

# CHURCH MINUTES

## Grace Lutheran Council Meeting

May 7, 2026

**Present:** Robin Baldwin, Diana Bauer, Jeff DeKraai, Paul Haedt, Terri Huntley, Debbie Patmore, Casey Rafevold, Bob Tesch, Jeremy Vliem. **Absent:** Jarred Curry, Heather Kreutz, Kelly Magdanz, Chris Pankratz, Pastor Kevin Jensen, Pastor Carla Nelson.

President Tesch called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

A photo was taken showing the council members present standing before the GLC Mural.

Opening devotions given by Casey.

There were no additions or adoptions to the agenda.

Approve secretary's minutes. Motion by Jeff to approve minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie. MP

Robin presented the Treasure's report.

### Old Business:

- Bob will follow up to determine when the church audit is scheduled to be completed.

### New Business:

- Money Counters:  
June 7 – Debbie and Diana  
June 14 – Jeff and Terri  
June 21 – Diana and Paul  
June 28 – Casey and Bob  
July 5 – Terri and Bob
- Lenten funds: Motion by Jeff to give \$500.00 to HS Scholarship fund. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie MP  
Motion by Jeff to set \$1000. 00 aside for elevator repair, money left from elevator repair to go toward the roof repair. Rest of Lent monies (\$3092.42) to be used for the roof repair. MP
- Blake Williams and Hayden Rock will each receive a \$500.00 scholarship.
- Motion by Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff for permission for Property Committee to do deck project (\$3000.00) from the \$10,000.00 donation for upgrades to the parsonage. MP
- Pastor Kevin and Pastor Carla will coordinate with Keri regarding her vacation request for June 15-19.
- Motion by Debbie to have the next council meeting on June 4 then the July meeting on July 9, 2026. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. MP

### Devotion Schedule:

June – Diana      July – Jarred      September – Terri      October – Debbie

November – Heather      December – Paul

Meeting adjourned with a prayer by Paul.

Motion to adjourn by Debbie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul.

President adjourned meeting at 6:22 p.m.

## **GLCW Minutes – Tuesday, May 12, 2026**

With 8 in attendance, President Deb Patmore called the meeting to order in Jesus' name.

After devotions, Shirley Halverson led the group in the Norwegian national anthem "Ja, vi elsker dette landet ('Yes, We Love This Country')".

The minutes were read and approved.

### **Old Business:**

- Six Grace women attended the Bear Butte Conference Spring Gathering at Our Savior's Lutheran in Spearfish. A total of 53 women were present. The keynote speakers represented the Cornerstone Mission and the Women and Children's Home in Rapid City. Grace is in charge of the 2027 Spring Gathering.
- Cindy Gehringer and Pastor Carla Nelson reported on new aprons for the kitchen. They will work on getting samples. Cindy shared some possible designs.

### **New Business:**

- The Outlaw Ranch Fall Retreat is Sept. 11-12.
- Shirley Halverson served traditional Hjertevaffer (Norwegian Heart-Shaped Waffles) and toppings in celebration of Norway's Constitution Day on May 17. Pastor Carla led the Bible Study.
- The group worked on the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. **Donations of nail clippers are still needed to finish the remainder of the kits.**
- The next meeting is Tuesday, June 9, at 1:30 p.m. at Deb Patmore's home, 3009 Vanocker Canyon Road. Ideas for a program are welcome. Pastor Carla will lead the Bible Study.

Marlene Kotab, Secretary

## **Grace Lutheran Worship Committee – Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

Pastor Kevin Jensen opened with a devotion. Present were Marlene and Christian Kotab, Candy McKay, Tim Patmore, Chris Pankratz, and Pastor Kevin.

### **Old Business:**

- There has been no progress on finding someone to plan the meal prep for Wednesdays in the fall. A person or group should prayerfully consider coordinating the suppers (not to prepare them).
- Bible School is June 8-11.
- The roof replacement donations are going well.
- We need a new sanctuary digital piano. The **BUY-A-KEY** donation keyboard is on the entry bulletin board. Please check it out and buy yourself a key on the new piano!
- June 1<sup>st</sup> policy change for the prayer list read on Sundays is as follows: **Those needing special prayers will remain on the list in the bulletin and be read on Sundays for one month. If an individual or their loved one wants the name to remain on the list, they should call the office to add them for an additional month.**
- The summer evening service is June 7 at 6:30 p.m. on the church lawn. The Black Hills Birds of Prey will present another program with different birds. Please attend.
- New Member Sunday is June 14.
- The graduation/baptism service went well on May 17. For the next baptism, we will ask Keri to put all the dialogue on the screen so the participants and congregation will be able to follow along more easily.

## New Business:

- Marlene will order a new music stand.
- We will include a Father's Day litany on June 21.
- August 23 is the Back-to-School Backpack Service. The first day of school is Thursday, Aug. 27.
- The First WNL and Kids Alive will be Sept 16. (with approval by the Education Committee)
- Liturgies for June 7 - #4, 14 – Chosen People, 21 – spoken and Father's Day Litany, 28 – Service of the Word.
- Liturgies for July 5 - #10, 12 - #8, 19 – Remembering the Promise, 26 - #3.
- No Worship Committee meetings in June or July. The next meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 5:30 p.m.

Marlene Kotab, Chairman

## Evangelism May 21<sup>st</sup> 2026

Present: Pastor Kevin, Bob Tesch, Jarred Curry & Sheri Boy

Opened in Prayer

Will look at next year for the donuts and coffee since this year is pretty full.

Thank you Jarred for helping introduce people to the on-line photo directory. He will be giving a temple talk on June 14<sup>th</sup> which is new member Sunday.

Discussed the yard signs and banners. Pastor Kevin will be getting a quote for both in the next day or two.

Our outdoor Worship/Ice Cream social will be June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30  
We will be setting up around 5:00. Birds of Prey will be there.

July 19<sup>th</sup> the evangelism team is doing the coffee hour.

Brainstorming some ways to get the Wednesday night meals set up for next fall. Thank you Tim and Debbie Patmore, Connie Berg and all who contributed to the meals in the past.

We will be at the Music on Main on September 2nd. Set up will begin around 5:00 and wrapping up around 8:00. Talked about working in shifts.

Chapter 6 The Invitational Christian

Give Them Tools:

Talked about the different types of tools that we can use to invite people to Church.

What can Grace use to give to others as an invitation to a Wednesday or Sunday worship?

Grace has a website that shares information about our church. There is a Facebook page, what other types of tools can we provide?

Our next meeting is set for **September 17th** where we will meet at First Methodist Church to walk and learn about the Labyrinth.

God's Blessings,  
Sheri Boy