CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
CTK Church Council Agenda
10/15/13 @ 6:00pm

Christ the King Lutheran Church is a caring community committed to empower all to know Christ and make Christ known.

1. Attendance
2. Devotions
3. Approval of Council (September) Minutes
4. Treasurer’s Report
5. Worship Attendance Report
6. Pastors’ Reports
7. Old Business
   a. Capital Projects Mission Team
   b. Recommissioning Update
   c. Pastoral Continuity Mission Team
   d. Stewardship Pledge Drive
   e. Ecumen Day Living
8. New Business
   a. Vision Team Update
9. Council Action
10. Covenant Commission Communication
   • Faithful People
   • Word & Sacrament
   • Proclaim
   • Servant
   • Justice & Peace
11. Prayer Request/Adjournment

Reminder – Next Council Meeting is November 19th

Commission minutes should be emailed to justinec@ctkmankato.org by November 13th by 10:00am
Members Present: Pastor John Peterson, Pastor Patrick Patterson, Jim Armbruster-Faithful People, Dan Anderson-Proclaim, Missy Bradley-Treasurer, Brad Brozik-Past President, Brian Hansen-Faithful People, Julie Hatleli-Justice & Peace, Bill Kozitza-Word & Sacrament, Matt Norland-Word & Sacrament, Sarah Person-Vice President, DeeAnn Snaza-Servant, Kevin Elliott-Secretary

Members Absent: Scott Bergs-President

Devotions: Pastor Patrick

Consent Agenda: Motions were made and passed to approve previous month Council Minutes, Treasurer’s Report, Pastors’ Reports, and Covenant Commission Communication Reports. (Dan/Julie – Passed)

Worship Attendance Report – No update

Old Business

1) Capital Projects Mission Team –
   a. We are waiting on proposals for geothermal energy vs. a heat pump from a contractor. The heat pump appears to be the more reasonable approach.
   b. A quote has been received to do an overall capital system improvement project. The mission team will bring a recommendation to the Council in the near future.
   c. Rickway Carpet indicated replacing the carpet in the adult day care area is the best option. High humidity appears to be the problem with the current carpet.

2) Recommissioning Update – Will continue to monitor energy costs to assess if resetting system to original specifications is working.

3) Pastoral Continuity Mission Team – The assessment report of personal attributes/skills needed for both pastor roles will be presented at the October Council meeting.

4) Stewardship Pledge Drive – Nineteen units who pledged last year have yet to pledge this year.

5) Ecumen Day Living – Scott and Pastor Patrick will meet to develop a financial proposal to present to Jennifer Pfeffer (Executive Director of Pathstone Living) for the use of CTK’s facilities for adult day care. The proposal will focus on the missions of both CTK and Pathstone Living, as well as a fair market value for the use of space at CTK.
New Business

1) The new 10:30 a.m. worship service has had low attendance for the first two Sundays. A brief discussion revolved around how to both inform and persuade members to attend.

2) Jim brought up the question “What proposals/activities must the church council approve and what can the commissions approve/implement on their own?” The church constitution provides general guidelines but is not specific for all issues.

Council Action

- The Servant Commission recommended Jo Falgren be added to the Servant Commission.
- The Word & Sacrament Commission recommended Jeri Retzlaff be added to the Word & Sacrament Commission.
  - Both recommendations were approved.

Prayer Request/Closing Prayer – Pastor John

Next Meeting: October 15, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Elliott
Pastoral Reports

CTK Ministries 2013
October Senior Pastor’s Report – Pastor John Petersen

Servant Commission

- We were delighted to learn that one of our Angel Tree families has started attending the Wednesday night Community Supper and Wednesday Night Worship. The Angel Tree program provides Christmas gifts for families who have a parent currently incarcerated as well as providing backpacks and school supplies for the school aged children in the fall. As the gifts and backpacks are delivered, each family is invited to CTK either for worship or to become involved in some aspect of our educational ministry.

- One of the CLUB 9 small groups will be helping with the Food for Friends event coming up on October 26th.

Word & Sacrament

- Thanks to the hard work of the Sunday Forum Mission Team – Anne Frey, Joel Fienen, Marlin Spangrud, Chuck & Jo Syverson – both the content of the forums and the attendance have been flourishing. Trish Reedstrom has provided some interesting information and stimulating conversation regarding other religions and this Sunday (October 13th) we welcome Paul Thompson, retired MSU Economics professor to lead a conversation on Capitalism and Christianity. This Mission Team will meet on October 8th to fill out the remainder of the open Sundays.

- The W&S Commission discussed the 10:30 CTK Service of Caring and members were encouraged to attend one of the services prior to our November meeting in order to have a better understanding of the service.

- The first Rotation Rap of the season is coming up on Sunday, October 20th at 9:30, “rapping” up the first Helping Hands rotation that centered on the Old Testament figure of Noah. The Rotation Raps, you will recall is one of the ways we are working to provide opportunities for families to worship together at the 9:30 service.

- I will be calling both the All Saints and Advent Christmas decorating mission teams together in the next couple of weeks.

Executive / Church Council

- Council / Commission Communication
  C12.03. – Through prayer, long range planning and visioning, the Church Council shall determine and oversee the core ministries of Christ the King. It shall be the privilege and responsibility of the Church Council to steward the vision of God’s preferred future for Christ the King Ministries, the details of which may be specified in the bylaws.

- Visioning – The SE MN Synod Vision & Initiative is to create a CULTURE OF CARING within the communities of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod. That vision was introduced at the Synod Council retreat on September 21st. The leadership team of CTK discussed how this vision can be implemented and nurtured at CTK and will be introduced to the council and commissions through the Council / Commission Communication channel.

- From the October Lutheran magazine – Author Lillian Daniel in an interview with Religion News Service said the following regarding the importance of community in religious faith – Any idiot can find God alone in the sunset. It takes a certain maturity to find God in the person sitting next to you who not only voted for the wrong political party, but has a baby who is crying while you’re trying to listen to the sermon.
CTK Ministries 2013
October Pastor’s Report – Pastor Patrick Patterson

Administrative

- CLUB Retreats – we had our first CLUB retreat of the season with 29 7th graders and seven chaperones growing together in Christ at Camp Victory in Zumbrota Falls on Oct. 5-6. This new facility worked well and got rave reviews, especially for the high ropes team problem-solving opportunity in the Cube. We return this coming weekend with CLUB 8 students.
- Stewardship Pledge Drive – We do not anticipate that we will receive any additional pledge renewals from previous pledgers, although some of those dollars may be received as non-pledged giving. Our current pledged giving total will increase with new member giving, but likely not enough to reach our $740,000 budget. I have had preliminary discussions with our financial administrator on how to address the gap between our budgeted pledged giving and our actual pledges for FY14 and will present the plan to council this month.
- Lutheran Association of Large Churches – This conference provided a great opportunity to network with pastors from a variety of contexts who share similar challenges and opportunities in large congregations. President & CEO John Nunes from Lutheran World Relief spent two days helping us rethink how ministry is done in the large church setting.
- Mission Team Commitment Forms – all commissions have been asked to update their mission team lists so that we can promote new mission team opportunities to engage members.

Personnel

- Youth & Family Ministry Director – While this position remains open, I’ve not identified any new candidates at this point. Our personnel committee meets on October 22 to discuss staffing structure based on ministry needs.

Facilities

- Capital Project mission team – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10. At that meeting we’ll process the accumulated information we’ve gathered thus far, determine if there’s need for more information, and develop a comprehensive list of potential facility capital needs.

Faithful People Commission

- Lefse Bake – Jeri Retzlaff has agreed to lead the mission team for this annual friend/fund raiser and the date has been scheduled for November 16. Once again the proceeds will go Christian Outreach to help CTK members who may be experiencing hardship around the holidays.
- New Members – we have new member orientation set for October 22 and will receive 33 new members at the 8:15 service on October 27.

Proclaim Commission

- Pictorial Directory – a mission team will be sought to spearhead efforts toward a new pictorial directory for CTK. Dates and room commitments for photo sessions have been locked in with Lifetouch for November and December to give our snowbirds a chance before heading south. This national studio can provide options for folks who depart Mankato earlier to have their photos taken wherever they are.

Justice & Peace Commission

- Member Resignation – Rochelle Ament notified the commission that her family is building a home in the St. Cloud area and will be relocating there soon. She thanked the commission and will complete the October prayer calendar.
• Youth & Family Mental Health – a mission team will convene to discuss the impacts of mental health challenges on families and come up with ideas for the best ways for us as church to provide spiritual care and solutions to the challenges.
Name of Committee: Executive  
Date of Meeting: October 5, 2013  

Members Present: Scott Bergs, Pastor John Peterson, Pastor Patrick Patterson, Brad Brozik, Sarah Person, Missy Bradley, Kevin Elliott

Devotions: Kevin

Minutes (9/10/2013), Treasurer’s Report, Pastors’ Report, Covenant Commission Communications (All Approved)

Additional Comments:
Pledged giving ($708,000) is approximately $32,000 behind budgeted costs ($740,000). Discussion revolved around how to make it easy for members to give/catch up with their annual giving. One possible alternative is to provide a means for congregational members to use their credit card for giving while at church.

Pastor Patrick – The CLUB retreat was an excellent experience for the 7th graders at Camp Victory on Oct. 5th & 6th.

Old Business

1) Capital Projects Mission Team – A meeting is scheduled on 10/10/2013 to develop a comprehensive list of potential facility capital needs.

2) Recommissioning Update – No update.

3) Pastoral Continuity Mission Team – Input from the commission teams and the staff is now complete and tabulated. A report has been compiled identifying key attributes/skills required of the senior pastor and the pastoral staff, as well as how each pastor rated on the attributes. Critical attributes for the senior pastor included a passion and skill related to: 1) Preaching, and 2) Christian Education.

4) Stewardship Pledge Drive – No update

5) Ecumen Day Living – Scott & Pastor Patrick will meet with Jennifer Pfeffer (Executive Director of Pathstone Living) in October concerning the use of CTK facilities for adult day care.
New Business

1) Vision Team Update – The Vision Team met on October 1st, 2013 to discuss Bishop Delzer’s Vision Statement for the SE MN Synod of “Create a Culture of Caring in the Communities of the SE MN Synod”. Bishop Delzer’s vision will be shared with the church council to begin a conversation on CTK’s vision and areas the congregation should prioritize, such as care/service to individuals in a financial crisis, the Backpack Food Program, suicide support patterned after Stephen’s Ministry, and mental health care.

2) The Word & Sacrament Commission will be asked to consider possible alternatives to the current 10:30 a.m. worship service format.

Prayer Request/Closing Prayer – Pastor John

Next Meeting: November 12, 2013 @ 5:45 p.m. (Devotions: Missy)

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Elliott
Christ the King Lutheran Church  
Covenant Commissions

Name of Covenant Commission: Faithful People  
Date of Meeting: October 1, 2013

Members Present: Sharon Hanson, Jim Armbruster, Jen Johnson, Mike Johnson, Mickey Moe, Bill Bickett, Sonja Kruger, Sue Raasch, Darla Austin, Brian Hansen

Devotion- Jen- God is with us through rebuilding  
November- Sonja  
December- Sue  
January- Mike

Minutes- moved Sonja, second Darla, passed

Church Council- Jim  
- Capital Projects Mission team reviewed- waiting for proposal for geo-thermal vs heat pump  
- Carpet problems adult daycare needs to be replaced  
- Recommissioning update  
- Pastoral continuity team- skills needed in each role  
- Stewardship update- 19 units still not pledged  
- Ecumen Day Living- financial proposal to be presented to their board re expense vs benevolence  
- 1030 worship service- 2-7 attendees per week, feel like it needs better marketing, target 20-25 people, will be revisited at October council meeting

Financial- Jen- Jen to contact Chris Thompson re details of spending to be reported

Old Business-  
- Annual Calendar- Bill has assembled Mission team calendar  
- Mission Team Forms- reviewed, available in the binder

New Business-  
- Process Calendar Months  
- Coffee fellowship- create a mission team  
- Brown bag study- check to see if this is still going on  
- Community Supper- in August  
- Adult forum- will check to see which commission this belongs to  
- Library- see which commission this belongs to  
- Elderversity- Bill  
- Club prayer  
- Devotional and motivational materials- Library may be in charge of?  
- Fun Living- Sonja  
- Member engagement- inactive members, no activity to date  
- Visitations- Pastor John has a group with hospital and possibly in home  
- July  
  o Jr High Mission Trip- Mandy, trip in July  
  o Moon Dogs Game with Messiah- Mike  
  o Sr High Mission Trip- Mandy  
- August
Twins- Mike and Jen
Block Party

September
Club prayer

October
Christmas in Christ Chapel- Pastor Sarff- sign up deadline
Ruth Circle- is this still meeting?
Jack McGowan- Mandy and Patrick
Yarn works- ask Patrick
New member brunch- Lynn

November
Lefse bake- Sonja, Jeri Retzlaff
Debra Circle- is this still meeting?

December
Children’s Christmas Program- which commission
Caroling- partner with Proclaim Commission
Women’s Advent Brunch- self driven, Angie Cofield

January
Pancake breakfast- Patrick what is this?
Ice Skating- Mandy and Patrick

February
Wednesday night review- pastor driven
Name tag Sunday- Lynn and Darla
Ski trip reservations- Mandy is this still happening?
Tubing at Mt Kato
Quilters- self directed

March
New Member brunch- Lynn, Amy Olson
Sr. High Lock in- Mandy; Vestry- pastors
Variety Show- Mandy
Hilltoppers- Pastors

April- nothing

May
Review Wednesday Night- report in June
Sr. Brunch- Chris Hemstock
Garage sale- Mandy

June
Green Lake Bible Camp- Mandy
Fun Living- plan the year

Lefse bake- Nov 16 is baking day- Jeri Retzlaff
New Member Sheppard Sign up- passed around if you want to
How to reach out to non-active members and community members? Dreaming for future activities- Dinners for 8,

Closing prayers- Lord’s prayers
Adjournment- moved Sharon, second Sue, passed
Reminders: New Member Sunday- Oct 27 at 815 service- Meet, Greet and Eat
Next meeting- 11/5/13 730pm
Next Wednesday supper 10/30/13

Respectfully submitted by, Jen Johnson
Name of Covenant Commission: Justice & Peace
Date of Meeting: October 3, 2013

Members Present: Mary Lou Haldorson, Rochelle Ament, John Frey, Mary McClure, Sue Van Boening, Julie Hatleli, Nancy Patterson, Pastor Patrick

Members Absent: Chuck Syverson, Margo Brudwick

Summary of Key Items discussed at meeting:
1. Pastor Patrick took note as we discussed and updated the Mission Team info for the Fall pledge sheets. Listed will be 6: Green Team Mission Team, Chilean Mission Support/Karen Anderson, ELCA Social Statement and Advocacy Team, Prayer Calendar, Fair Trade, Family Mental Health Team.
3. Mary Lou updated us on the Fair Trade mission team. The products have been reorganized in the current cart, and a few new shelves ordered to add capacity. Mary Lou shared with us all the local retailers who now carry Fair Trade products and the fact that someday, CTK won’t be selling it but we are committed to using Fair Trade coffee etc. Volunteers continue to be scheduled and recruited. There will be no Reverse Trick or Treating.
4. Sue recently met with Ginger Kipp and Kathy Kachelmyer individually about the Mental Health Family needs mission team. At Patrick’s next regular monthly meeting with the local mental health board, representatives from MSU, Gustavus and Bethany will be present to discuss a possible grant to provide a mobile crisis unit for people younger than 18 yrs. of age. Our Commission and volunteers for the mental health mission team may be able to attend and hear this discussion. More info to come before November 7 when both groups are schedule for their next meeting.
5. There are no updates on the Chilean Mission/Karen Anderson Team since her July visit to our church.
6. Assignments for the November prayer calendar are due to Rochelle by Oct. 11th. Our suggestions should be emailed to her at Rochelle.ament@so.mnscu.edu
7. No updates on Tanzania/Muhintiri Mission Team.
8. Julie Hatleli reported notes from the Council Meeting.
9. Patrick discussed with the group that if we can make it tangible, we will get more people engaged in Justice and Peace projects for others. He shared some of the history of Lutheran World Relief and how it started after World War II.
10. Our commission helps serve the Community Supper on Nov. 6th and Dec. 18th.

Old Business:

Items for Council Action: None at this time
Next Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 7th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. unless if we are invited to Patrick’s meeting with local mental health professionals. See #4 above. (6 – 8 pm possibly at another location)

Respectfully Submitted: Sue Van Boening
Name of Covenant Commission: Proclaim
Date of Meeting: October, 2013

No meeting was held this month
Name of Covenant Commission: Servant
Date of Meeting: October 3, 2013

Members Present: Pastor John Petersen, Cindy Kehoe, Becky Moe, Kim Bristol, Mary Oudekerk, DeeAnn Snaza

Members Absent: Sean Sletten, Jo Falgren, Joel Botten

Summary of Key Items discussed at meeting:
Mary provided devotions. Pastor John gave the pastor report and DeeAnn gave the council report.

Old Business:
- The members discussed some concerns with the 10:30 Caring service. The council wants feedback on the new service. Since its debut in September, the 10:30 service has had very low attendance. It was suggested that a long term Bible study has not occurred at CTK for quite some time. Perhaps this is could be an option for Sunday mornings.

New Business:
- Pastor John reported on the Vision Team’s initiative of carrying out Bishop Steve Delzer’s mission: caring for our community. Pastor John spoke on the vision team’s brainstorming session and thoughts on how this vision could be carried out at CTK.
- DeeAnn reported that the council is waiting for bids in regards to the geothermal panels. They continue to monitor energy costs.
- Nineteen families from last year still have not pledged for this year.
- Jo Falgren has joined the Servant Commission.
  - The commission is still in need of two more members. A couple of names were suggested and Kim will follow up with a phone call to the individuals.
- The new list of Angel Tree children will be arriving at the end of October. The commission is looking for someone to be the Angel Tree coordinator to replace Kim Bristol after this season. Anyone interested, please contact Kim Bristol.

Items for Council Action: None

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 6:30 pm
November devotions: Cindy Kehoe

Respectfully Submitted: Kim Bristol
Name of Covenant Commission: Word & Sacrament
Date of Meeting: October 1, 2013

Members Present: Dave Mathiason, Matt Norland, Wanda Lloyd, Denise Rudolf, Stacey Sonnek, Karen Moritz, Jeri Retzlaff, Mike Much and Pastor John

Members Absent: Steve Mork, Tom Kopp, Bill Kozitza

Meeting brought to order by Pastor John at 6:30 pm

Devotions: Denise Rudolf

Pastor’s Report-
• October through December Worship Recommendations –
• CTK Service of Caring – low attendance – will keep monitoring, Matt Norland invited our Commission to try to attend one of these services.
• Lent – March 5 through April 20th – Round Robin Participation – Positive feedback regarding Round Robin – will do again.
• Worship Summit Meeting – Sometime after Advent/Christmas – will be a full afternoon to talk about worship –
  o Propresenter- the system of projection and so many more capabilities.
  o Liturgy Repetition – we now use rotation – how about using same liturgy for one month of Sundays?
  o Hallway speakers?
  o Kings Kids – Screen?
  o Greater utilization of our resources?
  o Youtube – doesn’t always work

Staff Report – none

Mission Team –
• All Saints mission Team – plan service of remembrance for the first weekend in November – calling the list and putting into place.
• Advent/Christmas Decoration – list of volunteers to be called also.

Council Communication – W & S Commission try to attend the 10:30 service of Caring.

Other Business –
• Should we provide a cutout space for Wheelchairs? After discussion – there is a spot by the organ and we don’t want handicapped to feel pushed aside.

Next meeting: Tues. Nov. 5th, at 6:30 p.m. in the fireside room.
Respectfully submitted,
Wanda Lloyd
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**Bold numbers are actual count**

Italics are estimated attendance for at least 1 service that month

* Usher reports were not completed for more than 1 service in the month or appeared to be incorrect.

Average is based on numbers of weeks with records