

Grace Lutheran Church Council August 7, 2025

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

The meeting was called to order by Karen Hammel. Pastor Jaci opened the meeting with prayer.

Good news and prayer concerns were shared.

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

Treasurer's Report - Submitted by Mike Schlievert

It was a difficult month with the second half of the insurance payment due and low giving for the month of July. This takes us back to a loss for the year, but we are still ahead of the budget level. From an investment standpoint, we have the annuity set up from Huntington with the parsonage money. We have started the CD ladder with MIF as directed by the FAB board. So, on a brighter note, the investment returns are starting to materialize.

Pastor's Report - Reported by Pastor Jaci

- Jay Herman led a meaningful bible study and it was a great visit!
- Attended a luncheon about shared childcare spaces at Ottawa county resource center. We will be investigating this as an option for Grace.
- Game nights are great! Only able to attend once, so far but a great time!
- Megan Marik - December 13th wedding at Grace.
- Isaiah 117 Holy Graffiti event was great! Pickleball fundraiser netted 10k. Golf outing September 26th.
- Ladies night out was good even with having to change locations. Next night out... September ??
- Habitat for Humanity bike ride from Elmore to Lindsey on October 5th- Possibly sponsoring a luncheon for the riders. Karen is obtaining more details.

Board of Ministry Reports

Board of Congregational Life - No report

Board of Property - Zak Avers

The board appreciates those who filled out their survey. They will be pursuing the resurfacing of the parking lot in the near future.

Board of Witness and Mission - John Heminger

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Board of Worship - Rachel Beeler

Choir will start on Tuesday September 9, 2025 at 6 pm.

We will move back to the sanctuary for worship on October 5.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

Board of Education - Submitted by Jayne Klett

Planning for Sunday School has started. Please add these possibilities of new programming to your prayers:

- a. Adult class on Sunday morning, possibly named "Gifted Hands", during which knitting, crocheting, and other yarn and fabric arts will be taught. Items can be made for donation for personal use. The participants will determine the scope of activities.
- b. The formation of a Jr Youth group is in its early stages. The vision is that this group includes elementary and junior high youth that would meet monthly.
- c. Another change in its early planning stage is arranging for volunteers to oversee the nursery during worship on Sunday mornings. This was an idea shared at a Listening Session.

Old Business:

Future Planning Committee - Jayne Klett presented the Proposed Council and Leadership Structure to council. She has been in contact with the Synod and is following the proper protocol to propose and potentially implement the new Grace Lutheran Constitution.

New Business

None

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

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

The next Church Council meeting will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hammel
Church Council Secretary