



*As the body of Christ, we are called and sent to love and serve the world.*

**Annual Congregational Meeting  
January 29, 2023**



**CHRIST the KING  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Congregational Meeting Agenda**  
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Welcome and Opening Prayer — Josh Weinhold, President  
Pastor Caroline Satre

Call to Order/Verify Quorum — Josh Weinhold, President

Approval of Minutes — Josh Weinhold, President

2022 Highlights — Josh Weinhold, President

Eric Schopmeyer, Vice President

Pastor Caroline Satre

Report of the Financial Secretary — Chuck Trundle, Financial Secretary

Report of the Treasurer — Jeff Eleff, Treasurer

Approval of 2023 Budget — Jeff Eleff, Treasurer

Josh Weinhold, President

Election of Officers and Committee Chairs — Eric Schopmeyer, Vice President

Report of the Organ Task Force — Bob Clausen, Chair

Hillary Doerries, Director of Music

2023 Preview — Josh Weinhold, President

Pastor Caroline Satre

Election Results — Eric Schopmeyer, Vice President

Closing Prayer — Pastor Brad Davick

Adjournment — Josh Weinhold, President



**CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**

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**WELCOME** Pastor Caroline Satre opened with a prayer of Augustine of Hippo: O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Josh Weinhold, President called the meeting to order at 12:33 pm.

**VERIFY QUORUM:** 56 Members are needed for a quorum. 69 members present in the sanctuary, and 32 members on Zoom for a total of 101 members in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The minutes from the January 30, 2021 Annual Meeting were approved by a show of hands by all members in attendance. There were no amendments made to the minutes.

**REPORTS FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER:**

**Financial Secretary - Lin Burns** explained the income received during the year using pages 32-35 in the annual report. During the year \$811,043 was given for all funds as seen on page 32. The Loose Offering is listed on page 33 and ELCA funds paid by CtK is also on page 33. There are 137 people who use Simply Giving to make their donations. The Finance committee needs people to help count the offering each week.

**Treasurer – Jeff Eleff** The Treasurer’s report can be found on pages 36-38 in the annual report. Income was 3% below what was budgeted for the year. Unexpected expenses paid out by the Property Committee were over budget by \$10,307. The office and utilities costs were down for the year. There was not a full staff for the year and we did not pay for any nursery room supervisors either. On the bottom of page 37 you can find the Total Expenses, Total Income and Income less Expenses for 2021.

**Upcoming Needs - Josh Weinhold, President** shared that several significant expenses will need to be paid in the next year which include – soffits on the side of the church building need to be replaced; the shingle roof needs to be replaced (option is a metal roof costing \$250,000 – but would last much longer than new shingles.) The organ needs to be replaced by either an electric, hybrid or pipe organ. Also a new LED sign in the front yard needs to be updated or replaced. For this next year there will be no salary increases for the staff (except pension and insurance) and all committees were asked to cut expenses. A total of \$61,927 were made in cuts to the budget. If each home could add an extra \$10 to their monthly donations all expenses could be paid.

### **APPROVAL OF THE 2022 BUDGET – by Jeff Eleff, Treasurer**

The proposed budget is on pages 39-40 in the Annual Report. The total proposed budget totals \$626,786. Donations made each 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in each month will go into the General Fund, along with donations made on Easter, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. After a discussion Paul Gifford made a motion to increase the budget by \$7,600. This motion was seconded by Steve Schwier. Tom Frecka made an amended motion to increase the budget by \$15,200 This motion was seconded by Paul Gifford. Votes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment were members in the sanctuary – 53 Yeas and 9 Nays, online members 77 Yeas and 15 Nays. The amended budget with a \$15,200 increase was approved.

### **INCREASE OF BENOVOLENCE TO ELCA**

Debra Frecka pointed out that CtK gave 11% of donations received to the ELCA in 2021, but have it listed in the 2022 budget of going down to 10%. Debra then made a motion to move it back to 11% for 2022. JoAnne Westerhausen seconded the motion. A question was asked “What do other congregations give to the ELCA?” – Jeff Eleff answered that most of the other Lutheran churches give less. A vote taken had these results – present in sanctuary – 12 yeas, 45 nays, on Zoom 20 Yeas and 68 Nays. The motion failed.

### **ELECTIONS – by Josh Weinhold, President**

The slate this year includes these candidates:

**Treasurer** – Jeff Eleff

**Recording Secretary** – Amy Stark

**Financial Secretary** – Chuck Trundle

**Asst. Financial Secretary** - Lin Burns

**Adult Faith Formation** -- open

**Communications** – Shawn Freehling

**Evangelical Outreach** – open

**Fellowship** – Matt Douhan

**Memorial Garden** – Tricia Burns

**Nominating Committee** (vote for 6) - Jill Harms, Faith Jordan, Lin Burns, Sharon Esmont, JoAnne Westerhausen, Paul Gifford

**Pastoral Care** – Nancy Hanson

**Property** – Glenn Jensen

**Trust Fund Committee** (vote for 2) - Debbie Radecki, Rita Donley

**Youth Faith Formation** – Chad Roggow

Each candidate was introduced, members present voted, then handed in their ballots and the members online voted on Zoom. Results will be given after ballots are counted.

## **2021 Highlights and 2022 Preview – by Pastor Caroline Satre**

We've been talking about a lot of practicalities . . . a lot of nuts and bolts. So let's take a step back and remember why we do these things at all.

*It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.*

*The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is beyond our vision.*

*We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.*

*Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.*

*No statement says all that could be said.*

*No prayer fully expresses our faith.*

*No confession brings perfection.*

*No pastoral visit brings wholeness.*

*No program accomplishes the Church's mission.*

*No set of goals and objectives includes everything.*

*This is what we are about:*

*We plant the seeds that one day will grow.*

*We water the seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.*

*We lay foundations that will need further development.*

*We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.*

*We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.*

*This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.*

*It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.*

Thanks to all who planted seeds, laid foundations, and provided yeast in 2021. God's grace certainly entered in to the following endeavors...

We completed a kitchen upgrade. A few of us gave the kitchen a good test run in December. Great job, kitchen team.

We have a new grand piano to lead us in worship every week.

A slide was shown of our make-shift outdoor altar which was used for a year and a half. When we first talked about "drive-in worship," I think half the Church Council thought I was nuts. And maybe I was. But I thoroughly enjoyed the casual nature of the service, the exuberant honking, knowing your pets by name, and having more time to chat with you than expected. (Who knew a post drive-in "drive by" would allow for more conversation than a Sunday morning handshake?) THANK YOU to all who made this service possible.

Resuming worship in the sanctuary was a joy, as well. As the 4:00 service was beginning on Christmas Eve, I looked over at Pastor Brad. He was crying. I said, “Are you OK?” He said, “I’m afraid to stand up, turn around, and see everyone here.”

What do you think this number represents **3,365**? This is the number of views for Worship on the Web in 2021. Two years ago that number was zero. Remember, one family joined CtK before they ever stepped foot inside the building...and another recently joined us after they watched online and liked what they saw.

In December, we introduced partnerships with these three outwardly focused ventures:

\*Word and Table was born right here at Christ the King and is now working on a poverty alleviation program here in St. Joseph County.

\*Faith in Indiana is an ecumenical group working for justice in Indiana. Talk to Josh if you want to know more.

\*We’re working with URC (United Religious Communities) to host Afghan Refugees. Last week Jill Harms, our Mission Coordinator, sent out some information to all those who have said they would like to help.

### **What’s coming in 2022**

We’ll continue working on all these outwardly-focused partnerships and ways to love and serve the world.

The Matthew 25 Project: Loving and Serving the World during Lent. Matthew 25 talks about caring for those who are hungry, thirsty, unknown (a stranger), poor, sick, and imprisoned. During Lent, we’ll have the opportunity to do that in cooperation with First Presbyterian Church in downtown South Bend and many other community partners. As a preview, there are events happening in conjunction with IUSB, the Near Northwest Neighborhood Center, St. Joseph County Public Library, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, the Snite Museum of Art, and the Civil Rights Heritage Center. And, of course, there will be plenty of ways to participate and contribute right here at CtK. Check the February King’s Herald and stay tuned.

As of today, we have 12 youth and 6 adults registered for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. We’re hopeful this event will happen.

Finally, you were handed these two blue forms on your way into the meeting. These are the areas where YOU are needed. With three worship

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services back in the building...streaming one of them...it takes upward of 30 volunteers every Sunday morning. Right now we are covering it...but just barely. We are using Doodle poll technology to schedule, so we're making it as convenient as possible. But please know you are needed. Fill out either or both of the blue sheets and put them in the basket on your way out of the sanctuary. People on Zoom, please put it in the chat feature or email the office.

### **THANK YOUS by Josh Weinhold and Pastor Caroline Satre**

**Josh – to Mike Radecki** who served as Council representative for Property Committee

**Josh – to David Smail** – who served as Council representative for Evangelical Outreach

**Pastor Caroline – to Tammi Freehling** as Council representative for Communication Committee

**Josh – to Chuck Trundle – Trust Fund** – now on to being Financial Secretary

**Pastor Caroline – to Lin Burns** served as Financial Secretary for three years

**Josh: to Sharon Esmont – Council Secretary** Sharon is completing 8 consecutive years on the council – 2 Terms as Chairperson of the AFF Committee and now 2 terms as Council Secretary

**Pastor Caroline: to Faith Jordan** completed her responsibilities as Youth Faith Formation Coordinator in October

### **ELECTION RESULTS**

The slate of candidates was approved.

There are 2 council representatives still open - Adult Faith Formation and Evangelical Outreach.

If anyone is interested, please contact the pastors or anyone on the Council.

**CLOSING PRAYER** by Pastor Brad Davick

**ADJOURNMENT** by Josh Weinhold. The meeting ended at 2:19 pm.



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**Special Congregational Meeting**  
**May 22, 2022**

Special Congregational Meeting- Hybrid meeting in person and over Zoom

Josh Weinhold, President of the Congregational Council, called the meeting to order at 12:47pm.

Josh established quorum and turned the meeting over to Eric Schopmeyer and Shawn Freehling, the Communications chair.

Eric went over the rationale for why the Communications Committee and Council believed this was a necessary improvement for the CTK sign.

Shawn introduced the details of the sign.

Eric presented the proposed rendering and the funding.

Congregational donations cover \$45,000. Seasons will contribute \$5,000. Anyone who would like to donate would be welcome to indicate that on their offering.

Eric also commented that the address will also be included.

A member asked about the tech and internet needs/security. Shawn answered the sign will be programmed with standard software.

A member asked about the resolution of the sign. Shawn replied that this is above average resolution for a sign like this and followed the recommendation of the sign company.

A member highlighted the importance of highlighting ELCA on the sign. It was proposed that ELCA could be included on all LED Infor so that it could always be displayed without a physical presence on the sign.

A member asked about the size of description of Seasons on their logo. Eric shared that Seasons has already approved the logo and felt comfortable with it being able to be read.

Moved by Sharon Esmont to approve the recommendation and funding as proposed by council. Seconded by Glenn Jensen.

With no more discussion, Josh called for the vote.  
73-1 the vote passed.

Josh adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm.

Pastor Caroline thanked the congregation and Pastor Brad closed in prayer.

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