

# Congregational Meeting January 28, 2024



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### CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## **Congregational Meeting Agenda**

January 28, 2024

Welcome and Opening Prayer — Eric Schopmeyer, President

Pastor Caroline Satre

Call to Order/Verify Quorum — Eric Schopmeyer, President

Approval of Minutes — Eric Schopmeyer, President

2023 Highlights — Eric Schopmeyer, President

Pastor Caroline Satre

Report of the Financial Secretary — Chuck Trundle, Financial Secretary

Report of the Treasurer — Jeff Eleff, Treasurer

Approval of 2024 Budget — Jeff Eleff, Treasurer

Eric Schopmeyer, President

Election of Officers and Committee Chairs — Eric Schopmeyer, President

2024 Preview — Eric Schopmeyer, President

**Pastor Caroline Satre** 

Election Results — Augie Freda, Vice President

Closing Prayer — Pastor Brad Davick

Adjournment — Eric Schopmeyer, President

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

## 2023 Annual Meeting

January 29, 2023 • 12:45pm • Hybrid Format

Welcome and Opening Prayer — Josh Weinhold, President; Pastor Caroline Satre

Josh welcomed everyone in the sanctuary and on the Zoom window. Josh gave an overview of the house-keeping on how the logistics of the meeting will work.

Pastor Caroline opened the meeting with a prayer.

#### Call to Order/Verify Quorum — Josh Weinhold, President

Quorum needed is 60. Quorum was determined to be met with 94 members present between Zoom and inperson attendance. Eric gave an overview of Robert's Rules of Order so that everyone was up to date on how the meeting will be conducted.

#### Approval of Minutes — Josh Weinhold, President

Josh asked whether there were any corrections needed for the minutes from the Annual Meeting of 2022. With no objections, the minutes were approved. Josh then asked whether there were any corrections needed for the May Special Congregational Meeting. With no objections, the minutes were approved.

2022 Highlights — Josh Weinhold, President; Eric Schopmeyer, Vice President; Pastor Caroline Satre Pastor Caroline presented the blessings of 2022. These included return to indoor worship with the online viewing numbers adding up to the greatest average attendance each week; the LED sign installation; Word and Table launching Senior Suds; Hillary Doerries receiving her doctorate; the reorganization of the church library; numerous Fellowship Committee events; VBS reimagined; return of the Rummage Sale; and renovation of the outdoor chapel. Eric presented the 2022 post-Rally Day flood caused by an overflowing toilet. This will not result in a significant financial hit to the church, but the ongoing repair has been slow. Progress is moving forward now. Josh presented the Mission Grants given in 2022 and encouraged members to apply for funds if they volunteer in the community in a way that supports CtK's mission to "love and serve the world." The final highlight was the success of the generosity campaign.

#### Report of the Financial Secretary — Chuck Trundle, Financial Secretary

The Financial Secretary's portion of the Annual Report starts on p. 36. Chuck Trundle was unable to attend but recorded a video to explain the income perspective of CtK. Chuck was not able to be present because he was in Jamaica to evaluate Sunbeam Boys' Home. He walked through the income report for 2022. Josh pointed out a few highlights from the 2022 Annual Income Report and asked for questions.

#### Report of the Treasurer — Jeff Eleff, Treasurer

The Treasurer's Report starts on p. 41 of the Annual Report packet. Jeff Eleff walked attendees through the Treasurer's Report, which includes revenue and expenses. He began by explaining a change in reporting in 2022 that makes our reports more consistent.

#### Approval of 2023 Budget — Jeff Eleff, Treasurer; Josh Weinhold, President

Jeff presented the proposed budget on p. 44 of the Annual Meeting Packet. Josh asked for any discussion on the proposed budget. Paul Gifford moved to accept the budget. Glenn Jensen seconded. With no discussion, the vote was opened. The budget passed without objection. Josh thanked Jeff for all his service and the generosity of the congregation to make this process easier.

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

Eric presented the candidate slate prepared by the Nominating Committee and the Council. A member asked what is needed for the Nominating Committee with the two open positions. A member asked about the role of the two open Council positions. Josh explained the two roles. With no floor nominations, voting was started.

Report of the Organ Task Force — Bob Clausen, Chair; Hillary Doerries, Director of Music Josh reintroduced the Organ Task Force creation and Bob Clausen and Hillary Doerries to provide a summary of their work. Bob gave an overview of the issues evaluated by the Task Force, including the future of the organ and options and acoustical issues in the Sanctuary. The recommendations will be

intact for when the Council deems it appropriate to move forward after the Strategic Planning is completed.

A member asked about the number and location of pipes and Bob explained that any decisions would be made in consideration of the space we have. A member asked if the Organ Fund is just for the organ or whether it funds any additional structural or building changes needed. Eric explained that when we replace the organ, the Council will come up with a cost that includes everything, not just the price of the organ. A member asked for a ballpark estimate for cost: \$100,000 for an electric organ and \$1 million for a pipe organ. Bob answered that costs are going up, and \$100,000 is too low. The pipe organ is still TBD because there are so many variables, but inflation is affecting the cost of all things. A member asked about the acoustical recommendations and whether they should be held off until the organ is purchased. Bob answered that the organ will be built for the acoustical situation of the room.

#### **2023 Preview** — Josh Weinhold, President; Pastor Caroline Satre

Josh provided a preview of upcoming things: We will be participating in Matthew 25 for Lent again, the website will be getting a major overhaul, and the Worship Committee is looking to update the paraments for the altar. Pastor Caroline previewed that Seasons is evaluating an expansion concept that works with CtK's expansion goals and capital needs that include the roof, parking lots, and organ. Although we will be focusing internally with these expenses, Strategic Planning will include an outward focus. Josh introduced the Strategic Planning and Vision Committee. Josh gave an overview of the upcoming survey and the process.

Josh asked for questions regarding the 2023 preview. A member asked about the paraments and whether they need to be replaced. Peggy shared that some have ragged edges and others have stains on them and cannot be dry cleaned. Peggy wanted to look to update them as well to modernize options.

A member asked how much the paraments will cost. Eric shared that we are in the quoting stage and we don't know what the costs will be. The member clarified they were asking about the cost of the consultant for strategic planning. Josh answered that the costs were covered by a generous member gift that will cover all the costs (\$10,000) so there will be no expense to the general operating expenses.

Big THANK YOUs to the members of the Organ Task Force for their completed service and all outgoing Council members for their completed service.

**Election Results** — Eric Schopmeyer, Vice President

Slate of candidates were elected! Welcome to the new Council Members and Nominating Committee members!

Closing Prayer — Pastor Brad Davick
Pastor Brad closed the meeting with a prayer.

**Adjournment** — *Josh Weinhold, President* Josh adjourned the meeting at 2:10pm.

#### **Election Results**

President: Eric Schopmeyer Child Faith Formation: Dani Elgas Stewardship of Life: Julie Markiewicz Youth Faith Formation: Brian Tack Memorial Garden: Michele Jensen Vice President: Augie Freda Community Mission: Andy Trundle Worship: JoAnne Westerhausen Trust Fund: Kevin Mospan

**Nominating Committee:** Josh Weinhold, Chad Roggow, Tom Jordan, Sarah Felde