

Community of Grace Church Council June 18, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Angie Way, Andy Hennig, Mike Hamernick, Dennis Engman, Sam Hunter, Tim Meier, Sharon Clinch, Diane Bryant, Stephanie Battista, Carl Albing, Craig Pearson, Mike Mathisen and Joe Ehrman

Excused: Darrin Vick

Meeting called to order at 6:54pm

Devotion: Andy shared a devotional.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Pastor Angie's Report

- Sunday May 24th, we had a send-off for Pastor Darrin's Sabbatical following the 9:00 service in the commons, and again after the 10:30 service. VP Mike Hamernick represented the Church Council, and Pastor Angie Way represented the church staff as we prayed over Darrin, blessing his time away. The congregation surrounded him with hands raised in prayer. Scandinavian cookies and treats baked by Angela Vick were in the commons as part of the sendoff, looking forward to Darrin's trip to Norway.
- As stipulated by the Lilly Grant Darrin received, some extra funds were given to some of the staff members who will be picking up additional duties while Darrin is away.
- The staff is busy this summer working towards the Garage Sale and VBS and additional camps as well as leaning into our summer sermon series and connection events through groups. Summer is a busy season for planning as well, so some of our meetings are for planning for Advent and Lent which will be progressing over the summer.
- Staff Evaluations are also underway during the summer.
- Most of the staff take vacation time during the summer months, so if you need to connect with a staff member, check with the front desk calendar to know when they'll be in.

Children's Ministry – Diane Bryant

- Discussion considering future options for celebrating each of the grade levels achievements in faith learning over the past year as the summer begins
- VBS fully staffed w/ adult and many excited youth leaders; still a few openings for attendees
- Art Camp 26 of 40
- FCA Camp w/North Haven 13 of 28
- Summer Blast filled w/wait list
- All Day Art Camp for H.S. In August
- Parents of Grace sessions aligned with Catalyst in a seasonal rhythm or stand alone on Wednesday eves or other possibilities
- Developing small curriculum review team for 2027 and beyond to consider/develop cyclical repetition of Scripture learning through the grade levels
- Discussion for ideas on December Christmas programming

Students – Tim Meier

- No Report

Service and Missions – Joe Ehrman

- No Report

Seniors – Craig Pearson

- One of the Connect options for summer is the "Forever Fit" class for seniors with Nick Hudson.
- Quilters: They received \$5,817.27 in donations from the church family, and \$500.00 from the Women of Grace, which will keep them in batting for quite a while!
- The Quilters of Hope Lutheran Church in Moose Lake recently sent a thank you to our quilters. In the last year our quilters sent them about 100 finished quilt 'tops' which the Moose Lake quilters put batting and backs on and tied- and because of our quilter's help, they had 164 quilts they blessed last month- and sent off to LSS. (Our quilters also often cooperate with the quilters at Ecumen in Maplewood in a similar way.
- By July 1, they are also donating quilts to the Auction for Camp Knutson, a MN camp for kids with disabilities.
- August 10-14th there is an Adult Camp offering at Mt. Carmel some of our members will be attending, led by Pastor Laurie Neill speaking on "Who Told You That" Replacing Lies with Truth- exploring the lies we believe about God and ourselves, and how the truth of God's word sets us free.
- Women of Grace will be studying Proverbs next year, starting with the leaders' study in August.

Worship – Sam Hunter

- Our Summer Worship Series is called "After Jesus" learning from Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthian Church.
- In July, we'll be taking a break from 2nd Corinthians for "After Jesus: Worship" a 4-week series on worship led by Dan Lugo and Andrew Kelly.
- On July 5th we will start this series by worshipping all together in the Sanctuary both at 9 and 10:30.
- Then in August, we'll go back to 2nd Corinthians until September 6.
- September 14 will be our Kickoff Sunday into the school year.
- The Pickup Choir will be singing on the 4th Sunday of the month for June, July and August.

Groups – Sharon Clinch

- No Report

Adults/Welcome – Carl Albing

- We already have people interested in the fall session of catalyst! We are pointing people towards meet and greet meals with the Ehrman's in the meantime!
- The orange wall will finally be clear of Food Shelf food by the end of this week! I am looking forward to welcoming people in that area with some more space!
- Our hospitality team will have fun with Father's Day this weekend! We have gathered a bunch of soda, cold brew, and gas station style sweet and savory treats! Hopefully the nostalgic treats will bless all of the dads in our congregation!

Treasurer's Report – Dennis Engman

- Reviewed General Operating fund actuals and balances, including Missions funding.
- Reviewed Endowment fund balances.
- Reviewed Reserve fund balances.
- Discussed Finances at CGCS. Mike Mathisen said a fund appeal would be coming out to the congregation next week.
 - Andy Hennig made a motion to extend the repayment date of the loan to CGCS from 5/29/26 to 10/31/26. Joe Ehrman seconded. Ayes all, no opposed. Motion approved.

Facilities –Mike Mathisen

Secretary – Stephanie Battista

- No report

Vice President – Mike Hamernick

- No Report

President – Andy Hennig

- Offering Assignments
 - July
 - 9:00am Traditional -Craig and Carl, Contemporary - Stephanie
 - 10:30am- Tim
 - Next meeting August 20th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Battista