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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Minutes of Council Meeting

August 16, 2026

The Council meeting was called to order by Council President, David Lucas at 6:33 PM.

Present were Pastor Jane Mitcham, Karen Lucas, Becky Shealy, Ben Haigh, David Lucas, Deborah Whitlow, Gaye Tucker, Jan Haigler, Kate Ferlauto, Lisa Sanchez, Mary Margaret Hoy, Mike Weaver and Sid Havird.

The Devotion/Book Study was led by Ben Haigh.

Ben shared some information related to the Preface and Chapter 1 of the book "Lead Like IT Matters", which council members read prior to the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda.

Having no additions or corrections to the agenda, the August Council Agenda was accepted.

Approval of Minutes.

David Lucas asked for any corrections to the June 14, 2026 Council Meeting minutes. Having no corrections or additions Mike Weaver motioned to approve the minutes. A vote was taken and the June Council Meeting minutes were **Approved**.

Attendance and Membership for June and July 2026.

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>
<u>6/7/2026</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>32</u>		<u>6/1/2025</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>6/14/2026</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>43</u>		<u>6/8/2025</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>54</u>
<u>6/21/2026</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>43</u>		<u>6/15/2025</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>33</u>
<u>6/28/2026</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>40</u>		<u>6/22/2025</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>
-	-	-	-		<u>6/29/2025</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Average</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>33</u>	-		<u>Average</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>29</u>	-

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7/5/2026	70	22	37		7/6/2025	83	21	24
7/12/2026	75	24	46		7/13/2025	95	30	24
7/19/2026	86	29	27		7/20/2025	91	21	31
7/26/2026	86	28	25		7/27/2025	95	43	32
Average	79	26			Average	91	29	

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 June 2026 Council Meeting: 382

Members Added since the June 2026 Council Meeting: 0

Members Removed since the June 2026 Council Meeting: 3

Sara Hydrick: Adult, Removed – Death

Larry Traylor: Adult, Removed -- by request

Erica Traylor: Adult, Removed -- by request

Current **ACTIVE** Realm membership at the time of the August 2026 Council Meeting: 379

Reports

1. Treasurer's Report: Report Submitted.
Jan Haigler pointed out that the checking account balance was very low, but we have not had to move any money into it from the reserve fund.
2. Realm Financial Report: Reports Submitted with no questions.
3. Pastor Jane's Report: Written Report Submitted.
Pastor Jane let the Council know that a transition team will have to be appointed by Council to work with Pastor Jane as part of the call process.

Standing Committee Reports:

1. Communication Committee – Kate Ferlauto: No Report Submitted.
2. Evangelism Committee – Gaye Tucker: Written Report Submitted.
Gaye shared that a task force has been formed to revisit the development of the Shepherding Groups. The Shepherding Groups are different than the Shepherds Visitors. It was brought up that Shepherds Visitors is not under any Standing Committee. The Council felt it should be connected to a committee. Further discussion will follow on this item.
3. Finance Committee – David Lucas: Written Report Submitted.
4. Gifts Committee – Sid Havird: No Written Report Submitted.
 - a. Memorial Subcommittee – Deb Embrey: Written Report Submitted.
5. Learning Committee – Lisa Sanchez: Written Reports Submitted.
Lisa shared that Confirmation classes would not be during the Sunday School hour. Pastor Jane is working with Incarnation Lutheran Church to combine Confirmation classes for multiple congregations.
6. Parish Life Committee – Deb Whitlow: No Written Report Submitted.
Deb handed out the committee report at Council. She shared that the combined Supper Club will be October 17th in the FAB.

7. Property Committee – Mike Weaver: Written Report Submitted.
Mike shared that the columns with cracks at the base of the FAB stairs do have steel columns inside. This relieved the necessity to close off the stairs for safety. There is also a concern about the area around the fountain that is leaking water into the classroom below. Property is looking at options to fix.
8. Social Ministry Committee – Mary Margaret Hoy & Alice Buckner: Written Report Submitted.
Mary Margaret shared that MORE Justice has no leader at Good Shepherd since Janet Lockhart and Anna Maria Plyler stepped down.
9. Worship Life Committee – Becky Shealy: No Written Report Submitted.
Becky mentioned that Worship Life will be looking for the bells for All Saints Day. If they cannot find the bells, maybe Christmas ornaments. Jim Johnson will be back in September, and choir practice will start September 9th. Worship Life is working on a new Usher instruction book.
10. Youth & Children Committee – Ben Haigh: No Written Report Submitted.
Ben handed out a report at Council. Ben shared that the bRidge program kicks off in September at Lutheridge. Leigh Ann Tollison, who has been leading the initiative, will be attending the bRidge program at Lutheridge along with the Kemp and Snodgrass families. Each participating family must attend one of the three programs at Lutheridge.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Narthex Roof Contract

Good Shepherd has a contract with the original contractors to reimburse us for the roof problem. Good Shepherd will use that money to pay the contractor who fixed the Narthex roof. We now have a signed contract and the check.

Call Process

Pastor Jane shared that she will work with the transition team once it is formed. The Ministry Site Profile will be the task of the transition team. There are a lot of tasks in the Transition Packet which we will work through. One of the first things to do was the Safety check. This has been completed. In February the Call Committee should be put together.

Becky Shealy shared that Synod will be providing a class on Realm. Deborah Mitchell, Deb Embrey and Jamie Conrad will be attending.

Motion from Executive Committee

The motion from Executive Committee to celebrate, at Homecoming Sunday, all members 90 and older as of this calendar year was passed by Council.

Motion from Executive Committee

The Executive Committee submitted 2 motions. 1) to have a covered dish Committee Fair prior to time and talent cards and 2) to have a get-together to talk about questions provided by Pastor Jane to help develop the Ministry Site Profile. Becky Shealy amended the motions to combine the covered dish Committee Fair and the get-together to talk about questions for the Ministry Site Profile into one event on a Sunday prior to time and talent cards. The amended motion was passed by Council.

Motion from Finance

The Finance Committee motion to move [REDACTED] from the Unallocated Interest Income to the Ramp Ministry Fund was passed by Council.

Time, Talent and Commitments

Sid Havird shared that the Gifts Committee would like to add items, delete items and change the format of the time and talent sheets. The Council liked the changes Sid presented. Sid will bring the updated sheets to the next Council meeting. There will be no changes to the pledge cards.

October 4th and 11th the Gifts Committee will have Temple talks on time, talent and commitments. The pledge cards and the time and talent sheets will be mailed on October 5th. Commitment Sundays will be October 18th and 25th.

Budget Preparation

David Lucas, Finance Committee chair, handed out the committee budget sheets to each committee chair. David will need the updated budget for 2027 from each committee by the end of September. The Finance Committee will work on the budget in October. The budget will need to be mailed so that the congregation receives it by November 22nd and on December 6th the congregation will vote on the budget.

Council Nominees

The following council members will end their term on Council at the end of 2026: Kate Kerlauto, David Lucas, Sid Havird, Deb Whitlow, Mary Margaret Hoy, and Becky Shealy. David Lucas and Becky Shealy are not eligible to serve in 2027. The other members are eligible to serve another 2-year term. The council is working on nominations for the 2027-2028 council term.

Petitions and Communications: None.

The Pulse: N/A

Executive Session (if needed): N/A

Reminders:

Next scheduled Council meeting September 20, 2026.

Council Person for the Month of September 2026: Deb Whitlow.

Council Members should read Chapter 2 of "Lead Like IT Matters", and Deb Whitlow will lead the discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM with a prayer from Pastor Jane and everyone saying The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen S Lucas, Council Secretary

Interim Pastor's Council Report
September 20, 2026

WORSHIP

Presided and preached on Sundays - 8/23, 8/30, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20

Funeral for Marianne Dewerd - 9/10

Internment for Marianne DeWerd - 9/11

PASTORAL CARE

Home visits - Sara Loyd, Grace Boozer - 8/17

Charlie Sigel - 8/25, 9/15

Gloria Oakes - 8/25

Gwen Barnes - 8/26

Violet Fetner - 9/1

Sylvia Anne Derrick - 9/14

Hospital Visit - Marianne DeWerd - 8/20

Visitation - Marianne DeWerd - 9/9

ADMINISTRATION

Met with following ministry teams:

Evangelism - 8/18

Worship - 8/19, 9/9

Executive- 9/15

We're Here - 9/15

Staff Support - 9/16

Began Tuesday morning Bible Study - 9/8, 9/15

Attended POGS - 9/9

Attended council - 9/20

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Jane

NEIGHBORHOOD SHEPHERD TASK FORCE REPORT

AUGUST 19, 2026

The neighborhood shepherd task force under the direction of the Evangelism Committee met August 17, 2026, with the following members in attendance: Tom Brown, Don Caughman, Cindy Cummings, Sid Havird, Nancy Hyatt, Pastor Jane Mitcham, Gaye Tucker, and Bruce Shealy, chair.

Recommendations and actions are bold type.

Bruce Shealy presented a devotional with scripture references related to pastoral care (Attachment 1)

The assigned task was to review the Neighborhood Shepherd program of 2003 for possible implementation and for appropriate edits. Attachment 2 is a summary of summary neighborhood shepherd program considerations.

Recommendation: At the present time GSLC does not have the resources to dedicate to program as extensive as a formal neighborhood shepherd program.

The task force reviewed the general scope of pastoral care and visitation (Attachment 3).

We reviewed the current scope of GSLC pastoral care initiatives.

1. Shepherd's Visitors (Attachment 4.)
 - a. Shepherd's Visitors currently has six members with the focus on shut ins. No one is assigned to chair this group.
 - b. Visitors have in home communion kits available.
2. Funeral food groups (WELCA)
3. WELCA circles provide meals for circle members with immediate crisis or needs.
4. Supplemental, informal groups.
 - a. Sunday school (including Lizard's Thicket breakfast group.)

- b. Small group Bible study (one active.)
 - c. Circles of personal friends.
5. Over half of our members do not belong to a small group or have a dedicated group at GSLC that provides ongoing pastoral care. Red flag.

The task force discussed other potential options for enhancing pastoral care.

Potential options include:

1. A “sheep dog” program used by Pastor Jane the purpose of which is to identify members who may be at risk of dropping out and having a team of members (“sheep dogs”) who would contact the at-risk member(s) with the goal of attempting to re-engage them.
 - a. This is a good less resource intensive program to implement.
 - b. Recommendation: Interested members should work with Pastor Jane to implement this program.**
 - c. Requirements are a dedicated lay leader, early warning system (worship attendance record or referral), and trained “sheep dogs.”
2. Recruit additional visitors, perhaps as specialists in grief, prospective member, inactive, and hospital visits.
 - a. Perhaps an addition to Shepherd’s Visitors.
 - b. Training in visitation techniques and in understanding boundaries would be necessary for effective implementation. Attachments 5-9 are general training guidelines from Pastor Long’s Shepherd’s Visitors project.
 - c. Recommendation: Too resource intensive at this time.**
3. Coordinate with Lutheran Homes of South Carolina to provide training in effective pastoral visitation and to identify situations requiring professional help. Consider including other interested congregations.
 - a. Recommendation: No action unless decide to move forward with additional visitation groups.**

4. **Clean up church roles. This is part of Pastor Jane's transition plan. In process.**
5. Process for identifying visitors and prospective members and for assimilating new members would be beneficial.
 - a. GSLC had a formal process that has been inactive for many years.
 - b. Consider updating process and implementing once congregation strategic direction is decided.**

Other business:

All agreed the website needs updating. Tom Brown offered financial assistance. Bruce will inform the chair of the Communications Committee.

REALM, the church data management system has a mobile app and modules for communications, news, events, and giving in addition to a module tracking pastoral care. No interest in pursuing this at this time.

Conclusion

Congregation Council is working on a vision, mission, and strategic planning process that will involve congregation input. The result should include immediate and short-term action plans to accomplish the mission and to realize the vision. **It is best that this task force disbands pending identification of overall priorities to ensure that our resources, time, and energy are properly targeted.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Shealy

Chairman

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Gifts Committee Meeting Minutes
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
September 9, 2026

Present:

Sid Havird, Jan Haigler, and Deb Embrey, Anna Marie Plyler, Becky Shealy and Nancy Hyatt

Absent:

Meeting Call to Order and Devotion: Sid Havird (5:30 pm)

The Gifts Committee chose the following message for 2027 Commitment Sunday:

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." – 1 Peter 4:10

The following items were discussed during our meeting:

- 1) Time and Talent Sheets Review: We reviewed and made significant changes to the Time and Talent Sheet. It was discussed and decided to change Committees names to Teams on the new form. The Gifts Committee feels that Teams is a better name for our committees moving forward in 2027. We also made significant changes to the form as requested by our various committees and due to the current year ahead. A copy of the Time and Talent form is attached for your review of the changes.
- 2) The following is our timeline and plan to advise the congregation on the new Time and Talent Form and Statement of Giving.
 - October 4th – Announcement in the bulletin and temple talk by Jan Haigler
 - October 5th – Mail Time and Talent Sheet with message and letter to the Congregation.
 - October 11th – Temple talk on giving by Sid Havird
 - October 18th and 25th– Commitment Sundays for congregation to return Time and Talent and Statement of Giving

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sid Havird / Chair

Attachments

Draft Time and Talent Form

Draft Letter to the Congregation

October 4, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." — 1 Peter 4:10

As we move into the beauty of the autumn season, our thoughts turn toward the many blessings God has so generously poured into our lives. Everything we have, our time, our unique talents, and our financial resources is a trust from God. Christian stewardship is our joyous, grateful response to that boundless grace. Because of your faithful generosity over the past year, Good Shepherd has continued to be a beacon of Christ's love in our local community and the wider world. Together, we have fed the hungry, comforted the lonely, lifted our voices in inspiring worship, and provided a welcoming spiritual home for all generations. Through our partnership with the wider **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)**, our shared ministry extends far beyond our walls into global healing and disaster relief.

Looking Ahead in Faith

As your Congregation Council and Gifts Committee is looking ahead to 2027, we do so with hope, excitement, and a clear sense of God's call. To budget wisely and plan for the vibrant ministries God sets before us, we rely on the collective commitments of our members. A financial pledge or estimate of giving is not merely a transaction; it is a spiritual declaration of your investment in the shared body of Christ here at Good Shepherd.

Commitment Sundays: October 18th & 25th

We invite you to prayerfully reflect upon the abundance God has entrusted to you. Please consider how you are being called to share your financial treasure and your personal time and talents in the coming year. Enclosed with this letter, you will find:

1. **The 2027 Statement of Intent (Pledge) Card**
2. **A Time and Talents Response Form**

On Sunday, **October 18th and October 25th** we will celebrate **Commitment Sundays**. During our worship services, we will joyfully bring forward and consecrate these cards, offering our intentions to the glory of God.

If you are unable to join us in person on either Commitment Sunday, you may mail your completed form to the church office. Please note that all responses remain strictly confidential to our financial secretary and are used solely for planning our ministry budget.

Thank you for your prayers, your presence, and your profound generosity. Because you give so faithfully, our church can respond to God's call with courage, resilience, and hope.

Sincerely,

Sid Havird
Gifts Team Chair

David Lucas
President of the Congregation Team



**Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church**

Time & Talent Form 2027

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace." – 1 Peter 4:10*

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please check each ministry area below in which you are interested in serving. If you are currently volunteering in a particular ministry, please check it again if you are willing to continue.

Teams:

- ☐ Church Council (must be elected)
- ☐ Communication
- ☐ Evangelism
- ☐ Finance
 - ☐ Technology
- ☐ Gifts
 - ☐ Memorials
- ☐ Learning
- ☐ Parish Life
- ☐ Property
- ☐ Social Ministry
- ☐ Worship Life
- ☐ Youth & Children
- ☐ GSLC Foundation (must be elected)
- ☐ Memorial Garden
- ☐ Mutual Ministry (must be appointed)
- ☐ Staff Support (must be appointed)

Communication Team

- ☐ Photography (new members & events)
- ☐ Tech support for live-streaming services
- ☐ Website / Social Media

Evangelism Team

- ☐ Sponsor new members
- ☐ Splash Sponsor
- ☐ Decorate Easter Cross
- ☐ Visitor Follow-up
- ☐ Shepherd's Visitors
- ☐ Greeter

Finance Team

- ☐ Offering Tabulator
- ☐ Audit

Learning Team

- ☐ Bible Study participant
- ☐ Small Group Leader
- ☐ Recordkeeper
- ☐ Confirmation class helper
- ☐ **Teacher**
 - ☐ Preschool
 - ☐ Children
 - ☐ Youth
- ☐ **Helper**
 - ☐ Preschool
 - ☐ Children
 - ☐ Youth
- ☐ Adult Teacher
- ☐ Substitute teacher
- ☐ Vacation Bible School (VBS)
 - ☐ Teacher
 - ☐ Helper
- ☐ Replenish Quiet Bags

Parish Life Team

- ☐ Supper Club
- ☐ Pathfinders of Good Shepherd (POGS)
- ☐ Lutheran Men
- ☐ WELCA – Women of the ELCA
 - ☐ Dorcas
 - ☐ Mary
 - ☐ Tamar
- ☐ Bereavement Food Ministry
- ☐ Plan Fellowship Meals (Easter)
- ☐ Cook Fellowship Meals (Easter)
- ☐ Decorate for Fellowship Meals (Easter)
- ☐ GSLC Congregational Retreat
- ☐ Veterans Day Luncheon
- ☐ Kitchen organizer

Property Team

- ☐ Memorial Garden care
- ☐ Grounds Workday Volunteer
- ☐ Grounds Helper (mowing, trimming, weeding, blowing, planting, flower care)
- ☐ Interior Helper (vacuum, windows)
- ☐ Interior Workday Volunteer

Social Ministry Team

- ☐ Food Pantry Volunteer
- ☐ Ramp Ministry Volunteer
- ☐ Fun Fridays Volunteer
- ☐ Meals On Wheels
- ☐ MORE Justice
- ☐ Family Promise Volunteer

Worship Life Team

- ☐ Usher
- ☐ Funeral Usher
- ☐ Lector
- ☐ Communion Assistant
- ☐ Acolyte
- ☐ Care for acolyte robes
- ☐ Crucifer, Banner or Torch Bearer
- ☐ Play an instrument
- ☐ Children's Music Helper
- ☐ Adult Choir
- ☐ Handbells
- ☐ Altar Guild Member
- ☐ Plan Fellowship Meals (Advent/Lent)
- ☐ Cook Fellowship Meals (Advent/Lent)
- ☐ Decorate for Fellowship Meals (Advent/Lent)

Youth & Children Team

- ☐ Easter Egg Hunt helper
- ☐ Summer Splash helper
- ☐ Fall Festival helper
- ☐ Chrismon Tree helper
- ☐ Nursery Assistant
- ☐ Help with snacks, games, projects
- ☐ Provide meals for youth room programs
- ☐ Help with service projects and special events
- ☐ Summer Missions helper
- ☐ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Entertainment
- ☐ Christmas Celebration/Caroling
- ☐ Topical Learning Program
- ☐ bRIDGE Program

As Needed Opportunities

- ☐ Office assistant (answer phone)
- ☐ Office volunteer (help with mailings)
- ☐ First Responders of Good Shepherd (FROGS)
- ☐ Yard / home maintenance for seniors
- ☐ Meals for members in need
- ☐ Provide rides for members

Team Service Opportunities

Teams are the backbone of the congregation, providing vision and plans to achieve that vision. Serving on a team does *not* mean that you do all the work!

To serve on a team, please mark your team choices. Most teams meet every 2 months at set dates and times.

When you mark your team choices, you are agreeing to serve. This does not mean you are going to be the team chairperson.

___ Communication Team

Oversees effective communication about Good Shepherd externally and within the congregation, including publication of written, electronic, and web-based media.

___ Evangelism Team

Reaches out to the community and the congregation to encourage development of their faith relationship with our Lord. Provides support and instruction to new members.

___ Finance Team

Helps formulate our annual budget, oversees the expenditure of funds, and trains and oversees *offering tabulators*. Focuses on planning and improvements for the congregation in terms of facilities and programs.

___ Technology Team

Oversees the current IT systems and technology needs of the church.

___ Gifts Team

Educates and motivates our members to support our mission and ministry with our time, talent, and treasure.

___ Memorials Team

Responsible for matching the needs of the church with the gifts for memorials. Oversees acknowledging and recording of gifts given as memorials as well as recommending suitable items to which those gifts may be applied.

___ Learning Team

Coordinates educational programs including Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Bible Study, Confirmation.

___ Parish Life Team

Coordinates activities for special interest groups to minister to the needs of the congregation through auxiliaries, sports events, congregational fellowship events, receptions, Easter breakfast, retreats, etc.

___ Property Team

Provides planning and logistical support for the maintenance of our buildings and grounds.

___ Social Ministry Team

Coordinates the ministry of serving human needs for our community-locally, nationally and worldwide.

___ Worship Life Team

Assists in worship preparation and coordination and provides support for the music ministry of the congregation. Trains and assigns ushers, acolyte and crucifiers, and worship leaders. Coordinates special services.

___ Youth & Children Team

Coordinates our ministry with youth and children through fellowship, learning, outreach and worship.

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

Date: August 19, 2026

Present: Don Caughman, Heather Gilbert, Bruce Shealy, Lisa Sanchez

Absent: Stacy Gross, Ben Haigh, Donna Haigh, Amanda Snodgrass

Call to Order and Devotion:

The meeting began at 5:37 with a devotion based on 1 Thessalonians 5:11: "Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

The Little Free Library was the first topic of discussion. Don noticed that the Library does not seem to be noticed/used anymore and is in disarray. It cannot be moved due to the way it is constructed. The Library was originally kept up by the Ellington family. The closing of the DaySchool also means it is noticed less. We will look at promoting its use more. Heather and Callen will go through the materials currently in the Library and freshen it up.

The next topic of discussion was Sunday School. Adult classes are going well. Don and Ben are pleased with their current turnout. They will continue to discuss Paul's letters through September, then transition to the Word and Witness curriculum, using Charlie Sigel's notes. Bruce reported that his class will continue to study Acts via Driving the Gospels through September.

The Children's class still has not had anyone in attendance since June 7th, but we hope to see an uptick in attendance during the Fall. Preparations for Fall Sunday School are underway. Chris Herrmann has agreed to teach a children's class. It is not yet known if Confirmation will happen during Sunday School, but an effort will be made to have a class for everyone in grades 6-12. If staffing is available, a preschool class would be a great addition. Lisa brought up the possibility of reaching out to Lutheran Campus Ministries to see if there were students needing volunteer hours that would be willing to work with the teens during Sunday School. Don suggested also reaching out to Brock Tollison, who was very involved in the Campus Ministry during his time at USC. Lisa will make contact. The distribution of Bibles to 3 year olds, rising 3rd graders and rising 6th graders was discussed. Bibles will be purchased in memory of Ricky Inman by his family. Neal Inman wants to be part of the presentation. The original date for distribution was to be September 13th, but one of the 3 recipients will be at Lutheridge for the bRidge program.

The Good Shepherd Fellowship Picnic was discussed. The group decided that the picnic was a success, with 48 people participating. The love offering raised [REDACTED] for the Food Pantry. The possibility of holding the next event in the Fall when it is cooler was mentioned. It was also suggested to have the event later in the afternoon, and serve snacks.

The next topic of discussion was having Small Groups during Advent. Bruce reiterated that the theme should be related to the retreat theme, Energized by the Spirit, or a theme adopted by Council. It should focus on Bible study and prayer. Lisa has not been able to find material relevant to this theme, but will reach out to Pastor Jane. Don stated that he can come up with material to lead an Advent Small Group. Bruce stated that training should be provided for small group leaders. Lisa will talk to Pastor Jane about this as well. He also reminded the group that we will need time to publicize the Small Groups.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 7th at 5:30 p.m. in Classroom 1.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted: Lisa Sanchez

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2026

In attendance: Rod Kent, Cathy Milejczak, Charlie Calhoun, Joey Allison, Roger Trostle, Nancy Hyatt, Anna Marie Plyler, Deb Bodie, Mike Weaver

Joey noted that there the ceiling tile work in the FAB did not address the tiles behind the stage. It is unclear why that was omitted and steps will be taken to see what is needed to complete that task.

It has been noted that the brick column at the steps leading to the FAB are cracked. Not the mortar, the bricks are cracked. This led to concern about structural integrity and steps were taken to determine possible risk of collapse. Keith Lindler (member of GSLC) was able to confirm that the column does have a central steel beam supporting the roof and the cracks do not present a hazard. This is probably an issue of settling grounds. The committee voted unanimously to table further discussion about repair or replacing the brick work at this time.

It has been noted that there are 2 cables (possible fiber optic?) between the FAB and education building that are hanging dangerously low. We are looking into options on how to have those cables better supported and at minimal cost. Russ Cox has been contacted and feels this can be fixed without hiring outside service companies.

Good Shepherd has been relying on Joey Allison's personal tools (socket wrenches) to do some of the maintenance around the church. Charlie Calhoun will work with Joey to obtain a suitable set of tools for maintenance needs.

It was noted that we have a large dead limb dangling over the roof behind the FAB that could damage one of the HVAC units. By the time a tree service could assess the situation, that limb was no longer there, but other trees on the property have low hanging limbs that need trimming. The lowest estimate for trimming the limbs is [REDACTED] and we will move forward with that once the contractor submits his estimate in writing.

GSLC is under contract with Republic Services for emptying our dumpster and the rate we pay is [REDACTED] per month. A [REDACTED] increase was experienced over the summer and New South Waste offered us a contract at [REDACTED] per month which includes a lock to prevent unauthorized use of the church's dumpster. When we attempted to cancel the current service, Republic Services refused to allow us out of contract, which ends 1-31-27. Property committee voted unanimously to reject Republic's offer to match New Sout

Waste's rate if we signed for a new 3-year period. We are currently trying to negotiate lower charges with Republic through the end of the existing contract.

2 landscape companies have been contacted about the possibility of replacing the juniper bushers along the sidewalk on Forest Drive with a retaining wall, but neither company has responded. We will continue to search for estimates on improving the looks of the front of our sanctuary.

Terratec has provided a quote of [REDACTED] to repair the large crack in the bricks beside the outside door to the church offices, and seal the leaking walls in the empty classroom under the Narthex. If the water leak is not sealed on the first coating, subsequent layers will be applied and we will only be charged for the material, not labor. Materials are estimated at [REDACTED] per application.

We are still looking for a plant or ground covering to improve the look in front of the education building. Joey has cautioned that when this is done, there are several underground issues to navigate (electrical, irrigation, etc.).

Recognizing that our sanctuary floor was installed improperly, the recent repair to broken tile and grout is a temporary fix and a more permanent fix will be needed. A flooring company has estimated that it will cost about [REDACTED] to remove existing tile and replace that with wood flooring. There are too many flooring options to accurately estimate the cost of whatever replaces the tile, and the committee suspects [REDACTED] could be a reasonable estimate. Whenever this project takes place, church services will need to move to the FAB until renovations are completed.

We reviewed budget issues for 2027 and the committee feels we can maintain the same spending level as was experienced in 2026 with 2 exceptions. Cell phone charges and utility expenses are slightly higher than budgeted for this year and we will ask for a [REDACTED] increase on those items.

Mike Weaver – Property Committee

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

Date: September 8, 2026

Present: Don Caughman, Janice Haigler, Mary Margaret Hoy (co chair), Jim Johnson, Rod Kent, Janet Lockhart, Cathy Milejczak, Kerry Stubbs.

Absent: Alice Buckner (co chair), Steve Steck, Susan Sturkie, Mike Weaver, Suzanne Sanders, Susan Uehling.

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

Devotion: Mary Margaret Hoy gave the devotion.

Approval of Minutes/Actions: After allowing for any corrections to be given, Mary Margaret Hoy asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Social Ministry Committee meeting held on July 14, 2026. Janice Haigler provided the motion which was seconded by Cathy Milejczak, and a voice vote resulted in unanimous approval.

Committee Projects:

- **Food Pantry** – Mary Margaret Hoy reported that the food pantry distributed food in August to 53 families with 153 individuals served. For July, the numbers were 57 families including 168 people. The food pantry needs more volunteers to support the ministry as one will soon be leaving and two others are unavailable due to medical or other issues. There will be a meeting soon with the food pantry volunteers to discuss upcoming holidays and possible changes to the food pantry process/schedule. An application for a GSLC Foundation grant for the food pantry will be submitted for the November deadline to supplement donations from the congregation. A suggestion was made to include a longer list of grocery items the food pantry uses in the newsletter each month.
- **Meals on Wheels** – Don Caughman reported that Good Shepherd continues to deliver meals to 4 clients. Meals on Wheels is slowly adding more clients to their service, so the hope is that a few more clients will be added to our route.
- **Fun Fridays** – Susan Sturkie reported via email that Fun Fridays is proceeding fine.
- **Ramp Ministry** – Rod Kent reported that there are 3 ramps currently on hold until cooler weather because some volunteers had heat-related issues during the last ramp build. The congregation generously donated to the ramp ministry and the Council also added some unallocated funds to the ramp ministry to help cover costs. However, the facts that the prices of lumber and other supplies have increased a good deal recently and lumber is also harder to obtain offer challenges.
- **Family Promise** – Jim Johnson distributed a Family Promise report for 2025-2026, and a copy will be available in the narthex for interested members. February will again be the month when Good Shepherd, Ebenezer Lutheran and Eastminster Presbyterian will be responsible for meals and activity for the participants.
- **MORE Justice** – Mary Margaret Hoy reported that there is no leader for MORE Justice at this time. Conferring with Pastor Jane, the plan this year is to not have house meetings but to still encourage members to attend MORE Justice events such as the Community Problems meeting in October. Because Council voted last year for GSLC to be a covenant member with MORE Justice, there will be further discussions about meeting the monetary commitment that was made.
- **A.C. Flora/Schools** – The group decided that at this time we will not pursue working with Flora. Flora is aware that GSLC has interest in helping but the school has not been very responsive. If they reach out to us, we will consider their needs at that time.

Old Business:

- **Monthly Emphasis** – The monthly emphasis for September is Pawmetto Lifeline as chosen by Sunday School children in the spring. For October, contributions will be directed to the Free Medical Clinic, and as is our tradition, the November emphasis will be the VA Food Pantry in honor of our veterans.
- **School Supplies** – Janet Lockhart reported that the school supply drive resulted in the collection of a number of items with one particularly large donation. Cathy Milejczak will deliver supplies to Forest Lake Elementary, and Janet Lockhart will deliver to Bradley Elementary. In addition [REDACTED] was collected to be split between the two schools as gift cards. Thanks to all who helped with the project this year.
- **Eastminster Presbyterian Joint Social Ministry Projects** – The plan is for Alice Buckner to speak with the Eastminster contact and report back to the group, but the main thought is that we are unable to commit to anything extra at this time because of everything we already do.

New Business:

- **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** – Janet Lockhart was contacted by the Salvation Army about Good Shepherd helping with the annual bell ringing on December 12 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM at Lowe's Food on Forest Drive. Pat Quattlebaum will again help organize this event.
- **Disaster Contributions** – Information about how people can contribute to organizations during times of disasters around the world will be provided on a regular basis.
- **Budget** – After some discussion, it was decided that the Social Ministry Committee would submit a budget of [REDACTED] for supplies. More information about where the monetary commitment for MORE Justice fits in the church's budget will be researched.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 6:00 PM in Classroom 2

Devotion for Next Meeting: Jim Johnson

Adjourn with Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm with the group joining together in 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	Indivi- duals	Dona-tions
January 2025	Woodyard Fund	██████	--	--	28	93	██████
February 2025		██████	--	--	26	98	██████
March 2025	Lenten Self Denial** • Homeless No More • Providence Home • 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 Backpacks School Supplies	██████ ██████	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)	██████	--	█	48	158	██████
June 2026	Project HOPE	██████	--	█	42	136	██████
July 2026	Big Red Barn Retreat	██████	LDR – Venezuela	██████	57	168	██████
August 2026	Meals on Wheels	██████	LDR – Colombia School Supplies	██████ ██████	53	153	██████
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.

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Worship Life Committee Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2026

Becky Shealy began the meeting with devotion.

The Minutes of the June meeting were accepted as written.

Old Business:

Neal Inman will do Acolyte and Crucifer training after Time and Talent Cards received
Put discussion of second worship opportunity on hold for now
Choir Robe Selection discussion at later date
Finalize Budget for 2027

New Business:

Selection of Memorial Gift for All Saints Sunday

Worship Service Reports:

Music Director – No Report

Altar Guild – Have volunteer to shadow Chair of Altar Guild – Kate Ferlauto This will start in Fall

Upcoming Events:

Homecoming – Recognize 90 and Over- Small reception in Narthex
Reformation Sunday-Trumpeter
All Saints Sunday -Memorial Gift presented to each family
Advent Services and Meals Noon and 6:00 P.M. in FAB – Neal Inman to schedule meals

The next meeting will be September 9th at 3:00 P.M. Neal Inman will have devotions.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Shealy, Chair of Worship Life Committee

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Worship Life Committee Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2026

Neal Inman began the meeting with devotion.

Attendees: Becky Shealy, Jim Johnson, Neal Inman, Pastor Jane, Marcia Woodward, and Kerry Stubbs

Approval of Minutes for August 19th meeting:

The Minutes of the August meeting were accepted as amended. Reception in Narthex not FAB.

Old Business:

Handbell Choir has lost two of the members, so Jim Johnson is searching for replacements.
Spring Festival will be April 18th at 4:00 P.M. in sanctuary. More to come.
Choir Robe sample material to be ordered.
Finalized plans for Homecoming Sunday and 90th Birthday celebrations.
Plans for Reformation Sunday – Have secured one trumpet player

New Business:

Finalized 2027 Budget

Worship Service Reports:

Music Director – Jim Johnson reported that practice would begin on September 9th.

Altar Guild – Becky Shealy reported all is well at present. Will have training in fall.

Pastor Jane – Lenten services may be drama of Prodigal Son

Upcoming Events:

Homecoming – Recognize 90 and Over- Small reception in Narthex

Reformation Sunday-Trumpeter

Time and Talent Collection

Pledges Presented in Baskets by Baptismal Font

All Saints Sunday -Memorial Gift presented to each family

Advent Services and Meals Noon and 6:00 P.M. in FAB – Neal Inman to schedule meals

The next meeting will be October 14th at 3:00 P.M. Jim Johnson will have devotions.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Shealy, Chair of Worship Life Committee