online Attendance: 7

**2025:** Average Worship Attendance: 35  
Average Online Attendance: 8

## 2025 Special Services

Ash Wednesday (combined with Living Hope and Grand Ave UMC, at CTK): 52 (+23 online)

Maundy Thursday (combined, at LH): 37

Good Friday (combined, at CTK): 52

Polka Service: 58

2:00 pm Christmas Eve: 92



## Congregational Membership Updates:

### **Baptisms:**

Betty Mae Daggett  
Avery Rose Nystrom

### **Deaths & Funerals:**

Lois Breimeier  
Tonetta (Toni) Lunde  
Ardyce (Ardy) Ahsmann

### **New Members Received:**

Joshua Lange Molly Lange (Jana, Reese, Piper, Rafe) - Associate Members

### **Members Transferred or Released:**

Paula Juedes (transferred to St. John's Lutheran in Grafton)  
James & Patti Cox

# AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Kathryn Wiskow and Ron Voigt performed an audit the week of January 15, 2026.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Nominating Committee Members: Robin Honish & Ron Voigt

Members of the Congregation Council are elected by written ballot to serve a one year term and can renew up to 4 full terms consecutively per position. The terms shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

### **Current Congregational Council Officers:**

**President:** Laura Coleman (serving 1st year)

**Vice President:** Fred Walls (serving 1st year)

**Secretary:** Deb Bruns (serving 2nd year)

**Treasurer:** Paul Hoffmann (serving 1st year)

**Member at Large:** Ellen Smith (serving ? year)

All above members are willing to continue their positions for 2026 so the Committee is nominating them accordingly.

### **Other Elected officials:**

**Audit Committee** - Kathy Wiskow, Ron Voigt are current members for 2025. Kathy Wiskow is willing to commit to Audit Committee 2026 so we nominate her and the 2nd person will be nominated on the floor at the Annual Meeting as we are still working on that position.

**Nominating Committee** - Nominating Committee is nominating Leslie Braun and I, Robin Honish, am willing to commit to next year also.

**Synod Assembly Delegates (which will be held May 29 & 30, 2026)** - Nominating Committee would like to nominate Becki Hill and Annie Bialzik. I am happy to report that we have a youth representative interested as well so we would like to nominate Taylor Bialzik as a youth representative.

**COMMITTEE LIAISONS:** Both below are ok with continuing in their positions:

**EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH** - Paul Hoffmann

**WORSHIP & MUSIC** - Ellen Smith

Thank you to all our members for prayerfully considering these leadership roles for our Congregation.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Honish and Ron Voigt

# EVANGELISM & OUTREACH REPORT

2025 was full of activity with thanks to Jan Nealy, Bonnie Probelski, Robin Honish, Connie Hoffmann, Fred Walls and Pastor Daniel for serving as committee members. A special thank you to Fern Rathsack for her years of service on the E and O committee. We wish her all the best in her new adventures at Harbor Club.

Outreach projects include the combined work of several CTK members and have included:

- **Family Promise** meal support to 15 to 20 less fortunate individuals and families sheltered at the facility.
- **Stone Soup** which has produced over 6500 pints of homemade soup over the past 4 years for local food pantries.
- **Rachel Circle** After a long hiatus that began during the 2020 pandemic, Rachel Circle was relaunched in 2025 lead by Becki Hill. Members returned to monthly gatherings, rebuilding community through meaningful study, prayer and reflection. The group now shares a fresh connection, steady participation, and a renewed sense of belonging, marking 2025 as a year of reconnection and spiritual growth.
- **Port Washington Bookworms Club** is now meeting at CTK on Tuesdays for tabletop gaming.
- **Port Washington Kiwanis** now meets once a month at CTK.
- **Outreach for Hope** annual fundraiser providing support in manning the Belgium comfort station for the run / walk / bike marathon.
- **Friendship Club** attendance at Grand Ave Methodist by Bonnie and Fern to provide Ecumenical Christian outreach to adult special needs patients.
- **Lighthouse Youth Ministry** support and event participation
- **Vacation Bible School** returned this year including volunteers and students from Christ the King, Living Hope, Here We Grow, and the community
- **Port Washington Fish Day Parade Float** themed Fishers of Men attended by 10 CTK members and handed out 2000 info cards, candy and Little Jesus figurines with an invite to the joint worship event in Kolbach Park
- **Trunk or Treat** event with 6 cars providing candy, chili and fellowship to over 250 trick or treaters



# EVANGELISM & OUTREACH REPORT

- **CTK Quilters**, led by Kathy Wiskow, created 75 quilts which are forwarded to those in need worldwide through Lutheran Relief.
- **Baby Layette Kits**, led by Ellen Smith, provided 91 kits forwarded to be used in refugee centers globally.
- **CTK Medical device lending library** which shares several medical assistance devices such as walkers, wheelchairs, canes, crutches, shower chairs, etc. to anyone in need.
- **Christmas and Easter Caroling** to bring holiday cheer to several local nursing homes.
- **Christmas Card** mailing led by Mark Dybdahl to CTK members and friends that are shut-ins or haven't been in church recently.
- **Bi-annual Rummage Sale** led by Ellen and Rick Smith which generated over \$9,900.
- **Outreach to CTK members** who we haven't seen in a while, checking to see what their plans are.
- **Visioning Projects** maintaining updates of progress of projects related to the Visioning topics of hospitality, intentionality of worship and discipleship, improved appearances indoors and outdoors, financial health and people power, and partnerships and community presence.

We plan to continue in these areas in 2026 in addition to providing an Active Shooter Seminar with the Port Washington Police Department, providing a session on Elder Care preparing including understanding and preparing for legal issues and assisted living options, and the potential.

We are always looking for new members to join us in our mission. We meet at 6:30 pm on the first Tuesday of each month. We would love to see you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Hoffmann, E and O Committee Chair

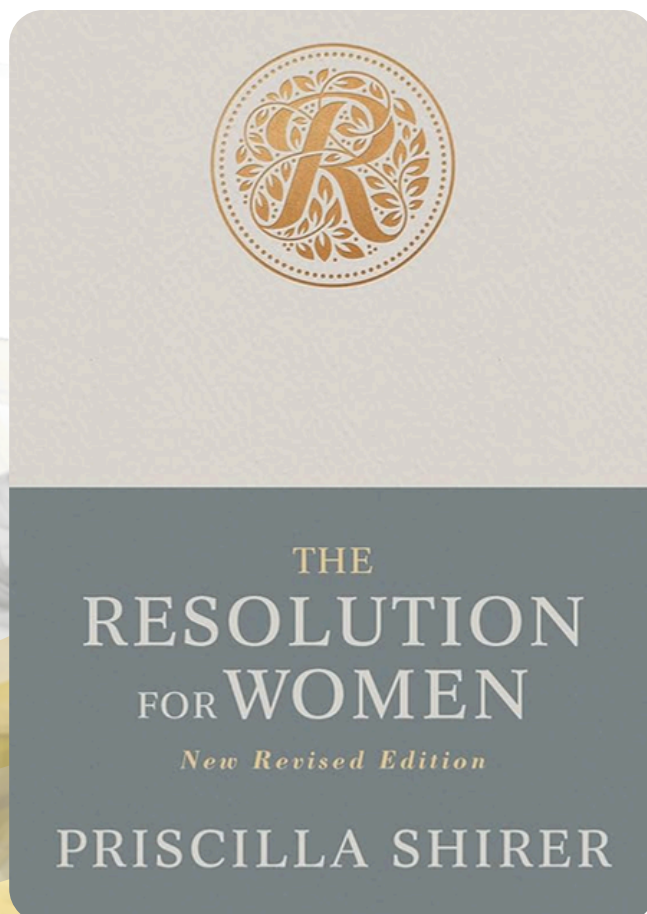


# SISTER CIRCLE REPORT

Sister Circle is our Ecumenical Women's Group that meets here at CTK on the 3rd Thursday of each month (only changes if there is a holiday that changes it up). Our group has evolved and changed over the 18 years we have been meeting. It is a casual group that gets together to pray with and for each other and all our concerns, as well as have good discussions about the chapters we have read for that month. We try to find books that help us to apply our faith in our daily lives, support one another and simply be in the presence of others doing our best to live out our Christian journeys. This year's book is *The Resolution for Women New Revised Edition* by Priscilla Shirer.

You are welcome to join us - at any time during the year.

Submitted Sincerely,  
Your friend and Sister in Christ,  
Robin Honish





# MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The Music and Worship Committee members are: Mary Stevens, Robin Honish, and Ellen Smith. A very active off-shoot of this committee is the Liturgical Arts Team, consisting of Mary, Jan Nealy, Deb Bruns, Leslie Braun, Kathy Wiskow, Bonnie Probeliski and Ellen. This group is led and organized by Robin.

Our worship services have been enriching and inspiring as we have moved through the church year from Epiphany in January to Christmas in December. We have occasionally worshiped as a CTK congregation with Living Hope, and have also joined with other congregations in our area, sharing special worship occasions. During Lent, we rotated Wednesday services with three other Port and Saukville churches. Our choir practiced and sang twice with several people from Grand Ave. Methodist Church. In August, we invited several other churches to an outdoor worship service and lunch at a nearby park.

We were very pleased that many community members attended our Oktoberfest Polka Service and dinner. Our neighbors at Harbor Campus especially enjoyed the unique worship and dinner. November gave us another opportunity to join with other churches for the Community Thanksgiving Service. (Several CTK members also sang in the joint choir during this service.) We partnered with Living Hope and enjoyed dinners and Advent Worship together.

We celebrated Epiphany, Easter, Pentecost, All Saint's Day, Reformation, Christ the King Sunday, Advent and Christmas. We enjoyed Easter caroling and Christmas caroling, visiting nursing facilities and bringing the joy of seasonal songs to the residents. We blessed and sent our LWR donations of Quilts and Baby Care Kits in October. We gave out copies of a Christmas storybook (*'Twas the Evening of Christmas*) to children on Christmas Eve.



# MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

A continuing highlight was the liturgical decorating work carried out by Robin and the fore-mentioned group. During Lent, Easter, Reformation, Advent and Christmas we were treated to beautiful and creative displays of streamers, banners, and other decorations to enhance our worship experience.

We are especially thankful for Pastor Daniel, the Athirst Band, all members who have worked in the tech booth (enabling every Sunday live-streaming), Mary (organ and piano), Leslie (Prayers of Intercession), Kathy (Bell Choir), Ellen (Choir), Carrie and Rebecca (Office Administrators during this year), and for all of the readers, ushers, altar care workers, and coffee hour providers. Our congregation is blessed with volunteers who happily give of their time and use their talents to glorify God.

Our last thank you goes to all of our members, friends and guests who have joined us in worship during this year. Our presence together is a gift, as we share our faith and look for meaningful ways to serve others.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ellen Smith

I wish to thank my Liturgical Arts Team: Mary Stevens, Deb Bruns, Jan Nealy, Kathy Wiskow, Leslie Braun, Bonnie Probelski, Ellen Smith for always being here to help me change the decor for the Seasons of the Church. Liturgical Decor is the decorating of the Sanctuary with each Season and to glorify God by creating a sacred and beautiful space. The purpose is to enhance your worship experience and create a visual praise and reverence. There are changes of colors that follow the church year and the life of Christ. It is our hope and goal that what we do creates a meaningful space to help deepen your relationship with our Lord. If you are interested in joining us, let me know. I will add you to our group text to come when you are available.

Thanks again, Team. I appreciate you! Sincerely, your friend in Christ, Robin Honish





# LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT

Lighthouse Youth Ministry is a cooperative youth ministry effort of five local congregations from three different denominations, organized as an independent 501c3 non-profit organization. Our supporting congregations include: Christ the King Lutheran Church, Living Hope Lutheran Church, First Congregational UCC, Parkside Community UCC, and Grand Avenue United Methodist Church.

Each congregation provides \$5,000 in annual financial support to assist with operational and staffing costs, as well as representatives to serve on our board of directors. Board members meet monthly along with the congregational pastors and the youth director in order to provide support to the youth director and monthly programming, oversee the ministry's finances, and serve as communication liaisons. Deb Bruns currently serves as our board representative and we are looking for one new person to add to the board from Christ the King as Becki Hill recently stepped down after many years of faithful dedication - thank you Becki!

Our vision for Lighthouse Youth Ministry is to be a safe and affirming community where all youth are:

- \***WELCOMED** regardless of religious affiliation or beliefs,
- \***EMPOWERED** to explore questions of faith and life, and
- \***EQUIPPED** to serve their community and the world.

Throughout 2025 we offered regular youth programming, typically meeting three times a month. Programming rotates between fellowship events, service events, and our "Lighthouse Life Nights", which consist of teaching and activities related to a specific topic. We spent the fall journeying through some of the key stories and themes of the Old Testament and will spend the spring semester focused on the New Testament, with an emphasis on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Attendance at any given event currently averages around 8 students, and in 2025 we served a total of 36 different students throughout the year!

This year participants have enjoyed a variety of fun events including trips to Sunburst, Skateland, Axe & Escape, and an educational evening at the Peltz Center for Jewish Life in Mequon. We've also had numerous opportunities to practice loving and serving our neighbors through activities like assembling 150 birthday kits for the local food pantries, making 22 Easter baskets for kids through Family Promise, serving a meal at Guest House Milwaukee, and in the fall we spent an afternoon helping the Port Food Pantry prepare to move into their new facility by cleaning, organizing, and assembling some kitchen items.



# LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT



Another highlight for the year included having the opportunity to host one of the midweek Lenten services at our Lighthouse building and watch our students lead worship. And of course, we had a fantastic time on our week-long service trip to St. Louis! While there, we got to partner with seven different service organizations and helped with projects like sorting food and clothing donations, pulling weeds and harvesting blackberries at Earthdance Organic Farm School, making rag bundles, and helping out at a childcare facility. In addition, we had a lot of fun exploring the city and visiting tourist spots like Union Station, the City Museum, and the Gateway Arch.

Finally, we ended the year on another high note as our Giving Tuesday Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction fundraiser on December 2nd was a huge success again this year! We were able to raise more than \$14,000, which will be used for youth programming as well as ongoing improvements to the Lighthouse Center. Looking ahead to the rest of 2026, we are very excited to be partnering with Serve Boldly again this summer and embarking on a service trip to Nashville! Other plans include returning to Wisconsin Dells in February for our 4th year at the Quake youth conference, partnering again with the food pantries and Family Promise to provide birthday kits and Easter baskets, possibly hosting an adult summer service trip (more details coming soon!) and many more opportunities for students to gather together in community for fun, learning, and service to others!

We are so thankful for the many hands and hearts that have helped grow and shape this ministry and we give all the glory to God for another amazing year! Thank you to all of our adult and parent volunteers and to all our congregation members for your continued support of Lighthouse, through prayers, financial contributions, and so much more - we couldn't do it without you!

If you would like to learn more about Lighthouse, get involved, or offer additional support, please do not hesitate to contact Director Christin Flucke or any of the Lighthouse board members.

Thank you, and may God continue to bless our work together as we serve God's beloved children!

Christin Flucke - Lighthouse Program Director





# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REPORT



Christ the King remains committed to sharing God's love with the youngest members of the Body of Christ. In 2025, that goal was met through two wonderful opportunities - Vacation Bible School and restarting Sunday School. In June, CTK partnered again with Living Hope to host a community VBS program. Our theme this year was "Big Faith Under the Big Top", and a whopping 84 children participated! We had a blast learning about some great Bible heroes including Samson the Strong Man, Daniel the Lion Tamer, and of course, Jesus and his amazing resurrection. The week was filled with crafts, games, music, special guests including clowns, jugglers, a magician, and so much more. I want to again extend a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated supplies and volunteered as station leaders, decorators, snack helpers, etc. - we couldn't have done it without you!

In addition, this fall we were able to once again begin offering a Sunday School program! Currently, I am leading a short class following worship once a month for a group of 5 kids ages 2-7. Classes include reading a story from the Spark Story Bible, a craft project, and usually one other activity such as a song or a simple game. In September, we talked about God creating the world and then made binoculars and went on a nature walk to look at things God had made. In October, we collected leaves and talked about how God makes every person beautiful and unique, just like the fall leaves. And in November we talked about giving thanks to God and read the story of Jesus healing 10 lepers before making a paper plate turkey with things each kid was thankful for. Special thanks to Deb Bruns for helping with each class. This has been a fun opportunity to spend time with the youngest members of our congregation and help them to grow in faith, and we always welcome more participants!



Submitted by Christin Flucke



# BUDGET FOR 2026

|                                 | 2025    |         | 2026    |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Revenue                         | Actual  | Budget  | Budget  |
| NON-PROFIT INCOME               | -       | -       | -       |
| 60 FOR 60 (deleted)             | -       | -       | -       |
| BENEVOLENCE (INCOME)            |         |         |         |
| Total BENEVOLENCE (INCOME)      | 3,947   | 1,550   | 2,050   |
| BUILDING RELATED FUNDS RAISED   | 27,600  | 5,000   | 5,000   |
| FIDELITY DIVIDEND INCOME        | 1,176   | 1,000   | 1,000   |
| FLOWER OFFERINGS                | 368     | 400     | 400     |
| GRANTS                          | 991     | 500     | 500     |
| INTEREST INCOME                 | 11      | 1,250   | 1,250   |
| MEMORIALS MONEY RECEIVED        | 180     | 500     | 500     |
| OFFERINGS - MAIN ACCOUNT        |         |         |         |
| Offerings Online Giving v1.00   | 46,279  | 45,000  | 45,000  |
| Offerings Plate v1.00           | 82,792  | 75,000  | 75,000  |
| Total OFFERINGS - MAIN ACCOUNT  | 129,071 | 120,000 | 130,000 |
| REIMBURSEMENTS FROM LIVING HOPE | -       | -       | -       |
| RUMMAGE SALE                    | 9,908   | 5,000   | 1,500   |
| STONE SOUP                      | 223     | 1,000   | 500     |
| VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL           | -       | 300     | 300     |
| Total NON-PROFIT INCOME         | 173,475 | 136,200 | 132,700 |
| Total Revenue                   | 173,475 | 136,200 | 132,700 |
| Gross Profit                    | 173,475 | 136,200 | 132,700 |
|                                 | 2025    |         | 2026    |
| Expenditures                    | Actual  | Budget  | Budget  |
| ADVERTISING & MARKETING         | 559     | 1,000   | 1,000   |
| BANK CHARGES & FEES             | -       | -       | -       |
| BENEVOLENCE                     |         |         |         |
| Passthrough Donations (out)     | 2,688   | 1,750   | 2,000   |
| Synod                           | 4,300   | 4,200   | 4,320   |
| Total BENEVOLENCE               | 6,987   | 5,950   | 6,320   |
| BUILDING EXPENSES               | 10,169  | 3,000   | 7,500   |
| BUILDING SERVICES               |         |         |         |
| Fire Alarm Monitoring           | 94      | 606     | 650     |
| Lawn Mowing & Related Expenses  | 6,191   | 2,500   | 2,500   |
| Snow Removal & Custodial        | 1,180   | 2,500   | 2,500   |
| Trash                           | 484     | 450     | 450     |
| Total BUILDING SERVICES         | 8,598   | 6,056   | 6,100   |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT             | 24,190  | 20,000  | 15,844  |
| CONFERENCES & CONTINUED ED      | 1,443   | 2,000   | 2,000   |
| EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH         | 88      | 1,000   | 1,000   |
| FELLOWSHIP                      | 374     | 500     | 500     |

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# BUDGET FOR 2026

|                                  |                |                 |                 |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>INSURANCE</b>                 |                |                 |                 |
| Insurance                        | 7,839          | 9,000           | 10,000          |
| Workers' Compensation            | 441            | 450             | 450             |
| <b>Total INSURANCE</b>           | <b>7,973</b>   | <b>9,450</b>    | <b>10,450</b>   |
| <b>INTEREST PAID</b>             | <b>3,767</b>   | <b>4,200</b>    | <b>3,500</b>    |
| <b>LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH MINISTRY</b> | <b>5,000</b>   | <b>5,000</b>    | <b>5,000</b>    |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>             | <b>29</b>      | <b>1,000</b>    | <b>1,000</b>    |
| Stone Soup Expenses              | 30             | 1,000           | 1,000           |
| <b>Total MISCELLANEOUS</b>       | <b>59</b>      | <b>2,000</b>    | <b>2,000</b>    |
| <b>OFFICE</b>                    |                |                 |                 |
| Accounting                       | 863            | 800             | 800             |
| Church Mgmt Software             | 561            | 550             | 625             |
| Copier Rental & Ink              | 637            | 1,500           | 1,000           |
| Office Supplies                  | 408            | 1,500           | 1,000           |
| Secretarial Services             | 22,008         | 26,250          | 22,000          |
| <b>Total OFFICE</b>              | <b>24,477</b>  | <b>30,600</b>   | <b>25,425</b>   |
| <b>PARISH EDUCATION</b>          |                |                 |                 |
| Adult                            | 587            | 300             | 500             |
| Confirmation                     | -              | 100             | 50              |
| <b>Total PARISH EDUCATION</b>    | <b>587</b>     | <b>400</b>      | <b>600</b>      |
| <b>PASTORAL SUPPORT</b>          |                |                 |                 |
| Pastor Benefits                  | 13,790         | 18,162          | 18,707          |
| Pastor Salary + Taxes            | 37,846         | 39,483          | 41,108          |
| Supply Pastor                    | 709            | 750             | 750             |
| <b>Total PASTORAL SUPPORT</b>    | <b>52,345</b>  | <b>58,395</b>   | <b>60,565</b>   |
| <b>TAXES &amp; LICENSES</b>      | <b>300</b>     | <b>100</b>      | <b>400</b>      |
| <b>TRAVEL</b>                    |                |                 |                 |
| Mileage                          | 587            | 1,250           | 1,250           |
| <b>Total TRAVEL</b>              | <b>587</b>     | <b>1,250</b>    | <b>1,250</b>    |
| <b>UTILITIES</b>                 |                |                 |                 |
| Gas & Electric                   | 5,851          | 7,000           | 7,700           |
| Phone & Internet                 | 1,954          | 2,100           | 2,000           |
| Water & Sewer                    | 812            | 900             | 900             |
| <b>Total UTILITIES</b>           | <b>8,617</b>   | <b>10,000</b>   | <b>10,600</b>   |
| <b>WORSHIP &amp; MUSIC</b>       |                |                 |                 |
| Flowers                          | 395            | 500             | 500             |
| Music Licensing Fees             | 340            | 750             | 750             |
| Organist                         | 207            | 1,000           | 1,000           |
| Worship Supplies                 | 934            | 1,500           | 1,000           |
| <b>Total WORSHIP &amp; MUSIC</b> | <b>1,931</b>   | <b>3,750</b>    | <b>3,250</b>    |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>        | <b>158,361</b> | <b>164,651</b>  | <b>163,304</b>  |
| <b>Net Operating Revenue</b>     | <b>15,114</b>  | <b>(28,451)</b> | <b>(30,604)</b> |
| <b>Net Revenue</b>               | <b>15,114</b>  | <b>(28,151)</b> | <b>(30,604)</b> |

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# 2025 TREASURER'S REPORT

## Balance Sheet 2024

Checking Account Balance (as of 12/31/24): \$23,925  
Investment Fund Balance (as of 12/31/24): \$53,976  
Youth Fund Balance (as of 1/7/25): \$888  
TOTAL CASH ASSETS: \$78,789

Mortgage Balance (as of 12/23/24): \$54,378  
TOTAL LIABILITIES: \$54,378

## Balance Sheet 2025

Checking Account Balance (as of 12/31/25): \$38,698  
Investment Fund Balance (as of 12/31/25): \$48,179  
Youth Fund Balance (as of 1/7/25): \$888  
TOTAL CASH ASSETS: \$87,765

Mortgage Balance (as of 12/31/25): \$51,703  
TOTAL LIABILITIES: \$51,703

Memorial Fund Summary (values included above);  
12/31/24: \$30,006.48      12/31/25: \$30,186.48

## Notes

- The draft 2026 Budget Proposal is submitted for approval on the previous two pages for your review
- A 50% deposit for new carpet in the Fellowship Room and adjacent offices was made on December 15, 2025; a balance of \$15,441 will be due upon completion planned in the month of February (dependent upon receipt of back-ordered materials)
- A reminder that online giving, expense reimbursements and donation acknowledgements are available at <https://ctkport.org/documents>
- The balance of the handicapped door installation was paid in January, we purchased a new mower at \$5,400, repaired HVAC systems, provided \$5,775 in benevolence for Mission groups and generated \$9,900 in Rummage Sale income.
- Project planning for 2026 includes a new electronic sign, replacing the seating in the Fireside Room and installing a Lending Library Kiosk on the southeast corner of the property. Quotes and collection drives for these projects will be announced later this year.

Respectfully submitted – Paul Hoffmann





# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OPENING LITURGY

Recognizing that our faith is a living, busy, active and mighty thing, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with each of you.

**And also with you.**

Teach us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Descend on our hearts, that we may love others in the ways Jesus loves us.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Empower us to be enthusiastic in pursuing your vision for our congregation.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Move us to engage issues in our community in Christlike ways, and to pursue deep and authentic relationships with those with whom we serve and partner.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Strengthen us to face the barriers we encounter in doing your work, learning to work with others amid disagreement.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Give us the ability to adapt to the cultural, economic and social changes that occur in the neighborhoods we serve.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

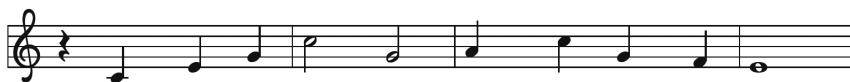
Guide us to be a healthy congregation that learns from its failures as well as its successes and offers wisdom to others.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

As we strive to become the church that we proclaim to be, raise up leaders who focus on the gospel of freedom, forgiveness and reconciliation as given to us through God's indescribable act of love in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Renew us daily in our baptism, that we may discover vitality in our relationships with you, each other and those we serve in the world.

**Amen.**

## Founded on Faith



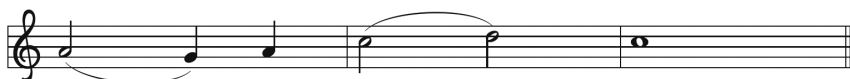
1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—  
2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.  
3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.  
4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,  
5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow'ed to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.  
Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.  
Em - pow'ed to serve with gifts, both great and small,  
we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;  
we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:  
Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:  
we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.  
a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.  
Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

*All Creation Sings, 1048*

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