

**GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 11, 2026**

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

Roger Bower called the meeting to order.

Karen Barnes read "Rooted in Christ, Growing in Faith" that she heard at the ELCA Women's Retreat.

Council Secretary

- The April 13 council meeting minutes were reviewed. Taryn Hartman made a motion to accept the minutes. Greg Glick seconded the motion. MC
- A thank you was received from City Mission.
- A thank you was received from the Women's Resource Center for the donation of \$409.12 collected during the baby bottle fundraiser.

Treasurer's Report

- The report was reviewed. Greg Feller made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Karen Barnes seconded the motion. MC.
- Greg Glick reported we have received money from the Boy Scouts for the insurance on their trailer.

Financial Report – The report was reviewed.

Youth Report – Teen Breakfast and Pizza & Jesus have ended for the school year. The Youth thanked the Trustees for painting the ledge in the basement. The Trustees asked if the youth would be willing to paint the paneling in the basement. The Trustees would furnish the paint. This will be checked into.

Elders Report – Judy Krout presented options regarding the welcome signage that was suggested to be installed on the east glass doors.

- Dave Seitz made a motion to put the signage on the side panels of the glass doors. Taryn seconded the motion. MC
- Dan Basinger made a motion to use the signage with the cross for the glass doors. Peg Whitmer seconded the motion. MC
- Dan Basinger made a motion to use the signage without the extra wording. Jacob Ramsey seconded the motion. MC

Parish Ed Board Report

- Preparations for VBS are proceeding. A wish list has been put on Amazon for supplies. This list can be reached using the QR code.
- A list for additional supplies and snacks will be posted.
- Still need adult volunteers.
- Emma Bower Couch will take pictures on Monday, June 8 at VBS.

Trustees Report

- The railing on the choir loft has been removed, and long pews have been set up. The Trustees will reinstall a portion of the railing, install a bull nose strip with LED lights along the bottom and install a 2-foot handrail on the wall at the step for safety.
- The cement cross located above the north doors was cracked and has been removed. The Trustees are researching multiple options for replacement.
- The white roof over the Fellowship Hall was installed approximately 35 years ago and recoated approximately 10 years ago. The roof has been inspected by Paul Brooks (original installer), and he suggested sealing the roof which should last for 10-12 years. At the end of that time, the roof will need to be removed and a new roof installed.

- The fence around the grass area west of the church should be installed before VBS which starts on June 8. The building permit has been received from the Village of Arlington.
- The Eagle Scout project of basement storage racks and painting by a Boy Scout has been dropped.
- The fire extinguishers have been serviced.
- Servicing of the air conditioners by Basinger Heating & Plumbing is scheduled for June 4.
- The speaker system will be upgraded this summer when new components are ordered.
- The brick is scheduled to be sealed this summer at a cost of \$16,640.
- The Trustees would like to purchase a shed for the Eibling property. Pricing will be researched.

Board of Women Report – A reception for new members will be held on Sunday, May 17. Refreshments will be provided with the help of council members.

Deacons Report – The Deacons have been asked to develop an emergency plan for worship services covering fire, tornados, active shootings, etc. Council members suggested people in the community for the deacons to contact to help write the emergency plan.

Vice President Report – The Worship Committee will begin holding quarterly meetings.

Pastoral Report

- The cottage meeting committee is working on making sure all congregation members will be invited to a cottage meeting.
- New Member Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 17 at the 10:00 am service with a reception during the Sunday School hour.
- Perhaps the Trustees could take care of the weeds in the stone area where the air conditioners are located.
- Pastor Steve will be out of town on Sunday, July 12. This is the Sunday that Pastor Jerry and Kate are scheduled to be at Good Hope. Would like to have someone assist with leading the service while Pastor Jerry delivers the sermon.
- Pastor Steve will also be out of town on Sunday, August 2 and Sunday, August 16. He will be looking for a person (or persons) to lead worship and/or deliver the sermon on these dates.

President Report – Discussion was held regarding the email that Roger Bower sent to council listing websites that allow for pastoral searches.

- Dave Seitz made a motion to recommend for the Call Committee to develop an ad to post on the following sites: Indeed, Ministry Jobs, Church Staffing, Inc., Facebook and Linked In. Judy Krout seconded the motion. MC

Old Business – Cottage Meeting Committee - The attendee lists have been turned in for the cottage meetings. Pastor Steve will be meeting with the host families on Sunday May 17.

New Business

- The question was asked if the choir would be singing on Sunday, July 12 when Pastor Jerry and Kate are here. Dan will check with the choir.
- Will be looking for someone to provide a truck for the Arlington Festival Parade in July.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the church.

Taryn Hartman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Barnes seconded the motion. MC

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ann Nagy