

CHURCH MINUTES

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting September 4, 2025

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

Absent: Paul Haedt, Chris Pankratz.

President Tesch called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Devotions by Terri Huntley

Secretary's report – Motion to approve Secretary's report by Kelly, 2nd Jeremy Vliem. Motion passed.

Treasure's Report Accepted

Adoption/Additions of Agenda – Motion to approve Agenda by Jeff, 2nd by Debbie. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Online Directory. Kelly reported that there are no churches in our area that use online directories. We will continue to look into what type of church directory to compile.
- Church Audit – Bob talk with the auditors (Pam Weidenbach, Jenna Blakeman, and Andrea Williams) about setting a date to do the audit.

New Business:

- Money counters:
 - October 5 – Pam Weidenbach and Paul Haedt
 - October 12 – Jeff DeKraai and Jeremy Vleim
 - October 19 - Debbie Patmore and Diana Bauer
 - October 26 – Bob Tesch and Terri Huntley
 - November 2 – Pam Weidenbach and Debbie Patmore
- Carpet Cleaning: Motion by Debbie to have the carpets cleaned by the same company as last year. 2nd Jerred. Motion passed.
- Red Bucket Recipient for 4th Quarter: Motion by Pastor Carla to donate 4th quarter Red Bucket money to the Scoopers Closet and the Stallion Closets for the youth. 2nd Jeff. Motion passed.
- Re-key Locks: Bob and Pastor Kevin are working on a grant from Homeland Security for phase two of the security system for GLC.
- Carpet shampoo machine. Motion by Debbie to let David borrow the carpet shampoo machine. 2nd San, motion passed.
- Serving Grace Signup sheet or calling system tabled until November meeting.
- New toilets in fellowship hall. Motion by San to replace 3 toilets (2 in women's and 1 in men's bathroom) and install handicap grab bars. Have Paul get price quotes. 2nd Kelly. Motion passed.
- Devotion List:
 - October 2 – Debbie
 - November 6 – Heather
 - December 4 – Bob
 - January 8, 2025 – Kelly
- October 12 has been set for Consecration Sunday,
- Note time change. October 2 and November 6 meetings will start at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 7:20 p.m.

Secretary, Diana Bauer

GLCW Minutes – Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025

GLCW met on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025. Pastor Carla Nelson led the Bible Study. The minutes were read and approved. The Rally Breakfast Financial Report will be presented in October. Lynette Kvanvig, Courtesy Chairman, sent 5 cards.

The October meeting will include election of officers. (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Mission Action). The women of Grace are encouraged to volunteer for these necessary positions. Please prayerfully consider accepting a nomination or just attending a meeting. The fellowship is great.

In October, Pastor Carla Nelson will lead the Bible Study. Shirley Halverson will be the hostess.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Marlene Kotab was the hostess.

Marlene Kotab, Secretary

Worship Committee Minutes, Sept. 16, 2025

Pastor Kevin Jensen led the committee in an opening devotion used at the Fall Theological Conference in Mitchell. Present at the meeting were Pastor Kevin, Marlene and Christian Kotab, Candy McKay, Kris Little, and Ruth Mechling.

Old Business:

- The Altar Guild meets Tues, Sept. 23.
- Mary Kettl from Outlaw Ranch comes on Oct. 1st to discuss summer camp.
- The new microphones are now being used. Pastor Carla's mic needs some adjusting.
- Consecration Sunday is Oct. 12 with a Thanks-A-Brunch after the service.
- Confirmation and Reformation liturgies will be used on Oct. 26. The 6 confirmands will serve at the various worship positions and share their faith statements.
- Sunday, Nov. 23 is the Senior Thanksgiving Meal after church.
- There is no WNL on Nov. 26 because of Thanksgiving and Dec. 31 during Christmas vacation.
- Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2 pm is the Community Christmas Concert at the theater
- The Grace Children's Christmas Program is Wed., Dec. 17 at 6:00 pm.
- The Christmas Eve Service is at 5:00 p.m.

New Business:

- Prayers of intercession responses and format will be discussed with Tim Patmore.
- We will remember to use only one special part of the service each Sunday to ensure we finish by 10 a.m. so that our radio listeners hear the entire service. (healing service, sharing of the peace, thanksgiving for baptism, etc.)
- Military/Veterans Appreciation is Nov. 9.
- WELCA Thankoffering Sunday is Nov. 16. Women volunteers should contact Deb Patmore or Marlene Kotab if they will serve that Sunday. (usher, communion, etc.)
- Advent begins Nov. 30. We will decorate the church after the Nov. 23rd Senior Dinner. Families are needed for the Advent Candle readings Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, 14, 21 and 24. Contact Marlene if your family would like to do the reading and lighting.
- A sound tech is needed on the Sundays of Nov. 30 and Dec. 21 and for Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th
- We will ask Keri to include the information about a member's funeral in the bulletin and in the script.
- Liturgies for October 5 – Spoken or #10 (Musicians will decide), 12-#7, 19 - #8, 6 – Confirmation/Reformation liturgy
- The next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 5:30p.m.
Marlene Kotab, Chairman