

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL NOVEMBER 13, 2025 (VIA ZOOM) (CORRECTED
NOVEMBER 16, 2025)

Members Present: Pastor Jenn Kopacz, Randi Buehner, Teresa Wooten, Peggy Stevens, Kevin Lundgren, Debra Nelsen, Janet McPherson. Absent: Mary Grant, Karen Bradley, Nick Gandy, Lori Ann Firehammer.

DEVOTION: Pastor Jenn read a pastoral message from ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry.

CALL TO ORDER: Randi called the meeting to order @ 6:36 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Pastor Jenn made a motion to accept the October Council minutes, Peggy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Janet made a motion to accept the following: Fellowship Report, Financial Report, Music & Worship Report, Pastor's Reports for September and October and Treasurer's Report. Debra seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS/CONTINUING BUSINESS

Sabbatical continued discussion: Pastor Jenn still working on forming a committee on her upcoming Sabbatical, which can include Council members, as well as non Council members. There was discussion of possibly having one service during Sabbatical. Peggy raised the question of whether that would be a good idea. She also noted that if this change were made, the contracts for Cheryl and Frank would have to reflect this. Note: the dates for Pastor's sabbatical are: June 15-August 22, 2026. It was suggested by Teresa to note this in future Council agendas, as well as minutes.

Land discussion/Rental possibilities with Sarah Springer: Randi and Sarah will be meeting next week. They will approach business owners behind the church to see if any might be interested in purchasing the back portion of property. Randi will also consult commercial property appraisers she knows to get a ballpark idea of what property value is.

Opening on Council for Secretary (2026), Property Committee member (now): Janet M. asked Janet Blair if she might be interested in taking this over. Janet B. is currently president of her homeowners' association, and was doubtful she could take on council secretary position too. Janet M. will put some announcements in the bulletin, and approach members who might be interested. Also, the Property Committee needs a new person to coordinate maintenance immediately.

Metro Net/IT: Peggy prepared a memo outlining the current contract with Comcast, which is in effect until December of 2026, which costs \$447.00 a month. Metro Net has a quote for service which is good until December 5. The IT consultants have recommended switching to

Metro Net, which has fiber optic cable now, and offers a three-year contract for around \$200.00 per month, a considerable savings. Both Randi and Debra use Metro Net, and recommend it over Comcast. If the contract is canceled with Comcast, they could possibly charge early termination fee, which would be around \$2,016.00 (40% of total monthly bill divided over number of months left in the contract). However, Metro Net would refund up to \$1,000 of the cancellation fee. Teresa made a motion to accept the three-year Metro Net proposal, Debra seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Health and Safety Committee: **Teresa** and Randi have met with Rachelle Denmark and Angie Booth about forming a committee to address issues of health and safety, including possible active shooter situations as well as using AED machine and learning CPR.

Results from Don Blancett's suggestions: Discussion will be on the next agenda. Randi has received four responses so far, and encouraged the Council to send any to her.

Upcoming events: Next Council meeting: December 11, @ 6:30 PM. It was also noted Christmas Connection will be starting soon.

Pastor Jenn led the Lord's Prayer, and the meeting adjourned @ 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet McPherson
Secretary

Dates of Pastor Jenn's Sabbatical: June 26-August 22, 2026.