

# CHURCH MINUTES

## **GLCW Minutes – August 18, 2026**

Deb Patmore called the August GLCW meeting to order with 12 in attendance. After devotions and singing, the minutes were approved as corrected.

David Lyons, Rally Breakfast Chairman, thanked everyone for their hard work. Numbers were down by 20%. We served 1,071 breakfasts. As bills were not yet paid, the estimated profit is \$9,900. \$435 was received in tips which will be divided between the piano and roof funds.

Lynette Kvanvig, Courtesy Chairman, sent 9 cards. She reminded everyone to contact her for any concerns. Darlene Mullins asked all to write down (on a pad in the card cabinet) any requests for specific cards. Ardith McFarland and Carolyn Ruff thanked everyone for cards they or their family received.

Old Business:

- The quilters had a very successful Rally Quilt sale. They profited \$3,700 with an average of \$175 per rally quilt. They sold 15 motorcycle quilts and over 65 quilts in total. They have donated some of their profits to the roof project along with a previous \$1,000 donation.
- We will continue to collect for the Lutheran World Relief School Kits. Lists of items are in the narthex on the table and donations can be put in the grocery cart. We will wrap up the project and begin assembling the kits in September.
- A Pie Fundraiser/Pie Social was discussed. The committee will decide what kind of event they would like to organize and when it will take place.
- The first Wednesday night meal (made by the Church Council) will be Sept. 16. All should attend these fellowship opportunities and enjoy a good meal and short worship service.
- The WELCA Thankoffering Sunday is Nov. 15.
- New aprons have arrived and some were used for the Rally Breakfast.
- Reservation forms for the September Fall Retreat were distributed.

New Business:

- The next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 1:30 p.m. The GLCW Board members are the hostesses. Our Bible Study will be from the Fall Gather Magazine – Session One: Encountering God in the Wilderness.

The meeting closed with table grace and the Lord's Prayer. Ruth Smit was the hostess.  
Marlene Kotab, Secretary

## **Worship Committee Minutes – Tuesday, August 18, 2026**

The Grace Worship Committee met on Aug. 18 with Pastor Kevin Jensen, Chris Pankratz, Marlene and Christian Kotab, Ruth Mechling, and Kris Little in attendance. Pastor led an opening litany.

### **Old Business:**

- Meal plans are set for Wednesday Night Live. The Church Council will serve on the opening night of Sept. 16.
- The Council is obtaining bids for the roof repair and we are hoping for completion before winter. The fundraising has gone well and we are close to our estimated goal.
- The new prayer list policy is working well.
- 42 people attended the outdoor service and ice cream social with the Black Hills Raptor program. Pastor thanked the helpers and musicians for a successful evening.
- The piano replacement fund has gone well. A new piano has not been ordered yet because there are no local dealers to visit and try out different kinds of digital pianos. But the musicians continue to search.

### **New Business:**

- Grace is glad to welcome Maddie Anderson back as an assisting minister.
- WNL schedule – 1<sup>st</sup> service is Sept. 16. Faith Journey speakers will present on Sept. 30, October 28, and November 11. A possible Camp Night is Oct. 21.
- Grace Choir's 1<sup>st</sup> rehearsal is Sunday, Sept. 13.
- The Altar Guild will meet on Tuesday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m.
- Stewardship/Consecration Sunday is Oct. 11 with a Thank-A-Brunch after the 9:00 service.
- Rev. Chris Lenning will provide pulpit supply on Oct. 18 and also conduct the 2:00 p.m. service at Dolan Creek.
- Confirmation Sunday is Oct. 25.
- Military/Veterans Appreciation Sunday is Nov. 8.
- WELCA Thankoffering Sunday is Nov. 15.
- The Senior Thanksgiving Meal (upon approval by the Youth and Leaders) is Nov. 22 followed by the decorating of the church for Christmas.
- Advent begins Sunday, Nov. 29.
- The Community Christmas Concert is Sunday, Dec. 13, at 2:00 p.m. at the theater. Rehearsal is Wed., Dec. 9, at 7:00 p.m.
- The Grace Children's Christmas program is Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 6:00 p.m.
- The Grace Christmas Music Service is Sunday, Dec. 20, at the 9:00 service.
- Pastor Kevin will order samples of a new hymnal, *All Creation Sings*.
- Liturgies for September: 6 – Spoken, 13 – Service of the Word, 20 - #4, and 27 – Remembering the Promise.
- The next meeting is Tuesday, September 15 at 5:30.

Marlene Kotab, Chair