

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
UNAPPROVED Board Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2026

- I. Call to Order:** 6:32 pm by Jon Peterson at Peace Lutheran Church.
- II. Members Present:** Ron Boettner, Julie Maas-Kusske, Dan Nelson, Jon Peterson, Ted Pew, James Walz, and Pastor John Hopper
- Absent:** Teri Dressel
- Others:** Bob Rieckenberg
- III. Devotions:** Done by James Walz
- IV. Open Forum:** Bob Rieckenberg, Safety Committee Chair, presented information on security for the front door. He met with and received bids from EVL Security and Wright Hennepin Security. They were comparable in cost, coming in around \$8,200-8,500. Installing security doors is more complicated due to the handicap controls using the same doors. There is a member who may be interested in donating to this project.

V. Adopt Agenda:

Motion to approve Ministry Board Meeting Agenda as written. JMK / DN / Carried

VI. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of Ministry Board Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2026.

Motion to approve April 21, 2026, Ministry Board meeting minutes as written. JMK / JW / Carried

VII. Reports:

A. Financial Report:

Reviewed Financials: Jon P shared notes provided by Teri D, who was absent; and reviewed Finance Ministry Team reports and minutes.

- B. Pastor's Report: Two babies were born to families connected to the congregation this month. Hazel Hahn was born to Dani and Logan Hahn. We also lift up Thea and Kyle Vogel in prayer following the loss of their newborn baby. Thea is Ruth Clark's daughter. Please keep the Vogel family in your prayers during this difficult time.

- C. Mark's Report: Pastor Jim is joining Mark on the youth mission trip.

D. Design Team Report / I-Team Report:

- Jon will introduce the I-Team on May 31, Arvin Senne, Alex Hickel, Andy Johnsrud, Jami Doolittle, Kristi Mittelstaedt, Kevin Schroeder, Jim Grosshuesch, Norm Bauer, and James Walz (Ministry Board representative).
- The team will work in joint leadership. Kristi will be the administrative contact with Nor-Son. Arvin will be the on-site liaison. Andy will provide general oversight. Kristi and Arvin will be the point of contact for Nor-Son and will approve building project invoices.
- There will be a bi-weekly contingency update.
- We received more itemized bids and clarity from Nor-Son at the May 12 meeting. Altogether, the cost is about \$1.3 million. Andy is looking at the costs and trying to find ways to save Peace more money.
- Nor-Son is to submit site plans to the Planning Commission by June 9. Peace members will be attending the July 9 Planning Commission meeting and July 28 City Council meeting to review



and answer any questions about the site plans. A strong showing of support from Peace members is encouraged at the July 28 City Council meeting.

E. Call Committee Report: The Call Committee has completed its work. A new committee will be formed for the Director of Youth and Family position.

F. Ministry Team Reports

- Finance
- Hospitality
- Prayer & Care
- Property: Concerns about staging for the Nor-Son building project. Where they should stage, and a verbal promise by Nor-Son to restore irrigation once the project is complete.
- Christian Education: Ron provided notes and an update at the meeting.
- Stewardship: Ron provided notes at the meeting. Looking for new members to enthusiastically get the message across.

Motion to accept Reports as written. RB / JW / Carried

VIII. Old Business:

A. Pastor Computer and Office Chair: A new computer and docking station have been ordered. Dan Diedrichs, our computer consultant, will set it up for Pastor Jim before his start date. Total cost should come in under \$2,000, including Dan's fee. This leaves enough room in the existing budget for an office chair, so no additional approval is needed. Sandy has asked Pastor Jim to select the chair he prefers.

B. Receptions: A budget needs to be approved for the various celebrations and farewells this summer. Dan Cowger has been notified of these additional unbudgeted expenses.

1. Thank You Reception and Gift for Pastor John – Hospitality is planning a pie dessert, including two of Pastor John's favorites, peach and strawberry-rhubarb. A Sign-Up Genius will be created requesting 20 pies be donated. Hospitality will not incur any additional expenses. Other expenses might include corsages and a gift. Pastor John has said he does not need a gift.
2. Welcome Reception for Pastor Jim and Family – Hospitality is planning a Mexican theme luncheon (one of Pastor Jim's favorite foods). Jill Blair contacted La Catrina about catering and was given a quote of \$1,500. Hospitality is requesting approval of the \$1,500 expense and will cover any remaining costs through the Hospitality budget.

Motion to approve a budget of \$1,500 for catering expenses. TP / DN / Carried

3. Farewell Reception and Gift for Mark – Hospitality is planning a picnic theme luncheon with an ice cream bar. They are working on the details. They are requesting approval of \$500 for luncheon expenses.

Motion to approve a budget of \$500 for a farewell luncheon. TP / DN / Carried

C. Building Project Invoice Approval: Kristi Mittelstaedt and Arvin Senne will review and approve all invoices. The Finance Team would like a member of the Ministry Board to review and approve all invoices after the I-Team has reviewed and approved them. James is the Ministry Board representative to the I-Team.

Motions to approve James Walz as the Ministry Board representative to approve building project invoices. JW / JMK / Carried

D. Security Doors: See open forum.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Church Credit Card for Pastor Jim: Discussed

Motion to approve Pastor James VerBout be given a card for church expenses and Pastor David Hanson's card to be cancelled. JMK / JW / Carried.

B. Pastor Jim Introduction Letter or Video: Discussed. The Ministry Board likes the idea of a video email with a letter being sent to members without an email.

C. Summer Mid-Week Worship: Pastor Jim will lead a 4-week summer mid-week worship series on the Lord's Prayer, running July 22 through August 12, 6:00 pm treats, 6:30 worship. JoAnn is available to help. Hospitality will plan treats.

D. Welcome Banner and Permanent Nametags (Prayer and Care Ministry Team): tabled.

E. Mission Trip Update and Worship Coverage for July 12: Pastor John has agreed to lead worship that day while Pastor Jim is on the mission trip.

F. LCMC Annual Gathering & Convention October 4-7: Pastor John recommends that Peace attend the Augustana District meetings. Discussion tabled.

G. Stewardship Program (Ron Boettner): See Stewardship report VII. F point 6.

IX. Adjourn: Add May 3 Congregational Vote Discussion to the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. JMK / JW / Carried. Adjourned at 8:17 pm

X. Closing Prayer – Led by Pastor John Hopper, Lord's Prayer

XI. Information:

- Next meeting June 16, 2026 | Executive Board Meeting June 11, 2026
- June Meeting Devotions: Dan Nelson
- June Communion Assistant / MB serving: Dan Nelson and Ted Pew
- Summer Dates to Make Note of:
 - May 16 – Faith Sharing Night
 - May 17 – Confirmation Sunday (always 3rd Sunday of May)
 - June 15–19 – VBS
 - June 21 - Pastor John and Sally thank you reception
 - June 28 – Pastor Jim's installation & welcome celebration
 - July 9–18 – Mission Trip
 - July 12 – Outdoor Worship & Fish Fry (Hospitality would like to keep it here)
 - July 19 – Mark's farewell
 - July 22-August 12 – Summer Mid-Week Worship
 - July 25 – Rails to Trails (we will participate in the parade)
 - August 1 – Welcome Neighbor Corn Feed (first planning meeting is May 28)
 - August 2 – Outdoor worship