

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2018

Membership Roll:

Present: Carol White, Barb Hamann, Sue Ettmayer, Andy Justman, LeeAnn Quinlan, Mike Hase, Shari Showers, Kirk Carlson, Jon Kilmer, Jan Guetzke, Bob Wierichs, and Pastor Jordan

Carol called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm in the Great Hall.

Opening Prayer/Refreshments: Amy Bonesho

Motion to accept meeting agenda. Motion by Shari and seconded by Jon. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the August, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes moved by Amy and seconded by Barb. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports:

President Carol White

Thanks to Andy for taking over for Rally Day

Vice President Andy Justman

Walkthrough Tuesday on safety. Thanks for all the helpers on Rally Day. Auto door openers were installed. Kirk put Exit lights back up.

Pastor Pastor Jordan

14 Kids have enrolled in Discipleship Training.

Treasurer's Report Mike Hase

Still money for trees and landscaping in the parking lot project. General donations are down for August. The church deficit widened to approximately \$33,000. Attendance was down in August also. Mike distributed a policy handout for usage of credit cards for church expenses. The main request is that an 8 ½ by 11" sheet of paper and a receipt be attached for reimbursement submittal.

Barb displayed spreadsheet of church expenses on the wall. She explained it's layout. "G & A" means General and Administrative or operating expenses of the church. She suggested that you start at the bottom number for a particular column and then go back up to investigate the details for it. "Designated Cash" is for future bills.

Mike added that our expenses are below the 2018 budget.

Motion to approve the Executive Reports moved by Kirk and seconded by Sue. Motion carried.

Council Reports:

Education - Amy

We have 2 individuals, Elizabeth Mantee and Barb Hamann, who have volunteered for the Sunday School superintendent position.

Membership - Jan

John Guetzke and Bev Waltz are working on the proposed neighborhood program. There will be packets for handing out to new residents.

Property & Grounds – Kirk

Working on clean up with parking lot, the rain gutters, etc. P & D damaged some of the gutters and now getting estimates to help realign the gutter. Downspouts to be added.

Community Outreach – Barb

New member welcome kits will include products from Franciscan partners. Plan on serving less “junk” food when hosting Family Promise. She described the movie “Milwaukee 53206” that was shown at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. The ELCA synod backed it and asked every congregation to look into it. Barb said she would share the link so that council members can watch it. Andy suggested everyone to view it and touch base again in October.

Stewardship – Jon

There are various stewardship forums coming up this fall.

Motion to accept the reports and approve the actions of the Committees moved by Jon and seconded by Mike. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rally Day Sue Ettmayer

There were approximately 165 people in attendance for Rally Day. Barb was able to use some leftover desserts from Outreach for Hope event.

Second Service Carol White

What would a second service look like? Pastor talked about a family who sent a letter requesting a later church service. He suggested adding a small group worship experience. However, we don't want to change our existing service on Sunday. Pastor continued to explain the experience. Worship and Music will bring up topic. Perhaps we can start this on November 1st. What about music during this service? Carol will talk to Meredy about contract information relating to Mark's position.

Motion that council has agreed to move forward with the small group worship experience with what is recommended from Worship & Music committee. Motion made by Andy and seconded by Shari.

Budget Council

Mike H. and Bob W. will work on next year's budget. Carol said that it will be: “This is what we're able to do based on last year.” Mike said that P & L items can be excluded. The conversation will start at the next Executive Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Member Survey-2017 Carol

Results were never published. Is the data still current and relevant? Slides are vague. Should we table it? We don't know the survey size. Was it 47 people total? If so, survey size is not representative. Due to the fact that it's significantly dated and such a small sample size, council agreed that we will not pursue.

Nominating Committee Andy

If you have any suggestions for members that are not on council, please let Andy know. Please ask around.

From Surviving to Thriving book Barb

So far, Sue and Carol have read it. Both thought it was good. Carol also recommended Not Your Parent's Offering Plate book.

Pastor wanted to let everyone know that the bishop is coming to CTK on October 30. You can register on-line if you want to attend.

Stewardship Jon

Jon handed out the "Give+Text" packet information to everyone. Discussion.

Motion by Jon to accept and utilize the Give+Text program with a \$5.00/monthly fee. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

Motion for Adjournment seconded by Shari. Council

Closing Prayer – Lord's prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

LeeAnn Quinlan
Council Secretary

October meeting devotion and refreshments: Andy Justman

REPORTS TO FOLLOW

CTK President Report September 2018

I have met with various members of the congregation on a variety of topics.

Thank you to everyone that played a part in making Rally Day a huge success. I am sorry I was not able to be there, but heard great things. Thank you!!!

Due to a family medical emergency I was called out of town and not able to attend the September exec committee meeting. A special thank you to Andy for stepping in to cover at this meeting and for all his work on Rally Day as well.

Submitted by: Carol White

**Christ The King Lutheran Church
Vice President's Report
September 2018**

- **Rally Day:** What a great day for CTK. Thanks to all committees for the great presentation of tailgate booths. Also, thanks to all who assisted with set-up and tear-down activities.
- **Automatic Door Openers:** Installation was completed Wednesday August 15, 2018 and Thursday August 16, 2018. Door openers are all operable. A few cosmetic touches still need to be completed now that the openers are installed. Thank you to Paul Neumiller for being on-site for the coordination of contractors and installation process.
- **Life Safety:** Attended a Safety Training Workshop Session held by the City of Delafield Police Department on Thursday July 19, 2018. Churches in the City of Delafield were invited to participate. A walk-thru at CTK with City of Delafield Police Department Chaplain is now scheduled for Thursday September 13, 2018 at 6:00pm. We will be reviewing the building as well as property.

Submitted by Andy Justman

Treasurer's Summary of Financial Activity, August 2018

Parking Lot Financials

In August we received and paid the second bill from Payne & Dolan for the remainder of the contracted parking lot work. There is a \$5,000 retainage payable in 90 days provided no defects are found. The balance of the funds will be used for planting, landscaping and an arborist.

Parking Lot Cost	
Funding Approved by Council March 13, 2018	\$367,900

Additional Expenses approved by the Council 6/12/18	\$43,165
Total Funds Approved by the Council	\$411,065

Parking Lot Contributions	
Parking Lot Fund 12/31/17	\$341,892
2018 Contributions through 6/30/18	\$67,592
Outstanding Pledges	\$5,000
New Pledges	\$0
Potential Funds Available	\$414,484

CTK Cash Availability	
QBO WSB 2507 BAL AS OF 9/3/2018	\$212,743
Parking Lot Cost	\$411,065
Expenses paid as of 8/31/2018	\$388,708
Working Capital Post Parking Lot	\$190,386
*assumes all reserved funds are part of working capital	

Unrestricted Giving

August has historically been a slow month for unrestricted giving and August 2018 was no exception. Year to date we are slightly ahead of 2015.

Month	Year				% OF ANNUAL TOTAL
	2015	2016	2017	2018	
Jan	\$30,821	\$32,123	\$32,424	\$31,169	7.9%

Feb	\$25,616	\$26,564	\$21,298	\$25,537	6.1%
Mar	\$28,287	\$37,055	\$42,849	\$30,109	9.0%
Apr	\$33,002	\$31,188	\$31,908	\$42,207	8.0%
May	\$28,637	\$45,583	\$27,402	\$24,101	8.5%
Jun	\$26,249	\$22,477	\$21,496	\$31,481	5.9%
Jul	\$27,956	\$30,091	\$26,426	\$45,168	7.0%
Aug	\$28,385	\$25,859	\$32,794	\$27,314	7.3%
Sep	\$30,103	\$31,707	\$22,799		7.0%
Oct	\$40,442	\$35,500	\$30,324		8.9%
Nov	\$44,168	\$27,269	\$36,321		9.0%
Dec	\$57,325	\$61,590	\$66,106		15.4%
Total	\$400,990	\$407,006	\$392,146	\$257,086	
YTD	\$228,952	\$250,940	\$236,597	\$229,772	

General and Administrative Income and Expense

Our deficit for operating expenses increased in August. We are still making adjusts to accounts as the more is learned about the financial system. With the new parking lot there is an opportunity to review our snow plowing expense. Bids will be sent to several local vendors to solicit bids.

The budget process is just beginning. This year we will estimate unrestricted giving as well as compare expenses over prior years. With accounting system enhancements, we will be able to separate operating expenses and budget specifically for them. Our cash reserves are strong but additional deficit spending will continue to erode them.

July Year to Date Unrestricted Income and G&A Expenses	
Unrestricted Contributions	\$269,657
General and Administrative Expense	\$303,065
GAIN (LOSS)	(\$33,408)

Attendance

Attendance was down significantly in August compared to July. This was driven partly by an extra Sunday in July.

Row Labels	2016	2017	2018
1	778	709	502
2	553	772	657
3	823	934	586
4	702	1132	883
5	837	654	577
6	525	636	517
7	603	579	611
8	477	579	497
Grand Total	5298	5995	4830

Submitted by Mike Hase, Treasurer

Community Outreach Meeting Minutes – August 30, 2018

Opening reflection- Sylvia shared a passage called “Lifting up each other” from the book God’s Best for my Life by Lloyd Ogilvie.

Rally Day Sept. 9th

- Tri-fold poster on Community Outreach activities was updated and will be ready for use that day.
- Barb H. will park her husband’s car in the south lot to be used as our hub to talk about Community Outreach and to sell Franciscan Peacemaker products.
- We will also have a game, but all games will be together on the far end of the parking lot.

Family Promise

- Jenni and Vicki reported that the week of 8/12-8/19 went well.
- We will look at providing less junk food and more healthy items for lunches (fruit, hard boiled eggs, raisins)
- We will provide no small individual bags of things like chips, cookies.
- Juice boxes will be offered just for packing lunches.
- Jenni will send out a survey to get more volunteers.
- Our next week to host is 11/11-11/18
- The sign-up genius for that week will come out in Sept.

- Former participants in the program are now coming to help out during host weeks to show that the program does work.
- Our 2019 host weeks are:
 1. Feb. 3-10
 2. May 12-19
 3. ~~Aug. 4-11~~ Update as of 9/10/18: 9/8/19 to 9/15/19
 4. Nov. 3-10
- The alumni event on 8/25 was held at Martin Luther in Oconomowoc. Suggestions for next time include having age appropriate things for the kids to do, have a person from Family Promise organize the children's portion of the event, possibly hold the event at CTK.
- Lake Country Universalist Church needs help the week of 9-2-9-8
- Supplies are still needed-see bulletin insert
- An Eagle Scout that meets at CTK is proposing a project to fill 50 kits with items to give to alumni moving out of the program. Watch for further info. in the bulletin.

Reformation

- The Neighborhood store hopes to open soon and needs a lot of items. Check bulletin.
- The Partner Council meets 9/22 from 9-11a.m. The committee agreed that we should ask Voskuil's to represent CTK on the Partner Council.
- Sonshine gift bags- Pam will put together a gift bag from the Dollar Store to show the congregation as an example. It will include a toothbrush, toothpaste and shampoo.
- We are waiting to hear from Marge concerning which Sun. CTK will visit for potluck and service. It will not be the 1st Sun. of the month

Sunday School help- We are still in need of teachers at all ages. We need 3 adults per Sunday and you would only have to teach once a month. Update as of 9/6/18: Marge called and suggested 11/11/18, but that is our Veteran's Day celebration and Donna Finch often needs our help. Marge was also hoping that Donna and George would come when we have the potluck. Marge and Barb decided that it will be best to wait until early Spring since the weather is too unpredictable during winter.

Food Pantry needs-

- Items are taken to All Saints in Wales
- We need to promote this by sharing stats to the congregation on how many are served
- Pam will give a list of items needed to Jill to put in the bulletin

Milwaukee 53206- The church council will decide if our church will show it, will it just be our church or others invited, adult forum after church or at night. Committee suggest 10/21 as that is a Packer bye week.

Human Trafficking

- Youth Committee meeting was held on 7/24 at St. John's United Church of Christ in Merton. Posters were distributed to put in libraries. We will share some of these on Rally Day
- FCAST of Waukesha County met 8/9 at St. John's United Church of Christ in Merton.

- A Waukesha County Steering Group has been formed to address these aspects of human trafficking
 1. Court system
 2. Prevention
 3. Treatment & support
 4. Current laws
- The next meeting is Sept 12th at 10:00. It will be held at either CTK or Delafield Presbyterian Church.

Serenity Inn-

- They have hired an assistant for the office
- 2 people have graduated
- Sept 15th members will cook for the volunteers

There will be no Senior Luncheon in Oct. The next senior luncheon will probably be next spring.

Next Community Outreach meeting is Thurs. Sept 13th at ~~7:00~~ (Revised to 6PM on 9/10/18)

Minutes prepared by Ellen Dowd. Updates on 9/10/18 by Barb Hamann.

Respectfully submitted to Church Council, Barb Hamann, Team Leader of Community Outreach 9/10/18

Education Committee
September 5, 2018

In attendance: Toni Palmer, Sherie Trafton, Amy Bonesho, Mary Hollister, Pastor Jordan

Sunday School:

Barb Hamann and Elizabeth Mantey will be working with Amy on the Sunday School Superintended role. The three will take turns managing Sunday mornings and working together on other projects. Elizabeth will begin working on a bulletin board and an online training guide for the teachers. Barb had a great idea to take pictures of the children on the first day of Sunday School and use it as a directory. The Education Committee is very grateful and looking forward to working with Barb and Elizabeth.

Sunday School teacher training is scheduled for 9/13. Currently, we have 13 people offering to teach.

Online registration is active. To date, 12 children are registered.

We discussed Bible Sunday, 9/23. Pastor Jordan will order Bibles for the 3 year-olds and 3rd graders. Discipleship Training Students will also receive Bibles. Pastor Jordan has already ordered these. The Bibles will be presented during the church service on the 23rd.

Teacher installation is also on 9/23. This also includes teachers from All God's Children. Amy informed Laurie Wilson of the date.

Rally Day:

The Education Committee had a nice turn out on Rally Day. Sherie, Toni, Elizabeth and Amy were able to talk with some Sunday School families. This resulted in a few more children signing up and another person offering to help teach.

Other:

We talked about the Christmas pageant and the possibility of having Mark work with the children on songs. Pastor Jordan will discuss this with Mark.

Briefly talked about VBS. We will be looking at curriculum at the committee meeting in October.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Bonesho

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2018 at church

Attending were: Jan Guetzke, Chairman
Bill Myers, Jeri Bonadurer, Donna Finch, Pam Behrend, John Guetzke
Excused: Toni Schnorr and Kirk Carlson
Guest: Bev Waltz, who agreed to join our committee
Jan opened with a prayer at 6:05

CTK MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Donna talked to Carol White about our committee's suggestion on how to best use the results of the survey. Carol will present it at the next council meeting.

NEW NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

John discussed the new neighbor program and the 5 points that needed to be accomplished. Bev Waltz has agreed to be in charge of the new neighbor leaders. It was suggested the new neighbor leaders start out with contacting the 99 families who attended VBS.

WELCOME BEFORE SERVICE

Donna will continue to be in charge of getting someone to do the announcement. It was suggested we investigate ways this could be done using our video system.

Such as having a person welcome visiting families and introduce a short video.

WELCOME BANNER AND CENTER

We decided on a banner and Jan will order it. We discussed a new area for the welcome center. It was decided it should be in the most visible area possible.

VISITOR FOLLOW UP

Jeri volunteered to help Donna with this project.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION, RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS AND NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Pam will continue to do the reception organizing.

Donna explained what the new member orientation entailed. It is done in the spring and fall presently.

It was also discussed having Pastor follow up with a visit to the new members on a one to one visit. Donna will explain her flow chart on new member orientation to Jan so she can follow through with this project.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Jill will update the existing directory and include the names and pictures of our new members. She will begin work on it the last week of August.

It was suggested the new neighbor leaders pass them out to the members in their area.

COFFEE HOUR

It was suggested to include a request for volunteers on our video screen. It was also suggested the volunteers could cut up bakery and arrange it on platters on

Sat if they desired. Donna mentioned that Panera is cutting back on their bakery donation so we may have to do some baking.

It was also noted we do have a nucleus of volunteers who will help.

Pam created a signup sheet for volunteers for coffee hour. Jeri is the first to sign up. Thank you Jeri. Bev Waltz and Sue Braunschweig offered to do a month also.

Thank you Bev and Sue.

FUTURE MEETINGS

We decided on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00. Pam volunteered her pontoon boat for the Sept 11 meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Jan Guetzke

September 2018 Youth Report

We did not meet this month.

I handed out a list, that Michelle and Jill created (it was awesome) of the events through January, to all the youth that attended Rally day.

Sincerely,
Shari Showers
Youth Committee Member

STEWARDSHIP REPORT SEPTEMBER, 2018

Members of the Stewardship Committee met on August 20, 2018. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 17, 2018, at 11:00 AM.

1. Stewardship Goals were discussed (stated below)
2. Persons to video for stories and thoughts regarding their Stewardship were selected for contacting. The short videos are planned to be shown in November, 2018.

Char will prepare and disseminate a lead-in question to prepare the Interviewee in advance.

3. We discussed financial forums being planned for 10/21, 11/18 & 12/2 (pledge Sunday). The 10/21 date has been booked with a tax professional attorney. The actual topic/s to be presented will be decided upon at the next committee mtg. The local ELCA Foundation representative will be attending our September mtg. I have also discussed retirement planning with our local Thrivent office (Tom Massnick)

4. We discussed Vanco's GivePlus Text App, and reviewed Vanco's service fees. The Text feature will be presented to council for approval. (Cost \$5.00/month)

5. Discussed Thank-you statements and letters for Parking Lot Express.

6. A September Stewardship Moment will be given centering on online electronic giving.

GOALS:

- 1. Nourish a greater awareness of how generosity within the church membership is a form of worshipping in our everyday walk in faith.**
- 2. Assist church membership in becoming better stewards of their financial resources through educational seminars and encouragement.**
- 3. Fully achieve 100% of CTK's 2018 cash operating expense via general fund giving.**
- 4. Achieve pledges from 70% of CTK's church member units currently receiving statements.**
- 5. Significantly increase pledges for 2019.**
- 6. Increase electronic giving.**

7. Provide educational seminars periodically on financial management.

8. Improve communications regarding CTK Stewardship.

Jon Kilmer, Stewardship Chair

Pastor's Report

September 2018

We are Followers of Jesus gathered at the table, to worship, grow and serve.

Worship

Inviting Others

August and September are common times for Families to think about becoming more engaged in worship and education programs in the church. Please reach out to neighbors, family and friends and invite them to join you for worship, to consider Discipleship Training or Sunday School, to attend special events at the church. Remember, people aren't seeking out churches. However, they respond to invitations. So, please reach out and invite people into our community.

Each of you have the connections to do this important ministry with authenticity. My connections in the community are with those who are members of this and other churches. If we are to grow, we need to continue to cultivate a culture of invitation. If we find ourselves using the words like "attracting," as in "we plan to attract visitors," we are living in the past, when people were attracted to church based on programs and other offerings. That model has proven to be outdated. Today, churches grow through personal invitations from friends who love Christ and are excited to introduce their friends to their worshipping communities. When I've visited with families leaving CTK, they have regularly said, "We are going to XXX Church, a friend invited us..."

Advocating for Two Services

At the prompting of a couple families and a few others in our congregation, I am continuing my call to return to two services. I raised this call from the point of view of numerical needs in January. I believe the need continues to be present if we are to become a growing congregation. Further, I am convinced that if we want to grow, we need to begin the work of establishing a second service.

Last week, I spoke at our Executive Committee meeting of another family requesting a second service – The Bertsch family is that family. You may recall that they have Cal, who is autistic. They struggle to get here at 9:00 – but want to be part of our community. I received the email below from them, today, requesting such a service. I visited with the Darin and Shannon over beer one evening, last week. We spoke at length about worship time (and their concern about how Cal is received by the congregation.)

Hello PJ, School has started again and that means that Sunday school will be starting back up and we once again will be regularly attending the Sunday mass. I was wondering if anyone has ever considered adding a 2nd, later, service. Living in Waukesha it can be challenging on Sunday

mornings to get up and get out the door to make it on time for the 9am service. Regards, Darin Bertsch

Again, I have my eye on two important goals when advocating for a second service. 1) to care for people within the congregation for whom 9:00 is too early; and 2) to position the congregation for growth. About the second focus of this advocacy: The logic I advocated for not eliminating this two years ago was this: A business selling widgets decreases the number of widgets it sells when it cuts the selling time for widgets. Two years ago, we cut by half the time available to “sell our widgets.” (Of course, this metaphor has limits: we don’t sell a product, but we offer an important service.) Leadership decided to cut a service regularly attended by 65 or more participants. It was easy for those who didn’t like that service to cut it because they didn’t attend it. Its elimination didn’t impact them.

We have strong children, youth and adult education ministries. Our musical expression on Sunday mornings is topnotch. I dare say the best in the area. Our regular service utilizes a beautiful AV experience to make it easier for visitors. We are almost positioned to grow – except that folks who check us out see only one time available for worship. The drag of not having a second service pulls at our ability to gain desired ministry-growth. We lost established “widget-buyers and continue to miss potential “customers.” (This metaphor makes it sound like I’m looking for income. My argument, while it could impact us financially, is not offering-driven. It is about ministry to and for people.) I don’t know that this move will necessarily bring lost widget-buyers back. I believe that over time others looking for a service at a later hour will join us. A pamphlet delivered to the door of a potential member that shows two worship services communicates a congregation that is growing and active.

As this congregation ages, we need to position ourselves to serve those who want to be present on Sunday morning at a later hour than 9:00. We already have those who want 9:00. We are staffed appropriately to add a service. We may have to adjust Adult Forums and/or fellowship time or location to make it happen. I don’t believe we would have to disrupt Sunday School at this time – unless we decide to change the time of the early service. I believe we want to position ourselves to serve those who want to be here on Sunday morning. I believe we want to grow. So, I am picking up on these shared commitments in advocating the addition of a later service.

Thanksgiving Service

After last year’s service, the committee began a conversation about the future of our participation in the ecumenical Thanksgiving service. Last year, we had several people at the service. However, this was because of strong choir participation. Our choir members outnumbered other choir members. Our participants were primarily those who came because they had a family member in the choir. If the choir (and their family members) had not been there, our involvement would have been very slim. Our involvement in the 2016 service was quite small, though we hosted. There were very few CTK people at the 2015 service.

Question asked of the committee: Should we continue to participate in this service or focus entirely on the service project of the community meal?

Committee action: decided to discontinue participation in the annual ecumenical thanksgiving service, in recognition that it is better to focus congregational efforts on the Thanksgiving meal. The committee hopes that we might find another way to recognize and uplift our connections to other Christian groups, through a joint worship experience.

Grow

Adult Forums

Adult Forums are great opportunities for you as leaders to participate in the growth ministries of our congregation. I invite you, as congregational leaders, to visibly show your support for and engage in Adult Forums. Watch our communications to learn of upcoming topics.

New Name for the Youth Group: Lit

The youth committee came up with a new name for the youth group, grades 7-12: Lit (Living in the Cross). The “t” in “Lit” is a cross. You’ll see its new logo in use with youth activities.

Getting the Word Out

CTK has many activities happening in the church. We have dedicated staff who are ready and able to help you tell the stories of these events. Yet, we’ve been noticing that submissions to the newsletters have dropped sharply in the past two years. I urge the council and all committees to make sure that you and your committees are submitting articles and news items for distribution to the congregation. Tell what’s happening in your committee, let people know your successes, and celebrate what’s going well. Write it out and send it to both Jill (office@ctkdelafield.org) and Michelle (mcc@ctkdelafield.org) so that our congregation knows what’s happening. They’ll make sure it gets published in our many venues: Screen, Newsletter, Bulletins, Connections, and the website.

Surrounding Ourselves with Scripture

To help us grow as a community of faith, I’d like to encourage us to find ways to surround our community with scripture. We are good at putting up posters inviting people to participate in events and to have a beautiful facility. However, absent are prominent displays of scripture-based art designed to feed the soul and enhance warmth and beauty. There are many beautiful scripture banners available at affordable prices from which we could be choosing, if we wished. I’d love to be able to hang such banners throughout the great hall and in the narthex and sanctuary areas. So, I’m putting the word out to you and about this need. Visual additions of beautiful scripture-based art will feed the soul as we do our ministries. It has the potential of

Serve

Partnering to Address Suicide

Delafield Presbyterian, St. Joan of Ark and Christ the King are working on another joint project! This time, we are going to work together to begin discussions with leaders about suicide prevention. Jeri Rooney and Pastor Jordan will represent CTK at the planning table.

Outreach Committee and Prison Reform

The Outreach Committee has been examining questions related to Prison Reform in Wisconsin. This is an important issue affecting many in our communities. Our people are responding to events on the ground, action taken at synod assembly (see June Pastor's report) and – most especially – the Christian call to love and serve the neighbor in need. They are seeking Council's seal of approval to show the film *Milwaukee 53206*, a documentary that chronicles a family's experience of incarceration, and community action being taken to help reduce recidivism.

October 30 Synod Event on Congregational Mission – at CTK

This fall, Bishop Erickson and Assistant to the Bishop Matthew Short will be leading five regional "Fed For the Journey" dinners. They will engage in conversation about how we are stronger in mission when we are church together and engaged in ministries of love and reconciliation. We will together imagine ways we can strengthen our common witness in this rapidly changing context. We want to hear your stories and your dreams about where God is calling us together!

We encourage at least one pastor and 1-2 lay leaders from each congregation to attend. Each evening will begin at 6 p.m. and include dinner, dessert, and lively conversation, concluding by 8 p.m. Choose the date or location most convenient for you from the list below, and help us begin building momentum toward our shared ministry in 2019! Participants must register at www.milwaukeesynod.org.

- Thursday, October 4 - Lord of Life, Kenosha
- Monday, October 15 - Cross, Milwaukee
- Thursday, October 18 - Christ the King, Port Washington
- Monday, October 29 - Resurrection, New Berlin
- **Tuesday, October 30 - Christ the King, Delafield**

Coming Up

Note: PJ's Vacation dates shifted due to programming needs

September

9 Rally Day: Tailgating Party and Dedication of Parking Lot

12 DT Parent/Youth Meeting and Acolyte Training

16 Sunday School Begins

16-22 PJ on Vacation – 1 week with one Sunday

23-25 PJ at Fall Theological Committee

October

1-7 PJ on Continuing Education – Missing one Sunday, October 7 (May Shift)

15-21 PJ on Vacation

28 Opioid/Narcan Training Event for the congregation and Parents

November

11 Veterans Sunday

25 Gingerbread Sunday

25-Dec. 1 PJ on Vacation one week, includes one Sunday, November 25.

January

13 Reading of the Budget Event after worship

February

9 Together in a mission Event – for congregational leaders in the synod

17 Annual Meeting

May

31 – June 1 Synod assembly at the Italian Community Center, MKE

August

Churchwide Asse

END OF REPORTS