

Community of Grace Church Council November 20, 2025

Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Mike Hamernick, Darrin Vick, Andy Hennig, Carol Carlson, Dennis Engman, Mike Mathisen, Carl Albing, Tim Meier, Stephanie Battista, Joe Ehrman, and Sam Hunter

Excused: Wendy Fitzsimmons, Craig Pearson

Meeting called to order at 7:00

Mike Hamernick shared a devotion.

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of the October Council meeting were reviewed and approved.

Pastor Darrin's Report

- The next edition of the Current will be a December/January one, I will announce my sabbatical.
- We will be hiring a new Director of Communications. This will be a remote worker: brianjoneswork.com
- Meeting with St John's Lutheran in Stacy, on collaboration, reports from Carl, Joe, and Sam.

Worship – Sam Hunter

- Currently there are three 'new attenders' singing in the choir, as well as one High School Student.
- For Advent, we have a Devotional coming out for families to do together on Sundays, and individuals to use for daily readings on weekdays. Our Theme: Make Room
- The Hennig family has decided to put on a Christmas Concert free to the public- asking for donations to the food shelf at 2pm December 13
- The Jammie Jam will be Tuesday Night December 23.
- Lent Sunday series: The "S" Word, all about Sin
- Contemporary services have begun serving communion on first and third Sundays as of Nov 16, because we want more Jesus.

Children's Ministry – Mike for Wendy

- Three new families this fall are faithful in attendance and building community and positive relationships
- More children in worship these days, a great blessing too
- Teachers are pouring love into student assistants, a pipeline for God's grace to continue on.
- Two students came forward to help with Jammie Jam before the sign up happened
- Prayers for Britta's family move in January. Close to where they live now.

Students – Tim Meier

- They have about 76 kids registered for Refuge. Last year the average was 40, and now they are pushing 60. There may be three teens on the mission trip. Kids are taking bibles and giving them to their friends.
- They made 150 ornaments for the homebound.

Service and Missions – Joe Ehrman

- Almost \$5000 has been given for diapers
- A group of 11 is headed to the Dominican Republic.
- CGLC are sponsors for Give a Gobble

- Christmas gift drive for The Family Place starts after Thanksgiving.

Seniors – Carol Carlson

- The homebound are going to love their cards and ornaments

Groups – Carl Albing

- There are several groups that will be continuing on with Practicing the Way content.

Adults/Welcome – Craig Pearson

- 9 new members joined out church through Catalyst
- A woman walked through door at the Prayer Retreat, and knew this was the church for her, when she looked up and saw 'Welcome, we're glad you're here, is what she told Hannah

Treasurer's Report – Dennis Engman and Mike Mathisen

- Reviewed October General Operating fund actuals and balances, including Missions funding.
- Reviewed October Endowment fund balances.
- Reviewed October Reserve fund balances.
- The proposed ministry plan for 2026 was presented for discussion.
- Mike made a proposal to move the \$36406.05 of ERC money from 36000 account to to the council approved projects account, 33000. Motion was seconded and approved by council.
- The CD income interest, \$22,182.56. It is proposed to move \$8500 to from 32280 to 32285 Kingdom leaders account, and \$13682.56 from 32280 to 31950 account, love pours out account.

Facilities – Mike Mathisen

- IT server issues, the church needs to increase the size of the server they use, rather urgently.

Secretary – Stephanie Battista

- No report

Vice President – Andy Hennig

- No report

President – Mike Hamernick

- Thanksgiving offering : Andy and Stephanie
- December offering: Sam 9 am contemporary; Andy 9am traditional; Joe 10:30am.
- The December meeting will be on December 18.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Battista