

Hope Lutheran Church Council – September 14, 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 18:37

Roll Call – Todd Johnson, Alli Martinson, Terrie Hanke, Sue Tietz, Kirsten Wagner, Leanne O’Bryan, Carol Mohr, Nancy Hallin, Pastor Judy. Bob Everson and Bob Klimpke attended to present Friendship Group Taxi Plan

Glimpses of God – Pre-planned music on Sunday following Steve and Don’s passing; Steve’s pre-planning was a gift to family and pastor; Energy of Rally Sunday.

Devotion: Pre-planning a funeral allows a person to live life more joyfully. Take time to plan ahead for this important event.

Approval of Minutes: Change guest organist to guest organist/pianist and Hardy to Hardie. Motion by Carol Mohr/Alli Martinson - Passed

Additions to Agenda: Choir Accompanist Salary

Treasurer’s Report: The August financial report was presented by Terrie Hanke. Motion to accept the financial report by Sue Tietz/Alli Martinson - Passed

Old Business:

Congregational Directory: Proofed and sent back for publishing, expected in about 8 weeks

Visitor Welcome Packets: Cloth tote Bags for visitors will contain a revised brochure and updated group contacts as well as a Lutheran 101 brochure, abbreviated catechism and a mini banana bread

Stewardship For Fall 2026: Stewardship with theme of “Thankful” will run four weeks with Stewardship Sunday on November 15th

Ministry Fair Sept. 13: Carnival atmosphere, bounce house and dunk tank provided lots of energy and fun. The staff put together a great event to launch church ministries this fall! Thank you staff!

New Business:

Review of 2026 Goals: People and Community goals reviewed

Friendship Group Taxi Service: Structure of free cabs to church presented by Friendship Group representatives. Motion to offer taxi rides to church funded by Wolf Friendship money by Alli Martinson/Nancy Hallin - Passed

Pastoral Sabbatical: The personnel committee will craft language covering pastoral sabbatical leave for addition to the constitution.

Choir Accompanist Salary: \$300/month to cover 6 hours practice, 6 hours rehearsal & services

Reports:

- **Pastor’s Report:** Busy month with 3 funerals. Pastor is excited for fall programming and teaching confirmation.
- **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.)* Rally Sunday was a great beginning for fall programs; Lauren was selected to receive the Hope Anderson Scholarship; Crowded Table Ministry – breakfast at high schools hosted by church community; Wed meals have servers

- **Rachel's Place Board:** *(Increase enrollment and to regain compliance with licensing.)*

Family night on Thursday; family engagement calendar; enrollment is good; new teacher is working out; looking for a cook again; two new youngsters have enrolled

- **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.)* Sam Soper has agreed to chair the Board of Outreach

- **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.)* Heard and recommended to council the Friendship Group's plan for taxi rides to church covered by Wolf Friendship Funds

- **Building & Grounds:** Black Widow will do snow removal again this winter; Emergency lighting will be installed in the bathrooms and some lights will be upgraded to LED on Sept 23rd. On the schedule for this fall – Klumby Roof, railings in bathrooms, painting gathering space and Rachel's Place stairs, cement work – sidewalks and pad for memorial bench, carpet and countertop in Fireside Room, Arbor Vitae outside of Olson Hall

- **Green Team:** Middle school youth activities scheduled with Green Team for this fall, high school students will also be invited to participate

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer @19:46

Respectfully submitted,
Terrie Hanke for Alice Bates