

Community of Grace Church Council April 10, 2025

Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Mike Hamernick, Darrin Vick, Carol Carlson, Dennis Engman, Craig Pearson, Sam Hunter, Mike Mathisen, Carl Albing, Tim Meier and Stephanie Battista

Excused: Andy Henning, Angie Way, Joe Ehrman

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Devotion was shared by Wendy

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes from the March Council meeting were reviewed and approved.

Pastor Darrin's Report

- Congregation
 - Completed another successful season of Lenten services and dinner in the commons
 - Our experiment hosting Catalyst on Wednesday evenings during Lent had some wonderful benefits and some challenges.
 - All is prepared for Holy Week – starting with the Eggsperience this Saturday
- Staff
 - Just finished going through the Practicing the Way small group curriculum and are looking forward to sharing it with the congregation this fall
 - Will be shifting our Tuesday morning staff meetings to 3 times per month with the 4th Tuesday reserved for Darrin's MADD team meeting. Staff will be encouraged to use this time for strategic level ministry development.
- Grace Together Project
 - Lead Team has been meeting and discussing next steps including discussions with the WBL foodshelf possibilities
 - A new logo for Magnuson Christian School (now Community of Grace Christian School) was revealed at the gala fundraiser.
- Personal Update
 - Looking forward to an LCMC Large Church Pastor's Retreat being hosted in Brainerd, MN May 12-15.

Pastor Angie's Report

- No report

Children's Ministry – Wendy Fitzsimmons

- 70 ministry volunteers are helping with the Eggsperience this weekend. Continued prayers that God will enrich that event in many ways.
- 5 first communion students are going to have their first communion

Students – Tim Meier

- 120 students went to BRNC worship on March 30th.
- Kids finished Alpha curriculum this week.

Service and Missions – Mike Hammernick for Joe Ehrman

- Official press release about Project Home reads: St. Paul nonprofit to turn Bandana Square hotel into emergency shelter.
- We received a thank you card from Operation Neighbor Ukraine after we sent them our one-time donation - we provided enough money for tourniquets that they will be able to save 12 lives! Every tourniquet is given out by chaplains who are able to share the good news of the gospel!
- Beth Fleihler teaches at Magnuson, and she also attends our church. She has agreed to be on the service and missions core team- a grace together "win" for sure!
- We sent 15 more water filters to Reggie, and he will bring them to Haiti soon! More info after he crosses the border!
- WE ARE ALMOST TO OUR RAISING HOPE GOAL OF \$35,000! We are at \$34,915.25. Pray with us that we blow past our goal so that we can bless the island of Hispaniola in every way Christ calls us to this year!

Seniors – Carol Carlson

- No report

Worship – Sam Hunter

- No report

Groups – Carl Albing

- Planning to check in with leaders soon
- Talking about putting together a group leader toolkit, that includes simple how to videos for church center, and a list of books for possible book studies.

Adults/Welcome – Craig Pearson

- This Sunday is the new member reception, with a Sunday brunch.
- New bibles are in the church fellowship hall.

Treasurer's Report – Dennis Engman

- Reviewed March General Operating fund actuals and balances, including Missions funding.
- Reviewed March Endowment fund balances.
- Reviewed March Reserve fund balances.
- A resolution to authorize Mike Mathisen to establish a banking relationship with First Resource Bank was made, seconded, and approved by the council. A copy of that resolution is attached the minutes of this meeting.
- We will be moving a maturing CD at Bremer over to First Resource Bank.

Facilities – Mike Mathisen

- LED Lighting is almost complete.
- We are seeing the result already in our utility bill.
- We sent the contract and deposit for the organ.

Secretary – Stephanie Battista

- No report

Vice President – Andy Hennig

- Not present

President – Mike Hamernick

- Easter services offering: Maundy Thursday: 11:30am: Mike M. 6:30pm Tim and Mike H
 - Good Friday: 11:30am Craig and Dennis 6:30 Stephanie and Carol
 - Easter Sunday: 7:30am: Dennis; 9am traditional: Craig and Carl 9am contemporary: Mike H and Stephanie 10:30 traditional and contemporary: Tim and Dennis
- May offering: 9am Contemporary: Sam; 9am Traditional Andy; 10:30 contemporary Joe
- Next Meeting is Thursday May 15, 2025, at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Battista



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April 8, 2025

CORPORATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that Executive Director Michael J. Mathisen is hereby authorized to make additions to, deletions from, and any changes needed to our current and future banking / financial relationships on behalf of Community of Grace Lutheran Church. This includes all accounts at First Resource Bank. Including the establishment of a new Certificate of Deposit

I, Stephanie Battista, Secretary of Community of Grace Lutheran Church, White Bear Lake, Minnesota, incorporated under the laws of the State of Minnesota, Hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said corporation at a meeting duly held the 10th day of April, 2025, at which a quorum was present and voting, and that the same has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect and does not conflict with the by-laws of said corporation.



(Corporate Seal)
Community of Grace Lutheran Church

Date: _____

Stephanie Battista
Secretary