



*Italian Dinner  
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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
of the Congregation  
for the Year 2023

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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.....*

**“Let your light shine before others,  
so that they may see your good works and  
give glory to your Father in heaven.”**

*Matthew 5:16*



Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to God each day for all of you and your faithful devotion to Christ through the work of Christ the King Lutheran Church.

As we reflect on this past year it was very fitting that our theme for the year was “Let your light shine before others ....” With a grateful heart, I give thanks to God for Christ’s light that you allowed to shine brightly during this past year. With a thankful heart, I give thanks to God for your support of one another. I give thanks to God for our many new members and all who have jumped all in to support our ministries and outreach to our surrounding community. I give thanks to God for our newly renovated sanctuary. We are truly blessed.

We are incredibly grateful for each of you remaining faithful in your contributions that help support our many ministries; your selfless giving makes opportunities realities. Your support of Music4CHIEF, Family Promise, Wellspring Living, Whispering Hope Women’s Center, Angels over Forsyth, and many other organizations that care for those in need are a clear indication of God’s work in and through us as a congregation that takes seriously our call to Love One Another.

As we continue to support one another, I encourage you to invite your family and friends to worship with us regularly and join in all the opportunities in our community of faith. Encouraging one another and loving one another as God has and continues to love and encourage us through one another. “. . . for God all things are possible.”

“May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” **Amen *Philippians 4:7***

In Christ’s peace ✝

*Pastor Finley*

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

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

- Mark Zarynoff, Vice President
- Cathy Beard, Secretary
- Kristin Young, 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

Unfortunately, we lost one of our own in 2023. I want to thank Bill Peery, a Member-at-Large council member, and his family, for his many hours serving our church. Thank you, Bill. We miss you.

In 2023, our membership increased and our giving was over 100% of our goal for the second year in a row! It is your generosity and open arms that allow both to happen!

I have a call to action for each of you . . . please get involved in something here at Christ the King Lutheran Church . . . no matter how large or small . . . we have many teams that would love your involvement. If you don't know where to start, please contact a council member, the church office or talk to someone during Fellowship Hour. We'll find something that matches your interests and availability.

Thank you for being you.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Neil Koepke  
Council President**

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

### **2023 in Review**

The congregation approved a balanced budget with total income and expenses projected to be \$569,321. Actual income for 2023 was \$573,169.

General fund giving was 106.5% of expected contributions. Other income included utility contributions of \$2,332 from other organizations using the facilities and interest of \$1,121. Actual expenses for 2023 totaled \$550,027, or about 97% of budget.

Significant expenses in 2023 included:

1. Mortgage \$36,033 – Council approved refinancing in 2022 to take advantage of historically low interest rates which is why this expense is less than prior years.
2. Benevolence \$20,000
3. Capital Reserve Fund \$15,000 – these funds are reserved in case of large repairs

With total income of \$573,169 and expenses of \$550,027, we had a surplus of \$23,142. These surplus funds will be available to rollover to next year.

In 2023 the following special funds were created:

- 815 – Benevolence – this account will be used for funds earmarked for community outreach.
- 826 – 11:00 a.m. Music – this account will be used for funds earmarked for music at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

### **Looking forward to 2024**

The balanced budget for 2024 estimates income and expenses to be \$616,605. To balance the budget, income projections were supplemented with the following: 21/22/23 surplus funds \$19,280, preschool contribution \$10,000, utilities contribution \$3,600, and interest income \$14,777.

Budgeted expenses have increased about 8.3% over the approved spending plan for 2023. Items of note in the 2024 budget compared to 2023 plan:

1. Payroll & Benefits – reflects 4.25% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) based on recommendations from council and personnel committee.
2. Capital Reserve Fund – increased annual transfer to fund to \$34,000 in anticipation of facility repairs and bathroom remodel in the admin wing.
3. Mortgage – the monthly mortgage payment is \$3,003 or \$36,033 annually.
4. External Audit Fund – Per recommendations of the internal audit committee, the council elected to set aside \$5,000 to be used for an outside financial review as estimated review costs are much higher than originally anticipated.

Once again in 2023, we have been incredibly blessed! Financial contributions have exceeded expectations creating a positive financial outlook. Thank you for your continued dedication and support of Christ the King!

**Respectfully submitted,  
Kristin Young, Financial Officer**

## **Church Library**

The Christ the King Church Library currently has 1,007 titles. This is an increase of eighteen titles over the past year.

Our biggest news this year is making our library collection holdings available to the congregation via the Christ the King website. Patrons can search by author, title, or Dewey number. We are investigating the possibility of searching for books by subject as well, however do not know yet if this will be possible. We know that this would greatly enhance searches. To make it easier to do subject searches in the library we are planning to add shelf labels this spring and do another inventory of our materials. Also, there is a subject classification chart on the wall above the table that may help.

We are trying to do more book reviews in the church newsletter and bulletin. It is our goal to increase the usage of our materials by the congregation. We welcome anyone who would like to write book reviews and we welcome donations that fit our purpose as a religious library.

We are hoping to increase the circulation of materials. We have purchased a red book cart which will be housed in the narthex. Here we plan to put seasonal books as well as books from different categories that might be of interest to the congregation.

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.

The white three-ring binder on the table 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 basket on the table in the library or in the wooden box (thanks to Rev. Dr. Banitt who made it) on the book cart in the narthex. 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 were Roberta Gally, Steve Helvick, and Scott Younghouse. The committee also includes Rev. 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.

The Caring Ministry Roster consists of a Lead Coordinator, one Assistant Coordinator, plus one lead and one back-up Caller for each month. Each monthly team has approximately seven Ministry Members. There are six ministry groups each serving for one month in rotation twice a year.

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. 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,  
Roberta Gally  
Team Leader**



## **Mutual Ministry**

The Mutual Ministry Committee is a six-member committee appointed jointly by the Council President and the Pastor. Members through December 2023 were Joyce Marx, Ron Alderman, Karen Taylor, Jodi Bond and Nels Mahle, Neil Koepke, CTK Council President and Rev. J. Patrick Finley (Council Liaison/Ex Officio).

The committee met on January 16, June 5, and August 14. The committee's role is defined in C13.04.01 of the CTK bylaws.

The committee's goals are to support the pastor, the staff, lay leaders, members and to foster a healthy environment for ministry in the congregation. Discussion items are documented with follow-up as needed.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Rob Gibbons**  
**Chair-Mutual Ministry Committee**

## **Evangelism Ministry**

The Evangelism Committee works to Glorify God, Spread the Word, and Love One Another. We encourage 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. We can accomplish this through the greeting of guests and visitors to our church and working with those individuals and families to be active participants in the life of the congregation.

The Evangelism Committee consists of seven members: Cliff Goddard (Hello Neighbors), Mary Kogler, Kathy Voerg, MaryAnn Wojtysiak (Sunshine), 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 committee meets the fourth Tuesday of the month except during the summer.

The following was concluded by the committee:

- The committee's focus is broken into three categories: visitor-oriented tasks, new member-oriented tasks, and those tasks specific to Evangelism with growth in membership.
- The sub-committee's that fall under the Evangelism umbrella are Sunshine, Hello Neighbor's, and J.O.Y. with the goal to generate overall congregational member support and membership growth.
- Hello Neighbors, led by Cliff Goddard, continues to support five local community schools and our Christ the King preschool with needed goodies and supplies throughout the year. Our goal for the coming year will be to explore this ministry's future. Cliff Goddard shared with the committee that he will be resigning from his leadership role after the end of the school year in 2024. We express appreciation to Cliff for his role in the Hello Neighbors ministry.

- J.O.Y.(Just Older Youth), our senior fellowship committee has undergone realignment this year with the rotation of event coordinators. This format has proven to be successful in allowing event coordinators to plan and execute collaboration with planned events. The committee consists of the following members: Joni Curtis, Janice Davis, Paula Dorough, Sigrid Myers, Mary Koegler, Sissy Luckey, Jayne Cunningham, Lu Leeds, Peachie Cline, Becky Deardorff, Lynn Schwartz, Carol Mahle, June Wolsin, Sue Macisak and Cathy Beard as ministry leader. Events that have taken place this year included a Chad Watkins concert, Music Bingo, and an Ugly Sweater/T-shirt party which all had over 50 in attendance. Events for the 2024 year are in the planning stages.
- Sunshine Ministry led by MaryAnn Wojtysiak works to supply written communication throughout the year to our congregation with concern, comfort, and cheer. Through the generosity of Carol Reed, crocheted crosses are sent to those congregation members who are on the prayer list.
- Our church received 16 new members by transfer/affirmation, 12 infant/child and 2 adult baptisms, and 4 reactivated members in the year 2023. 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. Cathy Beard, Evangelism chairperson, attends new member classes to enlighten new members about the Evangelism Ministry objectives.
- 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.
- The committee capitalized on the recent remodel of our church sanctuary by hosting an open house that invited past visitors, members, and community outreach recipients to take part in worship and fellowship in celebration.
- Evangelism worked to create new permanent name badges for all congregation members and a display fixture to present them as part of our remodel update.
- The committee, with the partnership of Pastor Finley, worked to develop a focus on Advent with the creation of bulletin inserts and a business card inviting others to our Christmas Eve worship. Christmas greeting cards were sent to past visitors along with the business card inviting them to join us for worship on Christmas Eve.
- The committee developed new car magnets that support our new updated logo and distributed them to the congregation to help generate community awareness.

Evangelism Committee goals for 2024:

- ✓ Follow-up of new visitors.
- ✓ Evolvment of sub-committees J.O.Y., Hello Neighbors, and Sunshine Ministries.
- ✓ Growth of new membership and members connection to Christ the King.
- ✓ Capitalize on Evangelism opportunities within the community and work alongside our Christ the King Church ministries.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Cathy Beard**  
**Evangelism Chairperson**

## **Scrip Committee**

We began selling gift cards on August 31, 2009. 2023 was a big year for the Scrip program as we passed the \$2 million mark in sales on August 8, 2023. Overall, in 2023 we were able to sell over \$87,600 worth of gift cards, raising our grand total to over \$2.046 million since the program has been initiated. The 2023 sales netted over \$4,000 to be applied to our debt. Since the program started, we have contributed over \$92,000 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, taken in 2009, 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 are 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 \$126. 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.

In addition to Kroger, CTK signed up for Amazon Smile in May 2021. This program allows Amazon users to sign up and choose a charity that will receive a small donation based on your purchases. Unfortunately, this program was canceled by Amazon in 2023. CTK received almost \$400 based on the support from CTK members/families while Amazon Smile was available for us.

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**

## **Eucharistic (Shepherding) Ministry**

The Eucharistic Ministry is comprised of volunteer members that provide the Eucharist to our homebound members. As of now, we have five teams serving 12 members. The teams made 83 visits in 2023 to bring the Eucharist to our homebound. This ministry is also an opportunity to keep in touch with our homebound members.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Koegler  
Team Leader**

## **Vision 2020 Committee**

It has been six years since the initial Vision 2020 campaign. Due to the generosity of our members, Vision 2020 has been able to provide funds for numerous projects and ministry programs. Many of these past projects and programs were emulated in last year's annual report. During 2023, Vision 2020 has continued to provide assets to help numerous CTK ministries, these include:

- Funds for cabinets and classroom furniture for the Preschool Ministry
- Funds for playground mulch for the Preschool Ministry
- Funds to purchase and install cameras in the education wing for the Preschool Ministry
- Funds to purchase a smart television, chairs and miscellaneous other items for the youth room and Youth Ministry
- Funds were provided to the Sunshine Ministry of the Evangelism Ministry
- Funds were provided for the Hello Neighbors Ministry of the Evangelism Ministry
- The balance of facility improvement funds were used for the sanctuary remodel

Funds for facility improvements and similar projects have been exhausted, however there are still some funds available for ministry programs, but these are limited. Six years is a long period for a program such as this and I would encourage those ministries with any program needs to request funding while they are still available. Thank you to those who have so generously volunteered to serve on the Vision 2020 Committee and to those of you who have supported this important program of ministry at CTK.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Tim Beard  
Team Leader**

## Worship & Music Ministry

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

- Altar Guild.....Amy Barish and Carol Mahle
- 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 Mahle and Amy Barish are sharing leadership responsibilities which include recruitment, scheduling and training assistants, changing of altar paraments, maintenance of communion ware and the sacristy, and monitoring and ordering supplies. There are currently 8 Altar Guild volunteers who perform the weekly preparation for communion and clean up afterwards. An additional volunteer 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. Since reorganizing after COVID we have continued presenting music to highlight the various seasons of the church year (Advent/Christmas, Lent, Holy Week/Easter) and for various community events like our annual Church Choir Festival. 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 6:30 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” enhance the worship services during the months of September through May. Rehearsals begin in August and are held on Thursday evenings at 5:30 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 mixed generational group of youth and adults. The Large Group Instrumentalists played for 11:00 a.m. Worship approximately every 4-6 weeks, January – May and August – December. We have been blessed with the talents of our youth, adults, and youth outside the church, to enhance our worship services. This year we have had 5 new instrumentalists join us! The Instrumentalists played for The Villas Assisted living center on Jan 8 and Dec 17. The instrumentalists played for the 11 a.m. worship on Feb 12, March 12, April 2 (Palm Sunday), April 9 (Easter Sunday), May 7, June 25, Aug 20, Sept 3, Oct 29 (Reformation Sunday), and Dec 10. They played the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service on Dec 24. Deborah Scarazzo continues to play the liturgy and hymns for the 11:00 a.m. 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**

***Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.***

At the beginning of the year, we reviewed several program options and finally decided on the above verse, Mathew 5:16, for this year's program theme. The team was very excited to move in this direction, as it also coincided with the liturgical cycle of the church year. Our team then developed a design for the bulletin board in the fellowship hall to communicate the program theme and to start members thinking on how to shine their light.

During the Spring season, the team asked all members to complete a new Time & Talent form as a means to emphasize the need to participate in ongoing activities. In April, a Ministry Fair was held with all CTK committees and ministries displaying materials highlighting their programs to provide members with information on all the opportunities available. Thrivent also participated along with the CTK Preschool. Refreshments were provided. We did receive a small number of completed Time and Talent forms which were shared with the Ministries to contact each individual for inclusion.

October was again designated as Stewardship month as we emphasized the need to share the gifts that have been provided by the Grace of God. A ministry minute was provided on the first Sunday of October to kick off the program. Bulletin inserts were included each Sunday in the month. Three congregational members provided personal

messages regarding the shining of their light; two were presented on different Sundays in the month with the third presented in the weekly *The Voice* emails.

Letters with commitment cards were sent to 197 active members. 109 commitment cards were returned with commitments totaling \$ 467,948.

In addition, the committee continued to provide the different messages on Stewardship found in the weekly, *The Voice*, newsletter. The team was fortunate in January to welcome Jim Conner to the team bringing our number to seven.

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

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Jack Schlea  
Chairperson**

## **Property**

The Landscape group, headed by Amy Barish, held workdays in February, April, August and October. During these sessions, tasks were accomplished such as pruning shrubs and trees, planting and fertilizing flowers, and mulching. In February, a major project completed was the construction of a block planting wall around the new digital sign on Bettis-Tribble Gap Rd. New shrubs and grass were planted around the sign. A few volunteers come individually during the week to prune, water, weed and maintain the lovely garden beds around the church.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Barish**

2023 was a productive year for Property Team which handles matters of landscaping and building on the CTK campus. The largest project completed was the sanctuary remodel. Tim Beard and his committee put so much time, work and effort into this project and the results are spectacular! Thanks to all who helped with this huge undertaking.

Midway through the year, Don Curtis assumed the role of team leader for our building and has been busy taking care of maintenance issues that have included plumbing, electrical, etc. In December the original water heater for the kitchen and pre-school had to be replaced along with corroded pipes and valves.

Soon we will start remodeling the two restrooms on the administration wing next to the narthex. We will continue to spruce up and fix up where needed, inside and out. Amy, Don and I appreciate the volunteers who help when needed!

**Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Dorough  
Council Advocate for Property**

## Christian Education

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

- 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.
- Preschool Bible Story & Play – for Children 3 & 4 years old. Bible stories of The Old & New Testament from the curriculum Frolic Preschool by Augsburg Fortress. The class is led by Katie Reilly and meets in the educational building room # 102
- 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: Benita Gibbons, Barbara Johnson, Kim Glover, Laura Drew, Cheryl Milejczak. The class meets in the educational building room # 105
- Pre-Confirmation Class – for students 4th - 6th grade (10-12 yrs. old) The lessons are a study of Old Testament, Advent, and Holy week, The curriculum is Connect-Augsburg Fortress Publishing. Class is currently led by Laura Drew and Deborah Scarazzo. The class meets in the Youth room in the educational building room # 112
- Confirmation Class – students 6th – 8th grade, -led by Pastor Finley class meets in the educational building.
- Adult Sunday School Class in the Adult Classroom in the education building. Attendance has been between 15 - 30.
  - January 8 & 15 - Bible Trivia! –led by Robert Anderson
  - January 29 - The Beatitudes: Matthew 5:1-12 – led by Linda Forbes
  - February 5, 12, and 26, Words of Love: A Healing Journey with the Ten Commandments by Eugenia Anne Gamble –led by Barbara Conners.
  - March 5 - April 23 - Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus, by Amy-Jill Levine - led by Pastor Banitt
  - May 7 - Falling Upward: The Story of Jonah (and Jesus!) – led by Barbara Conner
  - June – July - No Classes -summer Schedule.
  - August 6 – September 24 - Colossians Video Study: One Jesus, One People By: Jay Y. Kim, led by Pastor Banitt.
  - October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Help Is Here, Face the Challenge of Today with the Strength and Hope of the Spirit by: Max Lucado. Class led by Linda Forbes.
  - November 5, 12, 19, "Aesop, Jesus, the Rabbi and Socrates." The class is led by Barbara Conner.
  - December 10, 17. Heaven and Earth Advent and the Incarnation by Will Willimon. The Class was led by Pastor Banitt.

### Additional Education Opportunities

- 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 11-16 attending the class each Tuesday.
- 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 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 in person and for online worship.

- CTK Preschool chapel Tuesday & Wednesday mornings at 10:15 a.m. Preschool chapel materials are based on the Frolic lessons by Augsburg Fortress published for preschool children. Preschool chapel also includes short videos, Bible stories and Christian songs!
- CTK Preschool Christmas Program December 18. The Preschool children sang five Advent/Christmas Songs. I was happy to help with the music for the Preschool Christmas Program. The program was well attended by the Preschool parents.
- Vacation Bible School - June 5th – 8th *Stellar - Shine Jesus Light!* 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 49 students, 10 Youth and about 15 Adult Volunteers! We had an awesome VBS this year with several new families from our Preschool and our Boy Scout Troop 78!
- Confirmation Students – There were no students confirmed this year. Next year, there should be several students confirmed.

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

- Backpacks for Children in Need (The Place) - July 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:35 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **CTK Youth & Children Activities**

- February 5 - Snow Day at Lanier Island 1:30 – 4 p.m.– Youth, Children, and families.
- February 19 Fat Sunday -Youth Service Project - help serve and help with children. Children activities included Mardi Gras Masks, Face Painting, Crafts and the Mardi Gras parade.
- March 26 – Bowling at Stars & Stikes - Youth, Children & Families Fellowship.
- April 9 - Easter Sunday Youth Pancake Breakfast service Project – 9:30 -10:45 a.m. Youth cooked and served 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 9 - Easter Egg Hunt for Children at 10:15 a.m.
- May 21 - Stellar VBS Volunteer (Youth & Adults) meeting at 9:45 am in the Youth room.
- June 5 – 8 - Vacation Bible School – (Youth Served as crew leaders) - VBS Stellar -*Shine Jesus Light!* We had 49 students, 10 Youth and about 15 Adult Volunteers.
- July 16, Sunday Youth Service project - *Backpacks for Forsyth County* for Students In need at 9:30-10:30 a.m. We filled over 30 Backpacks. for Forsyth County Elementary Students In-Need at Sawnee Elementary School.
- July 30, Sunday - Children Fellowship Christmas in July! (K5 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade) from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Movie & Game Day with Lunch and snacks at Christ the King!
- August 20 - Open House at CTK from 8:30 -1:30 p.m.  
Children & Youth enjoyed some awesome fellowship on the Purple Plunge water slide, the Bouncy House, lots of games and great food!
- September 11 - God's Work Our Hands - Youth service Project – 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!
- September 17 - K5 – 6 grade and Youth 7-12 grade to assist with the Carnival games. The fellowship included Games, Crafts, Edible Crafts & More with Lunch at Christ the King.
- October 8 – Youth Fellowship 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade Forsyth Haunted House 6:30 p.m. at the Fair Grounds
- October 21 - Youth Service Project Italian Dinner - Auction - 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.- Youth helped with the silent Auction during the dinner.
- October 22 - Warbington Farms! – Children, Youth, Families 12:30 -2:30 p.m. we had about 30 people attend!
- November 5 – Children Harvest Fellowship at CTK 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – cancelled due to conflicts.
- November 26 –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 3 - 11:45 am – 1p.m. Trim the Family Tree - Fellowship Hall Children & Youth with lunch, Christmas music, Christmas treats, Snowball fight! (Children made cards during 9:45 class for the CTK Homebound).
- December 3 - Ice Skating Fellowship at 1:30 -3:30 for Youth, Children & Families of CTK at *The Ice* in Cumming, We had 27 ice skate and another 15 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, *Hear the Good News!* 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 2023 were Jamie Baker, Dixie Banitt, Tim Beard, Jodi Bond, Peter Bond, Sally Campbell, Steve Campbell, Donna Dixon, Paula Dorough, Neil Koepke, Lu Leeds, Jim Leeds, Joe Lambert, Carol Mahle, Mike Myers, Randi Rogers, Judy Southern, June Wolsin, and Bob Wolsin.

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

**Ministry of the Month:** For 2023 Outreach continued the “Ministry of the Month” program by advertising in church communications. This program raises awareness in our congregation about local ministries. The ministries were as follows,

January	None
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	The Place
December	Angels over Forsyth

In 2023, Christ the King aided those in need through the following:

**Hotline:** Christ the King helps local people with temporary needs such as power and gas bills, and rental payments. The Hotline was suspended 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. Christ the King responded to two Hotline calls during 2023 for a total of \$187.

**Gift Cards:** Kroger can no longer control the items purchased with their gift cards. Therefore, Outreach discontinued purchasing the Kroger cards and started purchasing \$25 Walmart gas cards which cannot be used to purchase alcohol or tobacco products. The church office provides the cards to people in need after some internal vetting. During 2023 Christ the King provided four such cards.

**Food Pantry at The Place:** Starting in June 2016, Christ the King began providing food items requested by The Place for distribution to needy people in the community. The needed items change each month. The bins for the food items are in the narthex.

**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 one or two extra items such as canned fruits and vegetables each time they grocery shop and put those items in the orange bag. Food for Thought volunteers pick up the bags from 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).

**Community Lunch:** The Place suspended this program in 2021 due to Covid. They have since modified the program to a “To-Go Box” format. Outreach will find out how to serve this new modified program during 2024.

**Music4Chief:** This is a ministry that provides music lessons, instruments, summer camp experiences, and marching band fees to students who cannot afford such items. In April, Outreach donated a \$1,300 scholarship to Music4Chief.

**Tornado Relief:** In April, Christ the King donated \$2,000 to Lutheran Disaster Response for tornado relief. Thrivent added \$1,000 to bring the total to \$3,000.

**Family Promise:** This nationwide ministry supports families that have lost the ability to sufficiently provide for themselves. Christ the King hosted the Family Promise families for the weeks starting on June 25, July 2, September 24, and December 24. In May, Outreach donated \$1,000 to help fund a replacement truck for moving beds and other necessary items from church to church.

**Jesse’s House:** This is a ministry that supports young ladies who need shelter, rehabilitation, and counseling as they try to re-assimilate into society from broken homes, abuse situations, and homelessness. In June Outreach provided \$1,200 in college scholarships to two Jesse’s House graduates.

**Maui Fires Relief:** In September, Christ the King contributed \$2,000 to this relief effort. Thrivent added \$1,000 to bring the total to \$3,000.

**Italian Dinner and Auction:** In October, Outreach held an Italian Dinner along with a silent auction and a live auction 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, \$9,300, were augmented by a \$2,000 donation and a \$700 contribution from Pastor Finley. The total, (\$12,000), was divided equally between Family Promise and Team River Runner.

**Coat Drive:** In November, Christ the King contributed 89 coats to the annual county-wide coat drive conducted by The Place.

**Angel Tree:** Through Angels Over Forsyth, a county-wide ministry that supports CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) children through sponsors such as Christ the King. In 2023 our congregation gave three clothing gifts each to 70 children. The total value of these gifts was approximately \$5,000. Donations to the Cash Angel Tree totaled \$1,600 which Outreach will use to support the community in 2023.

**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 defray costs.

**2024 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 always look for opportunities to participate with other agencies to explore solutions to hunger and homelessness 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 our fellowship team consists of 20 members. We are excited to have 8 new members Joni & Don Curtis, Sandy & Bob Rose, Sheilia & Sam Moss, Karen Torgersen and Ann Howard with 12 returning members Robert Anderson, Sally Campbell, Peachie Cline, Rebecca Deardorff, Darlene Gordon, Mary Koegler, Lu Leeds, Sue & John Macisak, Carol Mahle, Sigrid Myers, and Betty Young. 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 has had a busy year. We are excited to have wonderful participation from members at the fellowship hour. We have purchased four new Coffee Carafe Dispensers; two of our dispensers were broken and we needed two more to facilitate having more coffee/tea at our coffee hour. I would also like to thank Ann Howard who has volunteered in taking our tablecloths home each week to clean. 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,  
June Wolsin  
Committee Chairperson**

## **BSA Troop 78 / 5078**

Scouting is alive and well at Christ the King Lutheran Church! 2023 was a great year for Troop 78 and 5078. Here are few of the highlights:

- 72 registered youth between the two units (46 youth in Troop 78, 26 youth in Troop 5078)
- 2 scouts were provided camp scholarships to attend summer camp
- Camped in five different states
- Offered a total of 48 camping nights to the scouts
- Held 43 weekly meetings
- 12 Board of Review Nights for scout's advancement
- Hiked/backpacked over 60 miles
- Paddled 16 miles
- 6 scouts participated in National High Adventure Programs
- 117 merit badges were earned
- 32 rank advancements
- 31 scouts have taken Introduction to Leadership Skills course
- 6 scouts participated in National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)- a weeklong course (total of 16 NYLT-trained youth leadership)
- 1 scout worked on staff at National Advanced Youth Leadership Training (NAYLE) at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico
- Multiple scouts served on Camp Rainey Mountain's camp staff for 8 weeks total
- Thousands of dollars were raised through popcorn sales, fair parking, camp cards, Four Scythes Haunted House set up and take down, and the Optimist Club flag posting fundraisers for the troop and for the individual scout accounts
- 6 Scouts participated in the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea
- Acquired 2 GPS emergency transponders for back country outings.
- Acquired and upgraded a 2nd trailer
- Camping gear and equipment sign out pool created for current and future use.
- Both Scoutmasters and five other adult are Wood Badge trained, one asked to staff the national Wood Badge Course in January 2024 at the Summitt Bechtel Reserve in WV (SB-24-1).
- Established guidance and planning for new Cub Pack 78
- Planned and funded Alaska trip for our summer camp 2024

We are so thankful for the support from Christ the King! We could not accomplish all of this without our awesome Charter Organization!

**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 hosted Fat Sunday (Sunday before Lent). One service was held at 10:00 a.m. with a lunch following.

Events may be expanded by requests from the pastor or church council. Purchases of food and supplies for Hospitality are charged against the approved ministry spending plan, amended annually. Spending for food for 2023 totaled approximately \$707.00 with a budget of \$1575.00.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Lou Ann Peery  
Hospitality Ministry Lead**

## **Christ the King Preschool**

The CTK Preschool's mission is to provide a quality educational experience in a warm and loving Christian environment. We strive to create an experience that guides children through various stages of growth all the while respecting each as having their own developmental path.

We understand this is the first opportunity for many children to build social and academic confidence in a structured, learning environment. We focus on a balanced curriculum of age-appropriate lessons and skill building.

Each child is given the opportunity to grow at his or her own pace with praise and encouragement. Currently, the preschool student body represents seven different countries. We pride ourselves on meeting our families where they are. Through our ministry we focus on the specialized needs of each family and approach them with love and respect.

2023-2024 has been one of tremendous growth. We have 84 students enrolled in our program and 14 teachers. We have been able to open a Mothers Morning Out program two days a week and have an additional three-year-old classroom. Our staff continue to work together collaboratively to build our curriculum standard, grow parent relationships and plant the seed of the love of Christ in our students. Staff attend regular professional development classes to stay up to date on development standards.

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year will begin the week of January 16<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to not only bring new families to our program, but also retain the current ones.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Moorman, 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 Circle:** 2023 was a quiet but productive year for the Lydia Circle. On average, we have a circle of 8 - 10 women meeting weekly. We continue to work on prayer shawls, but we make stocking caps and scarves for the homeless in time for the winter season. This past summer we added another item to our collection. It's called a twiddle muff. Dementia/Alzheimer patients can use up some of their extra energy with these. Any CTK woman, as well as a friend or two, is welcome to join us on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the music room at CTK.

**Cookie Sale,** led by Erin Ciccone and Jessica Younghouse. The Cookie Sale continues to be the only fundraising event for WELCA and allows the group to be self-sustaining. Cookies were baked by approximately fifty bakers, contributing over 600 dozen cookies as well as the addition of handmade cards, ornaments and other items generously donated for sale by various members of the church. We also had a contribution of one of the quilts made by our Pieces for Christ leader which sold for a substantial amount. Our 2022 cookie sale was our best ever with just over \$2,000 profit. However, 2023 set a new goal raising over \$2,900.

**Pieces for Christ - Quilting Circle,** led by Cathie Gibbons: Every year this group not only grows in the number of members, but in the number of quilts sent to the in-gathering in Lilburn. At this year's WELCA Convention, I discovered that in 2022, CTK Quilters had the highest number of quilts donated to Lutheran Services in the Southern District of WELCA. In 2023, they outdid everyone once again by completing and shipping **600 quilts**. Members of the circle work at home along with monthly quilting at church. There continues to be a need, however, for donations of fabric and backings. Financial donations also help cover the cost of batting, for which we are also extremely appreciative.

**WELCA Retreat** – with the loss of our Retreat Leader, Barbara Ayres, this circle has had to disband. In 2022, WELCA did hold a luncheon for members and will be doing so again in 2024. It is greatly hoped that we will also have a “retreat leader” at the luncheon to hold a small retreat type gathering as well as a craft time for all attendees.

Finally, as part of our **Mission of Service**, WELCA provides Portals of Prayer quarterly to all members. The biggest hurdle for the WELCA Ministry is leaders. As of now, there are circle leaders but only one officer, and that's a heavy workload for one person. 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, 2023 – December 31, 2023**

**General Fund Income Offering:**

100	General Fund	\$481,651.09
105	General Fund - Loose Change	<u>3,172.00</u>
	Sub-Total	<u>\$484,823.09</u>

**Other General Fund Income:**

170	Contribution Toward Utilities	2,325.00
185	Refunds & Reimbursements	<u>7,122.81</u>
	Sub-Total	<u>\$ 9,447.81</u>

Total General Fund Income	<b><u>\$494,270.90</u></b>
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**Special Funds Income:**

701	Caring Team	1,100.00
704	Kitchen/Hospitality	1,669.39
706	Outreach	13,358.27
707	Capital Reserve Fund	1,300.00
712	Cash Reserve Funds	101,292.48
801	Advent	545.00
804	Vision 2020 Fund	100.00
807	Lent	3,430.00
808	Pastor/Staff gifts	5,270.00
810	Family Promise	503.00
811	Evangelism	2,555.00
813	Flowers	3,210.00
816	WELCA	3,713.50
826	11 AM Music	1,400.00
828	Youth Group	6,122.43
834	Vacation Bible School	1,385.00
836	Pastor's Discretionary Fund	11,081.00
842	Hope Fund	12,237.00
903	Debt Reduction	26,198.67
906	Interest Income	14,777.04
908	Memorials - No Tags	1,230.00
912	Memorials – Tagged	<u>345.00</u>

Total Special Funds Income	<b><u>\$212,822.78</u></b>
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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$707,093.68</u></b>
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**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Jan Grimshaw, Financial Secretary**

**Christ the King Lutheran Church of Cumming, Georgia, Inc.**

**Budgeted Expenses**

**January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023**

<b><u>Ministry Name</u></b>	<b><u>2023 Budget</u></b>	<b><u>2023 Actual Expenditures</u></b>
Parish Administration	\$ 21,040.00	\$ 20,805.43
Finance	59,458.00	63,684.11
Council	200.00	174.95
Christian Education	6,750.00	5,647.69
Mortgage	36,033.00	36,033.00
Benevolence	20,000.00	20,000.00
Called Staff Pay & Exp	153,455.00	149,916.33
Outreach	9,000.00	9,100.00
Property	45,124.00	39,713.34
Worship & Music	6,075.00	4,151.98
Youth / Youth Learning	1,550.00	1,331.32
Staff Payroll	208,211.00	197,909.65
Hospitality	1,575.00	707.29
Adult Education	200.00	201.74
WELCA	<u>650.00</u>	<u>650.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 569,321.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 550,026.83</u></b>

**Christ the King Lutheran Church of Cumming, Georgia, Inc.  
Long Term Liabilities as of December 31, 2023**

**Pinnacle Bank  
Mortgage**

Beginning Mortgage Balance January 1, 2022                      \$ 440,049.84

Principal Reductions

With mortgage payment	18,699.47
Through Scrip Program	4,000.00
Directed by Contributor	<u>22,198.67</u>
Total Principal Reduction	44,898.14

Ending Mortgage Balance December 31, 2023                      \$ 395,151.70

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 10 through 21 paid in 2023

**Wells Fargo Leasing  
Copier Leases**

1 Konica Minolta C458 Color Copier (Church machine)

Origination Date: February 24, 2022

Terms: 48 month lease with a monthly payment of \$144.83 with taxes.

Purchase Option: Fair Market Value to be determined at the end of the lease

Payments: Payments 11 – 22 paid in 2023

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: No payments made in 2023

\*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.**  
**Vision 2020 Appeal**  
**Three year appeal (Jan. 2018 to Dec. 2020)**

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2018 **\$ 79,986.25**

**INCOME FOR 2018 to 2023**

Contributions 2018	\$100,886.04
Interest Earned 2018	1,066.32
Contributions 2019	115,461.10
Interest Earned 2019	1,590.16
Contributions 2020	61,597.64
Interest Earned 2020	1023.48
Contributions 2021	1055.00
Interest Earned 2021	183.10
Contributions 2022	700.00
Interest Earned 2022	18.78
Contributions 2023	100.00

**TOTAL INCOME 2018-2023      \$283,681.62**

**TOTAL RECEIPTS      \$ 363,667.87**

**ACTUALLY EXPENSED 2018 TO 2023**

**Pastor package transfer to general fund** \$ 120,000.00

**Capital Improvements**

Parking Lot Repairs	17,583.60
Repave portions of the parking lot	19,000.00
Window repairs for 22 windows (partial)	12,846.00
Painting the Sanctuary	3,250.00
Carpet for carpet for FH	13,210.77
Retention Pond & Tree Removal	18,820.00
Audio/Visual in Fellowship Hall	5,209.90
Paint Exterior/Powerwash	11,425.00
Sanctuary Renovations	59,747.73

**Program Enhancements**

Evangelism "Hello Neighbors" Program	7,200.00
Evangelism Sunshine Ministry	500.00
Orchestra stands and piano repairs	1,387.39
Financial Peace Univ. starter kits	1,189.00
Storage cabinets for youth room	1,759.44
Augment non-called staff salaries	5,868.00
W & M Livestream Service Upgrades	7,154.35
Open House Aug 2023 Expenses	4,681.20
Preschool furniture and upgrades	9,298.03
Youth room equipment & upgrades	1,336.95
New Name Tags & Holder	2,835.67
New Computers & Equipment	9,760.00

**TOTAL Expenses 2018-2023      \$ 334,063.03**

**Balance in Fund on December 31, 2023      \$ 29,604.84**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Voerg, Treasurer

**Christ the King Lutheran Church of Cumming, Georgia, Inc.**  
**Special Fund Balances**  
**as of December 31, 2023**

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

<u>FUND</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
701 Caring Team	\$ 2,036.70
703 Sunday School Ministries	4,744.86
704 Kitchen/Hospitality	1,616.52
706 Outreach	6,839.79
707 Capital Reserve Fund	29,045.46
708 Scrip Account	6,459.47
710 Projects Fund	251,781.99
711 Praise Band	1,719.99
712 Cash Reserve Funds	177,260.26
801 Advent	545.00
802 Financial Peace University	958.00
804 Vision 2020	29,604.84
808 Staff Gifts	250.00
810 Family Promise	1,335.12
811 Evangelism	2,345.67
812 Pastor Continuing Education	6,002.20
813 Altar Flowers	931.15
815 Benevolence	15,000.00
816 WELCA	15,203.19
817 Review/Audit Funds	5,100.00
826 11:00 AM Music	1,400.00
828 Youth Group	13,526.85
836 Pastor's Discretionary Fund	5,041.57
842 Hope Fund	1,874.00
901 Library	1,036.92
902 Choir Festival	153.25
903 Debt Reduction	50.00
906 Interest	14,777.04
908 Memorials - No Tags	7,175.01
912 Memorials - Tagged	20,549.42
913 Wedding	<u>50.00</u>

<b>Total Special Funds</b>	<b><u>\$ 624,414.27</u></b>
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Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Voerg, Treasurer

# **Membership Summary for 2023** **December 31, 2023**

		<u><b>CONFIRMED</b></u>	<u><b>NON-CONFIRMED</b></u>
Added:	Baptisms	2	12
	Affirmation	4	0
	Confirmation Class	0	0
	Reinstated	4	0
	New Member Transfers	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	20	14
Removed:	Transfer	9	0
	Inactive	13	2
	Resignation	3	0
	Deceased	7	0
	Confirmation Class	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	32	2

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>12/21</u>	<u>12/22</u>	<u>12/23</u>
Confirmed	129	230	354	465	504	478	371	371	354	342
Non-Confirmed	62	70	134	158	153	89	35	36	37	49
Associates	<u>1</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	192	300	488	625	658	568	406	408	391	391
<b>HOUSEHOLDS</b>		123	193	261	279	253	200	206	205	201