

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

DRAFT MINUTES – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Present: Pastor Andrew, Alice Buckner, Becky Shealy (Vice President), Ben Haigh, David Lucas (President), Gaye Tucker, Jan Haigler (Treasurer), Lisa Sanchez, Mary Margaret Hoy, Sid Havird, Karen Lucas (Secretary)

Absent: Deborah Whitlow, Kate Ferlauto, Mike Weaver

Call to Order: President David Lucas called the meeting to order followed by a prayer from Pastor Andrew.

Adoption of the February 22, 2026 Agenda:

The agenda was handed out by Karen Lucas. Jan Haigler moved to accept the agenda. The second was offered by Ben Haigh. The Council **Approved** the February Agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

President David Lucas asked for any comments or corrections to the January 24, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes. Hearing no corrections, David called for a motion to approve the minutes. Becky Shealy provided the motion. A voice vote was taken. The January 24, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes were **Approved**.

Attendance and Membership for January, 2026

SUNDAYS

<u>2026</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>2025</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>Total</u>
1/4/2026	91	24	40	155		1/5/2025	89	33	33	
1/11/2026	109	36	30			1/12/2025	111	38	42	
1/18/2026	75	28	50			1/19/2025	89	32	42	
1/25/2026	N/A	N/A	ICE		<i>2026 canceled due to bad weather</i>	1/26/2025	104	41	26	
Average	92	29		96		Average	98	36		

Note: YouTube numbers reflect number of views, not number of people viewing.

Total Membership as of 12/31/2025: 568

Total Active Members 12/31/2025: 397

Current active Realm membership at the time of the January 2026 Council Meeting: 398

Members Added since the January 2026 Council Meeting: 0

Members Removed since the January 2026 Council Meeting: 0

Current active Realm membership at the time of the February 2026 Council Meeting: 398

Reports

1. Treasurer's Report: Reports Submitted.
 - a. Jan Haigler noted that the balances on the Savings and Checking Accounts report and the Statement of Activities start on January 03, 2026 due to December's balances including January first and second.
2. Realm Financial Report: Reports Submitted.
3. Pastor Andrew's Report: Written Report Submitted.

Standing Committee Reports:

1. Communication – Kate Ferlauto: No Report Submitted.
2. Evangelism Committee – Gaye Tucker: Written Report Submitted.
3. Finance Committee – David Lucas: Written Report Submitted.
 - a. Work is being done on the microphones in the Sanctuary to relieve the feedback.
 - b. Two new Tabulators are being trained by Becky Shealy.
4. Gifts Committee – Sid Havird: No Written Report Submitted.
5. Learning Committee – Lisa Sanchez: No Written Report Submitted.
 - a. Lisa has an assistant but still needs more volunteers to help.
6. Parish Life Committee – Deb Whitlow: No Written Report Submitted.
7. Property Committee – Mike Weaver: Written Report Submitted.
 - a. Security camera pointing to Sanctuary was reported as hanging off the wall.
 - b. Beautification day is scheduled for March 21, 2026.
 - c. There have been loose and broken tiles reported on the altar and the first pew on Madison side.
8. Social Ministry Committee – Mary Margaret Hoy: No Written Reports Submitted.
 - a. Classroom 2 is being used by the Food Pantry on Wednesdays during food distribution.
 - b. The Food Pantry does not want to move to Classroom 2 at this time.
9. Worship Life Committee – Becky Shealy: Written Report Submitted.
 - a. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will have streaming provided.
 - b. Having issues getting youth scheduled as Acolytes and Crucifers.
 - c. The adults are stepping up as Acolytes and Crucifers. May have to change things around during summer months.
10. Youth & Children Committee – Ben Haigh: Written Report Submitted.
 - a. At Strove Tuesday pancake dinner [REDACTED] collected for the Women's Shelter.
 - b. Souper Bowl of Caring resulted in [REDACTED] for the Good Shepherd Food Pantry
 - c. There will be 2 Easter Egg hunts on March 29, 2026. One for crawlers to 2nd grade and one for 3rd to 5th grades.

Unfinished Business:

1. Review and discussion of new Church mission and vision
 - a. A review of the new Good Shepherd mission and vision was provided by Pastor Andrew. There are already people signing up to help provide our members with relaxation and restoration. People are also signing up to keep in touch with other church members. Two people have volunteered to lead an action team to organize and implement the new mission and vision.

- b. Becky Shealy motioned to amend the mission statement to read “Our mission is to inspire and to empower every generation to seek first the kingdom of God, to seek the missing, to shepherd the weary, and to share the table.” Sid Havird provided the second. After much discussion, David Lucas called the question. A vote was taken by show of hands to approve the amended mission statement. The motion failed to pass.
 - c. David Lucas motioned that the Council revisit the wording of the mission statement at the June Council meeting. Ben Haigh seconded the motion. A vote was taken to approve the motion. The motion carried.
 - d. The Council will move forward with the new mission and vision by seeking more volunteers to help move forward and by establishing an Action Team to implement the process. Pastor Andrew will talk with the 2 members who volunteered to lead the Action Team. Pastor Andrew will notify Council of the results of his talk with the volunteers and will ask for Council’s help if needed.
2. Sound System issue diagnosed and suggested solutions will be implemented.

New Business:

1. Letter from Deborah Mitchell
 - a. Council received a letter of resignation from Parish Administrator Deborah Mitchell.
 - b. Deborah Mitchell is preparing a WORD document of everything she does with instructions.
 - c. Deborah Mitchell will remain until April 15, 2026.
 - d. Staff Support will start the process of searching for and interviewing candidates for the position of Parish Administrator.
 - e. David Lucas motioned that the Council accept Deborah Mitchell’s resignation. Becky Shealy seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.
2. Committee Minutes Template
 - a. The committee minutes template will be sent via email by Karen Lucas to Council members, since the Council notebook is not available yet.
3. Special Resolution
 - a. Becky Shealy moved to purchase a [REDACTED] gift card from unallocated funds to disburse for a special resolution on March 29, 2026, Palm Sunday. Jan Haigler provided a second. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.
4. Lenten Meal Signup.
 - a. David Lucas passed around a signup sheet for the Lenten meals. Council is responsible for the dinner meals on March 11, 2026 and March 18, 2026.

Petitions and Communications: None

The Pulse:

Executive Session (if Needed):

N/A

Next Meeting: There is no Council meeting scheduled for March.
The next meeting is April 19th at 6:30 p.m. Becky Shealy has the devotion.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. with a prayer from Pastor Andrew.

Respectfully Submitted: Karen Lucas

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
MINUTES - Congregational Meeting
Sunday, March 1, 2026**

Call to Order: President David Lucas called the Good Shepherd Congregational Meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. immediately after the worship service.

Business: President Lucas stated that the purpose of the meeting was to approve the 2025 Annual Report

The 2025 Annual Reports were printed and available for pickup in the Narthex. President Lucas asked if there were any questions concerning the Annual Report. Having heard no questions President Lucas called for a motion to approve the 2025 Annual Report. Suzanne Sanders motioned to approve the 2025 Annual Report as printed. Sid Havird seconded the motion. President Lucas asked that all in favor answer by saying "Aye". Those in favor responded with ayes. President Lucas then asked for all those opposed to respond by saying "No". President Lucas announced that the Ayes have it and declared the **2025 GSLC Annual Report Approved.**

Adjourn

Having no further business, President Lucas declared the meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Karen Lucas

Pastor's Report to Council
April 2026

Staff Transition

I have been working with former Parish Administrator Deborah Mitchell, the staff, and office volunteers, to get ready for Deborah's departure. This has involved work with the Staff Support subcommittee for hiring a new Parish Administrator as well as formalizing the documentation of the Parish Administrator's daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly tasks. As authorized by the policies and procedures in the Staff Handbook, I hired Deborah to continue in a remote interim Parish Administrator role to handle most of her former duties until a new administrator can be hired and trained. This position will terminate June 15 or once the new administrator is on board, whichever comes first.

Committee Business

I met with the Mutual Ministry Committee, MORE Justice Network Members, Evangelism Committee, POGS Group, and Executive Committee (x2).

Pastoral Care

It was an intensive time of loss and grief for our church family. I provided pastoral care for the families of Lena Duncan, Billie Jones, and Ed Woodward. I presided at the funerals for Lena and Ed, as well as the interment for Evelyn Herring, mother of Mark Whitlow, and at a funeral for Sylvia Smith, friend of some members of Good Shepherd. With the faithful help of our Shepherd's Visitors, I continue to provide care and support for the congregation. I made 9 home visits, 3 hospital/facility/nursing home visits, and made 19 pastoral care phone calls. I have been following up with bereaved families and have also been reaching out to prospective new members.

Worship

I prepared, planned, presided, and preached for Sunday worship services. I planned, preached, and presided for midweek Lenten services and for Holy Week services. I met with the staff to develop seasonal liturgies for the upcoming church seasons as well as a service for the Congregational Retreat.

Teaching

I've continued teaching our Confirmation students each week. I've also continued to teach weekly bible study in person and online.

Continuing Education and Self-Care

I met with my clergy support group. This is a group of 8 pastors who meet with a counselor/facilitator once a month to strengthen our lives and ministries.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Andrew Isenhower

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Evangelism Committee Council Report

April 19, 2026

The Evangelism committee met on Tuesday, March 3 with the following members present: Don Caughman, Pat Quattlebaum, Verna Sawyer, Pastor Andrew, and Gaye Tucker

Gaye Tucker began the meeting with a devotion- Part 2: "Why Evangelism Matters"

Old Business:

Easter Cross: Pat Quattlebaum and Sid Havird did an excellent job in making arrangements for the decorating of the Easter Cross on Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 am. Nine additional members assisted with the placing of greenery and flowers on the cross. Joey Allison moved the cross to a more visual spot from Forest Drive and Madison Avenue.

Visitor Packets have been completed and placed on a table on the right side of the narthex. Ushers, greeters and members are asked to offer them to anyone who visits our church. The packet includes a letter from Pastor Andrew, a fact sheet with photos of GS activities, and a current monthly newsletter.

New Business

Pastor Andrew shared ideas on how we can make changes to ensure that we are addressing our new mission statement. Committee members were asked to review these ideas which will be further discussed at our next meeting.

The committee did not meet in April, however, members of the committee and other congregational members have been busy this month in reaching out to others in various ways to share the Good News:

- Making phone calls, sending notes or cards to members or visitors
- Visiting shut-ins: Shepherd Visitors; Dorcas members delivered prayer cards and wooden hand crosses
- Publicizing our Easter Services with a gift bag to Food Pantry recipients (Social Ministry)
- Supporting "Power in Change" (Diaper Bank of the Midlands)
- Meals on Wheels delivered 5 days a week
- Receptions for the families and friends of Lena Duncan and Marcia Woodward

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19 at 5:30 pm in Classroom 2

Respectively submitted: Gaye Tucker

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Gifts Committee Meeting Minutes
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
April 15, 2026

Present:

Sid Havird, Jan Haigler, and Deb Embrey

Absent:

Meeting Call to Order and Devotion: Sid Havird (4:00 pm)

The following items were presented and discussed:

- 1) Time and Talent Sheets Review: We reviewed new ideas for the Time and Talent Sheet. We plan to change the format and update the form. Several new ideas were reviewed and we plan to move forward with changes to the form pending approval by the church council. We plan to seek assistance from various committee chairs and church council.

- 2) Time line for Time and Talent and Giving Forms:

August 15 & September 15 Newsletter articles

October 4th – Announcement in the bulletin and temple talk

October 5th – Mail Time and Talent Sheet with message and letter from the Pastor

October 11th – Possible Temple talk on giving

October 18th – Commitment Sunday for congregation to return time and talent and Statement of Giving

- 3) Statement of Giving form will also be reviewed to see if we need to make any changes.

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sid Havird / Chair

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**Learning Committee Meeting
MINUTES - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

Date: March 17, 2026

Present: Pastor Andrew Eisenhower, Don Caughman, Ben Haigh, Donna Haigh, Lisa Sanchez

Absent: Heather Gilbert, Stacy Gross, Bruce Shealy, Amanda Snodgrass

Call to Order and Devotion:

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. and began with a devotion based on 1 John 3:18.

Sunday school is going well. Both adult classes continue to be well attended. Confirmation class always has participants, even if everyone is not there. Children's Sunday School has 2 most Sunday, and occasionally 4 participants.

The committee members looked at possible gifts for the Confirmands: Callen, Jackson and William. A consensus was reached to once again give the personalized wooden cross. Lisa Sanchez will order the gifts soon. The committee members also discussed the reception to follow Confirmation. We will be responsible for the reception. Parish Life is doing the reception for the Graduate the week before, and Deb Whitlow graciously offered to give us any leftovers. Lisa Sanchez will order a cake and get small bottles of water. Committee members will contribute items as needed.

The next topic of discussion was our Church's new focus. Four small group Bible Studies in progress, and the feedback has been good. Pastor Andrew stated that there is not a start date for the Sunday night service as of now. He discussed that this is a learning opportunity, and we will talk with families and experiment. There could be the opportunity for learning activities before, after or during the service. Ben Haigh, chair of Youth and Children, agreed that this is a great opportunity for our committees to work together.

The committee continued to discuss possible events that might be appropriate for our new focus. We discussed multigenerational opportunities, including having a Sunday afternoon activity at Camp Kinard or at Leonard Price's land, as offered in the past by his daughter. Possible activities were discussed, and Pastor Andrew talked about a conversation he had about our youth having so much structured time. We can give the gift of space by not having all of our time structured. Options were considered, including a meal, mini-lesson / devotion, a short-icebreaker, etc., followed by unstructured time. Lisa Sanchez will reach out to Deb Whitlow, chair of Parish Life, to see if her committee would be willing to partner with us to organize an event.

Summer Sunday School was discussed. The committee agreed that we want to keep things as normal as we can, even though people may be out of town for varying lengths of time.. Don Caughman and Ben Haigh will continue their class through the summer. Pastor Andrew will look into a class focusing on teens and their families. Lisa Sanchez will look into something for the children. Ben and Donna Haigh mentioned that they did a series once of Christian based science projects for children. They will look to see if they still have the information.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) was discussed. The committee considered whether or not there were enough helpers and attendees to make this feasible. Partnering with other churches was discussed as well. It was decided not to have VBS this year. Instead, we will pursue the multigenerational opportunities that are discussed above.

Ben Haigh brought up that June 28th through July 2nd is Graceworks. This even has both learning and service. The Youth Summer Mission Fund could be used for scholarships. It was also discussed that we need to establish criteria for Lutheridge scholarships, as well as asking those who receive the scholarships to report back on their experience.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 5:30 in Classroom 2.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted: Lisa Sanchez

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**Learning Committee Meeting
MINUTES - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

Date: April 15, 2026

Present: Don Caughman, Heather Gilbert, Stacy Gross, Ben Haigh, Deborah Whitlow (Parish Life Chair), Lisa Sanchez

Absent: Pastor Andrew, Bruce Shealy, Amanda Snodgrass

Call to Order and Devotion:

The meeting began at 5:34 with a devotion based on 1 Peter 4:10: As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

The first item of discussion was the proposed summer Multi-generational Activity. Deb Whitlow came to the meeting, as Parish Life has agreed to work with us to plan the event. The date is tentatively set for August 9, 2026. Lisa has left two messages and will continue to follow up to see if we can secure Camp Kinard for the event. The committee discussed a basic structure for the event, which would include a short program consisting of a devotion and information about Sunday School classes and possibly Synod youth events. It was decided not to hold traditional Sunday School on the day of the event, but to meet at Camp Kinard around noon for a picnic. Camp Kinard has grills available, and we can hopefully get a shelter. The Committee can supply the meat, and ask people to bring side dishes. Funding may be possible through a Thrivent card, through undesignated interest, or by using funds from the VBS meal line item. It was suggested that we could make homemade ice cream for dessert. After the lunch and brief program, there will be unstructured time. Options at Camp Kinard include hiking, sports, possibly swimming, and we will bring board games and puzzles.

About a month ahead of the event, a Temple Talk will be planned to discuss the event. A sign up flier will be included in the bulletin for 3 weeks ahead of the event.

Deborah Whitlow recommended getting the meat from Old Timey Meat Market. Contact Jason at the Rosewood location to make arrangements.

The next topic of discussion was Sunday School. Don Caughman and Ben Haigh stated that class is going well. Attendance varies, but they have had over 20 people some Sundays. They will continue class over the summer. Bruce Shealy sent an update, even though he was not able to attend the meeting. The current topic, Driving the Gospels, will continue through June 28th. He and Mark Lovern will be out of town a lot during the summer, and are hoping to find people to fill in. Bruce also stated that his Lenten Bible Study group is continuing to meet and discuss parables.

Pastor Andrew stated via email that the Summer Teen and Family Sunday School class he proposed will not work out as the families will not be in town. The Committee discussed that any teens that do come for Sunday School are welcome in the adult classes. Some may wish to help in the Children's Class as well.

Confirmation was discussed. The Committee agreed that it is not necessary to send a letter to families stating that their youth will be Confirmed on Pentecost. The plan for the reception was reviewed. Lisa will contact Joey about the tables and tent. Stacy Gross volunteered to help with the reception if she is in town, as did Ben Haigh.

Ben Haigh asked about a date for Rally Day and Summer Splash. A discussion ensued about Rally Day. The last few have been poorly attended. There are very few that will receive Bibles this year. The Committee will discuss whether to have Rally Day and what it should look like if it occurs during the next meeting.

Don Caughman mentioned that some people come to Small Groups that do not come to Sunday School. He recommended looking toward the Fall and having a structure in place for Small Groups.

The Committee also decided to discuss restructuring Youth / Teen Sunday School, and that it would be good to emphasize inviting others to Church. Don Caughman stated that Evangelism has been discussing an "Invite a Friend" day. Lisa will reach out to Evangelism for more information.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 13th at 5:30 p.m. in Classroom 2.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted: Lisa Sanchez

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MINUTES – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Parish Life Committee Meeting

Date: 4/13/2026 @ 5:30 PM

Present: Laura Leigh Smith, Bobbie Storey, and Deb Whitlow

Absent: Amy Kemp, Suzanne Sanders, Mike Weaver, and Kappy Steck

Call to Order and Devotion: Deb Whitlow provided the devotion for the night.

Meeting Minutes:

Old business:

Discussed receptions: Music Festival 4/19/2026 (Parish Life Responsibility?) will text Becky Shealy. Graduation reception is May 17th, reception to be held after church.

Will cancel the June event, to celebrate Ms. Earline's 100th Birthday. The entire congregation has been invited.

New Business:

Joint venture with the learning committee. Not sure what the learning has in mind. Deb decided she would attend the Learning Committee meeting to get a feel for what they need, and what they would like help with. That meeting will be held Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

Baseball Game- Discussed, looked at the calendar and decided the best opportunity would be August 22, 2026 for the Family and Faith night. Will contact the Fireflies and get all the details.

Supper Club- Groups were made, they are to begin the week after Easter. We will have the next large group dinner on October 17th, 2026. We need to put it in the June Newsletter. We will need to run sign-up for 3 weeks, we need to do it earlier for better head counts and deposits that need to be made in the future.

Parish Life Events Calendar:

June- No event

July- No event

August-(August 9th)- Learning committee/Parish Life event

September- No event

October- (October 17th)- Supper Club (Large Group)

November- No event

December- (December 13th)- Christmas Party

January- Ehipany

Next meeting Monday, May 11th, 2026

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Submitted Respectfully: Deb Whitlow

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 2026

A GSLC grounds beautification day was held March 21. 14 volunteers cleaned windows, pruned and cleared overgrown shrubs, raked pine straw and leaves, etc. We have depleted our reserve of pine straw and will need to replenish that. Lunch was provided by Charlie and Juli Calhoun. Thanks to all that participated in the beautification project!

There are several broken tiles and loose grout on the alter and various locations throughout the sanctuary. Repairs are scheduled to be made on April 20-21. Affected areas will be taped off until repairs are completed.

The sanctuary roof repairs are almost complete. See Lauren Chandler's report on involved parties and expected results. During the repair, brackets that hold the light that illuminates our sanctuary cross were broken. It is the opinion of property committee members that this situation should be left alone, and alternative illumination options evaluated if we want to illuminate the cross in the future.

The education building has been treated with a slip proof coating to protect against falls due to slippery conditions. We are evaluating the situation to see if a second application is needed and prudent.

Mike Weaver - property committee

*"We are a community of all ages gathered by God's grace in faith
for worship, learning, loving, and service to all."*

Property Committee Report Narthex Roof Update April, 2026

This report is providing an update to Congregational Council on the current status of the Narthex roof repair:

The parties involved in this project:

- The Church is being represented by Mr. Chandler on behalf of the Property Committee and by Mr. Caleb Riser with the Richardson/Plowden law firm.
- The installer is represented by Mr. Mike Steadman with CE Bourne & Company.
- The materials provider is being represented by Mr. Andrew Wilson with Sedgwick Insurance (VM Zinc's insurance company).
- The zinc roofing expert is Mr. John Sheridan who is consulting with the installer

Status update:

- Our attorney is in the process of circulating and obtaining the necessary signatures on the Final Agreement document which defines the scope of work, materials, vendor requirements, warranty and payment responsibilities.
- The removal of the damaged panels and the replacement with a PVC material has been completed.
- CE Bourne, the roofing contractor, will be paid after the Agreement is fully executed.
- The Agreement states that VM Zinc's insurer will send the payment to the church and we will then pay CE Bourne.
- There was and will be no cost to the church.

Because of the many delays in the last six months, all parties agreed to remove and replace the roof under the draft of the Final Agreement. Since the gray color wasn't as close a match as desired, we are now discussing the option of painting the PVC roof with an electro mastic paint that will closely matching the existing zinc roof. CE Bourne has done this on other projects and is checking that this application will not void the PVC roof warranty. CE Bourne also noted that this process actually extends the life of the roof. Cost and payment responsibility will be reviewed by the Property Committee and a recommendation sent to council.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Chandler,
Property Committee, Narthex roof issues

**Social Ministry Committee Meeting
MINUTES - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

Date: March 10, 2026

Present: Alice Buckner (co-chair), Mary Margaret Hoy (co-chair), Jim Johnson, Rod Kent, Janet Lockhart, Cathy Milejczak, Suzanne Sanders, Susan Uehling

Absent: Don Caughman, Janice Haigler, Pastor Andrew Isenhower, Steve Steck, Kerry Stubbs, Susan Sturkie, Mike Weaver

Call to Order: Mary Margaret Hoy called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Devotion: Cathy Milejczak gave a devotion and prayer.

Approval of Minutes/Actions: Mary Margaret Hoy asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Social Ministry committee meeting held on January 13, 2026. Suzanne Sanders provided the motion which was seconded by Cathy Milejczak. A voice vote resulted in unanimous approval.

Committee Projects:

- **Food Pantry** – Mary Margaret Hoy reported that the food pantry distributed food to 57 families including 158 individuals in January. February totals were 52 families and 144 individuals. A special gift for Easter is planned to be given the two Wednesdays before Easter. The food pantry account balance at the end of February was [REDACTED]. Two volunteer teams are alternating Wednesday distributions.
- **Meals on Wheels** – Don Caughman (via email) and Alice Buckner reported that Meals on Wheels currently has 6 clients with the loss of two due to medical issues and one to death. It is expected that more clients will be assigned to the GSLC team soon. There was some discussion of the possibility of giving the Meals on Wheels clients an Easter gift, and Alice Buckner will give that some thought.
- **Fun Fridays** – Susan Sturkie reported via email that Fun Fridays is going well with no major changes. Additional helpers are always needed.
- **Ramp Ministry** – Rod Kent reported that no new ramps are currently scheduled, but the balance in the ramp ministry account will allow for more ramps to be built in the future.
- **Family Promise** – Jim Johnson reported that Good Shepherd along with partner churches Ebenezer Lutheran and Eastminster Presbyterian provided food and a bowling activity in February for the families. The number of churches supporting Family Promise has grown, and 1199 individuals were served in 2025. The Tomorrow's Promise program offers financial support to families so they do not become homeless.
- **MORE Justice** – Janet Lockhart reported there was a network member meeting on 2/25/26. A committee under Richland County Council is working on a trust fund for the local housing issue for housing rehabilitation and downpayments with funding available and procedures under development. The eviction reform bill is moving slowly through the state legislature. Janet will send information about contacting legislators to support the bill to remove old eviction records from the public index. A rally will be held at Beth Shalom Synagogue on 3/23/26 to talk about the justice issues for the Nehemiah Action Assembly which will be on 4/27/26 with location to be determined. Information will be included in GSLC bulletins and the newsletter with possibly a temple talk encouraging attendance at the Nehemiah Action Assembly.
- **A.C. Flora/Schools** – No report.

Old Business:

- **Monthly Emphasis** – Sunday school children chose the April monthly emphasis. The committee chose the May monthly emphasis.
 - March (Lenten Self-Denial) – Providence Home, Women’s Shelter, and Homeless No More
 - April – St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
 - May – United Service Organizations (USO)
- **ELCA World Hunger’s Daily Bread Feeding Ministry Grant** – An application for a [REDACTED] grant for the food pantry was submitted in November 2025. The ELCA replied last month that there was too much demand for them to approve our funding, particularly because the grant’s focus was on rural areas.

New Business:

- **Epworth Children’s Home** – Cathy Jones from Epworth contacted the church office with an offer to come to Good Shepherd to thank us for our financial support and speak about Epworth in church or a small setting. The committee thought the best course of action was to remind the POGs team about this possibility in case it would be helpful as they plan programs. Mary Margaret Hoy will contact Gloria Oakes.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 6:00 PM in Classroom 2

Devotion for March: Janet Lockhart

Adjourn with Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM after the group gave the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Margaret Hoy

Monthly Gift Report 2025 and 2026

Month/Year	Emphasis	Amount	Noisy Offering/Other	Amount	Food Pantry	
					Families	Individuals
January 2025	Woodyard Fund	██████████	--	█	28	93
February 2025			--	█	26	98
March 2025	Lenten Self Denial** - Homeless No More, Providence Home and Women's Shelter	██████████ ██████████	Epworth Children's Home (Shrove Tuesday and Noisy Offering)	██████████ ██████████	35	131
April 2025	Lutheran Services Carolinas (refugees)	██████████	--	█	20	77
May 2025	Project HOPE	██████████	--	█	23	80
June 2025	Palmetto Place	██████████	Tanzania (Baby Warmers)	██████████	25	65
July 2025	Big Red Barn Retreat	██████████	--	█	31	103
August 2025	Lutheran Disaster Response Carolinas	██████████	A.C. Flora Backpack program	██████████	42	129
September 2025	Free Medical Clinic	██████████	--	█	34	100
October 2025	The Therapy Place, Inc	██████████	--	█	51	159
November 2025	VA Food Pantry	██████████	Pawmetto Lifeline	██████████	81	244
December 2025	Angel Tree ELCA Good Gifts	██████████ █	--	--	61	195
January 2026	Woodyard Fund	██████████	--	--	57	158
February 2026			--	--	52	144
March 2026	Lenten Self Denial - Homeless No More, Providence Home, and Women's Shelter		--	--		
April 2026	St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ***		--	--		
May 2026	United Service Organizations (USO)		--	--		
June 2026						
July 2026						
August 2026						
September 2026						
October 2026						
November 2026						
December 2026						

* Because ELCA Good Gifts donations are sent directly to the ELCA and not through GSLC, no total amount can be provided.

** Per committee vote, includes ██████████ in surplus Angel Tree donations from December.

*** Chosen by Sunday School children

GSLC Youth & Children

APRIL 2026 COUNCIL REPORT

No standing committee to report.

March was a blessed month with a good turnout for the Easter egg hunts. The initial 2 during church hours were combined due to the small number of children present and the parents were amenable to it. I provided light snacks and refreshments. We held an impromptu hunt for the older children that same evening and I provided a meal which was also successful.

GraceWorks will be June 28th through July 2nd this year and will be out of Ebenezer Lutheran. I have had 3 parents express interest in their child attending this year so far. The cost for attendance is [REDACTED] per child and I would like to cover the cost for those that will attend. I will be able to attend most days but due to my job I won't be able to be there for all of them.

I have had one parent approach me about a scholarship for their child to attend Lutheridge this summer and need to know if there will be scholarships available for these camps.

I will be working with Deb for the graduates reception on May 17th, so far only 2 names from Deborah.

Respectfully submitted,

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