

## Community of Grace Church Council January 13, 2026

### Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Mike Hamernick, Darrin Vick, Angie Way, Andy Hennig, Carol Carlson, Dennis Engman, Mike Mathisen, Carl Albing, Wendy Fitzsimmons, Joe Ehrman, Craig Pearson and Sam Hunter

Excused: Tim Meier

Meeting called to order at 7:02

### Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of the December Council meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Pastor Darrin opened the meeting in prayer

### Pastor Darrin's Report

- A fantastic finish to 2025
  - Over 1250 people attended our Christmas Services.
  - Great response to our Advent Devotion put together by Pastor Angie, Britta Maly, and Laura Wahlstrom.
  - Tremendous year-end financial generosity from our congregation.
  - Excellent meeting with leadership at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Stacy, MN. Our student ministry will begin including them in future activities - especially B.R.N.C. which is a collaboration of several churches.

### Children's Ministry – Wendy

- Hype Night is Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Big Sandy Retreat January 30-Feb 1 (3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> graders)
- Children's Ministry will support one of the Lenten meals to raise money for VBS.
- Wednesday Night – Parents of Grace will be meeting on Wednesdays during Lent.

### Students – Tim Meier No report

### Service and Missions – Joe Ehrman

- Commissioning for the Dominican Republic Team on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

### Seniors – Carol Carlson

- No report

### Worship – Sam Hunter

- There is appreciation for the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend communion in the contemporary services.

### Groups – Carl Albing

- No report

### Adults/Welcome – Craig Pearson

- Council orientation packet finishing touches are in progress for future council members.

### **Treasurer's Report – Dennis Engman and Mike Mathisen**

- Reviewed December General Operating fund actuals and balances, including Missions funding.
  - We ended 2025 with \$12,187.89 to savings
- Reviewed December Endowment fund balances.
- Reviewed December Reserve fund balances.
- Discussed proposed Ministry Funding Plan for 2026.
- A motion was made to put the Ministry Funding Plan for 2026 for a total of \$1,746,650.00 in front of the congregation at the annual meeting on February 1. It was approved.
- A motion was made to authorize Mike Hamernick to sign the paperwork associated with the pastor's housing allowance for 2026. It was approved.

### **Facilities – Mike Mathisen**

- No report

### **Secretary – Stephanie Battista**

- No report

### **Pastor Angie**

- Preaching retreat was just completed
- Working on some character portrayals for Lent

### **Vice President – Andy Hennig**

- No report

### **President – Mike Hamernick**

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- Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> @ 12pm
  - Pasta fundraiser after 10:30 service for student ministry
  - Quick council meeting with new council members after the annual meeting
- Offering Assignments
  - February
    - 9:00am Traditional - Andy Contemporary - Stephanie
    - 10:30am - Tim

### **Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm**

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Battista