

**GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 13, 2026**

Present: Roger Bower, Dan Basinger, Lou Ann Nagy, Greg Glick, Dave Seitz, Judy Krout, Karen Barnes, Taryn Hartman, Peg Whitmer, Gregg Feller

Absent: Jacob Ramsey, Peter Bateson

Roger Bower called the meeting to order.

Peg Whitmer read from the book "Moments with Mama" written by Darwin Wilson's daughter Rebecca.

Guest - Kristen MacCasland (parsonage renter) presented her concerns regarding creating a play area in part of the parsonage backyard. Her concerns were losing the area where her children (ages 9, 8, 6 and 5) play and practice baseball, losing her garden, privacy, whether her children would be allowed to use the area, etc. Her son Jonas said he did not want the play area created because he would lose the space he uses to practice baseball. Kristen said the backyard was the best part of the rental and, if the backyard was decreased, she felt the rent should be decreased. One clarification was made. Kristen was under the impression that the area would be a "playground with equipment". This is not correct; the area would be a "play area".

Guest – Daphne Bower, Call Committee Chairman, gave a status update. The church's MSP (profile) has been approved by the Synod and is on the national ELCA website. Daphne spoke with Tom Ritter (in Toledo) and discussed the church's options – share a pastor, led by a SAM, led by lay people, TEEM, etc. The Synod office is using Good Hope as an example to rewrite their procedures for churches looking for a pastor.

A discussion was held as to what other options Good Hope has in searching for a new pastor. One option is hiring a company that would search for us. There would be a cost to this option. We could also send information to seminaries and post the information on Facebook. Jill Seitz can possibly help with Facebook.

Council Secretary - The March 9 council meeting minutes were reviewed. Gregg Feller made a motion to accept the minutes. Dave Seitz seconded the motion. MC
Thank you's were received from Open Arms, City Mission and Christian Clearing House.

Treasurer's Report

- The report was reviewed. Greg Glick made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Gregg Feller seconded the motion. MC.
- Greg Glick made a motion to split \$4,000 between World Hunger, Good Hope Food Pantry, Methodist's Baby Pantry and St. John of Findlay's Food Pantry. Gregg Feller seconded the motion. MC
- The church will be receiving a monetary amount from the Stephen Beach estate.

Financial Report – The report was reviewed.

Elders Report – nothing to report. It was suggested to dedicate the altar flowers to the paid staff on a Sunday to be determined.

Parish Ed Board Report

- Over 70 people attended the confirmation breakfast. This included the 13 Good Hope confirmands and the three confirmands from St. John's and their families.
- Breakfast for the high school and college graduates will be held on May 31.
- New pictures were purchased to replace the bulletin board by the north doors.
- Mother's Day handouts have been procured.

Trustees Report

- A discussion was held regarding the cost of fencing in the grass area west of the church versus a portion of the backyard of the parsonage. A permit from the Village of Arlington for fencing the area west of the church will cost \$25.
 - Peg Whitmer made a motion to fence in the grass area west of the church. Greg Glick seconded the motion. MC
- It was suggested to install a welcome sign (decal) on the east glass doors. Karen Barnes made a motion to install a welcome sign on the east glass doors. Taryn Hartman seconded the motion. MC
- The broken concrete at the west door will be repaired.

Board of Women Report – A reception will be planned for new members on Sunday, May 17.

Youth Report – no report

Deacons Report – no report

Vice President Report

In follow-up to the Outreach Committee meeting with Lizzy Rone, it was relayed to Lizzy that the church would pay for part of the tickets to the Soar outing and would help pay for camp attendees. Montgomery Moore will be gone five Sundays this summer to attend music camps. These dates will be passed on to Madison Thomas.

Pastoral Report

- Thank you for the work that was done leading up to Easter and confirmation.
- The committee is working on the fall cottage meetings.
- Sunday, April 26 is confirmation at St. John in Dola. I may be late and will need someone to get worship started at Good Hope.
- Sunday, May 17 will be new member Sunday. The following people are seeking to join Good Hope:
 - Dan Beach
 - Jennie Collins
 - Josh & Kate Goodwin, Grady and Carter
 - Susan (Neal) Launder
 - Sandro & Adalie (goes by Ady) Malkic, Neil
 - Matt & Leah Morehart, Benjamin and Reid
 - Kate Richard
 - Lizzy Rone, Grace and Joseph

President Report – The boy scouts and cub scouts are looking for help with fees (\$800) for attending camp. The men's group is donating \$300 to this cause.

- Dave Seitz made a motion to give \$500 to the boy scouts and cub scouts camp fees. Peg Whitmer seconded the motion. MC

Old Business

- Stewardship Committee – At this time, seven families have signed up to host the cottage meetings. Looking for three more host families by the end of May.
- Summer School Reading – Working with the school on the details.
- Preschool/daycare have their own dedicated phone line.

New Business

- Sound System - Dave Neal checked and cleaned the speaker system. The system is approximately 30 years old. The cost of the new system is approximately \$4,500.
 - Greg Glick made a motion to install a new speaker system. Dave Seitz seconded the motion. MC

- The trustees will work with Dave Neal and Jeff Bernhardt to install the new system.
- Choir Loft – the Trustees will look into converting the choir loft into seating.
- Members of council received a letter from a church member regarding purchasing a van. The matter was discussed. No action was taken.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the church.

Greg Glick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judy Krout seconded the motion. MC

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ann Nagy

GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Activity for the Month Ended 4/30/2026

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Budget vs. Actual Receipts</u>
Local	\$59,945.72	\$23,173.11	(\$26,203.41)	\$56,915.42	(\$4,328.87)
Benevolence	0.00	699.00	(699.00)	0.00	(1,845.77)
World Hunger	0.00	20.00	(20.00)	0.00	(493.85)
Jack Glick Estate	60,161.28	0.00	0.00	60,161.28	
Wernle Home	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Other Benevolence	21,827.17	2,569.62	(2,237.42)	22,159.37	
5 Way Split	2,218.00	1,754.00	(3,972.00)	0.00	1,571.62
Special Offering	40.00	25.00	0.00	65.00	(123.46)
Living Memorial	9,056.85	50.00	0.00	9,106.85	
Before and After School Prog	34,976.28	8,042.00	(8,624.65)	34,393.63	
Education	190.00	0.00	0.00	190.00	
Camp Scholarship Fund	1,350.38	0.00	0.00	1,350.38	
Preschool (SSCP)	10,748.20	3,620.00	(4,245.90)	10,122.30	
Prof.Ch.Worker'sSch	481.60	0.00	0.00	481.60	
Handbell Fund	82.91	0.00	0.00	82.91	
Good Hope Women ELCA	539.47	0.00	0.00	539.47	
Capital Campaign	1,434.26	0.00	0.00	1,434.26	
Building and Maintenance Fund	35,138.88	2,025.00	(16,587.75)	20,576.13	
Kitchen Fund/5th Qtr.	2,929.25	0.00	0.00	2,929.25	
Total Checking Account	241,120.25	41,977.73	(62,590.13)	220,507.85	

Certificate of Deposit:

Benevolent Purposes	3,554.54	0.00	0.00	3,554.54	Due 4/17/29	3.941%
Prof. Ch. Worker's Scholarship	6,854.18	0.00	0.00	6,854.18	Due 5/21/2026	4.764%
Total Cash	<u>\$251,528.97</u>	<u>\$41,977.73</u>	<u>(\$62,590.13)</u>	<u>\$230,916.57</u>		