CHURCH MINUTES

Grace Lutheran Council Meeting
September 3,2026

Present: Robin Baldwin, Diana Bauer, Jarred Curry, Jeff DeKraai, Paul Haedt, Terri Huntley, Heather Kreutz, Kelly Magdanz, Debbie Patmore, Bob Tesch, Jeremy Vliem, Pastor Kevin, Pastor Carla.

Absent: Chris Pankratz, Casey Raftvold

Meeting called to order by Pres, Tesch at 5:27 p.m.

Special guest: Deacon Jessica Newnan from Strategic Planning and Vision gave a presentation via a Zoom meeting. She spoke on three fazes of the program: 1. Listen to God, 2. Focus Phase 3. Act. The program would be a year long effort to raise awareness on how to grow Grace Lutheran Church in our community. The cost of the program is $20,000.00 plus travel and meal expenses for two trips to SD from Texas.

There were no additions or adoptions to the agenda. Motion by Debbie to accept the agenda, second by Jeff. MP

Secretary's report: approved with corrections. Pastor Kevin and Pastor Carla attended the July council meeting. Motion by Kelly to approve minutes with corrections, 2nd by Debbie. MP

Treasurer's report: was presented by Robin.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Money counters:
  September 13 – Paul and Terri
  September 20 – Debbie and Diana
  September 27 – Bob and Paul
  Oct. 4 - Diana and Jarred
  Oct. 11 – Terri and Debbie
  October 18 – Bob and Paul
  October 25 – Kelly and Heather
  November 1 – Debbie and Heather

- Red Bucket: Motion by Jeff to give 4th quarter Red Bucket donations to Outreach Reconciliation Center (Pastor Dan) at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. 2nd by Kelly. MP

- Picture "His Hands" donated by Lynelle Chapman. Motion by Jeff to frame and hang newspaper article about the picture on the adjacent wall by the picture. 2nd by Paul. MP

- WNL Meal September 16 will be served by Debbie, Terri, Kelly, and Diana. They will meet on Sept. 10 at 8:00 am to plan menu. Council will also serve WNL meals on October 21 and November 18.

- Pastor Carla made a motion to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Jarred. Pastor Kevin closed the meeting with prayer.

Secretary, Diana Bauer

GLCW Minutes – September 8, 2026

Deb Patmore called the meeting to order in Jesus' name. Following a devotion and singing, the minutes were approved as read. The treasurer's report showed $13,431 income in August (including a $200 donation for the John Lovald funeral). Expenses included a $1,950 bill from Grocery Mart for Rally food. Courtesy Chairman Lynette Kvanvig sent 3 cards.

Old Business:

- Cindy Gehringer reported that the pie sale will be November 24, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Fruit pies will be made at the church on Monday, November 23, with pick up on Tuesday. A $250 Thrivent grant will pay for the ingredients. All should come to assemble the pies. Cindy will send advertising to the surrounding churches and Deb will put it in the Pioneer Hills Happenings.
- The Fall Retreat is Friday and Saturday, Sept. 11-12. Marlene Kotab and Deb Patmore will attend.
- WNL begins Sept. 16. GLCW will prepare the meal on Wed., Oct. 14. All groups should record how many they serve and what food they prepare. Cindy Gehringer, Ruth Smit, and Marlene Kotab volunteered to organize, but more help is needed.
- We will finish collecting school kits in September and assemble them during the Oct. 13th GLCW meeting.

New Business:

- The downstairs kitchen will be cleaned on Tuesday, Sept. 22 beginning at 8:00 a.m. All members should plan to help.
- October will bring election of officers with new officers beginning in January of 2027. The President and Vice-President are elected annually and Secretary and Mission Growth will be elected to serve a 2-year term beginning in odd-numbered years (2027-2028). Please consider volunteering for these important positions at Grace.
- The next meeting is Oct. 13 with Pastor Carla as the hostess and Bible Study leader. We will assemble the school kits, so we need help with that project.
- The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Pastor Carla led the Bible Study and Deb and Marlene served as hostesses.

Marlene Kotab, Secretary

Worship Committee Minutes – Tuesday, September 15, 2026

The Grace Worship Committee (Candy McKay, Christian and Marlene Kotab, Pastor Kevin Jensen, and Tim Patmore) met on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting opened with a devotion and discussion about the new hymnal supplement, "All Creation Sings."

Old Business:

- The roof repair was reviewed.
- The Back-to-School service was on August 23 with lower attendance than usual. Discussion was held about the date and the inclusion of a portion to bless the school staff and teachers.
- The first WNL is Sept. 16. Faith Journey speakers will be Bill Rossow on September 30, Mary Ann Stroschein on October 28, Rick Little on November 11, and a possible Camp Night on October 21.
- The Stewardship Sunday is Oct. 11 followed by the Thanks-a-Brunch.
- Confirmation is Oct. 25.
- Military Appreciation is Nov. 8.
- GLCW Thankoffering Sunday is November 15.
- Advent begins Nov. 29. We will decorate the church after the Senior Dinner on Nov. 22nd.
- The Pastors will be gone on Oct. 18. The guest pastor is Pastor Chris Lenning.
- Kris Little sent a report from the Altar Guild. A cleaning tool for the wine dispenser was purchased. Extra wafers from the Sunday service will be used for the following WNL service. Fresh wafers will be used each Sunday. The Altar Guild meeting is Tuesday, September 22 at 6 pm.

New Business:

- Families will be asked to read for Advent. The choir and congregation will sing a new Advent song – "Light of Heaven, Come."
- Liturgies for October 4 - #10, 11 – Chosen People or a special liturgy for Consecration Sunday, 18 - #7, 25 - #8.
- The next meeting is Oct. 20 at 5:30 p.m.

Marlene Kotab, Chairman