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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Minutes of Council Meeting

April 19, 2026

- 1) Call to Order by Council President, David Lucas at 6:30 PM.
Present were Pastor Andrew Isenhower, Karen Lucas, Alice Buckner, Becky Shealy, Ben Haigh, David Lucas, Deborah Whitlow, Gaye Tucker, Jan Haigler, Kate Ferlauto, Lisa Sanchez, Mary Margaret Hoy, Mike Weaver, and Sid Havird.
- 2) Devotion by Becky Shealy.
Becky shared "What Spiritual gifts do we have?", as referenced in Hebrews 2:4.
- 3) Sharing of conversations, ideas and thoughts from Small Group Bible Studies.
The following people were present to share information from the Small Group Bible Studies they led: Amanda Snodgrass, Bruce Shealy, Don Caughman and Anna Marie Plyler. Afterwards they were allowed to leave the meeting.
- 4) Adoption of Agenda
Note: Council minutes will reflect the submission of committee written reports that have been submitted to the Parish Administrator by **Noon on the Thursday before Council**. If the committee meeting is held between the day of Executive Committee and the Sunday of Council Meeting, email the meeting minutes directly to the Council Secretary and copy the Parish Administrator. If the submission deadline is not met, the committee report should be submitted for next month's Council Meeting to the Parish Administrator.
As in the past, **all motions** should be emailed directly to the Council Secretary.
The agenda was adjusted by Council. Mike Weaver motioned that the amended minutes be approved. The Council voted to **Approve** the April Agenda.
- 5) Minutes
 - a) Minutes from the March 1, 2026 Congregational Meeting to approve the 2025 Annual Report.
David Lucas asked for any corrections to the Congregational Meeting minutes. One correction was noted. A vote was taken to approve the amended Congregational Meeting minutes. The minutes from the March 1, 2026 Congregational Meeting were **Approved**.
 - b) February 22, 2026 Council Meeting minutes.
David Lucas asked for any corrections to the February Council Meeting minutes. No corrections were stated. Ben Haigh motioned to approve the minutes and Sid Havird seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the February 22, 2026 Council Meeting minutes were **Approved**.
- 6) Attendance and Membership for February 2026, March 2026, Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services, Holy week and Easter Sunday.

**February
Sundays**

<u>2026</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>YouTub e</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>2025</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>YouTub e</u>	<u>Tota l</u>
2/1/2026	N/A	N/A	SNOW		2026 canceled due to snow 35 at 2025 retreat	2/2/2025	110	25	20	
2/8/2026	115	9	39			2/9/2025	122	36	35	
2/15/2026	83	33	53			2/16/2025	87	32	38	
2/22/2026	100	39	40			2/23/2025	106	31	25	
Average	75	20				Average				

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

**March
Sundays**

<u>2026</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>YouTube</u>		<u>2025</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>YouTube</u>
3/1/2026	105	31	51		3/2/2025	105	50	43
3/8/2026	87	34	46	Time Change	3/9/2025	100	41	48
3/15/2026	97	33	60		3/16/2025	75	29	31
3/22/2026	110	42	268**		3/23/2025	96	42	32
3/29/2026	134	38	51		3/30/2025	133	55	26
Average	107	36			Average	102	43	

** It was noted that the abnormal YouTube number will be reported as unrecorded.

Ash Wednesday and Wednesday Lenten Services

<u>2026</u>	<u>12:00</u>	<u>6:30 PM 7:00 PM</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>2025</u>	<u>12:00</u>	<u>6:30 PM 7:00 PM</u>	<u>Total</u>
2/18/2026	52	38	90	2025 No live stream 2024 Ash Wed YouTube 42*	3/5/2025	49	47	96
2/25/2026	48	21	69		3/12/2025	40	13	53
3/4/2026	25	30	55		3/19/2025	31	15	46
3/11/2026	33	28	61		3/26/2025	32	13	45
3/18/2026	23	29	52		4/2/2025	36	15	51
3/25/2026	29	24	53		4/9/2025	28	16	44
Average	35	28	63		Average	36	20	56

* Ash Wed: the only Wed. service streamed

Holy Week

<u>2026</u>	<u>7:00</u>	<u>You Tube</u>		<u>2025</u>	<u>7:00</u>	<u>You Tube</u>
4/2/2026	67	18	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	4/17/2025	62	29
4/3/2026	65	18	<i>Good Friday</i>	4/18/2025	67	23
Average	66			Average	65	

Easter Sunday

<u>2026</u>	<u>7:00</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>YouTube</u>		<u>2025</u>	<u>7:00</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>YouTube</u>
4/5/2026	47	133	42	<i>EASTER</i>	4/20/2025	65	124	58

April 2026

Total Membership as of 12/31/2025: 568

Total Active Members 12/31/2025: 397

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

Members Added since the February 2026 Council Meeting: 0

Members Removed since the February 2026 Council Meeting: 16

Lena Duncan: Adult, Death

Billie Jones: Adult, Death

Brian Cohl: Adult, Letter to Shandon United Methodist Church

Stacey Cohl: Adult, Letter to Shandon United Methodist Church

Ava Cohl: Child, Letter to Shandon United Methodist Church

Tommy Cohl: Child, Letter to Shandon United Methodist Church

Edward Woodward, Jr.: Adult, Death

Zak Taylor, moved to Resident INACTIVE status

Ashleigh Taylor, moved to Resident INACTIVE status

Fiona Taylor, moved to Resident INACTIVE status

Jaden Porter, moved to Resident INACTIVE status

Shane Porter, moved to Resident INACTIVE status

Chloe Porter, moved to Resident INACTIVE status

Lizabeth Boozer, moved to Resident INACTIVE status

Maddie Boozer, moved to Resident INACTIVE status

Grayce Boozer, moved to Non-Resident INACTIVE status

Current **ACTIVE** Realm membership at the time of the April 2026 Council Meeting: 382

6) Reports

a) Treasurer's Report: Reports Submitted.

Jan Haigler pointed out the large amount in the checking account balance on the Savings and Checking Accounts report. It was agreed that Jan should move [REDACTED] from the checking account to the money market account leaving [REDACTED] in the checking account. It was noted that the Food

Pantry credit includes █████ collected during the Souper Bowl, not on Shrove Tuesday. A motion was made by Becky Shealy to use █████ from the Youth Summer Missions Fund for GraceWorks. Mike Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- b) Realm Financial Report: Reports Submitted.
- c) Pastor Andrew's Report: Written Report Submitted.

7) Standing Committee Reports:

- a) Communication Committee – Kate Ferlauto: No Report Submitted.
- b) Evangelism Committee – Gaye Tucker: Written Report Submitted.
- c) Finance Committee – David Lucas: No Written Report Submitted.
- d) Gifts Committee – Sid Havird: Written Report Submitted.
- e) Learning Committee – Lisa Sanchez: Written Reports Submitted.
- f) Parish Life Committee – Deb Whitlow: Written Report Submitted.
- g) Property Committee – Mike Weaver & Lauren Chandler: Written Reports Submitted.
It was pointed out that the bush on the office side of the building is hanging over the sidewalk and needs to be trimmed back.
- h) Social Ministry Committee – Mary Margaret Hoy & Alice Buckner: Written Report Submitted.
- i) Worship Life Committee – Becky Shealy: No Written Report Submitted.
- j) Youth & Children Committee – Ben Haigh: Written Report Submitted.

8) Old Business:

- a) None.

9) New Business:

- a) Synod assembly attendees.
Pastor Andrew, Cathy Milejczak, David Lucas and Karen Lucas will attend.
- b) Status of Deborah Mitchell.
Pastor Andrew has hired Deborah Mitchell on a temporary basis for 60 days starting on April 16th. She will be working from home and working with Deb Embrey via MS Teams. Deborah Mitchell will also be training a new Parish Admin as soon as one is hired.
- c) Learning and Parish Life and putting together a day of fellowship and relaxation at Camp Kinard.
There will be a short program, lunch and recreation time.
- d) It was pointed out that the Conference Room doorknob is not lockable from the inside, which could be a danger to occupants if there were a threat. The Property Committee will get this fixed.

10) Petitions and Communications:

11) The Pulse:

- a) Review and discuss Church mission and vision.

12) Executive Session (if Needed):

13) Reminders:

- a) Next scheduled Council meeting May 17, 2026
- b) Council Person for the Month of May 2026: Lisa Sanchez

- c) Bulletin Information Submission is 12 Noon the Wednesday before the Sunday in which you wish the information to appear.
- d) Newsletter Article Submission Date is the 15th of each month.

14) The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM with a prayer from Pastor Andrew.

May 17, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

After prayerful consideration and with trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I am resigning as Pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, effective **June 16, 2026**. My last Sunday will be **June 14, 2026**. I have accepted a call to serve as Pastor of Joy Lutheran Church in Moore, SC.

When I accepted your call in 2019, I felt a clear sense of the Spirit's guidance. Today, that same Spirit is leading me toward a new challenge. While we have navigated many unexpected seasons together, I am convinced that a new chapter of leadership is now required for both this congregation and my own ministry.

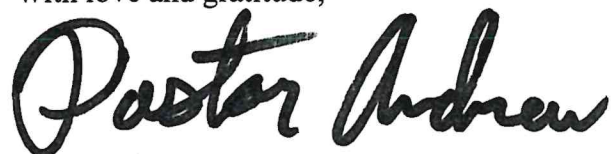
I am deeply grateful for our partnership. I am especially proud of our social ministry impact on our community, our partnerships with local schools, and our work with MORE Justice. Together we pioneered "Drive-In Worship." It was my honor to lead the congregation during our 75th Anniversary year. Good Shepherd has also been a home for my family; you have watched Amelia and James grow from shy toddlers into confident and faithful servants.

I often say I started here "four months before Covid." While our time together was shaped by circumstances none of us could have expected, I am proud of how we navigated those challenges. Now I am called to new challenges in a new place and I am also confident that this transition will make room for the specific leadership gifts Good Shepherd needs for its next chapter.

The council will work with the Bishop's office to arrange for an interim pastor and to begin the call process at the right time. I will hold you in my prayers and I ask for your prayers during this transition. Please join me in this prayer from the ELW Service of Evening Prayer that has been a constant touchstone in my prayer life:

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With love and gratitude,



Pastor Andrew Isenhower

CC: The Reverend Virginia Aebischer, Bishop, South Carolina Synod, ELCA

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and service to all.*

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Communications Committee Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2026

- I. The Communications Committee meeting was called to order by the Committee chairperson, Kate Ferlauto. A short devotional was read. Attendance was taken. Those present: Don Caughman, Susan Sturkie
- II. Old Business: No old business
- III. New Business:
Communications Committee needs were addressed by the Committee members.
1. Contact Ed Beaman regarding You Tube and assess status - *Kate Ferlauto will reach out.* 2. Update the GSLC website to make sure it is user friendly, up-to-date, & easy to read - *will reach out to Wade for access to the website.* 3. How to get and disperse church information - *Committee brainstormed ideas. Suggestions included making sure that information is given to the Communications chairperson at Council meetings. It should be in the Who/What/When/Where/Why format and be specific and detailed.* 4. Direction of committee is on a holding pattern due to the new mission and outreach of GSLC - *Committee Chairperson will continue to gather direction and information from Council meetings and relay needs to the committee as it is available.*
- IV. Next Meeting Date: The Communications Committee will meet again in May, 2026. Meetings will be held as needs arise and not necessarily on a month-to-month basis.
- V. The meeting ended and closed with a prayer.

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Communications Committee Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2026

- I. The Communications committee meeting was called to order by the Committee chairperson, Kate Ferlauto. A short devotional was read. Attendance was taken. Those present: Don Caughman, Susan Sturkie, Steve Bowden

- II. Old Business: Recap of February's meeting. Communications Committee needs are to 1. Contact Ed Beaman regarding You Tube and assess status - *Kate Ferlauto has reached out.* 2. Update the GSLC website to make sure it is user friendly, up-to-date, & easy to read - *Committee members reported the calendar has been challenging to access at time. FAB needs to be Fellowship Activities Building. Kate Ferlauto has reached out to Wade for access to the website.* 3. How to get and disperse church information - *Committee brainstormed that information needs should be given to the Communications chairperson at Council meetings & should be in the Who/What/When/Where/Why format and should be specific and detailed.* 4. Direction of committee is on a holding pattern due to the new mission and outreach of GSLC - *Committee Chairperson will continue to gather direction and information from Council meetings and relay needs to the committee as it is available.*

- III. New Business:
Social Media Presence - Committee members addressed the need for GSLC to have a strong social media presence in addition to our church website. The committee agreed that the church should at least have a presence on Instagram, TikTok, and Facebook at this time. Kate Ferlauto will look into creating the Instagram & Tiktok accounts. They will link up with the current Facebook account. The committee will ask for the new socials to be advertised in the church bulletin, website, and in the newsletter. ***It was also brought to our attention that the GSLC website needs to be updated to a .shtml account in order to be safer. Kate Ferlauto will contact Wade regarding this.*

Partnering with Committees & Front Office - Committee members address these needs. In order to help the new/old front office staff, Committee

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recommends for all Committee representatives at Council meetings to let the Communications representative know what information needs to be put out in to the community and/or church and how the requesting Committee would like that information relayed (ie..Columbia Star advertisement, banner, Social Media post, etc...) Information needs to be given to the Communications committee at least 2-3 months in advance.

Church Activity Banners - Committee discussed how to reach out to the community in order to welcome new members, participating in church events, etc... The Committee agreed that well-designed/easy-on-the-eyes banners are successful and affordable ways to disseminate information to the community. Steve Bowden, a graphic artist, agreed to lead this endeavor. Information will need to be received at least 2-3 months in advance. The existing poles can be used for the banners. Committee members will also reach out to Forest Acres to make sure all advertising requirements are met. The banners will also display GSLC's new social media symbols to try and increase access to those. In addition to using banners, it was suggested for the church to collaborate with the Forest Acres Neighborhood Association to advertise church events and to increase GSLC's presence in the community. Kate Ferlauto will reach out to the FANA.

Miscellaneous - Committee members requested for a sign to be installed on the Fellowship Activities Building (FAB) in order to make it easier for people to find. Kate Ferlauto agreed to bring it up for discussion at the next Council Meeting.

- IV. **Next Meeting Date:** The Communications Committee will meet again towards the end of June. A specific date and time was not set in anticipation of a new Parish Administrator starting. The Committee would like to invite him/her to that meeting along with Pastor Andrew. Kate Ferlauto will email all parties and set a date in June.
- V. The meeting ended and closed with a prayer.

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2026

PRESENT: Deb Embrey, Rod Kent, Karen Lucas, David Lucas, Becky Shealy

ABSENT: Jan Haigler, Janet Lockhart, Gloria Oakes

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM, by David Lucas, chairperson of the Finance Committee, in the conference room.

DEVOTIONAL: Deb Embrey shared a devotion called "True Power" referenced in Revelations 5:13.

MINUTES: The minutes from February 10, 2026 were emailed to all members. Deb Embrey moved to approve the minutes as emailed. The motion was seconded by Becky Shealy and approved unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jan Haigler provided the end of February and March 2026 balance sheets for the savings and checking accounts. The money market savings account balance as of February 28 was [REDACTED] and as of March 31 was [REDACTED]. The checking account balance as of February 28 was [REDACTED] and as of March 31 was [REDACTED].

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT:

Deb Embrey reported the offering numbers for February and March 2026. We received [REDACTED] in general offering for the month of February 2026, which is [REDACTED] of our monthly budget needs, which is a little over the average for the month of February. In February of 2025 we had [REDACTED] for February 2024 we had 80.33% and for February 2023 we received [REDACTED]

For March of 2026, Deb reported we received [REDACTED], which is [REDACTED] of our monthly budget needs. March offerings are normally high, and we received over the average for March offerings. March of 2025, we received [REDACTED], in March of 2024 we received [REDACTED] and in March of 2023 we received [REDACTED].

Note that in 2025 Easter was in April, in 2024 Easter was in March and in 2023 Easter was also in April.

The average 1st quarter offerings received in 2026 are [REDACTED] of budget needs. In 2025 the average 1st quarter offerings were [REDACTED] of budget needs and in 2024 the average 1st quarter offerings was [REDACTED] of budget needs. We had a great 1st quarter in 2026.

TABULATORS REPORT: Becky Shealy reported 2 new tabulators are on board.

TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT:

Eric Kemp has been working a lot behind the scenes due to Microsoft changes. Pastor Andrew will receive a new laptop and the Pastor's old laptop will be given to Joey. Waiting on Eric's availability to complete the purchase of the new laptop and scrubbing the old one.

The Church is updating the sound system with a system that is controlled completely by computer. Only those granted access will be able to change anything concerning the sound system. The Church has been awarded a grant of [REDACTED] from the Foundation that will cover the cost of the updated sound system. The money will be received in May.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The February and March Statements of Activities were reviewed with no issues. The February and March Statements of Financial Position were reviewed with no issues. It was pointed out that the insurance for the Church is [REDACTED] more than budgeted. Also noted was the fact that salaries and rate changes can affect the Workers Compensation insurance costs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Additional items that will affect the budget this year were discussed. This includes the salary for a new Parish Administrator and continued compensation for Deborah Mitchell to assist with accounting and administrative duties and to help train the new Parish Administrator. If a new Parish Administrator is not hired soon, we may need to use a temp agency and advertise on ZipRecruiter, Indeed, or another platform.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM with everyone reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Lucas

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

Date: May 14, 2026

Present: Don Caughman, Stacy Gross, Ben Haigh, Lisa Sanchez

Absent: Pastor Andrew, Heather Gilber, Bruce Shealy, Donna Haigh

Call to Order and Devotion:

The meeting began at 5:34 with a devotion based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...”

The first item of discussion was Confirmation, which will take place on May 24th. Details of the reception were reviewed. The committee discussed possible volunteers for set-up, serving, and clean-up. Ben Haigh and Lisa Sanchez will contact additional possible volunteers.

The next topic of discussion was Sunday School. Bruce Shealy sent an update, even though he was not able to attend the meeting. The current topic, Driving the Gospels, will continue through July 7th. Pastor Andrew has agreed to teach the class from July 14th until Rally Day. Bruce also stated that the class will do Driving Acts to Revelation for next series. Don Caughman and Ben Haigh’s class will focus on Paul’s Missionary Journey for the month of June. They will discuss with the class whether to combine with the Come and See class while Pastor Andrew is teaching. Bruce also stated that the home Bible study is going well. There are 12 in the group, with an average attendance of 9 each week.

The committee then discussed Rally Day. Attendance has dwindled over the years, and it is difficult to put a program together with minimal participation. The group decided that we will not do Rally Day this year, as the energy would be better spent elsewhere. Bibles will be presented to 3 year olds, rising 3rd graders, and incoming Confirmation students in a brief presentation before a service prior to the beginning of Fall Sunday School.

The upcoming intergenerational event on August 9th was the next topic of discussion. The event will be called the **Good Shepherd Fellowship Picnic**. There will be a short devotional, lunch, and then a choice of activities. The committee discussed how to obtain a Thrivent card to cover the cost of the meat, etc.

Information from Pastor Andrew on the bRIDGE program was read aloud and discussed. Leigh Ann Tollison is working on this possible collaboration with Lutheridge and Incarnation Lutheran Church. The committee had several questions about the program. The idea of collaborating with Incarnation Lutheran was well received. There was discussion about doing this on a smaller level as well. Ben Haigh shared that Walt Hampton is now the Youth Director and Incarnation.

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The committee would like to have Small Groups again in the fall. Lisa will look for possible materials in the “Bomb Shelter” and the Library. A few issues were brought up, including the desire to mix up groups so that people could get to know other people. Another concern was that the leaders should know if they will need to give a report to Council prior to the beginning of the Small Groups. Some participants may be uncomfortable with this. The committee discussed creating norms for Small Groups.

The next meeting will be on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in Classroom 2.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted: Lisa Sanchez

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

MAY 2026

The committee met on April 23. Present were Rod Kent, Cathy Milejczak, Anna Marie Plyler, Richard Inman, Lauren Chandler, Deb Bodie, Nancy Hyatt, Mike Weaver

Topics covered during the meeting:

- 1) The broken tiles and loose grout on the alter were replaced with the help of Steve Bowden and Russ Cox. Since the original tile installation was not done correctly, the repairs that have just been made, are not expected to last more than 2-3 years and a complete replacement of the alter surface is in order, and should be considered a priority. The suggestion was made that we consider a laminate or hardwood surface instead of tile. Cost estimates will be obtained. A question was raised about making the alter wheel chair accessible, but quickly determined that it is impractical.
- 2) The plants in the natural area between the education building and walkway to the sanctuary are dead and/or dying. Plans are being made to replace them with loropetalum. The juniper plants along Forest Drive continue to deteriorate. This creates an erosion problem and lessens curb appeal of our campus. A suggestion was made to consider replacing the juniper plants with a raised retaining wall. Cost estimates are being sought and this should be considered a necessary project.
- 3) The slip resistant coating that was recently applied to the education building walkway needs a 2nd coat and we have enough material left to make the second coat. 2-3 volunteers should be able to apply the coating in a couple hours. A request for volunteers will be in an upcoming bulletin.
- 4) The "library" room in the education building has been outfitted to be able to lock from either the inside or outside. Previously it could only be locked from the outside.
- 5) The debris from our March grounds cleanup day has not been removed. There has also been trash added from outside sources since the original cleanup day. Forest Acres will be contacted about rectifying this.
- 6) There is an unsightly mildew stain on the outside wall of the stairs leading to the FAB. That will be cleaned and pressure washed in the coming weeks. It was also noted that a couple growing cracks exist to the old sanctuary building and FAB. Foundation specialists will be contacted for remedy suggestion and related costs.
- 7)

Property Committee – Mike Weaver

**Social Ministry Committee Meeting
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Date: May 12, 2026

Present: Alice Buckner (co-chair), Don Caughman, Mary Margaret Hoy (co-chair), Rod Kent, Janet Lockhart, Cathy Milejczak, Suzanne Sanders, Kerry Stubbs, Susan Sturkie

Absent: Janice Haigler, Pastor Andrew Isenhower, Jim Johnson, Steve Steck, Susan Uehling, Mike Weaver

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

Devotion: Janet Lockhart 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 March 10, 2026. Cathy Milejczak provided the motion which was seconded by Rod Kent. A voice vote resulted in unanimous approval.

Committee Projects:

- **Food Pantry** – Mary Margaret Hoy reported that the food pantry distributed food to 56 families including 160 individuals in March. April totals were 55 families and 150 individuals. Progress has been made in using money in the food pantry account to feed more people over the past 9 months with the addition of bread and allowing clients to come twice a month. Alice Buckner joined the food pantry volunteer team. NeedNoMore.com is a website launched in December that helps people find information about community food pantries with hours of operation and what services are provided. The Columbia area has over 70 pantries listed so far.
- **Meals on Wheels** – Don Caughman reported that Meals on Wheels currently has 6 clients on our route again after having only 5 clients in recent weeks. Having less than half the clients than at one point last year allows the volunteers to spend more time visiting with the clients. It is expected that more clients will be assigned to the GSLC team soon. WIS recently produced a segment about a [REDACTED] grant given to Senior Resources, and one of the GSLC clients was quoted about how much it means to him.
- **Fun Fridays** – Susan Sturkie reported that the Fun Fridays event in July will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States of America where clients will decorate banners commemorating the event that they will take home.
- **Ramp Ministry** – Rod Kent reported that the ramp ministry has not had ramps to build much lately, but as the weather heats up more ramps will likely be planned.
- **Family Promise** – Jim Johnson reported via email about the Congregational Coordinator's meeting on May 4. Executive Director, Alysha McConnell gave a report about the Night of Promise Gala, for which Good Shepherd and Ebenezer were sponsoring organizations, and it was a very good success with excellent feedback from those in attendance. The date for the 2027 Gala will be announced in June. Terri Pope, Program Manager, recapped recent Tomorrow's Promise events including SciFly STEM event, Children's Gala, trip to Cottle Farms, and an Economic Mobility workshop. Julianna Johnson, Case Manager, indicated 3 families will be graduating from the program soon and the fourth will be later this summer. They anticipate receiving new families soon.
- **MORE Justice** – Janet Lockhart reported that 10 people from Good Shepherd attended the annual Nehemiah Action assembly at the Pastides Convention Center on 4/27/26 with over 600 people from our local area in

attendance. On 6/1/26, there will be a celebration event of the end of the year justice cycle at St. Martin's in-the-Fields Episcopal church. More information about this celebration event will be included in upcoming bulletins/newsletters.

- **A.C. Flora/Schools** – There was discussion of trying to get volunteers to help Pastor Andrew out with this project because the committee would like to do more for Flora such as the previous ideas mentioned of mentoring students and providing a dinner event for multilingual learner families. More discussion will occur at the next Social Ministry meeting.

Old Business:

- **Monthly Emphasis** – The committee chose the following monthly emphases.
 - May – United Service Organizations (USO)
 - June – Project HOPE
 - July – Big Red Barn

New Business:

- **School Supplies** – With Anne Rush's resignation from the committee last year, additional volunteers are needed to help Janet Lockhart with the school supplies collection. Cathy Milejczak and Don Caughman agreed to help. Supplies will again be provided to Forest Lake and Bradley Elementary schools with collection in July. Information will be provided to the congregation in bulletins and the newsletter as usual.
- **Christmas Donations** – Janet Lockhart said that the Salvation Army no longer collects Christmas stockings but is asking for help with the Salvation Army Angel Trees where gifts are provided for children. GSLC has for the past number of years had its own angel tree collection of gift cards for the Providence Home and Women's Shelter which generally requires approximately [REDACTED] gift cards and is coordinated by Susan Uehling. It may be difficult to support both of these efforts simultaneously, so more discussion is needed. Another option mentioned is Toys for Tots which would require less coordination than the Salvation Army Angel Tree because new toys can be donated without ensuring we meet the needs of a specific number of children, all of whom must be covered. Further discussion will be held at the July meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM in Classroom 2

Devotion for Next Meeting: Don Caughman

Adjourn with Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 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 Women's Shelter	██████████ ██████████	--	█	56	160
April 2026	St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ***	██████████	--	█	55	150
May 2026	United Service Organizations (USO)		--	█		
June 2026			--	█		
July 2026			--	█		
August 2026			--	█		
September 2026	Pawmetto Lifeline ***		--	█		
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.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Worship Life Committee Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2026

Attendees: Pastor Andrew, Becky Shealy, Susan Sturkie, Jim Johnson, Neal Inman and Kerry Stubbs.

Becky Shealy began the meeting with devotion.

The Minutes of the February meeting were accepted as written.

Old Business:

Acolyte and Crucifer training was held during the Sunday School hour. Need to schedule another one for ones not in attendance.

Jim Johnson gave an update on the Handbell Choir. He informed the committee that the Handbell Choir was coming along and that he thought we would have 8 people shortly. He is ordering music folders for the handbell choir.

Neal Inman reported that the meals for Lenten Services went well and they were well received..

Jim Johnson reported that the Spring Music Festival was a success but was not very well attended.

Pastor Andrew gave an update on plans for another worship opportunity. He is planning on 2 services a month combined with a light meal. Nothing has been done on this at this time.

It was announced the Dr. Joe Woodward would preside in the absence of Pastor Andrew. Pastor Andrew will be attending the Congregational retreat.

Upcoming Events:

Graduation Service May 17,2026

Pentecost May 24, 2026

New Business:

Some members of the committee questioned the format of the extra services and thought we should look at reviving the contemporary service. There have been a good many requests for this type service, possibly in the FAB and with the format that was used in the past. No dates or times were discussed and will be further explored at our next meeting.

The date for our next meeting is Wednesday June 10th at 3:00 P.M. in Classroom 2.

Pastor Andrew closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Shealy, Chair of Worship Life Committee

May 4, 2026

Fellow Council members,

The search committee for the new Parish Administrator position has sent a recommendation.

The committee, which included staff support members, lay members and Pastor Andrew, interviewed Ms. Jamie Conrad for the position and discussed the job specifics with her.

The Search Committee is proposing that she be hired as the full-time Parish Administrator at a salary of [REDACTED] per year, for a 33-hour work week. This will not include bookkeeping duties.

Deborah Mitchell will continue to serve as bookkeeper for present time.

Please respond with a yes or no vote **ASAP** to allow the Search Committee to inform the Staff Support Committee to present an offer to Ms. Jamie Conrad.

Since Ms. Conrad is graduating from college in the coming week, she will be able to start training with Deborah on the non-bookkeeper duties very quickly.

If you have any specific questions, you can contact Marcia Woodward or Becky Sealy, Search Committee Chair.

Thanks to everyone for their efforts and due diligence in this hiring process.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Lucas".

David Lucas
Council President

Re: Vote for Parish Administrator

From: Pastor Andrew (pastor@gslc.com)

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Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 02:33 PM EDT

Thanks, all. Ms. Conrad has accepted our offer. Her start date will be Tuesday, May 26th. Let's be ready to welcome her warmly to Good Shepherd.

Pastor Andrew

From: David Lucas <dhlucas0853@aol.com>

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Subject: Vote for Parish Administrator

As the only two Council members I haven't heard from were on the Search Committee and everyone has voted 'yes', Please present to the Staff Committee so they can make an offer to hire Ms. Conrad.

Thanks

David Lucas
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