



*Italian Dinner  
October 2025*

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
of the Congregation  
for the Year 2025

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## **Mission Statement**

*(Where our journey as a congregation is leading us)*

We are God's people, the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Each of us is a steward of the unique gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit. Through the Grace of God, we will each use our gifts to serve Christ together as Lutherans in this community and in the world:

To glorify and worship God,  
share the good news of Christ,  
and show our love for one another.

## **Our Values**

*(What is most important to us)*

We are a family in Christ,  
on a united journey,  
celebrating life.

## **Our Vision Statement**

*(When the world looks at us, this is how we want to be seen)*

With God as our light, we seek to establish Christ the King Lutheran Church as an outstanding provider of the celebration of Christ's love by expanding Worship, Youth, Outreach, Small Group and Bible Study programs, through communication of our distinct Lutheran Christian beliefs, and recognizing the diverse needs of our growing community.

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***Glorify God - Spread the Word - Love One Another!***

*From the Pastor.....*



*Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.  
Ephesians 3:20–21*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we reflect on 2025, my heart is filled with gratitude for all of you and for your faithful devotion to Christ through the ministry of Christ the King Lutheran Church. Each day I give thanks to God for this congregation and for the many ways you continue to live the Gospel with generosity, compassion, and steady commitment.

This year has been marked by growth in faith, deepened relationships, and a renewed sense of purpose in our life together. I give thanks to God for our members who faithfully support worship, education, fellowship, and outreach. Whether through quiet acts of service or visible leadership, you continue to reflect Christ's light in this congregation and throughout our community. We are truly blessed.

One of the most meaningful milestones of 2025 has been the successful completion of our Columbarium. This sacred space now stands as a visible witness to our hope in the resurrection and the promises of God. It is a place for remembrance, prayer, gratitude, and trust in Christ's victory over death. I am deeply grateful for the Columbarium Committee and for the extraordinary amount of time, energy, and faithful dedication they invested in this ministry. Their vision, careful planning, countless meetings, and steady perseverance brought this project to life. Because of their commitment, our congregation has been gifted a holy space that will serve families and proclaim hope for generations to come.

I give thanks to God for Kathy Voerg as she transitions to part time, whose faithful service has long been a backbone of this congregation, and for the entire staff who serve Christ the King with dedication and love.

I also give thanks to God for your continued faithfulness in stewardship. Your generous support makes ministry possible and turns opportunities into reality. Through your giving and your hands on involvement, Christ the King continues to support ministries that serve the vulnerable, care for those in crisis, and bring the love of Christ into our surrounding community. These efforts remain a clear sign of God's work in and through us as a congregation that takes seriously our call to love one another.

Throughout this year, we have worshiped, prayed, celebrated, and walked together through moments of both joy and challenge. In every season, God has been faithful. As we look to the future, I encourage you to continue inviting others to worship with us, supporting one another in faith, and trusting the God who is always at work among us.

With a grateful heart, I thank God for each of you. May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

In Christ's peace ☩

*Pastor Finley*

***From the Council President.....***

From the Council President

I'd like to start by telling you how much I appreciate each member of our Church Council:

- Valeria Head, Vice President
- Cathy Beard, Secretary
- Ronald Alderman, Financial Officer
- Jamie Baker, Member-at-Large
- George Deardorff, Member-at-Large
- Sara Donovan, Member-at-Large
- Paula Dorough, Member-at-Large
- Kathy Voerg, ex officio member

I have a call to action for each of you, and yes, it is the same as last year . . . please get involved in something at Christ the King Lutheran Church . . . no matter how small or large . . . we have many activities and teams that would love your involvement. If you don't know where to start, please contact me, a fellow council member, our church office, or talk to someone during Fellowship Hour, and we'll find something to match your interests and available time.

Thank you for being you.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Neil Koepke  
Council President**

***From the Financial Officer.....***

**2025 in Review**

The congregation approved a balanced budget with total income and expenses projected to be **\$656,978**. Actual income for 2025 was **\$653,479** offset by actual expenses of **\$651,519**, giving a surplus of **\$1,960** that will rollover to 2026.

Leading the way, general fund giving was 107% of expected contributions. Other income included utility contributions and reimbursements of **\$13,014** from other organizations using the facilities and interest of **\$22,575**.

Significant expenses in 2025 included:

1. Mortgage \$36,033
2. Benevolence \$20,000
3. Capital Reserve Fund \$40,000 – these funds are reserved in case of large repairs.

Mortgage balance is currently at **\$317,446**. As a congregation, in 2025, we designated **\$23,142** in donations for debt reduction in addition to SCRIP proceeds. These are direct reductions to principal and will save considerable amounts on interest expense, in addition to reducing the length of the existing mortgage.

With the addition of the Columbarium, you will see additional financial and team reports for your review. This remains a self-funding and separate entity.

**Looking forward to 2026**

This year we received 138 financial pledges in response to this year’s Stewardship campaign which was an increase of 21 pledges from 2024. Thank you to all who participated in this act of faith and worship in our stewardship journeys. Please understand that pledges are a critical component of our budgeting process. As pastor has reminded us on several occasions, our constitution requires that we have a balanced budget and pledges are the starting component of this process. Your total pledges give the finance team a more accurate estimate of what our income expectations will be for the next budget year.

The balanced budget for 2026 estimates income and expenses to be **\$704,821**. To balance the budget, income projections were supplemented with the following: Surplus funds **\$50,032**, preschool contribution **\$10,000**, utilities contribution **\$2,000**, and interest income **\$22,325**.

Budgeted expenses have increased **7.3%** over the approved spending plan for 2025. While inflation slowed, we are continuing to see challenges in several budgeted areas. Items of note in the 2026 budget compared to 2025 plan:

1. Payroll & Benefits – reflects **2.8%** Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and raises based on recommendations from council and personnel committee.
2. Capital Reserve Fund – increased annual transfer to the fund to **\$50,000** in anticipation of facility repairs, again focused on our aging HVAC units - several units were originally purchased in 1994. Finance team continues to stress the importance of getting this fully funded for support of our facility.
3. Mortgage – the monthly mortgage payment is \$3,003 or \$36,033 annually.

In 2025 we again were incredibly blessed by a giving congregation! We continue to financially support the ministries we find important to our church and our community, as well as being financially responsible for our staff payroll and benefits and facility costs. Financial contributions have exceeded expectations once again continuing a strong financial result and outlook. Thank you for your continued dedication and support of Christ the King!

**Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald Alderman  
Financial Officer**

## **Church Library**

The Christ the King Church Library currently has 1,046 titles. This is an increase of seven titles over the past year. The small increase is due to our weeding materials no longer needed or appropriate.

Our library collection holdings are available to the congregation via the Christ the King website. Patrons can search by author, title, or Dewey number. We have not been able to find a way to do subject searches. To make it easier to do subject searches in the library we are hoping to add shelf labels this year and do another inventory of our materials. Also, there is a subject classification chart on the wall above the table that may help.

We welcome anyone who would like to write book reviews, and we welcome donations that fit our purpose as a religious library.

We will continue to maintain the “New and Featured” shelf in the library. This top shelf is located at the beginning of our shelving on the left as you enter the library. Each month four titles are placed on this shelf. The titles are highlighted with a summary in the newsletter and bulletin.

We are reinforcing three sections of shelving that have bowed with new shelves and additional reinforcements. This will be completed in January.

The white three-ring binder on the red cart in the library lists our books by author, title, and Dewey or call number classification.

To check out a book, remove the card from the pocket inside the back cover of the book. Write down your name and phone number on the book card and place it in the wooden box on the red cart in the library. We do not have set return dates so patrons can keep the materials for a reasonable time to complete their reading. If a book is needed by someone else or the book has been checked out for a long time, we will put a reminder in the patron’s mailbox. Our goal is for patrons to use and enjoy our materials!

**Respectfully submitted,  
Sigrid Myers, Martha Lappe and the CTK Library Committee**

## **Personnel Committee**

The Personnel Committee provides guidance to the church council and staff related to personnel policies and procedures. The committee meets quarterly or on an “as needed” basis to review staff performance, make compensation recommendations to the council, review and revise policies and job descriptions, aid in searches for open staff positions, and to serve as a forum for staff suggestions and concerns.

For the past year, the committee members included Roberta Gally, Steve Helvick, and Scott Younghouse. The committee also includes Pastor J. Patrick Finley and our business manager Kathy Voerg as ex officio members with voting privileges.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Neil Koepke  
Chairperson**

## **Caring Ministry**

The Caring Ministry at Christ the King Lutheran Church is a volunteer ministry open to all members of the church; both men and women are invited to join this ministry. The purpose of this ministry is to provide meals for the unexpected needs of any family or individual within the congregation and also to provide receptions following a Memorial Service.

The Caring Ministry Roster consists of teams; each team has a lead Caller and one back-up Caller. There are six ministry teams each serving for one month in rotation twice a year. Each monthly team has approximately eight Ministry Members.

**For the unexpected needs of a family or individual:** Activity begins with an initial call to a coordinator from the church office or pastor. Needs are assessed by the coordinator and a call is made to the group lead caller serving for that particular month to coordinate the meal(s) with his/her team.

**Reception following a Memorial Service at Christ the King:** We also provide assistance during funeral receptions for all CTK members when it is held at the church. All Caring Ministry groups help by providing food, desserts and beverages. We are also responsible for setting-up, serving, and clean-up for funeral receptions held in the Fellowship Hall.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Voerg  
Finance & Personnel Administrator**

## Mutual Ministry

The Mutual Ministry Committee is a six-member committee appointed jointly by the Council President and the Pastor. Members are Sandra Norrid (Chair), Nels Mahle, Kristin Young, Rob Gibbons, Karen Taylor, John Spencer, Neil Koepke and Pastor J. Patrick Finley (Council Liaison/Ex Officio).

The committee's goals are to support the pastor, the staff, lay leaders, members of CTK, and to foster a healthy environment for ministry within the congregation. The committee met on September 14 and December 7. In addition, committee members held individual meetings with staff members in October and November. Discussion items are documented while maintaining appropriate confidentiality.

The committee's role is defined in C13.04.01 of the CTK bylaws.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Norrid  
Chair-Mutual Ministry Committee**

## Evangelism Ministry

The Evangelism Committee works to *Glorify God, Spread, the Word, and Love One Another* by encouraging members of Christ the King to invite people into God's family to nurture them in Christ's love and empower them to be disciples of Jesus Christ in their daily lives through the greeting of guests and visitors, and supporting those individuals and families wishing to be part of the Christ the King Lutheran Church family.

The Evangelism Committee consists of Mary Koegler, Renee Almy, Kathy Voerg, MaryAnn Wojtysiak, Carol Reed, Pastor Finley and Cathy Beard as committee chairperson. The aspiration of the committee is to enhance Evangelism within the community and the congregation.

The following was concluded by the committee:

- The committee meets quarterly except during the summer months.
- The committee's focus is broken into three categories visitor-oriented tasks, new member-oriented tasks, and those tasks specific to the Evangelism Committee itself.
- The sub-committees that fall under the Evangelism umbrella are Sunshine and J.O.Y. with the goal of generating overall member support and membership growth.
- The J.O.Y. committee with Cathy Beard as main coordinator has undergone realignment. Successful events for 2025 have included Country Hoedown and Christmas in July Concert with Chad Watkins.

- The Sunshine ministry led by MaryAnn Wojtysiak continues to spread care and support by sending to those within the congregation written communication throughout the year with prayer and birthday cards. Mary Kogler provides prayer cards for sympathies and healing concerns for the congregation members. Renee Almy has generously taken on the role of generating Birthday cards to the congregation. Carol Reed continues to provide crocheted crosses to be included with the written communication.
- CTK received 23 new members by transfer/affirmation and had 1 baptism in the year 2025. New members attended an orientation where they were provided with a new member booklet and a current list of ministries and contacts. The committee works to provide updated supplies that enhance our welcome/visitor/new member programs.
- The Committee developed an Invite to Worship card and sign located within the Narthex to help congregation members Spread the Word.
- Committee worked to bring up to date its Continuing Resolution. This Continuing Resolution was approved by the Church Council at their December meeting.
- Cathy Beard, with the partnership of Pastor Finley, works to send Miss You at Worship notecards throughout the year to those who we have missed seeing during worship.
- Evangelism continues the work to supply permanent name badges for all congregation members.

Evangelism Committee Goals for 2025:

- ✓ Follow-up of new visitors
- ✓ Evolvement of sub-committees J.O.Y. and Sunshine Ministries
- ✓ Growth of new membership and members connection to Christ the King

**Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Beard  
Evangelism Chairperson**

## **Eucharistic (Shepherding) Ministry**

The Eucharistic Ministry serves our Homebound members. Five teams of two each served the Eucharistic 62 times for these members this year. By providing this to our members, relationship is established with the church and our volunteers working in this vital ministry of our church.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Kogler  
Team Leader**

## Worship & Music Ministry

**Worship and Music Ministry consists of the following categories and leaders:**

- Altar Guild.....Amy Barish, Carol Mahle & Sue Johnson
- Chancel Choir.....Dr. John M. Broman
- Music Minister (Contemporary Service Director).....Chad Watkins
- Soli Deo Gloria Ringers.....Chad Watkins
- Instrumentalist Groups.....Deborah Scarazzo
- Communion Assistants – (currently done by church office staff).....vacant
- Usher Coordinator – 8:30 a.m. service.....Bob Buck
- Usher Coordinator – 11:00 a.m. service.....Mike Myers
- Acolytes (currently done by church office staff).....vacant

### Summary of Responsibilities and Activities

Altar Guild: Carol and Amy are sharing leadership responsibilities which include recruitment, scheduling and training assistants, maintenance of communion ware and the sacristy, and monitoring and ordering supplies. There are currently six Altar Guild volunteers who perform the weekly preparation for communion and clean up afterwards. Two new volunteers are being trained for this task. An additional volunteer, Sue Johnson, changes the altar paraments.

Chancel Choir: The Christ the King Lutheran Church Chancel Choir, under the direction of Dr. John Broman, consists of 13 singers, four from the Sonlight Praise Band, who rehearse Sunday mornings (10:00 a.m.) and sing for the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The choir presents music to highlight the various seasons of the church year (Advent/Christmas, Lent, Holy Week/Easter) and for various community events. We are always on the prowl to add new members to the mix and require only a willingness to practice and perform with us, coupled with a little singing experience. We look forward to enhancing the worship experience at CTK through our musical offerings.

Contemporary Service Band and Singers: The Sonlight Praise Band is a group of dedicated, talented members of our CTK congregation who lead the music for our 8:30 a.m. contemporary worship service. Members meet weekly each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. for rehearsals. We are currently looking for substitute singers who could fill in when our lead singers are absent. Substitutes would need to attend the Thursday evening rehearsal before subbing on a Sunday. If you are interested in subbing, please contact the Praise Band Director, Chad Watkins.

Handbell Choir: “Soli Deo Gloria Ringers” enhances the worship services during the months of September through May. Rehearsals begin in August and are held on Thursday evenings at 5:50 p.m. The ringers play the prelude for both services on a chosen Sunday each month. Monthly performance dates and rehearsal schedules are given to participating members. Members have the option of choosing which months they participate. We are looking for more enthusiastic volunteers with a love for music that are interested in joining us! If interested, please contact the Handbell Director, Chad Watkins.

*Large Group Instrumentalists:* This is a multi-generational ensemble. They play during the 11:00 Worship service. The instrumentalists played during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on January 5, February 23, March 23, April 13, April 20, May 11, August 10, September 14, and October 26. They also played Christmas Eve, December 24, for the prelude at 6:30 p.m. and the service at 7:00 p.m. The instrumentalists also serve as an outreach ministry, playing at assisted living centers around the Cumming area. In 2025 they played at the Holbrook of Sugar Hill Senior Center on October 12 and at The Glen Villas on December 14. The Instrumentalist rehearsals are usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 9:05 – 9:55 a.m. in the youth room. Extra rehearsals are added mid-week or Sunday after 11:00 am worship, as needed. Deborah Scarazzo has continued to play the liturgy and hymns for the 11:00 worship service to support the Choir and Congregation as needed.

*Communion Assistants:* In order to encourage participation of more people in services, we encourage members to assist with the distribution of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. With the increase in attendance, the congregation now needs two communion assistants at the 8:30 a.m. service and four at the 11:00 a.m. service. Both intinction and common cup are offered at both services every Sunday.

*Ushers:* Two ushers are needed at each service each Sunday. Bob Buck is coordinating the 8:30 a.m. service and Mike Myers is coordinating the ushers for the 11:00 a.m. service. Ushers help to greet people, pass out bulletins, and answer questions both prior and during the services.

## **Stewardship Committee**

### **YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART – Luke 10:27A**

The team discussed several themes for the 2025 program and landed on “**Open Our Hearts**” with Luke 10:27 as the bible verse. The theme works nicely with the Team’s mission to support others with our time, talents, and treasures. Sue Johnson developed a program logo that we used throughout the year. The message board in the fellowship hall was crafted by Cathy and Joni to carry this message. The program was introduced in March.

The first Sunday in May was designated as Volunteer Sunday to recognize all those that volunteer in the various ministries and to emphasize the need to volunteer. Special handouts were provided after each worship service including a special CTK pen. Food was provided during Fellowship hour.

October 26 was identified as Commitment Sunday with the three Sundays leading up to the 26 providing special bulletin inserts and Ministry Minutes concentrating on the need for giving. The Stewardship team sponsored food during Fellowship hour.

Letters with commitment cards were sent to 199 active member giving units. 138 commitment cards were returned with financial commitments totaling \$ 533,364. Both numbers are an increase from the previous year.

In addition, the committee continued to provide the different messages on Stewardship found in *The Voice* newsletter.

The Committee members are Cathy Beard, Joni Curtis, Jim Conner, Jack Schlea, Kathy Voerg, and Pastor Finley.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Jack Schlea  
Chairperson**

### **Scrip Committee**

We began selling gift cards on August 31, 2009. In 2025 we were able to sell over \$73,700 worth of gift cards raising our grand total to over \$2.2 million since the program has been initiated. The 2025 sales netted over \$3,000 to be applied to our debt. Since the program started, we have contributed over \$99,000 as a direct payoff towards our mortgage. This does not include the interest that would have been charged on this amount if it was still part of our mortgage.

The Finance Committee and Church Council agreed to implement this program after a survey showed that the average family at CTK spends \$750 a month to purchase groceries, gasoline, clothing, and home improvement items, as well as dining at various local restaurants. If every family used gift cards to make those purchases, we could reduce our debt by approximately \$100,000 per year. We currently getting less than 10% participation compared to our maximum potential.

Along with our Scrip program, Kroger implemented a community rewards program where all Kroger members could register their account with a local charitable organization. All grocery purchases would earn rewards to their charity which would be paid to their charity at the end of every quarter. This program started in September 2013 and the past year netted CTK approximately \$244. All of these funds will be applied to the debt, just like the gift card sales. Please make sure that you sign up through Kroger, choosing CTK as your charity of choice.

The committee sincerely hopes our members that participate in this program can help us convince others to get on board. We have a large group of volunteers that support this program on a weekly basis and I would like to thank them for all their hard work.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Younghouse  
Team Leader**

## **Stephen Ministry**

Stephen Ministry is a way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members—called *Stephen Ministers*—to provide confidential, high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care for people in the congregation who are experiencing life's difficulties. While Stephen Ministry has been a part of Christ the King since 2005, it has been rather dormant for too many years. Pastor Finley's dedicated support and involvement has led to a 'rebirth' of the ministry.

In 2025, we commissioned four new ministers: Bob Buck, Steve Campbell, Kim Glover, and Randi Rogers. They joined our previously trained ministers – Dixie Banitt, Mike Myers, and Betty Young.

Our team of Stephen Leaders (who can also serve as ministers) is comprised of Sally Campbell, Dawn Finley, Pastor Finley, Jim and Lu Leeds, Michele Luthart, and Sigrid Myers.

So far this year we have had three caring relationships and are ready for more. We look forward to being a more significant part of Christ the King in 2026.

If you are interested in becoming a part of Stephen Ministry or feel the need to have a Stephen Minister help you through a difficult time, feel free to contact any of the leaders or Pastor Finley.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Leeds (co-team leader)**

## **Columbarium**

Two years ago, a committee was formed to see if there was interest in building a columbarium here on our church campus. After a lot of research, thoughtful planning and with the support of the congregation, the project moved forward. We're happy to share that we are in the final stage of construction and just putting on finishing touches.

So far, 35 families have chosen to reserve niches, making this their final resting place here at Christ the King.

Looking ahead, a three-person committee will oversee the care of the columbarium and surrounding grounds, handle record keeping, and help families as needed with inurnment service planning. We're grateful for the support and interest that has made this meaningful project possible.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Dorough  
Columbarium Chair**

## **Property**

2025 was another busy year for the Property Team - as there always seems to be a never ending "to-do" list! We're happy to report that many important projects were completed this year.

In the fellowship hall, light bulbs and ballasts were replaced, several windows were replaced, table hinges were repaired, and we worked with the vendor to replace some of the tables. The kitchen received a deep cleaning, and the floors were steam cleaned. All windows throughout the building were cleaned inside and out, and touch-up painting was done where needed. Several restroom repairs were completed, including toilets and a door in the men's restroom. Water fountains were removed and replaced with new hydration stations. In the sanctuary, a ceiling spotlight was reinstalled.

One of the most visible improvements this year was the enhancement of the front of the church with beautiful front doors.

Thank you to everyone who helped our church building to be safe, welcoming, and well cared for.

**Paula Dorough  
Don Curtis  
Property Team**

The Landscape group, headed by Amy Barish, held workdays in February, April and October. During these sessions, tasks were accomplished such as pruning shrubs and trees, planting and fertilizing flowers, and weeding. One project involved cutting out multiple saplings growing up through the magnolia trees. Some volunteers come individually at other times to prune, water, weed and maintain the lovely garden beds around the church. This year, the budget was increased in order to fully replace the mulch around the church and preschool. The new mulch greatly enhanced the appearance of the church surroundings.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Barish**

## **CTK Snappers**

2025 has been a busy and fun year for the CTK Snappers photography group! We meet in the Fellowship Hall of the church at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. We usually have about 12 people attending, and we welcome everyone with an interest in photography, no matter your experience level or type of camera you use. Everyone is welcome!

Each meeting starts with members sharing photos they've taken. We talk about where the photos were shot, what caught our attention, and how they were created. These discussions are informative and a great way to learn from one another.

Throughout the year, we've enjoyed presentations on a variety of photography topics, including:

- Composition Techniques
- Editing with Adobe Camera Raw with Photoshop
- Understanding depth of field
- Landscape photography in Alaska
- Studio product photography
- Photos from all seven continents

We also took two field trips this year. One was a photo scavenger hunt around the square in Dahlonaga, Georgia, and the other was a visit to Hardeman Farm and Creekstone Winery in Helen, Georgia. Both field trips were a lot of fun and gave us plenty of great photo opportunities.

Be sure to join us on Wednesday, January 21, for our next meeting, when Mike Myers will share, "Candid Portraits of People from Around the World. "

Looking ahead, we're planning a field trip to Resaca, Georgia, on May 18, 2026, where we'll photograph the Civil War Camp and reenactment of the Battle of Resaca, the largest battle of the Atlanta Campaign in Georgia.

**Respectfully submitted,  
George Deardorff  
Team Leader**

## **Christian Education**

### **Christian Education for All Ages on Sundays (9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.)**

#### **Youth & Children (January – May 2025)**

- Nursery For infants through 3 years of age. The nursery is open from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. - led by Katie Reilly.
- Elementary Sunday School – for Children K – 3rd grade The class is a study of Old and New Testament with the rotation curriculum Whirl Classroom – Augsburg publishing, and Simply Loved – Group Publishing. Class is led by rotation of teachers: Kim Glover and Cheryl Milejczak. The class meets in the educational building, room # 105
- Upper Elementary Sunday School – for students 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade The class is a study of Old and New Testament Bible stories and Holy week. The curriculum is a rotation of Whirl Classroom and Connect by – Augsburg publishing, and Simply Loved – Group Publishing for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Class is led by rotation of teachers: Carmen Fischer and Katie Reilly. The class meets in the educational building, room # 104
- First Year Confirmation Class – students 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade - The class covers a review of Old & New Testament and begins the study of the Apostles Creed, Ten

Commandments, Lord's Prayer, and Sacraments. They use curriculum by Sola Publishing. The class is led by Laura Drew and Deborah Scarazzo. The class meets in the educational building, room # 112.

### **Youth & Children (August – December 2025)**

- Nursery For infants through 3 years of age. The nursery is open from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. - led by Katie Reilly.
- Elementary Sunday School – for children K4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade The class is a study of Old and New Testament with the rotation curriculum Whirl Classroom – Augsburg Publishing and Simply Loved – Group Publishing. Class is led by rotation of teachers: Kim Glover, Cheryl Milejczak and Jaimie Kelly. The class meets in the educational building, room #105.
- Upper Elementary Sunday School Class – for students 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade The class is a study of Old and New Testament with the rotation curriculum Whirl Classroom and Connect – Augsburg Publishing and Simply Loved – Group Publishing. Class is led by rotation of teachers: Carmen Fischer, Valeria Head and Katie Reilly. The class meets in the education building, room #104.
- First & Second Year Confirmation Class – for students 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade The class covered an overview of the New Testament, Sacraments, Apostles Creed and Luther's Small Catechism. This class is part of a two-year confirmation program. The class is led by Laura Drew, Deborah Scarazzo and John Spencer. The class meets in the educational building, room #112 or #107.

### **Adult Sunday School (January to December) in 2025**

- Meets in the Adult Classroom in the education building. Attendance has been between 15 – 28 people.
  - January 12 – March 2- ***The Acts of the Apostles. Apostle means "one who is sent."*** led by Barbara and Jim Conner.
  - February 16 – No class
  - February 23 – Bible Trivia – Robert Anderson
  - March 9 - April 13 -***The Message of Jesus - Words that Changed the World*** - Lenten DVD Bible Study by Adam Hamilton, led by Barbara Conner and Linda Forbes.
  - April 27 - May 18- ***Before: Amen: The Power of Simple Prayer*** - by Max Lucado. DVD study, led by Robert Anderson and Linda Forbes
  - June – July - No Classes - summer break.
  - August 10 - September 21 - ***How Happiness Happens*** by Max Lucado. This DVD study, led by Linda Forbes.
  - September 7 –28 - ***Bible 101 Sunday Class*** for Adults and High School Students – led by Jay Sylvester.
  - October 5 – November 9 - ***We Believe – How the Nicene Creed Can Deepen Your Faith*** - by Michael Carp, led by Robert Anderson.
  - November 30 - December 21 - ***Voices of Advent*** - DVD Advent Bible Study by Matthew L. Skinner, led by Barbara Conner and Linda Forbes.
  - December 1 – 22 ***Faithful: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph*** – DVD Advent Study by Adam Hamilton, led by Steve Campbell & Robert Anderson

## **Additional Education Opportunities in 2025**

- *Christian In Action Bible Study Group* Led by Pastor Banitt, they meet on Tuesday's at 10:00 a.m. in the music room. The class discusses the readings for the following Sunday. There are 15-20 attending the class each Tuesday.
- *Word, Wine, and Women* - meets 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. on designated Tuesdays, led by Pastor Finley – to resume in January.
- *Bible, Brews and Boys* - meets 11:15 – 12:30 p.m. on designated Tuesdays at Giorgio's restaurant, led by Pastor Finley – to resume in January.
- *Children's Church* For K4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at the 11:00 a.m. service. Children's Church material is usually based on the Gospel reading for Sunday. The materials for Children's Church are a combination of Whirl, Spark, and seasonal Augsburg materials. Children's Bulletins are available at children's church and in person.
- *CTK Preschool chapel* Wednesday mornings from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Preschool Chapel includes Preschool lessons from Spark Frolic Preschool from the Old & New Testament. Short Christian songs are also included that go with the lesson.
- *Vacation Bible School - True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!* We had an awesome Vacation Bible School, Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. On Thursday from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. we had a short closing program by the VBS kids and great lunch. Family and friends were invited to join us. We had 38 students, 8 Youth and about 11 Adult Volunteers. We had an awesome VBS this year.
- *Confirmation Students* – No students were confirmed this year.

## **Outreach Opportunities Coordinated by Christian Education in 2025**

- *Backpacks for Children in Need (The Place)* - July 20 at 9:30 a.m. – The youth & families stuffed backpacks filled with school supplies for students in need in Forsyth County. We gathered in Cuthbertson Fellowship Hall and stuffed over 30 back packs. This was a great blessing to Sawnee Elementary School and The Place as they provide backpacks to Forsyth County students in-need. We are very grateful for all the donations from the congregation at Christ the King.
- *God's Work Our Hands* - Sunday September 7 The youth helped stuff bags and deliver snacks. Through the generosity of the congregation and the help of our youth and families at CTK we were able to make 325 large snack bags! The snacks were then delivered to 15 Forsyth Fire Stations, the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, and other rescue centers of Forsyth County. Awesome job everyone! All the first responders were very grateful to receive the snacks. This service project was well attended by all ages. Everyone seemed to really enjoy being able to participate as a large group.
- *Family Promise service Project* – November 24 Two CTK high school youth, Kathryn Younghouse and Rylie Gibbons went shopping and purchased supplies for a family graduating from Family Promise. The funds were from our high school service project funds. They then decorated the large basket, and we delivered it to Lu Leeds to take to the Family Promise graduate.

## CTK Youth & Children Activities in 2025

- January 18 - Andretti's Fellowship for CTK Children and Youth
- February 23 - CTK Youth, Children & Family Bowling Fellowship at Stars & Strikes in Cumming from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
- March 16th St Patrick's Day Fellowship at CTK for Children & Youth volunteers. 11:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch, bake cookies, movie, music, games and craft
- April 13 – Children K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Sing for Palm Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Service. The children played rhythm instruments. They were accompanied by Jeffina Singh on flute and Steve Campbel on guitar.
- April 20 - Easter Sunday Youth Pancake Breakfast service project – 9:30 -10:45 a.m. Youth cooked and served a pancake breakfast on Easter Sunday. A donation basket was placed on the serving table. The donation went to the youth fund for activities and youth service projects.
- April 20 - Easter Egg Hunt for Children at 10:15 a.m. We had over 35 – 40 children for the Easter egg hunt! Several of our Preschool children also attended.
- July 20 - CTK Water Fun Fellowship - Youth Children & Families at Christ the King 11:45- 2:30 p.m. 10 Children, youth and their families enjoyed lunch, a waterslide and water games!
- August 10 – Rally Day Celebration. We had a great turnout for the Discipleship classes and for lunch. Thank you to the Adult Sunday School Leaders for a great kickoff. The lunch was wonderful with all the delightful homemade dishes. We had over 50 attend the potluck lunch. The waterslide was enjoyed by 15 children and youth and several parents.
- September 14 – Movie Fellowship for Children and Youth at CTK 11:45- 2:30 p.m. Pizza, Popcorn, and drinks were provided! We had two movies for Children/Youth to choose from. There were 28 in attendance.
- October 18 - Warbington Farms – Children, youth, and families 12:30 -2:30 p.m. we had 24 people attend.
- October 25 - Youth Service Project Italian Dinner - Auction - 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.- Youth helped with the Silent Auction during the dinner.
- November 16 –Youth Service Project - Shopping for Holiday House gifts 12:00 – 1:45 p.m. with lunch. We purchased toys for children in need in Forsyth County. This program is through The Place in Cumming, GA. We had 9 youth go shopping and 6 parents assist with the shopping.
- December 7 - 11:45 am – 1p.m. Trim the Family Tree - Fellowship Hall children & youth with lunch, Christmas music, Christmas treats, and a snowball fight. (Children made cards during 9:45 class for the CTK Homebound).
- December 7 - Ice Skating Fellowship at 1:30 -3:30 for youth, children and families of CTK at *The Ice* in Cumming. We had 29 ice skate and another 10 attend and cheer on the skaters. Everyone enjoyed some great fellowship.
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Nativity 4:30 p.m. worship service. The children dressed as Nativity characters during the 4:30 worship service and sang the song, *God With Us* and *What Can I Give to the King*. They had practiced during their Sunday School class. They did a great job!

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Deborah Scarazzo**  
**Christian Education and Youth Coordinator**

## Outreach

The Outreach Team members for 2025 were Jamie Baker, Dixie Banitt, Tim Beard, Sally Campbell, Steve Campbell, Jim Conner, Donna Dixon, Paula Dorough, Neil Koepke, Lu Leeds, Jim Leeds, Joe Lambert, Carole Mahle, Mike Myers, Randi Rogers, June Wolsin, and Bob Wolsin.

An Outreach brochure is available on the brochure rack in the Narthex.

**Ministry of the Month:** Outreach continued the “Ministry of the Month” program during 2025, by advertising in church communications. This program raises awareness in our congregation about local ministries. For 2025, Outreach placed a table in the narthex with descriptive materials about the current ministry of each current month. The ministries were:

January	Music4CHIEF
February	Food for Thought
March	Wellspring Living
April	Family Promise
May	Jesse’s House
June	Team River Runner
July	No Longer Bound
August	Meals by Grace
September	Bald Ridge Lodge
October	Whispering Hope
November	About Face USA
December	Angels over Forsyth

In 2025, Christ the King aided those in need through the following:

**Hotline:** Christ the King helps local people with temporary needs such as utility bills, and rental payments. We suspended the Hotline during 2021 due to Covid. The program was inactive for all of 2022 as well. Outreach restarted the program in 2023 led by Joe Lambert. Since then, we have had very few calls for assistance, but the program continues.

**Gift Cards:** This program provides \$25 Walmart gas cards to those in need. The cards cannot be used to purchase alcohol or tobacco products. The church office provides the cards to people after some internal vetting. During 2025, Christ the King provided three such cards.

**Italian Dinner and Auction:** In October, Outreach held an Italian Dinner along with silent and live auctions at the church as a fund-raiser. The evening included the choice of three Italian entrees, music by Chad, the auctions, a raffle, and briefings by representatives of the two ministries being sponsored. Thrivent contributed \$250 through their “Action Teams” program. The funds raised, \$7,900, were augmented by \$2,100 in donations. The total, (\$10,000), was divided equally between Jesse’s House and Bald Ridge Lodge.

**Angel Tree:** Angels Over Forsyth is a county-wide ministry that supports CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) children through sponsors such as Christ the King. In 2025 our congregation gave three clothing gifts to each of 75 children. The total value of these gifts was approximately \$5,000. In addition to the Christmas gifts, Christ the King made a \$500 donation to this ministry. Donations to the Cash Angel Tree totaled \$1,932 which will be used to support community outreach in 2026.

**Coat Drive:** In November, Christ the King contributed 70 coats to the annual county-wide coat drive conducted by The Place.

**About Face USA:** This local organization provides mental health support programs to veterans that empower them to heal, grow, and thrive. ABUSA helps veterans navigate their paths to fulfilling post-service lives. The focus is on mental health, wellness education and financial stability. During 2025, Outreach conducted a shoe drive to support this ministry. ABUSA sells the shoes to foreign countries and uses the funds raised to support veterans.

**Bald Ridge Lodge:** This ministry provides shelter, meals, rehabilitation, mentoring, and counseling to boys aged 12 to 19 who come from broken homes, abuse situations, and homelessness. Christ the King donated one half of the proceeds from the 2025 Italian Dinner & Auction (\$5,000) to Bald Ridge Lodge. Angela Dykes, the Executive Director of Bald Ridge Lodge, spoke at the event.

**Family Promise:** This nationwide ministry supports families that have lost the ability to sufficiently provide for themselves. In 2025 Christ the King hosted the Family Promise families for the weeks starting on May 25, July 13, September 21, November 23, and December 28. Also, during 2025, Christ the King donated \$4,700 to Family Promise to fund needed software, a freezer, and a washer and dryer.

**Food for Thought (FFT):** FFT is a ministry that started in 2011 and provides orange food bags to households that sign up for the program. People are asked to purchase a few extra non-perishable items such as canned fruits and vegetables each time they go grocery shopping and put those items in the orange bag. Food for Thought volunteers pick up the filled orange bags from donor doorsteps every two months and deliver the food to local food banks and soup kitchens. Outreach continues to encourage our church members to join this effort by signing up on the Food for Thought website - [fftpinc.org](http://fftpinc.org).

**Jesse's House:** This ministry supports young ladies who need shelter, rehabilitation, and counseling as they try to re-assimilate into society from broken homes, abuse situations, and homelessness. Christ the King donated one half of the 2025 Italian Dinner and Auction proceeds, (\$5,000,) to Jesse's House. Elizabeth Johnson, the Executive Director of Jesse's House, spoke at the event.

**No Longer Bound:** No Longer Bound is a long term, faith-based program for men in addiction. Their mission is to rescue addicts from their addictions, regenerate them, and reconcile families. They provide rehabilitation, recovery, medical treatment, and mentoring. During 2025 Outreach donated \$1,622 to No Longer Bound to enable them to purchase needed kitchen equipment.

**Team River Runner:** Team River Runner (TRR) provides kayaking experiences to veterans returning from active duty with mental and physical injuries sustained while serving us. The kayaking outings provide restorative power to the veterans and, in many cases, show them that life is worth living and gives them something to look forward to. Outreach donated \$2,600 to TRR in 2025 which TRR used to purchase two flatwater kayaks.

**The Place:** In June 2016, Christ the King began providing food items requested by The Place for their pantry for distribution to needy people in the community. The items needed change each month. This program continues and the bins for the food items are in the narthex.

**Wellspring Living:** Since 2001 Wellspring Living has provided comprehensive victim centered recovery services to domestic sex trafficking victims and those at risk (ages 12+). Wellspring's programs include residential and community-based settings in a Christian environment. Outreach donated \$1,000 to Wellspring Living in 2025.

**Thrivent:** Thrivent continues to support outreach activities at Christ the King through the "Thrivent Action Teams" program. This program augments our events and fund-raisers by providing up to \$250 per event to reduce costs.

**2026 Challenges:** The team will be discussing and praying for guidance in selecting ministries to support and other fund-raisers to help provide the support. We are always looking for opportunities to participate with other agencies to explore solutions to hunger and homelessness, and the abuse of youth in Forsyth County and will continue our efforts to participate in the Forsyth County affiliate of Family Promise. We will also continue to find ways to communicate about human trafficking and support selected agencies working on that issue. Support for veterans returning with mental and physical disabilities remains a prime goal.

**Invitation:** If serving the less fortunate people in our community (those without adequate shelter, food, and clothing, injured veterans, and human trafficking victims) resonates with you, please come join us in this work commissioned by Jesus himself!

**Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Myers  
Team Leader**

## **Fellowship Team**

The Fellowship Ministry's objective is to provide a warm and inviting hour on Sunday morning, between our two services, to enjoy the company of fellow Christians and welcome visitors and new members.

This year we said good-bye to a member of the team, Sue Macisak, and the leader of this team, June Wolsin. The office staff is very thankful that several volunteers stepped forward to keep this vital ministry going.

While there were several changes throughout the year, these members stepped forward to help in this vital ministry: Joni & Don Curtis, Sandy & Bob Rose, Sheilia Moss, Karen Torgersen, Robert Anderson, Sally Campbell, Peachie Cline, Becky Deardorff, Darlene Gordon, Lu Leeds, John Macisak, Carol Mahle, Sigrid Myers, Betty Young, LouAnn Peery, Kim Fedolfi and Jessica Younhouse. These volunteers are dedicated women and men who set up and clean up the fellowship hour each Sunday on a rotating schedule. Thank You!

The Fellowship Ministry would like to thank everyone who donates goodies or gives a financial contribution to our free will offering plate each Sunday. Without all this support from our coordinators and the congregation, this ministry would not be able to function at this level. THANK YOU.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Kathy Voerg**  
**Finance & Personnel Administrator**

## **Scouts BSA**

### **Introduction**

The Christ the King Scouting Program continues to serve as an effective family outreach ministry for our church. By utilizing the Scouts BSA and Cub Scouts programs, our church has fostered a greater sense of community and welcomed new families into our worship services. The values shared by the scouting programs closely align with those of our church, strengthening our mission and outreach efforts. As you can see below, we have over 200 youth and 81 adults registered in our programs.

### **Overview of Scouting Ministry**

Our Scouting Ministry is composed of two distinct units: the Troop and the Cub Scouts. Below is a detailed recap of each group's activities and accomplishments from 2025.

### **2025 Annual Troop Report**

#### **Registration**

This year, our Troop included 95 Scouts and 66 dedicated leaders.

#### **Community Service**

- Scouts and leaders contributed a total of 1,121 service hours, participating in nine different community projects.
- Five Eagle Scout projects were completed, benefiting local non-profits and organizations.
- 180 American flags were distributed five times throughout the year in partnership with the Optimist Club.
- 98 Scouts and leaders volunteered their time to assist the Four Scythes Haunted House, a non-profit initiative.

- The Troop raised \$12,257 in support of soldiers, first responders, doctors, and nurses.

### **Outdoor Activities**

- Scouts spent a total of 1,054 nights camping and hiked 337 miles over the course of 28 outings.
- Significant outdoor experiences included trips to Winterplace Ski Resort in West Virginia, Panther Creek Falls, Camp Rainey Mountain, Nantahala Rafting, Philmont in New Mexico, Lake Tugalo, Fort Yargo, and Burrells Ford.

### **Advancement**

The Troop celebrated the achievements of eight Eagle Scouts this year:

Emily McGowan – 02/25/2025

Karl Kisters – 05/10/2025

Joel Sorenson – 08/26/2025

Prisha Kokane – 09/23/2025

Aishwarya Voota – 09/23/2025

Laasya Kuchimanchi – 10/28/2025

Owen Turner – Pending

Justin Hopkins – Pending

### **Overall Community Impact**

The commitment and guidance provided by the adult leaders of Troop 78/5078 have empowered our Scouts to succeed and encouraged them to grow personally and collectively. The presence of Scouts from Troop 78/5078 positively influences our schools, churches, and sports teams, making them stronger and more vibrant.

Our community recognizes and appreciates the character, behavior, and attitude of our Scouts. Numerous families have expressed their gratitude and admiration for the positive example demonstrated by Troop 78/5078.

### **2025 Annual Cub Scout Report**

#### **Registration**

The Cub Scout Pack registered 118 Scouts and 15 leaders this year.

#### **Overnight Outings**

The Pack organized five overnight outings, which included:

- Den-level specific outings at Scoutland
- Polar Bear Camping on Lake Lanier
- Spring Family Camping at Camp Rainey Mountain
- Fall Family Camping at Scoutland
- An overnight event at the Georgia Aquarium

#### **Hiking Program**

In 2025, the Pack introduced a hiking program designed to encourage Cub Scouts to explore nature, stay active, and develop outdoor skills. Each month, group hikes of varying lengths and difficulties were organized, suitable for all age levels. Scouts were encouraged to participate and received rewards for reaching hiking milestones. This year,

the Pack hiked approximately 28 miles together, promoting physical fitness, adventure, and camaraderie among members.

### **School and Community Support**

- The Pack supported Matt and Sawnee Elementary Schools by volunteering at PTO events such as movie nights and bingo.
- Cub Scouts created and sent over 80 letters to military members serving overseas, sharing encouragement and appreciation.
- The Pack also donated a significant amount of non-perishable food items to the Scouting for Food initiative, helping those in need within our community.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Zarynoff  
Congregation Liaison**

## **Hospitality Team**

The mission of the Hospitality Ministry is to provide a welcoming environment and food for events or functions requested by the pastor or church council. These events are separate from those covered by Fellowship and Caring Ministries. Hospitality has accountability to the church council and reports through an advocate.

This past year, Hospitality functioned without a team leader. Normally Hospitality would provide receptions for New Members, for the confirmands at Confirmation and other events held throughout the year.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Voerg  
Finance & Personnel Administrator**

## **Christ the King Preschool**

The CTK Preschool's mission is to provide a quality educational experience in a loving Christian school. This is the first opportunity many children have to experience Christ's love, and form bonds with fellow students while engaging in a structured educational environment.

Our school has been thriving this year! We have an incredible staff of 15 dedicated and gifted teachers that provide not only a strong educational environment, but a loving support system for each other as well. This year we have served 88 students in eight different classes.

We have begun using a new, faith based, curriculum named “*ABC Jesus Loves Me*”, which has really streamlined things for our teachers and, most importantly, put our faith as the cornerstone for our learning above all else.

CTK Preschool has also begun a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) program for the 3’s and 4’s classes along with their regular curriculum, which has been a great addition to the overall program on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It has been a fun semester with the addition of “Art” days and “Sports” days as well! Our students love having a day to create special projects or wear their favorite teams’ gear for a day of fun and games (complete with music and cheerleading during the carpool lines of course)!

While there are new elements to our school, the traditions of music and movement classes on Monday and Fridays, Chapel on Wednesdays, Holiday class parties, and performances are still treasured.

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year will begin the week of January 12th. Our goal for the following year is to put our compassion into action through the power and presence of Jesus Christ, that it may shine through the lives of the families we are so blessed to teach here at CTK Preschool. We pray for continued strong enrollment for our school into the new school year. Classroom needs for the following year will be based on the demand of our registrations received.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Ashley M. Stewart  
Preschool Director**

## **Women’s Ministries of the ELCA**

WELCA at *Christ the King* had a terrific year. The three circles have continued to meet and enjoy the year.

**Lydia’s Circle – Knitting and Crocheting, led by Carol Reed and Denise Yoho:** We have made baby blankets, baby hats, prayer shawls, scarves, fingerless gloves and potholders which were distributed to Northside NICU, Northside Chemo Center, Family Partners in Jasper and our church. Anyone in our congregation is welcome to sit in or join our group. We look forward to 2026.

**Pieces for Christ - Quilting Circle, led by Cathie Gibbons:** Pieces for Christ made a little over 300 quilts this past year. Unlike other years, many of the quilts were sent to Lutheran World Relief and were distributed to several states after weather catastrophes. We also donated a quilt and wall hangings to the Italian dinner. We continue to add new members and hope for more to join us. We continue to meet on the second Wednesday of the month and continue our twice yearly 4-day boot camp. Cathie Gibbons continues as the lead but many in our group can step in on a moment’s notice.

**Cookie Sale, led by Erin Ciccone and Jessica Younhouse:** The Cookie Sale continues to be the only fundraising event for WELCA and allows WELCA to be self-sustaining. Ladies of CTK are truly an amazing bunch of bakers. Our 2025 Bake Sale was the **best ever** and much of the thanks goes to our crafters.

This year we had 48 bakers and even though our total number of cookies for sale this year was reduced from last year (395 dozen this year, 598 last year) we still had an amazing total sale of **\$3,392.50**. However, a gigantic portion of our total was due to the donations of crafts from various members of the congregation.

We had two craft days to make some of the items, and the youth group had a bake day on November 30 at the church where they made six dozen cookies. The number of crafts that were donated to the sale was amazing. We sold tissue holders, potpourri, assorted ornaments, quilted table runners, potted plants and lovely Christmas jewelry. We also had bakers who donated Baklava, Caramel Corn, and Candied Nuts.

**WELCA Retreat,** For the first time in five years we had a Ladies Retreat. Jessica Younhouse worked with me on the theme and Sally Campbell and Michele Luthart presented an **absolutely amazing** program. The theme was **Living a Chocolate Life: A Bible Study for Women**, and chocolate was very much in hand. Everyone who attended gave a very supportive review and if we can get more help, there may be another retreat in 2026, but it is too much work for one person (namely me).

The biggest hurdle for the WELCA Ministry is the lack of leaders. We now have a terrific treasurer and team leaders, but I have been unable to get someone to fully assist in a retreat, and I am unable to handle the retreat completely on my own. Hopefully, with the growing number of new members at CTK, more volunteers will come forward, and our ministry can continue and possibly expand.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Hallman  
Secretary**

**Christ the King Lutheran Church of Cumming, Georgia, Inc.**  
**Income Report**  
**January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025**

**General Fund Income Offering:**

100	General Fund	\$490,654.88
105	General Fund - Loose Change	<u>7,261.00</u>
	Sub-Total	<u>\$497,915.88</u>

**Other General Fund Income:**

170	Contribution Toward Utilities	12,700.00
185	Refunds & Reimbursements	<u>791.10</u>
	Sub-Total	<u>\$ 13,491.10</u>

Total General Fund Income                    **\$511,406.98**

**Special Funds Income:**

701	Caring Team	432.00
704	Kitchen/Hospitality	1,692.45
706	Outreach	12,440.00
707	Capital Reserve Fund	200.00
712	Cash Reserve Funds	119,973.00
801	Advent	450.00
807	Lent	2,638.00
808	Pastor/Staff gifts	4,925.00
811	Evangelism	2,700.00
813	Flowers	3,015.00
816	WELCA	6,786.50
826	11 AM Music	300.00
828	Youth Group	5,263.00
834	Vacation Bible School	1,860.00
836	Pastor's Discretionary Fund	9,173.00
842	Hope Fund	5,749.00
903	Debt Reduction	23,141.53
906	Interest Income	22,324.60
907	Columbarium	96,925.00
908	Memorials - No Tags	5,482.13
912	Memorials – Tagged	<u>530.00</u>

Total Special Funds Income                    **\$326,000.21**

**GRAND TOTAL                    \$837,407.19**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Jan Grimshaw, Financial Secretary**

**Christ the King Lutheran Church of Cumming, Georgia, Inc.**  
**Budgeted Expenses**  
**January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025**

<u>Ministry Name</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>2025 Actual Expenditures</u>
Parish Administration	\$ 22,200.00	\$ 24,843.02
Finance	99,800.00	99,487.59
Council	200.00	54.50
Christian Education	7,300.00	6,153.56
Mortgage	36,033.00	36,033.00
Benevolence	20,000.00	20,000.00
Called Staff Pay & Exp	164,662.00	161,998.58
Outreach	10,000.00	10,000.00
Property	52,030.00	55,587.88
Worship & Music	6,650.00	5,266.52
Youth / Youth Learning	2,600.00	2,220.17
Staff Payroll	230,388.00	228,046.23
Hospitality	1,575.00	1,324.24
Adult Education	250.00	373.29
Stephen Ministry	<u>3,290.00</u>	<u>130.20</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 656,978.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 651,518.78</u></b>

**Christ the King Lutheran Church of Cumming, Georgia, Inc.  
Long Term Liabilities as of December 31, 2025**

**Pinnacle Bank  
Mortgage**

Beginning Mortgage Balance January 1, 2025	\$ 360,830.54
Principal Reductions	
With mortgage payment	26,181.37
Directed by Contributor	<u>17,203.67</u>
Total Principal Reduction	43,385.04
Ending Mortgage Balance December 31, 2025	\$ 317,445.50

Origination Date of Current Mortgage: March 23, 2022  
 Terms of Loan: Twenty (20) year loan with a fixed interest rate of 4% for the first ten (10) years; variable interest rate for years 11 – 20.  
 Current Monthly Payment: \$3,002.75  
 Payments: Payments 34 through 45 paid in 2025

**Wells Fargo Leasing  
Copier Leases**

1 Konica Minolta C650i Color Copier (Church machine)  
 Origination Date: September 24, 2025  
 Terms: 48 month lease with a monthly payment of \$213.84 with taxes.  
 Purchase Option: Fair Market Value to be determined at the end of the lease  
 Payments: Payments 1 – 4 paid in 2025

1 Konica Minolta C368 Color Copier (Preschool machine)\*  
 Origination Date: December 5, 2023  
 Terms: 48 month lease with a monthly payment of \$143.00 with taxes.  
 Purchase Option: Fair Market Value to be determined at the end of the lease  
 Payments: Payments 12 – 23 paid in 2025

\*Christ the King Lutheran Preschool of Cumming, Inc. pays the lease for this copier out of preschool funds.

**Christ the King Lutheran Church of Cumming, Georgia, Inc.  
Columbarium Fund  
as of December 31, 2025**

**INCOME**

Purchase of Niches	\$ 99,000.00
Memorial Gifts	3,110.00
Miscellaneous Income	425.00
Interest Income	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 102,535.00</b>

**EXPENSES**

Payments to build Columbarium	\$ 61,660.00
Camera Security System	774.54
Physical assets for Columbarium	1,335.66
Landscaping for Columbarium	11,934.50
Pink Dogwood	425.00
Niche Engravings	<u>215.80</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 76,345.50</b>

**BALANCE** **\$ 26,189.50**

**Christ the King Lutheran Church of Cumming, Georgia, Inc.  
Scrip Account  
January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025**

**BEGINNING BALANCE** **\$ 10,167.15**

**INCOME**

Purchase of Gift Cards	\$ <u>74,001.50</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 74,001.50</b>

**EXPENSES**

Payments for Gift Cards	\$ 72,746.26
Mortgage – Debt Reduction	4,000.00
Bank fee	<u>10.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 72,746.26</b>

**ENDING BALANCE** **\$ 7,412.39**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Voerg  
Finance & Personnel Administrator**

**Christ the King Lutheran Church of Cumming, Georgia, Inc.**  
**Special Fund Balances**  
**as of December 31, 2025**

**THE CONGREGATION IS APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF EACH LINE ITEM**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
701 Caring Team	\$ 545.54
703 Sunday School Ministries	4,458.18
704 Kitchen/Hospitality	1,043.31
706 Outreach	7,923.94
707 Capital Reserve Fund	50,532.17
708 Scrip Account	7,412.39
709 Stephen Ministry	20.00
710 Projects Fund	251,781.99
712 Cash Reserve Funds	160,207.65
801 Advent	450.00
810 Family Promise	323.04
811 Evangelism	408.63
812 Pastor Continuing Education	3,410.76
813 Altar Flowers	571.96
815 Benevolence	40,500.00
816 WELCA	12,093.24
817 Review/Audit Funds	5,600.00
826 11:00 AM Music	1,083.31
828 Youth Group	13,149.18
836 Pastor's Discretionary Fund	16,835.17
901 Library	912.89
902 Choir Festival	153.25
903 Debt Reduction	5,937.86
906 Interest	22,324.60
907 Columbarium	26,189.50
908 Memorials - No Tags	147,514.35
912 Memorials - Tagged	3,275.50
913 Wedding	<u>50.00</u>
<b>Total Special Funds</b>	<b><u>\$ 784,708.41</u></b>

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Kathy Voerg**  
**Finance & Personnel Admin.**

**Membership Summary for 2025**  
**December 31, 2025**

		<u>CONFIRMED</u>	<u>NON-CONFIRMED</u>
Added:	Baptisms	0	1
	Affirmation	11	0
	Confirmation Class	9	0
	Reinstated	0	0
	New Member Transfers	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL		37	1
Removed:	Transfer	0	0
	Inactive	5	0
	Resignation	0	0
	Deceased	9	0
	Confirmation Class	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>
TOTAL		14	9

Statistics of past years are listed below:

		<u>3/91</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>12/15</u>	<u>12/20</u>	<u>12/24</u>	<u>12/25</u>
Confirmed		129	230	354	465	504	478	371	342	365
Non-Confirmed		62	70	134	158	153	89	35	56	48
Associates		<u>1</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL		192	300	488	625	658	568	406	398	413
HOUSEHOLDS			123	193	261	279	253	200	207	217