

CONTINUING RESOLUTION
Christ the King Lutheran Church
Bloomington, MN

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Title: MINISTRY TEAM COMMISSION – KING’S GAME HALL
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References: 2019 goal to grow connection with neighborhood youth.

RESOLUTION: King’s Game Hall will be a ministry of open gaming with an invitation to the whole community. We’ll be running organized play for a broad assortment of tabletop games. Our desire is to offer our ample and comfortable space as a safe place for community building. Playing games together around a table is one of the most fun ways we can think of to build community.

Call of the Ministry Team: Through a series of listening and brainstorming sessions, some of our staff and lay leaders have recognized an enjoyment of playing games together. Having been to various game stores for game nights, we have seen that the crowd of people who usually attend - younger, male, etc. - are not generally found in our congregational setting. We also noticed that there are no games stores in our community that have game nights for people to play together. There is a Games by James at the Mall of America, which is not far from us, but they don’t have the space to provide a game night.

With these noticings, and the passion of some of our staff and lay leaders, we would like to minister to our community through providing a regular game night. This would be an opportunity for people to build relationships with each other, enjoy playing a game with friends and strangers, and a way for our congregation to provide safe and welcoming space to our community. We know we can easily extend Christ’s welcome to those who are already connected to our community, and we look forward to extending that welcome to even more of our neighbors.

Team Leaders: Pastor Rory Philstrom, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert, Brittany McDonald, Jack Rhodes

Team Sponsor: Pastor Rory Philstrom

Team Commitments: Host a bi-weekly game night on Sunday evenings from 6-9pm. Organize volunteers to run a concessions station. Organize game hosts and online sign-ups where necessary.

Resources Needed: Space in the west end (lounge, kitchen, etc) every other week. The shelving unit in the lounge. Volunteers to host the event. Games. Requesting funding from a Synod Ministry Imagination Grant to purchase games and fund cosmetic updates to the lounge (carpet, blinds, walls).

Mission Party: Community

Other Details: On Sunday nights, from 6-9pm, we will welcome anyone who would like to play to our space. We will plan to have one or two games, led by someone in the community or someone we partner with, that folks can reserve a spot to play beforehand. We will also have other

games available to play if someone who comes would like to teach a few others that night. Congregation members will be invited to help sell concessions during the night and monitor our free popcorn machine.

Ideally, we would like to partner with the Games by James store in Bloomington to help provide us with games to try out with people and to help promote our ministry, as they cannot provide this space themselves.

Our target demographic for these events are people between the ages of 10-40 living in Bloomington. All are welcome however, and extra care would be taken to create and promote this event as a safe space for people of all races, genders, sexual identities, and creeds. Our goal as a church is building relationships between neighbors within our community, not proselytizing.

We would engage with game hosts and volunteers for 30 min prior to each event to warm up, build community, and perhaps have a short devotion.

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