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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

MINUTES – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Sunday, May 18, 2025

Present: Pastor Andrew, Anna-Marie Plyler, Barbara Nagy, Becky Shealy, Chris Herrmann, Deborah Whitlow, Don Caughman, Jan Haigler, Kate Ferlauto, Mary Margaret Hoy, Richard Inman, Sid Havird.

Absent: David Lucas

Call to Order: President Shealy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Devotion: Chris Herrmann gave the devotion followed by prayer.

2025 Congressional Retreat Follow-Up Discussion:

President Shealy gave a recap of the items that were discussed at the April meeting. Mrs. Shealy then addressed the discussions that had begun regarding exploring various new ways to provide more worship opportunities available for members.

Adoption of the May 18, 2025 Council Agenda.

Mrs. Shealy asked if there were any changes or new items for the May Agenda. Having none, President Shealy approved the Agenda.

Adoption of the April 13 2025 Council Minutes

President Shealy asked for a motion to approve the April 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Jan Haigler provided the motion, the second was provided by Sid Havird. A voice vote was taken, and the minutes were **Unanimously Approved.**

Attendance and Membership for the 2025 Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday and Wednesday Lenten Services

<u>2025</u>	<u>12:00</u>	<u>6:30 PM 7:00 PM</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>2024</u>	<u>12:00</u>	<u>6:30</u>	<u>Total</u>
3/5/2025	49	47	96	2025 No live stream 2024 Ash Wed YouTube 42*	2/14/2024	54	50	104
3/12/2025	40	13	53		2/21/2024		39	39
3/19/2025	31	15	46		2/28/2024		50	50
3/26/2025	32	13	45		3/6/2024		44	44
4/2/2025	36	15	51		3/13/2024		33	33
4/9/2025	28	16	44		3/20/2024		41	41
Average			56		Average			52

* Ash Wed: the only Wed. service
streamed

Sundays

<u>2025</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>YouTube</u>		<u>2024</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>YouTube</u>
4/6/2025	96	41	35		4/7/2024	87	28	49
4/13/2025	110	42	46		4/14/2024	107	50	39
4/20/2025	EASTER SUNDAY				4/21/2024	91	37	34
4/27/2025	97	40	49		4/28/2024	90	33	37
Average	101	41			Average	94	37	

Holy Week

<u>2025</u>	<u>7:00</u>	<u>You Tube</u>		<u>2024</u>	<u>7:00</u>	<u>You Tube</u>
4/17/2025	62	29	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	3/28/2024	61	26
4/18/2025	67	23	<i>Good Friday</i>	3/29/2024	67	32
Average	65			Average	64	

Easter Sunday

<u>2025</u>	<u>7:00</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>2024</u>	<u>7:00</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>Total</u>
4/20/2025	65	124	N/A	58	189	EASTER	3/31/2024	68	146	n/a	52	214

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

Total Membership as of 12/31/2024: 568

Total Active Members 12/31/2024: 397

Current active Realm membership at the time of the April 2025 Council Meeting: 395

Members Added since the April 2025 Council Meeting: 4

Tom Brown: Adult, Accession Transfer Lutheran (ELCA)

Ellen Brown: Adult, Accession Transfer Lutheran (ELCA)

Sue O'Cain: Adult, Accession Transfer Non-Lutheran

Cindy Cummings: Adult, Affirmation of Faith

Members Removed since the April 2025 Council Meeting: 1

Katie Uehling Fessler: Adult, Transfer of Letter

Current active Realm membership at the time of the May 2025 Council Meeting: 398

Reports

1. Treasurer's Report: Written Reports Submitted:
2. Realm Financial Reports: Report Submitted.
3. Pastor Andrew's Report: Report Submitted.

Standing Committees:

1. Communication – Don Caughman: No Written Report Submitted.
2. Evangelism Committee – Sid Havird: Written Report Submitted.
3. Finance Committee – David Lucas: No Written Report Submitted.
4. Gifts Committee – Kate Ferlauto: No Written Report Submitted.
5. Learning Committee – Barbara Nagy: No Written Report Submitted.

6. Parish Life Committee – Deb Whitlow: Written Report Submitted.
7. Property Committee – Richard Inman: No Written Report Submitted
8. Social Ministry Committee – Mary Margaret Hoy: Written Report Submitted.
9. Worship Life Committee – Becky Shealy: No Written No Report Submitted.
10. Youth & Children Committee – Chris Herrmann: No Written Report Submitted.
11. 75th Anniversary Task Force – Nancy Hyatt: Written Report Submitted.

Old Business:

1. Assembly Attendees: David and Karen Lucas, Deb Whitlow and Pastor Andrew will attend.

New Business:

1. Motion from WELCA.

The WELCA Unit Board of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church moves that Council approve the use of Room 110 and 100 of the Education Building as the WELCA Unit meeting rooms. The rooms will be used by the WELCA Circles and the WELCA Board for meetings, functions and storage.

President Shealy then opened the floor for discussion and to any questions regarding the motion. There were questions related to the necessity to designate the space for meetings. President Shealy described the location of the rooms requested in the motion and the current setup of the rooms. Anna-Marie Plyler explained that Room 100 was freshly painted and has unused wall to wall storage shelves across one wall. It is currently partially empty with the exception of a small desk, small and large copier and some miscellaneous items. Room 110 contains: a large table, upper shelves and lower cabinets containing Youth and Children's Sunday Supplies (all clearly identified and neatly stored); coffee pot; refrigerator; and sink. Mrs. Shealy spoke with both the WELCA Board Chair as well as the Learning Chair in an effort to determine the need/reason for approval for the designated use Room 100 for WELCA and allowable use of Room of 110.

After much discussion by Council, it was decided that the motion was not necessary as the request to use the space(s) was no different than any other Committee or Board requesting and reserving the use of GSLC rooms.

A vote was taken, **the Motion was Unanimously Denied.**

2. Motion from Kappy Steck.

Kappy Steck moves to make use of the funds listed in the Money Market Playground Equipment line item to make needed improvements to our playground.

Monies will include covering the cost of:

- leveling of area*
- correct amount of sand ordered and delivered*
- taking down part of fence and putting back up to have sand placed correctly*
- machine rental to spread and level sand*
- damaged fence repair*
- benches (which will also be secured)*
- landing walkway*

Volunteer services at no cost will include:

- removal of lichen on equipment*
- removal/disposal of broken toys etc.*
- removal/disposal of the leaking broken toy chest*
- cleaning of equipment*
- edging*
- new appropriate toys*

Estimate: [REDACTED].

Any and all costs not covered by the line item amount will be taken care of by an anonymous donor.

Richard Inman provided a second for the motion and a vote was taken. The motion was **Unanimously Approved**.

Petitions and Communications:

N/A

The Pulse

Executive Session

N/A

Adjourn

President Shealy declared the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. Pastor Andrew closed the meeting by offering prayer.

Respectfully Submitted: Anna-Marie Plyler

Synodical Business

I attended the Synod Assembly in North Charleston. At this assembly, we approved three resolutions, elected a new Synod Vice President, received reports, approved a synodical budget and compensation guidelines for rostered ministers, and celebrated the 200th Anniversary of the SC Synod.

Committee Business and Parish Activities

I have met with Worship Life, Shepherd's Visitors, the MORE Justice leadership team, Memorials Subcommittee, and Mutual Ministry. I also attended the graduate recognition celebration and the Parish birthday party! A good time (and lots of sugar) was had by all!

Pastoral Care

With the faithful help of our Shepherd's Visitors, I continue to provide care and support for the congregation. This past month I made 4 home visits, 5 facility/nursing home visits, and made 13 pastoral care phone calls. I am going to make more time in my schedule this summer for additional visitation as the pace of other summer programming is somewhat reduced.

Worship

In coordination with our staff, I have continued to plan and lead our worship services. Worship Life Committee approved the creation of a task force to explore the possibilities of adding additional worship services and opportunities. Becky Shealy and I have met and are forming the task force to begin this process.

Teaching

I finished up teaching confirmation classes for the year. Our three confirmation students have been faithful and attentive. I look forward to adding to this group in the fall with our rising 6th graders! I am currently teaching a Sunday school class for adults each Sunday focusing on the Holy Spirit. At the end of July and beginning of August I will teach a joint session of the adults in a class that will serve as a "confirmation/catechism refresher."

Personal

I took a week off to spend with Michelle and the kids on their first week of summer vacation from school. This was a time of renewal and refreshment. Amelia had surgery the next week and is recovering well.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Andrew Isenhower

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Finance Committee Meeting - MINUTES
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June 10, 2025

PRESENT: Jan Haigler, Deb Embrey, David Lucas, Janet Lockhart, Gloria Oakes, Rod Kent, Becky Shealy, Karen Lucas

ABSENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM, by David Lucas, chairperson of the Finance Committee.

DEVOTIONAL: Karen Lucas shared a devotional from Romans 12:9-21 which emphasizes genuine love, avoiding evil and living in harmony with others.

MINUTES: The minutes from April 8, 2025 were emailed to all members. There was no Finance Committee meeting in May. Janet Lockhart motioned, and Jan Haigler seconded that the minutes be approved as emailed. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jan Haigler reported that she received another form for the 501 C3 number request. Rebecca Richardson found paperwork that could be our tax-exempt number, but it could be an old number. The number has 4 digits, but the new numbers have more digits. Becky Shealy said she may have information concerning our current 501 C3 number and she will review the paperwork she has.

The Church's checking account needs to be audited or officially reviewed, as we did not have one last year. A full audit cost around [REDACTED] and an official review cost around [REDACTED]. Jan suggested using a college accounting department where students need practical experience. Other Church checking accounts also need to be audited, like WELCA, POGS, Sunday School. It was also mentioned that maybe the Foundation's account needed to be reviewed at the same time. The Finance Committee agreed that we need to, at a minimum, have an official review, and we are in the process of putting together a team to do the review. The funds will be requested at the Council meeting.

Jan provided the end of May balance sheet for the savings and checking accounts. The money market savings account balance was [REDACTED] and the checking account balance was [REDACTED].

The Statement of Activities showed nothing out of the ordinary. Jan shared that we have not had to move anything out of the reserve fund so far this year, but there will be some big bills due in August.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Deb Embrey reported that the April general offerings received were 87% of budgeted need which is the best in 3 years; 2024 was 57% and 2023 was 74%. The May general offerings were [REDACTED], which was 124% of budgeted need. In 2024, May offerings were 71% of need, and in 2023, they were 79% of need.

TABULATORS REPORT: Becky Shealy shared that Mary Margaret Hoy had taken over the weekly assignment of tabulators. Becky is still handling the other coordination of the tabulators' duties.

TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT: Becky Shealy reported that Susan Sturkie's computer still has issues, and Eric Kemp is looking into it. Becky stated that the streaming computer needs to be replaced. Andrew Alton is now attending the Technology Committee meetings.

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OLD BUSINESS: Rod Kent asked about the work needed to be done in the FAB. Becky Shealy stated that funds are available for fixing the FAB roof and painting. We also have funds to strip and wax the floors in the FAB before the September anniversary celebration.

NEW BUSINESS: The price of wine is going up. The Taylor port that we use for communion has gone up a few dollars for now. This may affect the Worship Life budget in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM with The Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be August 12th at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen Lucas

Minutes from Memorials Sub-Committee meeting on May 29, 2025

Present: Nancy Hyatt, Pat Roche, Kappy Steck, Marcia Woodward, Pastor Andrew and Deb Embrey.

Call to order: The Memorials Sub-Committee meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm on Thursday, May 29, 2025. Deb Embrey, Chairperson, opened the meeting with a prayer.

New Business: On February 16, 2025, two Memorial Garden nameplates were purchased with funds from the Unallocated Funds for a cost of [REDACTED].

On April 4, 2025, a console table was purchased for the Narthex from Unallocated Funds for a cost of [REDACTED].

On May 15, 2025, a black cassock was purchased for Pastor Andrew with funds from Bill Jordan's memorial account for a cost of [REDACTED].

To date, there is [REDACTED] available in the Memorial Account. The Bible Fund is a separate account under the Memorial Fund and there is a balance of [REDACTED] in that account.

Items to purchase: The committee discussed and agreed to use Memorial funds to finish paying for the 75th catered luncheon on Homecoming Sunday. The remaining cost of the luncheon is in the amount of [REDACTED].

The following memorial accounts will be used: Becky Silvia, Wilbur Smith, Joyce Upright, Gene Upright, Dot Gibert, Pat Hazle, Helen Derrick, and Paige Frierson.

Also, the committee agreed to purchase 4 (48x30) folding tables, 4 (48x30) black fitted cloth tablecloths, and 4 (48x30) white fitted cloth tablecloths. These tables and cloths will be used in the Narthex for special events or special occasions. This purchase will be from the Unallocated Funds account at a cost of [REDACTED].

Committee members and the Pastor will call the families of the deceased members to get their approval for the use of the funds of their loved ones.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm with a prayer from Pastor Andrew.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Embrey