

Peace Lutheran Church
Council Meeting MINUTES
7/16/2026



Opening Prayer – Pastor Lori led the Opening Prayer.

Call to Order

Members Present: Pastor Lori Peper, Tim Pauley, Brandon Robinson, Joe Kahl, Vicki Koehler, Ryan Hanson, Maria Hanson. Also in Attendance: John Haley, Cemetery Committee Chairperson.

Mission Statement - “A Family of Christ, Spirit Led ~ Grace Fed.”

1. Review the Secretary’s Minutes
 - a. There was a motion to approve the Secretary’s Minutes with two corrections. These corrections will be reflected in an updated document.
 - b. Motion: Tim Pauley, Second: Joe Kahl
 - c. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Review the Treasurer’s Report
 - a. Pastoral Housing Fund was divested, as was directed by the Council in May.
 - b. The second quarter of Benevolences was paid. The consensus was that the treasurer has discretion to pay Benevolences in quarterly installments as funds allow.
 - c. There was a motion to approve Treasurer’s Report.
 - d. Motion: Ryan Hanson, Second: Tim Pauley
 - e. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Ministry Reports
 - a. Consideration and/or Approval of any matters as they may pertain to recommendations from the Ministries
 - i. Any action items are reflected in other business. The reports were received with appreciation.
4. Old Business
 - a. By consensus, the Congregational Council reaffirmed that the cost of lawn services for the church property and both cemeteries will be paid by the Council. Because the Cemetery Committee has already paid a bill for a portion of the cemetery lawn services, the Council will pay the remaining lawn service costs for this season. If any additional payment is needed, the Council will communicate that need to the Cemetery Committee.
 - b. Peace Lutheran Church HVAC Campaign and Project Update

- i. The church has received \$122,677 toward the \$150,000 Capital Campaign. The generosity of the congregation is greatly appreciated.
- c. Child Care Lease Agreement – School District Request
 - i. The Council reviewed communication from the school district regarding the child care lease agreement. By consensus, the Council agreed to proceed with the lease increase and update the lease agreement. The Council directed the Council President to communicate with the school district, update the lease agreement, and execute the agreement.

5. New Business

- a. ELCA Endowment Fund Signatory Approval
 - i. *St. Peter's Cemetery, Peace Lutheran Cemetery, Education Endowment Fund*
 - 1. A motion was made to designate Pastor Melissa Carmack, Pastor Lori Peper, and the current Cemetery Committee Treasurer (Patricia Adam at this time) as the authorized signatories for the ELCA Endowment Funds.
 - 2. Motion: Vicki Koehler, Second: Ryan Hanson
 - 3. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Diaper Drive Update
 - i. The email consensus of the council was to approve the Diaper Drive being facilitated by a community organization.
- c. Media and Communications Equipment Request
 - i. Due to the unexpected network project expense, a motion was made to temporarily delay additional technology and media expenditures. The Technology and Media Team is directed to prioritize its proposed equipment purchases for future Council consideration.
 - ii. Motion: Ryan Hanson, Second: Tim Pauley
 - iii. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Lay School of Ministry Sponsorship Request
 - i. The Council considered a request to sponsor a congregational member enrolled in the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Lay School of Ministry. A motion was made to approve payment of one-half of the course tuition. (\$250) The remaining one-half of the tuition will be provided by an anonymous donor family. (\$250)
 - ii. Motion: Vicki Koehler, Second: Pastor Lori Peper.
 - iii. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Other

- a. No other action was taken.
- 7. Adjourn
 - a. There was a motion to adjourn by Tim Pauley, seconded by Vicki Koehler.
Motion carried unanimously.