



# Christ The King Lutheran Church 2016 Annual Report of the Congregation



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## President's Letter



It did not occur to me ahead of time how being “the leader guy” would deepen my relationships within Christ the King. But I sure see it now. Eye-opening generosity and opportunity leaves me **amazed, joyous, thankful and hopeful!** And equally so do our challenges and struggles as we discern how best to worship, learn and serve together. All of this, the good and the bad, exists because **we collectively choose to be here** as our paths weave forward together.

I tell you this because I have observed a similar phenomenon occurring with Christ the King as a body. We make our decisions and we move forward in good faith. Sometimes it goes splendidly, sometimes not so much. But **always our relationships deepen** as we share in this journey - whether we are slapping high fives in celebration or offering hugs of support and encouragement. I know more of the same awaits as we worship, learn and serve together in 2016.

I have observed that Christ the King is *hungry* to share the love of Christ, both inside our church and outside our church. There are many talents willingly shared. There are many generousities extended. Yet even beyond that, people have been asking, “*What can I do? Where does Christ the King need help?*”

Therein lie the opportunities *AND* the challenges as we move forward. We are still learning how best to do this! And so, 2016 will be another year of *big fun as we accept its challenges...*

- developing a long-term strategic plan to guide leadership decisions and empower individuals to live out their faith,
- sending our pastors on sabbatical to recharge and retool towards their calling at CtK,
- finding the right combination of people and duties in our staffing

*...and as we accept its opportunities...*

- feeling keenly empowered toward ministry inside and outside CtK,
- taking the opportunity to rediscover and to renew ourselves,
- benefitting from the efforts of our current staff and, possibly, people who may come this year.

Specifically, the work I see before us is to: 1) work on a strategic plan, 2) support our pastors and ourselves in rediscovery, renewal and retooling during the sabbatical process and 3) continue refining staff positions and, possibly, adding staff positions that will best suit us in our efforts towards ministry. In approaching this work, I will echo the sentiments of Past President Dave Schrupp, who pointed out a year ago that “things at CtK are going to get REALLY exciting” as he asked of you what I will also ask of you: “**that you join your council in dreaming BIG**” as we continue our journey together.

In closing, I think of you often and am grateful for the volume of loving, kind relationships which I both observe and participate in. It is the passion, the energy, the vision and the LOVE of this group of people that makes all of the efforts and challenges so worth while. Thank you for walking through our doors - bringing with you the love of Christ with the breath of the Holy Spirit at your back. Thanks be to God.

**We are a Christian community practicing discipleship as we worship, learn and serve.**

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# Worship

“Worship unites us in celebration, engages us in thoughtful dialogue and helps us grow in faith. It grounds us in our Christian and Lutheran roots, while demonstrating practical relevance for today’s world.”

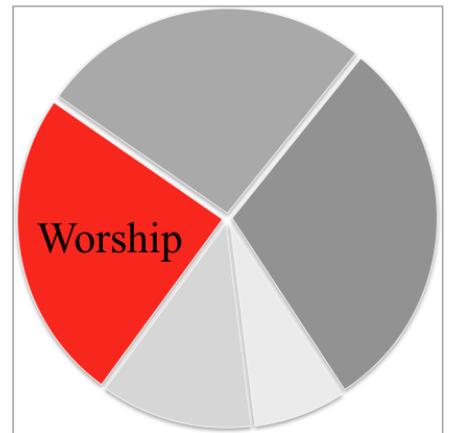
~ [elca.org](http://elca.org)

Spending Plan Description: musical accompanists, guest musicians, choir director, copyrights, pro-rated building costs and staff time spent on preparation and services including co-Pastors, Office Manager, Ministry & Media coordinator and Nursery Attendants.

## A Quick Explanation

Embedded in this annual report is our “Narrative Budget” which will include a spending plan description, pie chart and totals for 2016 proposed spending plan. An alternative to the classic, line-item expense report, this view of our spending attempts to illuminate how our spending relates to our mission and vision by allocating personnel and facility spending among five major ministry spending components: Worship, Learn, Serve, Administration and Pastoral Care. The dollar amounts presented in these sections are a reformulation of the proposed spending plan found in Annual Meeting documentation; the total of all 5 categories will match the totals in the spending plan.

2016 Proposed Spending: \$108,816 (24.6%)



<b>Sunday Worship Participants</b> <b>7500</b>	<b>Children of God Baptized</b> <b>11</b>	<b>New Members Received</b> <b>30</b>
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## Paraments

*By Pat Anderson*

During the November 29th service, Pastor Grant delivered the phrase, “Happy New Year!” While January was over a month away, it was indeed the beginning of a new church year! The ELCA follows a traditional system of colors for the church seasons. For the most part, the same system is also used by Roman and Anglican churches in the U.S. and by many churches around the world. Many of the colors associated with the seasons are linked with the experience of Christians in the Northern Hemisphere.

Ryan and I have helped out at Christ the King for four years now by adorning our worship space with the colors of each church season via the paraments aka seasonal banners, calling attention to the nature of the season being celebrated. Ryan is a great and willing helper especially with larger changeovers. We share a deep faith and helping out with paraments is important to us.





I enjoy changing the paraments because it helps remind me of the reason we celebrate with church colors. Doing the paraments has helped me purposefully think of what I am doing and why. Before I started doing them, I would see the color changes and would more superficially acknowledge them. Now, I feel more connected by laying hands on them and physically doing the change.

I feel it is a way I can easily give back to the church as part of my time and talents... Most faithful people would say they feel like they don't do enough. It is inherent to being

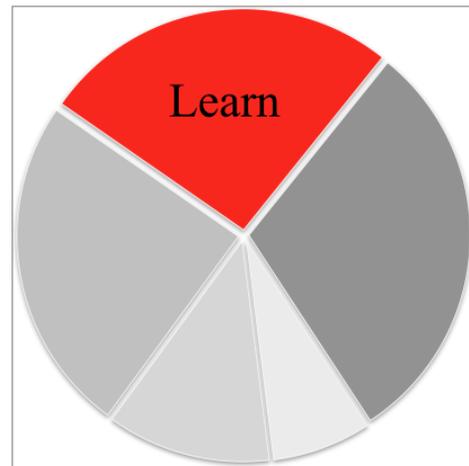
human. If someone gives their life for you, you feel like you owe them back. I can never pay God back for my blest life, but I can be a part of his church and share in its ministries, be it ever so small.

## Learn

When congregants were asked “Why Christ the King?”, the most frequent response by a landslide was church family and community. Our Learn activities are where church-family relationships really start to blossom through our education together and sharing with each other, through our ministries to encourage children, youth and family in daily faith and spiritual formation and through small group learning, discussion and fellowship.

Spending Plan Description: Christian education materials, youth programs and travel, library, prorated building costs and staff time spent on preparation, coordination and events including co-Pastors, Office Manager, Children Youth & Family coordinator and Nursery Attendants.

2016 Proposed Spending: \$115,474 (26.1%)



**135**

**Hours of service by  
Middle School Service  
Plunge**

**200**

**Hours of Sunday  
School led**

**35**

**Children in Christmas  
Program**

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## Family and Youth Ministry

*by Laura Holte, CtK Council F&Y Liaison*

What a pleasure it is to be involved with CtK's Family and Youth (grades 6-12) organization during this past (and upcoming) year. The important mission of instilling Lutheran Christian beliefs in our youth and building a strong, connected foundation between them and the church is happening with great enthusiasm at CtK. In September 2015, the Family and Youth Ministry Team put forth a Vision and Perpetual Goals for CtK's Youth.

Vision for our youth: To learn the skills to actively give spiritual leadership within their communities. To live their faith daily, and to confidently share their faith in Christ with others. Just as Christ makes a difference in their lives as they live out and share their faith, may they also make a difference in the lives of others.



### Perpetual Goals:

- Youth engage actively as Jesus' disciples: prayer, reading Scripture, regular worship, stewardship, service, sharing faith in healthy relationships.
- Youth know the six chief parts of the Christian faith, as outlined in Luther's Small Catechism.
- Youth know the main stories/themes from the Bible.
- Equip youth with the skills needed to share their faith and be leaders within a faith community.
- Support parents, grandparents, godparents, and guardians to keep promises made at baptism.
- Prepare youth to make public profession of their faith in the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism.
- The F&Y team creates and maintains a safe environment for youth to learn about God, the Bible, themselves, the world, and to express themselves.
- Have fun!
- Help youth build healthy relationships with peers, adults, older/younger youth, and JESUS.

***Sincere thanks*** are due to the many people involved, but the following individuals deserve special thanks for their continuous commitment: Ginger Dynneson, Michelle Dorrence, and Barb Nolan.

CtK has provided many opportunities for our youth to learn, serve, and grow. To highlight a few: Sunday School every Sunday at 9 am, Worship every Sunday at 10 am, Youth Group on Wednesday evenings, Middle School Service Plunge in July, ELCA Youth Gathering (Detroit, July), Christikon Summer Bible Camp (Big Timber), Cardboard Box City overnight campout at Bogert Park to benefit Family Promise, Rummage Sale and Potato Bar/Auction Fundraisers, Trunk or Treat, and Midnight Cookie Deliveries in December for night shift workers.

As mentioned above, our youth meet on Wednesday evenings, to learn and explore together on topics such as Faithful Relationships, Spiritual Gifts, Death&Dying, Sharing Faith, and Justice and Peace, led primarily by Pastor Lindean. The evening begins with dinner at 6 pm, followed by an activity and learning. The caring and safe environment makes it easier to tackle these subjects, which can be sensitive and emotional for some. A more accepting and inclusive group would be hard to find (they always manage to squeeze everyone attending onto one table for dinner), captured so well by this picture below:



Typical 6 pm meal at Wednesday Youth Group - there's always room for one more at this table!

Our Youth Program is strong at CtK and we thank all those who have generously supported it with time, talents, and donations. We ask you to pray for continued participation, leadership, and financial support to keep it that way. This is our future!!

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## ELCA Youth Gathering

*by Minnie Harney, CtK youth and BHS Senior student*

Last summer, Natalie Benson, Nicole Anderson, Julian Gaub, Ella Johnson, Frank Harney, Jim Anderson, Barb Nolan and I went to Detroit, Michigan to participate in the ELCA Youth Gathering. For our service project, we went to a neighborhood in the suburbs and went to a garage that was abandoned and full of trash. We cleared it out and took all the trash and put it in the curb for people to pick up. After that we went to a different house in the same neighborhood where we cleared out a bunch of trash in their side and back yard. There were some people living in the neighborhood who were giving us their own shovels and rakes to use, telling us that it's dangerous back there and we need to watch out for broken glass and rusty metal and whatnot. The people who live in the



Julan Gaub and Jim Anderson (parent chaperone), removing trash during a neighborhood cleanup in Detroit, during the ELCA Youth Gathering. 2015.

neighborhood kept on saying 'thank you so much' and 'God bless you' and 'we really appreciate it'. We got to meet some of the leaders of the organizations that are in charge of improving the neighborhoods who live in the neighborhoods themselves and it was really cool to listen to all of the things that they were doing. I personally really love doing manual cleaning labor projects because I can visually see a difference made and a before/after. This service project was awesome and I was happy to even make a tiny difference in this neighborhood.

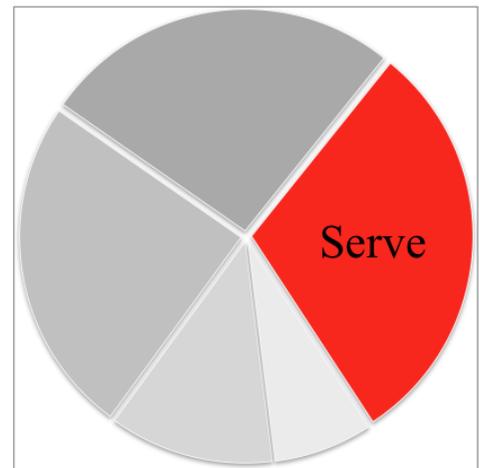
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## Serve

The love of Christ is a gift - from God, to us. Just as Christ gave his love, embodied through simple acts of loving service to others, so too do we seek to love one another by serving one another in church, in community and beyond. Our service is mostly encompassed by our service activities, providing building usage to the community and benevolence that supports local ministries in Bozeman, regional ministries via the Montana Synod and national ministries via the ELCA.

Spending Plan Description: Family Promise resources, pro-rated building costs for service time and donated facility use to community such as Girl Scouts, Al-Anon, NAMI, etc., and limited staff time spent on preparation and service activity including co-Pastors, Office Manager, and Ministry & Media coordinator.

2016 Proposed Spending: \$132,635 (30.0%)



**288**  
**Hours of Service at  
Community Café**

**11**  
**CtK-led Worship  
Services at  
Bozeman Lodge**

**1,000+**  
**Hands helped with  
Sunday Worship  
Services**

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## Faces In Service

*By Dave Schrupp, CtK Council*

The Bread Welcoming Ministry, which hand delivers a load of home-made bread to new visitors of Christ the King, came to a temporary halt in September with the departure of John Modde. He went out to deliver bread (and he would bake it himself if required) every Tuesday morning he was in town -- and not in the hospital -- for over 10 years. Despite failing health, and an inability to actually eat any bread himself for most of 2015, John was an inspiration. Just ask anyone who was new to CtK worship up to last August! The wonderful news is that we now have an opportunity for a new team to bring a welcoming loaf of dessert bread to first-time visitors.

In the past year, Sherry Suta and her team made quilts for their annual support of the Christikon Bible Camp fundraiser in the spring. They also made a difference for some of our neighbors

here in Bozeman: the team sent ten quilts to “Haven” for victims of domestic abuse, and they made seven quilts for young people coming out of the foster-care system at age 18 with few services and support. It’s hard to imagine any better way to bring some warmth and comfort to those in need.



. Dave Schrupp’s mother comforted in prayer shawls

Jeannette Hughes gathers the members of the prayer shawl team together as needed to maintain a good supply that’s always available in the Narthex. I have a personal story of two prayer shawls that saw loving and grateful use in 2015. My father, Dana Schrupp, received a shawl in April 2014 shortly before he boarded an “Honor Flight” for WWII veterans from Billings to Washington, DC. He had the shawl on his shoulders when he passed away that summer. My mother, June, also received a shawl in April 2014 to comfort her during recuperation from a broken hip. My mother still uses both shawls in 2015 to keep warm in her room. She says it also brings her good memories of my father’s last flight and time with her.

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## Serve Highlights

- Meals for Moms - supporting families of newborns.
- Finals Week goodie bags to support local students and teachers.
- Bread baking and delivery to first-time CtK visitors.
- Community Café staffing to help feed the hungry on the first Sunday of every month.
- Quilts for neighbors at non-profit organizations and local ministries.
- Family Promise - food and shelter for homeless families each summer for 4 weeks.
- Love, INC partner helping with local requests for assistance.
- Prayer Shawls for all in need of spiritual warmth.
- Cookie Ninjas - Christmas cookies for community officials serving in medical and safety functions on night shift.
- Christmas carols to brighten spirits at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.
- God’s Garden - help with harvest.
- Grief Newsletters to congregation members and friends



**50 CtK Volunteers for  
God’s Work, Our Hands  
Sunday**

It is important to note that all of these ministries rely on the resources of the individuals with a passion to share their time, talents and treasure with others in and around our community of faith.

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## Fellowship

*By Billie Ranard, CtK Council*

Pastor Lindean likes to call us the "Party People" and we are thankful for all who have contributed by cooking, baking, providing and attending. We believe that getting to know one another is an integral part of how we are disciples of Christ and that breaking bread together is sacramental in many ways. The Eucharist is a holy sacrament that promises eternal life. Every time we sit down with our Christian family for a meal, a snack or a cup of coffee we are also "breaking bread" together by listening to and sharing with one another. I experience holy time in those moments. I also think about all the sharing of food and caring for others in the gospels. It is by loving others that we shine with the love of Christ. It is by receiving that love from fellow servants of Christ that we recognize how precious is the love of our Lord.

*~ Any suggestions that would help YOU to partake in fellowship special events? ~*

**Thank you** to all who have contributed to our fellowship time together by cooking, baking, providing and attending.

Soup  
Supper



**50 Pots of soup shared during Lent and Advent**

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## Stewardship

*By Dave Schrupp, CtK Council*

The past year saw the emergence of Katie Keehr as the new Stewardship Team leader after her efforts in the 2014 Hearts on Fire capital campaign got us all thinking "way outside the box" about our role as a community of faith in a growing neighborhood. The vote in support of the 2015 Spending Plan meant that we wanted to start on our dreams of "what could we do without a building payment" immediately! As we continue to build on this vision during 2016, the Stewardship Team is committed to keep the ideals of discipleship in all our hearts. Please pray about your time, talents and treasure that are all on loan from God.

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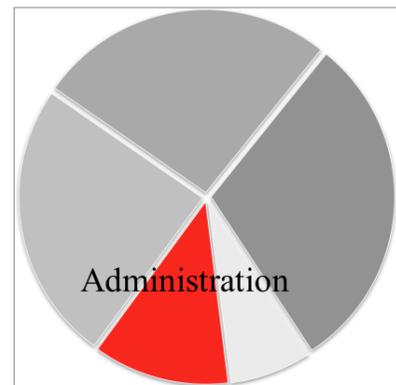
## Administration / Building & Grounds

Spending Plan Description: time spent by the co-Pastors and Office Manager on administrative functions associated with day to day business. No building costs or materials are included in this category.

*By Joby Dynneson, CtK VP*

Fellow members of Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2015 was a very good year. We saw a lot of use of the facility by both church members and community organizations. The building becoming a center of community activity was a desired outcome of moving to the present location. With the use of the building though, we will have to make sure that we take care of the wear and tear of the building. Most of the costs are covered by the rents and building usage fees that we receive from users but, also, thank you congregants for your gifts that have allowed us to be able to save

2016 Proposed Spending: \$53,103 (12.0%)



these funds and prepare for future needs such as fixing the front doors and making sure that any of the heaters, AC units and kitchen appliances can be repaired or replaced along with a host of things as necessary. I would also like to ask the congregation here, what do you see for the future of the building, what do you dream for our facility next? Let the council know.

Lastly, as I will be moving into the Council president position this year, I want to thank Ian Anderson and the Pastors for all the hard work that has gone into creating an amazing foundation and framework for future leaders to work from. Being able to have goals and continuity from year to year will make us all stronger and better to keep on the path of being a community that Worships, Learns and Serves together as a loving family. I look forward to next year.

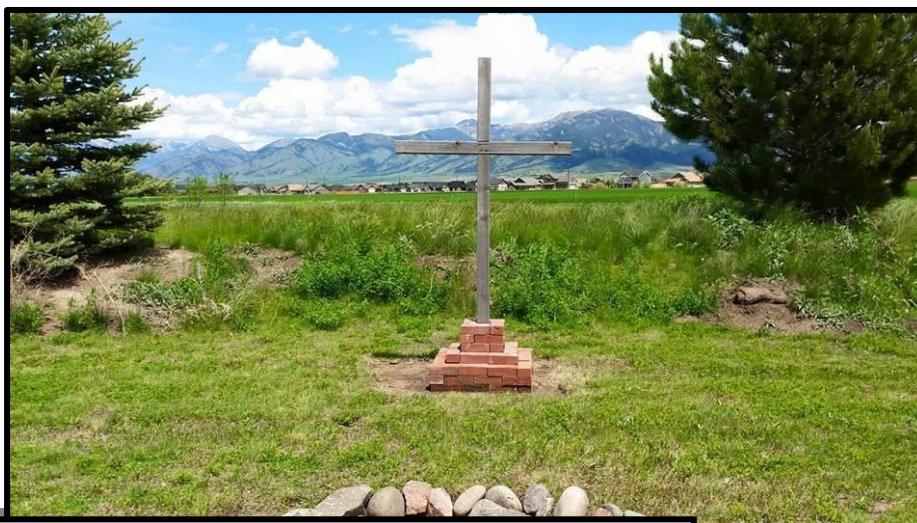
**Thank You** to the Papas for building the fire pit. Jed Erickson for sod and manpower for grass along new sidewalk. Don Buchanan, Dave Hughes, Saturday Bible study and all others that mowed grass. Mike Dorrence for parking lot lights, HVAC and everything else. Your work has been invaluable.

~ What do you dream and see for the future of the building? ~

**700 hours of building usage provided to  
26 groups from our community**

#### **Neighborhood Building Usage**

- 4 Girl Scout Troops
- Al-Anon
- Meadowlark Elementary
- Faith Early Learning Center (Heritage Christian Preschool)
- area Homeowners Associations
- American Red Cross
- Musical recitals
- NAMI
- University of Western Washington bikers
- HRDC
- Love INC
- Lutheran Social Services
- Sons of Norway
- Retired Educators



Look forward to **WOW** next year, what a great way to worship and share our joy in Christ!

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## Co-Pastors' Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We're all in this together! The Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome, "we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another" (Rom 12:5). To the church in Corinth, about the body of Christ, he wrote, "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it" (1 Cor 12:26).

This annual report highlights many of the ways God has called us together, and sent us out, to worship, learn, and serve in the past year. The two of us are incredibly thankful we get to serve with you, and serve our community, as the pastors of CtK.

2015 brought some significant changes for the congregation, including the bold decision to increase from 1.0 to 1.5 FTE pastors, as Pr. Lindean began full-time ministry in March. With that move came multiple new ministry opportunities and challenges. Now nine months into this change, folks have asked "what's different?" Some changes are probably pretty obvious, some likely less so, and some remain very much a work in progress.

A few months into the new arrangement (in July), your church council embarked on a rigorous ministry review of your pastors – the most challenging either of us has been through in 19 and 13 years of ordained ministry, respectively. While it was tough, the process proved extremely helpful, too, by bringing into focus areas of need (communication, time-management, skill improvement) and opportunity for future ministry (training members for ministry, facilitating members' service, ongoing relationship building within and beyond the congregation). The setting of ministry goals for each of us, as well as for CtK's various ministry teams, and a schedule for revisiting and evaluating progress, keeps priorities in front of us. We're all in this together! Thank you especially to Ian Anderson and Joby Dynneson for their faithful partnership in that endeavor.

As we look ahead to 2016 and discern the mission and ministry to which God calls us, we find that the time is right to ask some big foundational questions, and to embark on a strategic planning process with and for the congregation. The neighborhood around us is growing and changing (we'll spend part of our sabbatical exploring faithful responses to some of the changes). The Holy Spirit has this community of faith planted here and poised to share the love of Jesus. This planning process is just barely beginning, but as it unfolds, we will wrestle with questions like:

1 - Who are we? (Yes, we answer that question every Sunday in worship, and WE ARE a "Christian community practicing discipleship as we worship, learn and serve;" but what does that mean? Who are the members of this community? What are the characteristics of this community? What are the gifts of this community?)

2016 Proposed Spending: \$32,114 (7.3%)



**Spending Plan Description:**  
co-Pastors time spent directly on pastoral care. No building costs or materials are included in this category.

2 – What is God calling us to do and be? What are we here for? What does that look like, specifically, in everyday life?

3 – Who are our neighbors? And what does it mean to be “in this together” with them?

As we engage in holy conversations together about these questions, and prayerfully seek the Holy Spirit’s guidance, we will discern God’s vision for the future of this community of faith and embrace new opportunities and challenges to be church together.

**200+ Hours of Pastoral Care in 2015**

It is an exciting time. We’re all in this together!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Grant and Pastor Lindean Barnett Christenson

### **Results of 9 months of 1.5 FTE pastors**

#### ***More Obvious***

WoW (Dinner and Worship around the NEW campfire) each Wednesday, all summer  
New/Renewed Ministry Teams: Fellowship Ministry Team and Children & Family Ministry Team  
MSU Student ministry includes a new College Band (which will play 2-3 times/semester)  
Grief Support Group series offered twice a year  
Pr. Lindean preaches 2/3 of the time

#### ***Less Obvious***

Greater and more consistent participation in regional ELCA clergy gatherings (Crazy Mtn Cluster) and community organizations (Gallatin Valley Interfaith Association, HAVEN, Meadowlark PAC)  
Pr. Grant makes more pastoral visits to members and friends of the congregation needing care  
Pr. Lindean is more available for conversation and support and spends more time providing pastoral care  
Pr. Grant and others lead a Sunday service once each month at the Bozeman Lodge

#### ***Works in Progress***

Even stronger ministry teams, equipped by pastors, to DO the teams’ ministry  
Formation and ongoing support of new Congregational Care Teams  
Additional small group opportunities for learning and fellowship  
More robust Sunday morning Adult Forum  
“Getting out” into the neighborhood to learn from and build relationships with folks whose geography we share  
Ministry to/with MSU students and young adults

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## Treasurer's Summary

*By Kurt Blunck, CTK Treasurer*

I remember, not too many years ago, my predecessor, Mike Hegel, got up in front of the congregation and went over the financial situation in anticipation of launching the RIFGIG capital campaign. He pointed out that if we wanted our church to be on a solid financial footing, we were each going to have to dig down and give a little more. He ended by saying that this is a giving congregation, that we had always been a giving congregation and that he was confident we would do the right thing.

Boy, was his faith in this congregation well placed! RIFGIG was a tremendous success, but it didn't stop there.

Last year we presented you with a very ambitious Spending Plan, one that increased total spending by nearly 30%. We asked that you support 1.5 FTE pastors, that we double our benevolence spending and that we increase spending on program support staff by nearly 80%. It was an ambitious program and I am pleased to announce that you have made it a rousing success also. In addition to the above, our mortgage balance has declined by nearly half since the beginning of 2015. We ended 2015 in excellent financial condition, having reached our fundraising goal and achieving most of the programmatic objectives we set for ourselves.

There were no major surprises on the spending side and no large unexpected expenses. There were some challenges: we didn't hire a Ministry and Media Coordinator last year and are still looking to fill that very important position in the near future. Overall, however, it was a very good year for Christ the King.

Like last year, the Council again has some big plans for this church and this congregation; the most ambitious of which is the proposed hiring of a full time Children, Youth and Family Ministry Director to help broaden our youth programs and experiences. We are asking for a substantial show of financial support to ensure the continued growth in our youth outreach programs: the Council has budgeted \$55,000 for this position. Given the increase in the number of children at worship and attending the special events we hold, I think this is a good investment for our congregation. In addition, personnel costs will go up from last year as we are at 1.5 FTE for our pastors for the entire year. Overall, our spending this year is slated to increase by 18%.

<b>2015 Summary</b>
Giving <b>\$421,533</b>
Spending <b>\$406,884</b>
Mortgage 1-1-15 \$239,791
Mortgage 12-31-15 \$151,128

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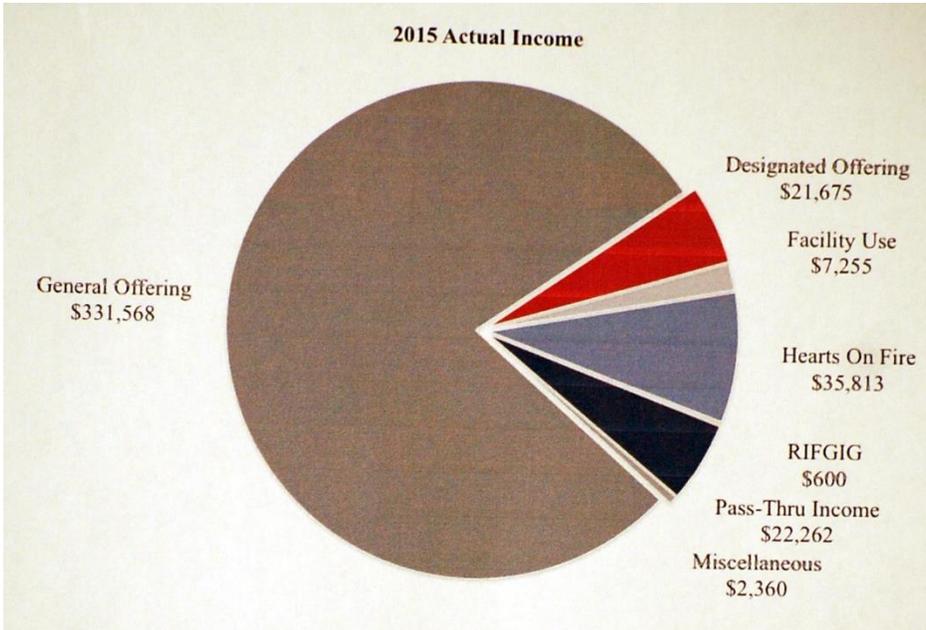
### Breakdown of 2015 Income and Expense Totals

**Pass-Thru Income and Expenses:** dollars from people paying for items such as Bibles, study guides, devotionals, Resource Fair books/orders, etc. These are things people purchased through Christ the King where they DON'T get tax credit for it because they bought tangible item with their money. They are not considered as a donation.

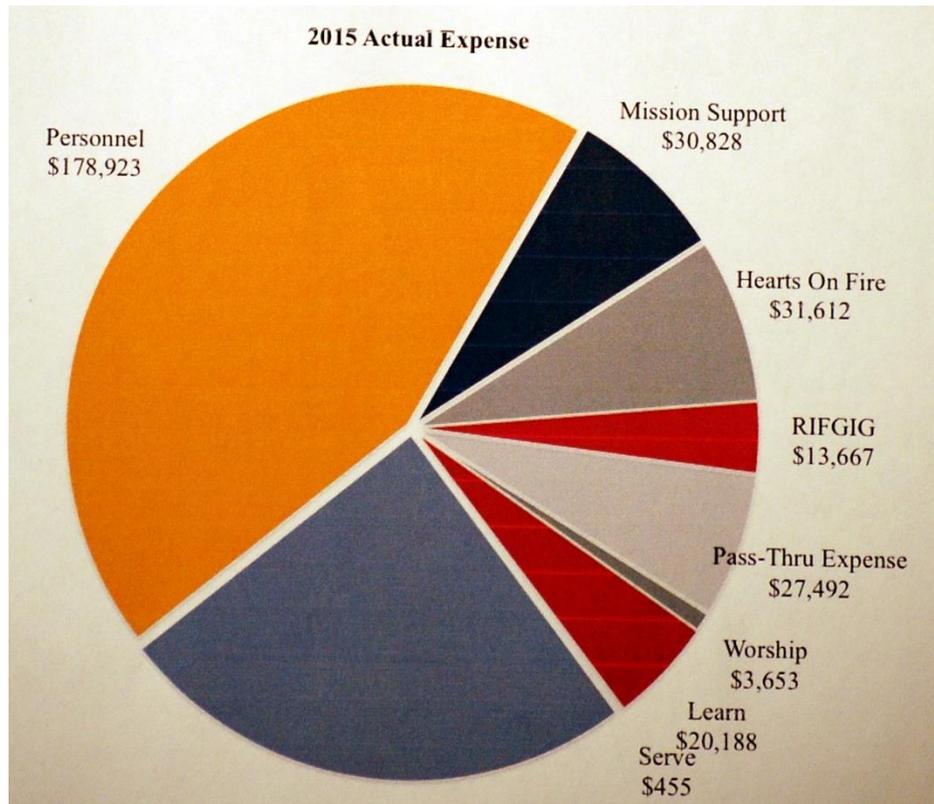
**Designated Offering:** income where use was designated for use (and thus restricted) such as World Hunger, HELP Funds, Hearts on Fire, Youth Group, Vacation Bible School expenses and the like.

**Mission Support:** also known as Benevolence, this is a new term preferred by the ELCA and MT Synod.

**2015 Actual Income**



**2015 Actual Expense**



**Facilities**  
**\$100,066**

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# Congregational Statistics

## BAPTISMS

Espen Redlin Benson (6/21)  
Jude Allen Berkland (10/11)  
Ryker Dustin Byrd (6/21)  
Cade Embry DeGraw (11/25)  
Kyran James DeGraw (11/25)  
Arne Frederick Jeide (5/3)

Bentley Abigail Porter (4/4)  
Matthew Justin Porter (4/4)  
Jack Robert Schultz (11/29)  
Eleanor Lucille Tidd (8/30)  
Brody Bostic Ward (5/3)

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Ella Grace Johnson

Garrett Nathaniel McCauley

## WEDDINGS

Angela McLemore & Shawn Shadley (6/20)  
Amanda Olson & Lorne Koch (6/27)  
Katie Leu & Peter VanNatta (7/4)  
Sarah Palakovich & Thomas Vromans (8/1)

Kara Jensen & Brian Koelzer (8/29)  
Amy Traynham & James Feragen (9/12)  
Quinn O'Neill McCoy & Dane Pi (10/17)

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

Jean Marie Jones Kimble (1/13)

Clarice Lillian Undhjem Walters (6/27)

## NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

Katie Leu  
Scott, Jamie & Garrett McCauley  
Catherine Oster  
Peter VanNatta,  
Rody & Wendy Ward, Taylor, Brody

Mark & Nancy Carman  
Cynthia Jensen  
Melanie Kramer, Tanner  
Robert & Rebecca Rodgers, Benjamin, Evan  
Lorin Sanden

## MEMBERS REMOVED BY REQUEST/TRANSFER

Mary Gerlach Danhof

David & Teri Everett, Christian, Nicholas

## MEMBERSHIP/QUORUM NUMBERS

as of December 31, 2015

Year	Baptized	Confirmed	Quorum (25% Confirmed)
2015	296*	239*	60
2014	326	258	64
2013	296	234	59
2012	294	240	60
2011	271	221	55
2010	239	196	49
2009	200	166	42
2008	215	194	48
2007	228	181	45
2006	230	185	46
2005	227	182	45

*\*Numbers reduced due to clearing and updating records.*

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# Nominating Committee Report

The nominations for 2016 are:

- Council (Three, 3-year terms): Wes Schon, Jen Erickson, TBA
- Council (1-year term-completing term vacated by Kim Siemsen): Courtney Yovich
- President (Affirmation): Joby Dynneson
- Christikon Delegate (3-year term): Minnie Harney
- Crazy Mountain Cluster Reps: Billie Ranard, Bill Ranard
- Audit Committee (3 year term): TBA
- Montana Synod Assembly Voting Members: John Sheppard, Tina Sheppard
- Nominating Committee: Ian Anderson, Joby Dynneson, Courtney Yovich, Megan Anderson, Dave Foster
- Lutheran Campus Ministry/MSU Bozeman Board of Directors: TBA

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## 2015 Council

Ian Anderson (2017)  
Kurt Blunck (2018)  
Joby Dynneson (2017)  
Laura Holte (2018)  
Matt Hubbard (2016)

Cel Iversen (2018)  
Billie Ranard (2016)  
Dave Schrupp (2016)  
Courtney Yovich (2017)  
\*(term ends)

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## Mission Support & Benevolence Recipients

ELCA MT Synod  
ELCA MT Synod House  
ELCA World Hunger  
ELCA Malaria Campaign  
Lutheran Disaster Response  
Christikon Bible Camp  
Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp  
Lutheran Campus Ministry, MSU-Bozeman  
Emmaus Campus Ministry, Missoula  
Lutheran Social Services  
Habitat for Humanity  
Love INC

Family Promise  
HAVEN  
Meadowlark Elementary  
Gallatin County Detention Center Fresh Start Program  
HRDC Community Cafe and Warming Center  
Gallatin Valley Food Bank  
Love INC  
Lutheran World Relief School Kits  
6 families or individuals in need

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## Staff

Lindean Barnett Christenson, **co-Pastor**  
Grant Barnett Christenson, **co-Pastor**  
Dawn Byrd, **Office/Facility Manager**

Kris Olsen, **Choir Director**  
Ron Hanson, **Custodian**  
Brooke Bartholomew, **Nursery Attendant**