

## Hope Lutheran Church Council –

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

### **Call to Order @ 18:30**

**Roll Call:** Alli Martinson, Nancy Kaeding, Carol Mohr, Nancy Hallin, Leanne O’Bryan, Bridgit Mazuk, Pastor Judy

**Glimpses of God:** Elmer the Donkey, Brave Thomas, Music Monday, People attending services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday

**Devotion:** Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 *“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work.”* Helpers from the congregation – we are a team, always someone who will do something with you or for you. How might we broaden this circle beyond church our walls.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes by Bridgit Mazuk/Nancy Hallin - Passed

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

**Treasurer’s Report:** Nancy Kaeding reviewed the financials for the month of March. Motion to accept Treasurer’s report by Carol/Mohr/Nancy Hallin - Passed

### **Old Business:**

\*Synod Delegates: Bob Klimpke, Alli Martinson & Sue Tietz will attend synod assembly on April 25, 2026 in Rice Lake.

\*Music Director Position: Personnel committee met to update job description, qualifications. And established a salary range. Advertising for the position will commence shortly.

\*Name Tags and Visitor Welcome Packet: Deferred to next meeting

### **New Business:**

\*Endowment Committee: Interest received for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2026 - \$1,712.20

Choice Distributions \$700: \$200 Fund 13; \$250 Neighbor to Neighbor; \$250 RN Salary at Los Heores El Salvador Medical Clinic

Community Outreach Distributions \$500: \$250 Stand in the Light Memory Choir; \$250 Chippewa Valley Free Clinic

Mission Distributions \$520: \$300 School Supplies for a Classroom; \$100 One month of internet connectivity for students; \$120 Send 3 Girls to School (\$40 each)

Motion to distribute \$1,720 as recommended by Carol Mohr/Leanne O’Bryan - Passed

### **Reports:**

- **Pastor’s Report:** Installed, moved, unpacking, enjoyed Lent and Holy Week, participated in Palm Sunday Path, met Pastoral Partners, plans to visit all homebound members during Easter season, summer, Christmas season and any other time there is a need. Enjoys monthly conference meetings in Bloomer, met with the Personnel Committee and has filled in for Grace in Confirmation. Loves Tuesday Rachel’s Place Chapel, Monday Morning Coffee’s recent breakfast and treats with Quilters. Sermon For Every Sunday – Pastor will be recording in MSP.

- **Youth Representative:** No Report

- **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.)* Easter

Egg hunt, Palm Sunday Breakfast and the St. Patrick's Day bake sale were very successful. Proceeds will go to support summer youth programs and youth attending Luther Park. Planning continues for summer events.

- **Rachel's Place Board:** *(Increase enrollment and to regain compliance with licensing.)* Week of the Young Child - Art show, Music Monday, Milk Tasting, Family night on Thursday with community resources. Staff appreciation is first week in May. Leanne attended a round table event to support Child Care in our community.

- **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.)* No Chair for Outreach but members will take on leadership of projects. Korena Covill will coordinate Beacon House. Caramel Rolls on May 3<sup>rd</sup> with beneficiaries to be decided

- **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.)* Nancy reported on changes in the format of the financial report. Paid off City of Eau Claire Street Assessment of \$5,342.94 on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Funds came from our Street Assessment Reserve - \$749.83 an RMD gift - \$1,763 and a loan from the Pastor's Salary Reserve. - \$2,830.11 The city charged 6% annually for the assessment. We'll repay ourselves at \$70/month for 40 months.

- **Building & Grounds:**

Completed Projects – Fireside Room Heater, \*Sign Update, Sacristy Lights and Ceiling, Handless \*Mic for Sanctuary (\*Sign stays lit 24/7 B&B will troubleshoot, Mic may need antennae adjustments)

Contracted Projects – Windows in East Wing and Pastor's Office, Exhaust Fan Motor Olson Hall, Sanctuary AHU #10 Motor

Imminent Project – Klumby Building Roof @ \$6,300 to be split with Rachel's Place

- **Green Team:** Mulch, Pollinator Garden cleanup, Planting annuals coming up. Collection of batteries and re-usable bags continues.

**Adjournment and Lord's Prayer @ 19:55**

**Respectfully submitted by Terrie Hanke for Alice Bates**