

# CHURCH MINUTES

## Grace Lutheran Council Meeting February 5, 2026

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

President Tesch called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Opening devotions given by Jeff DeKraai.

Additions/Adoption of the Agenda. Old Business – Parsonage loan. Motion by Debbie to accept addition to agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff. Motion passed.

Approve the Secretary minutes: Motion by Jeff to approve minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jarred, Motion passed.

Treasures Report given by Robin. Robin will update the status of the Endowment Fund once a year.

Treasures report accepted.

Old Business:

Patch roof for now.

Parsonage loan set at 6:75% for the next 5 years with the First National Bank in Sturgis.

New Business:

Money Counters

March 1 – Paul and Debbie

March 8 – Jeff and Diana

March 15 – Debbie and Terri

March 22 – Bob and Jarred

March 29 – Heather and Bob

April 5 – Debbie and Diana (Jarred)

Devotion Schedule

March – Chris

April – Casey

May – Jeremy

June – Diana

July – Jarred

September – Terri

October – Dibble

November – Heather

December – Paul

Executive committee will find someone to do janitorial duties until David can resume the job. Casey Raffevold has been filling for David.

Debbie made a motion to adjourn, Jarred 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

Secretary, Diana Bauer

## GLCW Minutes – Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026

President Deb Patmore called the meeting to order in Jesus' name with 11 in attendance. After a devotion and a song, the minutes were approved as corrected. Lynette Kvanvig, Courtesy Chairman, reported on the 10 cards she sent. Pastor Carla has asked Lynette to be the contact person for "Grace Vine," which is a new program to keep members in the know about the joys and sorrows of the Grace family and make us feel more connected with each other. All should contact Lynette and she will put notices in the newsletter.

Old Business:

- Feb. 18 is Ash Wednesday. GLCW will serve the meal at 5:30 with imposition of ashes and the service at 6:30 pm. There is no service on March 18.
  - The quilters will serve supper on Feb. 25, Tessa Gunderson and team on March 4, the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders on March 11, and men on March 25.
  - Donations for the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits will be collected throughout Lent. GLCW will assemble the kits after Lent. Donations include light- to medium- weight dark bath towels (20x40 to 27x52), 2 bars of soap, one packaged toothbrush, one sturdy comb, and one metal nail clipper.
- New Business:
- To date, 4 funeral lunches have been served during this first quarter.
  - Pastor Carla reported on the new Rapid City Women's Prison and the ELCA involvement in prison ministry.
  - The next meeting is Tuesday, March 10. Lynette Kvanvig and Mary Ann Stroschein will host. All are invited to plan a program/speaker for the meeting.

Deb Patmore and Cindy Gehringer were the hostesses.  
Marlene Kotab, Secretary

### **Worship Committee Minutes – Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026**

Present at the meeting were Tim Patmore, Chris Pankratz, Christian and Marlene Kotab.

Old Business:

- The "Hidden Beauty of Creation" liturgy will be used on March 1.
- Ash Wednesday-distribution of ashes by the confirmands, choir singing at the beginning of the service, and Danilee Pudwill and Christian Kotab will sing a duet after the sermon.
- Palm Sunday is March 29. The congregation will process in and the children and adult choir will sing. Keri has ordered the palms.
- The Easter Cantata performances are March 29 and 31 at Grace at 7 pm.
- The confirmands will lead "A Living Last Supper" on Maundy Thursday. The Altar Guild will drape the altar area.
- The Reverse Advent service by the high school youth is pending.
- Easter is April 5 with a 6:30 am sunrise service at the Lion's Club Park. We will check to make sure the gazebo is reserved. Bob Tesch will assist Pastor. At 9:00, we will have a trumpet on the opening hymn. There will be 3 communion stations.
- First communion is Feb. 22. 3 children will participate and a 4<sup>th</sup> at WNL on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Communion bread will be provided by the class.
- Lenten meals are covered.
- Marlene asked Chris to ask the Council for the approval of the use of the church for the Arts Council's summer musical auditions (May 3-4) and rehearsals for part of the month of May.

New Business:

- Meal preparation for next fall's Wednesday evenings needs to be settled as the Patmores are retiring from this much-appreciated service. The Worship Committee feels that the Wednesday service needs to continue, but it hinges on the congregation's help with meal preparation. All ideas are welcomed.
- The Good Friday Crosswalk is being organized by St. Thomas Episcopal. It will start at noon at First Presbyterian and end at Grace.
- Post-Easter Holy Humor Sunday is April 12. The theme is Jersey Day Delight and all are asked to wear a favorite team jersey to worship.
- The Pastors are on vacation from March 6-12. Pastor Dan Johnson from Pine Ridge will be here on the Sunday, March 8, and Mary Kettl from Outlaw Ranch will help on Wed., March 11. The Pastors will also attend Kendra's graduation from USD and will be gone May 5-11.

- Pastor will use a shortened version of “Holden Evening Prayer” for the rest of the Lenten Services. We **WILL** have a Lenten Service on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 pm. (Because of spring break, there will be no Kids Alive or meal that evening.)
- Bonnie Lange will serve lunch for the Bear Butte Conference Leaders Meeting on March 17.
- The Altar Guild meets on Tuesday, March 24 at 6 pm.
- Liturgies – March 1-Hidden Beauty, 8-Spoken, 15- #3, 22-#7, 29 – Palm Sunday Special Liturgy.
- The next meeting is Tuesday, March 17, at 5:30 pm.

Marlene Kotab, Chairman