

# CHURCH MINUTES

## Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting December 4, 2025

Present: Robin Baldwin, Diana Bauer, Jarred Curry, Jeff DeKraai, Terri Huntley, Heather Kreutz, Kelly Magdanz, San Monahan, Chris Panratz, Debbie Patmore, Bob Tesch, Jeremy Viliem. Absent: Paul Haedt, Pastor Kevin Jensen, Pastor Carla Nelson.

President Tesch called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm

Devotions by Bob Tesch.

Addition/Adoption of the Agenda. Motion by Deb to add Mutual Ministry to the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by San.

Motion passed.

Motion to approve minutes by Jeremy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris.

Treasurer's report given.

### Old Business:

- 2026 Budget was approved by congregation.
- Still need one council member for 2026.

### New Business:

- Money counters:
  - Jan. 4, 2026 – Deb and Pam
  - Jan. 11 – Jarred and Terri
  - Jan. 18 – Deb and Diana
  - Jan. 25 – Bob and Kelly
  - Feb. 1 – Deb and Pam
- Red Bucket, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2026: Motion by Debbie to give monies to the Outlaw Ranch Camp for 5<sup>th</sup> graders to attend. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeremy. Motion passed.
- Annual meeting of GLC will be on January 25, 2026.
- Committee annual reports are due to Keri by January 5.
- Mortgage on the parsonage was explained by Robin. We have a rolling interest mortgage; Bob will look into refinancing the parsonage mortgage. Pioneer Bank and Thrivent were two suggested loan institutions to check with about refinancing.
- Discussion on wages. Executive committee met before church council meeting and then presented wages, bonus and gift cards for Pastor Kevin and Pastor Carla, Keri and David. Motion by Jeff to give Pastor Kevin and Pastor Carla an 8% raise (salary for 2026 will be \$92675.00 to comply with synod guideline), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jarred. Motion passed.
- Motion by San to give Keri a \$1.00 raise, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly. Motion passed.
- Motion by Heather to give Keri a \$750.00 bonus. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly.
- Motion by Jeff to give the pastors each a \$100.00 gift certificate to the same place as last year. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb. Motion passed.
- Motion by San to give David a \$100.00 gift certificate, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff. Motion passed.
- Discussion on roof. Roof is leaking again. Paul will check with Kent on roof contractors. We will need the roof patched and also look into a new roof for the church building. We talked about a Capital Campaign to replace the roof.
- Mutual Ministry committee needs to replace 3 members to serve two-year terms on the committee.
- Devotions for January 8 – Kelly.
- Thank you, Pastor Kevin and Pastor Carla for the gift bag of Pistachios.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting by San, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm with prayer.

Secretary

Diana Bauer

## **GLCW Minutes, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025**

President Deb Patmore called the meeting to order with 10 in attendance. Marlene Kotab read a devotion. The minutes were approved as corrected. The treasurer's report included:  
Income - \$0      Expenses \$150.80      Balance \$22,163.02      Mission Investment \$26,275.74  
Lynette Kvanvig, Courtesy Chairman sent 2 cards.

### **Old Business:**

- Mary Ann Stroschein installed the 2026 officers: President/Treasurer-Deb Patmore, Vice-President-Shirley Halverson, Secretary/Growth/Community-Marlene Kotab, Courtesy-Lynette Kvanvig.
- \$2,090 was collected during the Thankoffering Service.
- All expressed thanks to the youth for the thanksgiving meal for Seniors.
- Many helped decorate the church for Christmas on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- All changes (emails and phone numbers) should be sent to Deb Patmore or Keri in the church office before the end of the year so that the 2026 GLCW booklets are accurate.
- Bags for our elderly and shut-ins will be filled on Sat., Dec. 13 at 9 a.m. Lynette has purchased fruit. Christmas stockings prepared for finishing were found in Paulette Meland's fabric. The quilters finished sewing them and they will be included in the bags and also given to the Campus Ministry students.

### **New Business:**

- Shopping for a needy family (information from the school Social Worker) will be on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 10:30 a.m.
- The 2026 quarterly funeral leadership signup sheet was circulated. Thanks to all who continue to volunteer and help with this important mission.
- The next meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. Shirley Halverson will host and Pastor Carla will lead the Bible Study.
- All shared goodies brought by those in attendance. A Christmas Trivia Quiz and singing closed the meeting.

Marlene Kotab, Secretary

## **Worship Committee Minutes – Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025**

Ruth Mechling, Kris Little, Tim Patmore, Candy McKay, Pastor Kevin Jensen, Chris Pankratz, Marcia Potts, and Christian and Marlene Kotab attended the Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Worship Meeting. Pastor led the group in an opening meditation and prayer.

### **Old Business:**

- The Advent Candle readers have done a wonderful job. Readers for Dec. 21 are the Curry Family and Dec. 24 are the Monahan and Dschaak Family. It was noted that the name of the family should be read in the introduction so that our radio listeners know who is reading.
- The Children's Christmas Program is Wed., Dec. 17 at 6:00 pm.
- The Special Christmas Music Service is Sunday, Dec. 21. Narrators are Mikayla Wilson, Garland Dobler, Tim Potts, and Pastor Kevin.
- The Blue Christmas Service is Sunday, Dec. 21 at 4 pm at the presbyterian church.
- The Christmas Eve service is at 5:00 p.m. Tim Potts is the Assisting Minister, Tim Patmore will run the sound, and Marcia and Candy are in charge of the music. Dan and Danilee will also sing. There will be no projector used, but the songs will be on a song sheet. A reminder was made to make sure the font is big enough to read in the dim lighting.
- The John and Eileen Rafterth funeral is Jan. 3 at 11 a.m.

- Ash Wednesday is Feb. 18. Palm Sunday is March 29 and Easter is April 5.
- The camera was used for the baptism and worked very well.

New Business:

- Lenten services will have the theme “Making Sense of the Cross” with video clips.
- The cantata performances are March 29 and 31.
- Christian will continue to work on the purchase of a faster wi-fi. Funds have already been donated for the purchase.
- Liturgies – Jan. 5-Service of the Word, Jan. 12 – Spoken, Jan. 19 - #7, Jan. 26 – Remembering the Promise.

The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer. The next meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 5:30 pm.  
Marlene Kotab, Chairman