

Grace Lutheran Church Council October 9, 2025

Grace Lutheran Church Council met on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 7 pm with the following members present: Karen Hammel, Mike Schlievert, John Heminger, Rachel Beeler, Zak Avers, Deb Boos, Pastor Jaci, and guest Jayne Klett.

The meeting was called to order by Karen Hammel. Jayne Klett opened the meeting with prayer.

Good news and prayer concerns were shared.

A motion was made by Mike, second Rachel, to approve the September 2025 Council Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Mike Schlievert

We did a great job of controlling spending in the month. The offering received on the fifth Sunday in August helped with the budget. Efficient spending and the fifth Sunday offering in August had us actually finish in the black for the month! We did have to allocate \$5,000 of the interest to the Operating Fund to keep it whole. We continue with building the CD ladder at MIF.

Pastor's Report - Reported by Pastor Jaci

- Luncheon about shared childcare spaces at Ottawa county resource center- I reached out to Pastor Tom Groot to gain information.
- Megan Marik December 13th wedding
- Alyssa Gerwin July 25th wedding - not at Grace
- Ladies night out... November 2nd at Mockingbird
- The Bike ride luncheon for Habitat for Humanity on October 5th was great!
- Philip Neitz funeral at Bethlehem
- Bethlehem stuffed cabbage dinner is October 19th

Board of Congregational Life - Reported by Rachel Beeler

We will have a Reformation Potluck - October 26, 2025

Board of Property - Zak Avers

There is currently one new coat of paint on the ceiling in the narthex.

Board of Witness and Mission - John Heminger

The board met on October 8, 2025

1. Reviewed events:

Sept 7 – Temple Talk – Jeremy Parkins from Dress Right Dress

Sept 28 – Drive through Chicken Dinner – 158 dinners sold, 10 dinners donated to Liberty Center along with beans and baked potatoes. Remaining chicken sold for \$5 a half chicken.

Profits of \$520 to be divided between Holiday Bureau and LWR quilt, care kit, school bag shipping costs.

2. Reviewed the list of agencies on our benevolence list. Offerings are on track to provide the benevolence funds needed to support the remaining recipients.
3. Survey to be distributed to determine if our benevolence funds are reaching the agencies that are important to our congregation.

Benevolence: First Fruit balance reviewed. 2025 Fund Balance- \$376.25

Directed Funds balance reviewed. 2025 Fund Balance - \$635.60

November 12, 2025 – 10 AM - Next WAM board meeting

Board of Worship - Rachel Beeler

This Sunday, October 12, will be the first choir anthem. We will also be switching to Setting 1.

Hanging of the Greens will be November 23. Many hands make light work!

Wednesday evening Advent Soup/Bread Suppers will be held on December 3, 10, and 17 at 6 pm. Advent Holden Evening Prayer will begin at 7 pm.

Old Business:

1. Future Planning Committee - Jayne Klett

Jayne presented the new Constitution and Bylaws and highlighted the changes. Each household of the congregation will be mailed a copy of the new Constitution no later than November 7, 2025.

2. Mike met with computer experts about the possibility of getting a new laptop for the financial secretary. Options are still being investigated.

3. The Biking for Builds Habitat for Humanity Luncheon on October 5th was a huge success. Forty bikers plus volunteers were served. Thanks to all who donated money and who helped at Ory Park.

New Business:

1. The Roster Committee will meet to update the roster on Monday, October 13 at 7 pm. The committee members are: Pastor Jaci, Deb Boos, Jen Haar, Karen Hammel, and Joyce Bruntz.
2. Mike is working on the 2026 budget.

A motion was made by Rachel, second Zak, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

The next Church Council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hammel
Church Council Secretary

