

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes – August 10, 2026

“As God’s people, abounding in hope and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to share in the unfolding experience of Jesus Christ”

Call to Order: 6:36pm

Roll Call: Terrie Hanke, Sue Tietz, Pr. Judy Kincaid, Todd Johnson, Carol Mohr, Nancy Kaeding, Alice Bates, Leanne O’Bryan, Allie Martinson

Glimpses of God: Larry and Helen Keith’s celebration; spotting white deer again after two years; Sue is more right than Todd; Pr Judy’s grandkids arriving after at a busy time-be careful what you pray for; Christmas in July - Ellie being a star; Lucas’ broken leg healing after a year, One Fest

Devotion: (Pr Judy) Ecclesiastes. To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under the heaven. Be grateful for every day. Think about the different seasons in everyone’s life and reach out to people in their seasons.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept June minutes (we did not meet in July) by Alli Martinson/Nancy Hallin. Passed.

Additions to Agenda: Add guest organist payment under New Business.

Treasurer’s Report: Nancy Kaeding reviewed financials for June and July, 2026. Motion to accept Treasurer’s report for June and July, 2026 by Terrie Hanke/Alice Bates. Passed.

Old Business:

*Music Director Update: (Carol Mohr) Kathryn Hardy has been hired as Music Director as of August 1, 2026.

*Wolf Interest Update: (Terrie Hanke) All funds have been distributed.

*Visitor Welcome Packet: (Pr Judy). New tote bags are in process.

*Ohman Painting: No update at this point.

*Congregational Directory Update: Directory is done and is at the company. It will come back to us for proofing and then it will be sent back to be printed.

New Business:

*Review of 2026 Goals: (Todd Johnson) Reviewed Ministry/Outreach.

*Endowment Fund: (Carol Mohr) \$1,729.10 Quarter 2 distributions: \$200 Fund 13, \$250 Neighbor to Neighbor, \$250 RN Salary Los Heroes Medical Clinic El Salvador

Community: \$250 Hope Gospel (Matching donation in place); \$250 Lutheran Social Services - Love Big Campaign (Matching donation in place)

Mission: \$300 Food for Orphans and Children for one year; \$105 Environment Friendly Cook Stove; \$100 Health Care for a Child (10 for \$10). Total: \$1705 to be distributed.

Motion to approve by Carol Mohr/Terrie Hanke. Passed.

*Stewardship for Fall of 2026: (Pr Judy) Late September or early October. Pr Judy will research the example from Synod. Committee to be organized.

*Ministry Fair : (Pr. Judy). Rally Day is in process.

*Guest Organist: Payment is set at \$125 per service.

Reports:

- **Pastor’s Report:** Christmas in July, wedding, funeral. Pastoral partners have been great. VBS for 2027 is being discussed. Pr. Judy will teach confirmation except during Lent. Grace will reach out to youth already confirmed. Pr .Judy will be gone August 24-31 2026.

- **Youth Representative:** N/A
- **Board of Education:** *(Provide educational and fellowship opportunities for youth & families to encounter the unfolding experience of God's love and equip them for a faithful future.)* Next meeting is August 23rd.
- **Rachel's Place Board:** *(Increase enrollment and to regain compliance with licensing.)* Fire drills. Financials were reviewed. Enrollment is down everywhere. New cook is needed and also teachers. Aug 23, 2026 is Rachel's Place Sunday and they will do coffee connections and blessing during service. RP will be involved in Rally Sunday.
- **Board of Outreach:** *(Our mission is to continue the ongoing outreach programs while remaining adaptable and receptive to addressing additional needs within both the church and our wider community.)* Various people have taken activities and at this time here is no chair. School supplies, puzzles.
- **Board of Trustees:** *(Make monthly financial reports available to the council and congregation, monitor budget and spending, oversee building and grounds needs as well as expenditures, create the annual budget and continue to encourage electronic giving.)* Building projects were discussed.
- **Building & Grounds: In Progress:** Klumby Roof, Railings for bathroom stalls, Elevator Control – we're waiting; Planning Wolf Projects: \$11,000 to work with; Carpet in Fireside Room - \$5,500 Big Rivers Flooring, Tile and Stone; Countertop – \$2,900 Anew Renovations plus sink and faucet; Arbor Vitae Replacement – Waiting for bid from Premium Lawn.
Moving forward: Painting Gathering space and Stairs to Rachel's Place; Replacing cement sections to mailbox from door 5 and between door 4 & 6; Creating cement pad for bench from Christianson Family in memory of Peter
- **Green Team:** Restructuring. Kim Strange will be the contact person. Nancy Hallin will report at Council. Information will be put in publications about going green. Lauren has been getting youth involved. October 6 will be gardening day.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer: 8:02pm

Respectfully Submitted,
 Alice Bates, Council Secretary