

CHURCH MINUTES

Grace Lutheran Council Meeting

April 9, 2026

Present: Robin Baldwin, Diana Bauer, Jarred Curry, Jeff DeKraai, Paul Haedt, Heather Kreutz, Chris Pankratz, Debbie Patmore, Casey Raftefold, Bob Tesch, Jeremy Vliem.

Absent: Terri Huntley, Kelly Magdanz.

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

Opening devotion given by Jeremy Vliem.

Addition /Adoption of the Agenda. Add On Line Directory to Old Business. Motion by Debbie, 2nd by Jeff. Motion passed.

Approve Secretary's minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Jeff, 2nd Paul. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report presented by Robin.

Old Business:

- Add On Line Directory to Temple Talk and need for a new roof for the Church Sanctuary on April 19.

New Business:

- Money counters:
 - May 3 – Jarred and Diana
 - May 10 – Debbie and Paul
 - May 17 – Bob and Casey
 - May 24 – Bob and Paul
 - May 31 Heather and Jerred
 - June 7 – Debbie and Diana
- Changes to prayer request by The Worship Committee: Those needing special prayers will remain on the list in the bulletin and be read on Sunday for one month. If an individual or their loved one wants the name to remain, they should call the office to add them for an additional month. Motion by Paul, 2nd by Jarred to adopt the Worship Committee request for prayer. Motion passed.
- Replace piano: Motion by Pastor Kevin to support the Worship Committee to do a fundraiser for a new piano. 2nd by Debbie. Motion passed.
- Lowe Roofing will be contacted for a bid on a new roof.
- Credit cards: Motion by Jeff to change Keri's credit card from \$1200 to \$2500. 2nd by Debbie, motion passed. Motion by Heather to get a credit card for Pastor Carla, limit \$2500.00. 2nd by Chris. Motion passed.
- Talk about WNL Meals for next year at the April 19 Temple Talk. Tabled forming a Fellowship Committee.
- Quilt Raffle.
Motion by Jeff to have a Silent Auction Bid on the two quilts donated by the quilters. 2nd by Chris. Motion passed. Pastor Kevin will coordinate the Silent Auction.

Pastor Kevin closed meeting with prayer.

Motion by Debbie to adjourn, 2nd by Jarred.

President Tesch adjourned meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Next meeting will be May 7, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Secretary,
Diana Bauer

GLCW Minutes – April 14, 2026

With 10 in attendance, President Deb Patmore called the meeting to order in Jesus' name. Marlene Kotab led the devotions and opening song, The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report:

January

Income from offering and Aga funeral - \$259

Expenses for stamps, funerals and paper - \$293.79.

February

Income from Paulson funeral and memorial and Burnham funeral, offering and Ash Wed. meal - \$1,189.25

Expenses for funerals and paper - \$333.86

March

Income from offering - \$40

Expenses for devotionals and Gather subscription - \$175.75

Balances in GLCW account – March 31 - \$22,326 and Mission Investment - \$26,327.43

Lynette Kvanvig, Courtesy Chairman sent 4 cards.

Old Business:

- The Bear Butte Conference Spring Gathering is April 25 at Our Savior's. Registration (8:00-9:00 a.m.) is \$10. GLCW will meet at 8:00 a.m. to carpool to Spearfish. Event is from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Deb will set a work date to finish assembling the LWR personal care kits. Pastor Carla offered the help of the High School youth group to box the kits.

New Business:

- The South Dakota WELCA Conference is June 17-19 at Grace Lutheran in Watertown. Registration information is in the April Grace newsletter.
- The 2nd quarter funeral chairs are Lynette Kvanvig and Connie Hurlburt.
- Marlene Kotab moved to donate \$2,500 to the Grace roof repair fund. Motion carried.
- Cindy Gehringer moved to apply for \$2,500 from the Mission Investment Fund for the roof repair. Motion carried.
- There will be a sanctuary piano replacement drive. Decision on a donation was tabled.
- Cindy Gehringer and Pastor Carla Nelson will investigate replacement of the aprons in the kitchen.
- The next meeting is Tuesday, May 12, at 1:30 p.m. Debbie Patmore and Terri Huntley are the hostesses. A program is needed. Pastor will lead the Bible Study.

Marlene Kotab, Secretary

Grace Worship Committee Minutes – April 21, 2026

Pastor Kevin Jensen opened the meeting with a reading. In attendance were Marlene and Christian Kotab, Candy McKay, Ruth Mechling, Kris Little, Tim Patmore, and Pastor Kevin Jensen.

Old Business:

- Holy Week Services went well. The Palm Sunday palm procession and special music was enjoyed. The confirmation youth and high school youth led the Thursday and Friday services and both were very meaningful. Grateful thanks were expressed to Candy McKay, Dan Chapman, and Danilee Pudwill for their music for all three services. Bob Tesch helped with the 6:30 a.m. Easter service and Tim Patmore put the signs out. All the help at the services is a great gift to our church.
- Holy Humor Sunday was a fun service. Ideas for next year's theme were discussed. Pastor sent out other ideas after the meeting.

- The Faith Journey talks are continuing – speakers are Marlene Kotab, Gary Meyer, J.D. Williams, and Bob Haivala.
- The Pastors will attend their daughter's graduation from May 5-11. Pastor Bruce Thalacker will be the visiting pastor.
- Bible School is June 8-11. All children must be registered.
- The last WNL is April 29 with a visit from the Animal Shelter during the education hour.
- The council approved the new policy for the prayer list read on Sundays. It will be published in the bulletin and newsletter: *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.*

New Business:

- New Member Sunday may be conducted on May 3.
- Pictures of all committees should be sent to the office for the online registry.
- Funding is needed for roof repair and replacement of the sanctuary keyboard. All contributions should be designated for each project.
- The outdoor service is set for Sunday, June 8th.
- Altar Guild representative, Kris Little, requested notifications of the church weddings.
- We will furnish more red buckets for the children when they gather the Red Bucket offerings. They will take the offerings to the front of the church and deposit monies into the main bucket.
- Liturgies for **May 3:** Remembering the Promise, **May 10:** #10 with a Mother's Day Litany, **May 17:** Graduation Liturgy, **May 24:** Spoken with a Memorial Day/Patriotic Litany, **May 31:** #7.
- The next meeting is May 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Marlene Kotab, Chairman

4/8/2026

Endowment Committee – Annual Meeting/Review Applications for distribution

Present: Robin Baldwin, JD Williams, Tim Potts, Shawn Mechling, Linda Hemmah

Agenda:

1. Review Applications (see details below) – 8 applications received – total of applications \$5500 – total approved \$6416
2. Review Bylaws specific to total available to approve
3. Review Terms – see attached document with member detail

Meeting:

Motion by JD and second by Tim to make the clarification of “up to 4% of income available for applications”. Reference Bylaws – Distribution.

Balance investments 12/31/2025	\$275,733.70
4% allows for maximum distribution	\$ 11,000.00
Current balance in DDA	\$ 6,800.00
Total Approved Applications	\$ 6,416.00

Applications Received and Actions Taken:

Category A - Capitol Improvement

1. GLC – Bob Tesch – cost of project \$38,000 – application \$1000 – Approved \$1916.00 (\$916 available for gift in this category per bylaws) Increase motioned by JD and seconded by Tim
 - a. Defray cost of deductible for new roof
2. GLC – Worship Committee – Marlene Kotab cost of project \$4000 – application \$1000 – Approved
 - a. Electric Piano for Sanctuary

3. GLC Council – Debbie Patmore - application \$750 – Approved

a. New Chairs Sunshine Room

Category C – Scholarships to members of GLC for camping, leadership...

1. VBS – Pastor Carla Nelson – cost of Project - \$1000 - application \$250 – Approved

a. Assist with expenses for GLC VBS held June 8-11, 2026.

Category D – Gift to missions, local & state, Social services agencies, institutions/individuals in need

1. Sturgis Monument Health – Marcia Potts – cost of project \$18,000 – application \$600 – Approved

a. Funds raised for a Podiatry chair and an imaging table to be used by the Hospital, clinics and Long-term car patients.

Category E – Gifts to ELCA for mission work & missionary education, in US or overseas

1. St Dymas of SD – ELCS – Bonnie Lange – Ongoing Project - application \$500 – Approved

a. Extending the ministry to newly released individuals for a year after their prison release.

Gift may also assist at new woman's prison in Rapid City

2. Lutheran Campus Ministry – Pastor Carla Nelson – cost of project \$3000 - application \$500 – Approved

a. Assist School of Mines students with housing needs at the Luther House

3. Canyon Hills – LSS – cost of project \$3000 - application \$1000 – Approved

a. Request to help stock food and snacks as part of the Star Card Program

Present the checks on April 26th