CHURCH MINUTES

Grace Lutheran Council Meeting
October 1, 2026

Present: Diana Bauer, Jeff Dekraai, Terri Huntley, Heather Kreutz, Kelly Magdanz, Casey Raftevold, Bob Tesch, Pastor Kevin Jensen, Pastor Carla Nelson.

Absent: Robin Baldwin, Jarred Curry, Paul Haedt, Chris Pankratz, Debbie Patmore, Jeremy Vliem.

Meeting called to order by Pres. Bob Tesch at 6:00 p.m.

Opening devotions were given by Diana for Debbie Patmore.

Additions to the agenda.
Motion by Jeff to check into cleaning the Mural behind the sacristy. Confirmation to present faith statements and discuss street sign, 2nd by Kelly. MP

Approve Secretary's minutes: Motion to approve by Pastor Kevin, 2nd by Kelly. MP

Treasure 's Report was reviewed.

Old Business:

- Kent Kreutz explained more details about roof bids. Motion by Pastor Kevin to remove RainTite Roofing & Construction from the bids on the roof. 2nd by Casey. MP

New Business:

- Confirmation students' Willow Nikkila, Kwynnlee Meland, and Torin Monahan gave us a preview of their faith statements. Confirmation will be October 25,2026 when they will be accepted into GLC as members.
- Money Counters:
  Nov. 4 - Casey
  Nov. 8 -Terri and Kelly
  Nov. 11 - Bob
  Nov. 15 – Kelly and Bob
  Nov. 18 - Casey
  Nov. 22 – Diana and Bob
  Nov. 29 – Terri and Bob
  Dec. 6 – Diana and Casey

The appointed nominating committee for new council members are Jeff, Kelly, and Debbie.
Meeting close with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.
Secretary, Diana Bauer

GLCW Minutes – Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026

The October 13th GLCW meeting was called to order in Jesus' name at 1:30 p.m. with 10 in attendance. The minutes were approved as read.

The treasurer's report showed $23,905.59 in the Mission Investment Fund. The GLCW fund showed $28,072.28. Budgeted contributions will be sent before the end of year which will total approximately $13,000.

Courtesy chairman, Lynette Kvanvig, sent 9 cards. She read a card received from Carolyn Ruff's sister, Charlotte Pauley.

Old Business:

- Shirley Halverson reported on the upcoming pie sale. Helpers will make the pies on Monday, Nov. 23, with pickup on Tuesday, Nov. 24. Pies will sell for $20. Pastor Carla will make fliers to deliver to the Sturgis churches. Shirley will give a temple talk about the pie fundraiser. Funds raised will go to the roof replacement. Some of the cost of the ingredients will be paid from a $250 Thrivent Event Grant, but anyone who could donate apples, cherries, etc. for the pies should contact Cindy Gehringer, Lynette Kvanvig, or Shirley Halverson.
- Officers were elected for 2027. Marlene Kotab moved to cast a unanimous ballot for this slate of candidates: President – Shirley Halverson, Vice-President and Treasurer – Deb Patmore, and Secretary – Marlene Kotab. Motion carried.
- Darleen Mullins and Cindy Gehringer were applauded for their artwork on the new aprons. The old blue aprons are available at the church for anyone who would like one.
- GLCW serves the WNL meal on Oct. 14. Workers will be Deb Haivala, Joann Keeton, Cindy Gehringer, Shirley Halverson, and Marlene Kotab. The next time GLCW serves the meal is Nov. 11. All women of Grace are invited to help with this fun meal. Please volunteer.

New Business:

- The Thankoffering Sunday is November 15. Volunteer women for the service are: Greeters – Lynette Kvanvig and Ruth Smit, Ushers – Bonnie Lange, Terri Huntley, and Lynette Kvanvig, Communion Server – Terri Huntley, Preaching – Pastor Carla Nelson, and we will ask one of the female assistant ministers to serve. Deb will order envelopes for the offering.
- The Elder Thanksgiving Meal has been moved up to Nov. 15 at 11:00 a.m.
- Lynette and Terri will serve as hostesses at the next meeting on Nov. 10.

Following the meeting and Bible Study led by Pastor Carla, 20 school kits were assembled for Lutheran World Relief. Pastor Carla was the hostess.
Marlene Kotab, Secretary

Worship Committee: October 20, 2026

Tim Patmore, Pastor Kevin, and Chris Pankratz were present.

New Business:
Pastor Kevin would like to provide wooden crosses for church newcomers. He provided examples of what he was envisioning and would really like to use Black Hills pine if possible. He discussed having them in a basket or somewhere available in the church for new attendees to pick them up.

Spoke about confirmation and the 7 confirmands.

Advent begins November 29, 2026. Chris has been tasked to secure five families to read for the 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, and 12/24 services.

Advent decorations will be hung on the evening of November 22nd, beginning at 4pm. Tim Patmore will be providing hors d'oeuvres. If for some reason November 22nd does not work, Saturday November 28th in the morning is a secondary date.

Community Christmas Concert is December 13th at 2pm.