



Ministry Board Meeting Agenda
August 18, 2026
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call / Attendance
- III. Devotions – Teri Dressel
- IV. Open Forum
- V. Adopt Agenda
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Approval of Ministry Board Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2026
- VII. Reports
 - A. Finance – Monthly Financials and Minutes
 - B. Pastor’s Report
 - C. I-Team Report
 - D. Ministry Team Reports
 - i. Altar Care: *No Report*
 - ii. Christian Education: *No Report*
 - iii. Hospitality: *July*
 - iv. Missions: *July*
 - v. Outreach: *No Report*
 - vi. Prayer & Care: *No Report*
 - vii. Property: *August*
 - viii. Technology: *No Report*
 - ix. Worship & Music: *August*
 - x. Youth Activities: *No Report*
 - E. Committee Reports
 - i. Nominating: *No Report*
 - ii. Safety: *No Report*
 - iii. Search Team: *No Report*
 - iv. Stewardship: *No Report*
- VIII. Old Business
 - A. I-Team Update
 - B. Director of Youth & Family Update
 - C. May 3 Congregational Vote Discussion
- IX. New Business
 - A. Rally Sunday
 - B. Pie Auction
- X. Adjourn
- XI. Closing Prayer
- XII. Information
 - A. Next Meeting: September 15, 2026 Executive Board Meeting September 10, 2026
 - B. September Meeting Devotions: Julie Maas-Kusske
 - C. September Communion Assistants: James Walz and Julie Maas-Kusske

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
UNAPPROVED Board Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2026

I. Call to Order: 6:54 pm by Jon Peterson at Peace Lutheran Church.

II. Members Present: Ron Boettner, Teri Dressel, Julie Maas-Kusske, Dan Nelson, Jon Peterson, Ted Pew, James Walz, and Pastor Jim VerBout

Absent: none

Others: none

III. Devotions: Done by Julie Maas-Kusske

IV. Open Forum:

V. Adopt Agenda: Addition point I. Mark's Computer under New Business

Motion to approve Ministry Board Meeting Agenda with addition of Mark's Computer under New Business. TD / JW / Carried

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Ministry Board Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2026.

Two changes:

- Old Business; A. Additional Expenses for Receptions – add “These gifts will be \$500 each.
- New Business; C. Summer Office Hours – change the motion to read “Motion made to change office hours between the Friday before Memorial Day and the Friday before Labor Day, each year, so that the office will be closed after 12 pm on Fridays, effective immediately. JMK / TP / Carried”

Motion to approve June 16, 2026, Ministry Board meeting minutes with changes. JMK / RB / Carried

VII. Reports:

A. Financial Report:

Reviewed Financials: Teri reviewed the financials and Finance Ministry Team minutes.

B. Pastor's Report: Pastor Jim reports that so far things are going well. He enjoyed his time with the youth on the Mission Trip. He noted that there is a baptism this Sunday and Mark will be performing it. We're gearing up for the Rails to Trails parade this weekend and will be handing out Freezes and Fans on a Stick with advertising about the Corn Feed.

C. Mark's Report: No report.

D. ~~Property Report:~~ as presented, but it should be noted that Ron Boettner isn't a licensed electrician.

E. ~~Design Team Report / I-Team Report:~~ There has not been a lot of communication from the I-Team over the past month. We learned that the conditional use permit was approved by the City of Watertown and that one of the I-Team owners will be meeting with Nor-son this week. We have asked the I-Team to commit to keeping the congregation updated with progress reports every 2 weeks at the Sunday morning service.

F. Ministry Team Reports

- Finance
- Prayer & Care
- Worship & Music

1. In addition to the provided report from Worship & Music, we discussed the following:

- It was suggested by Julie that the congregants helping with the worship service meet together at 8:45 to confirm that every responsibility is covered and to be together for quite reflection in preparation for the service. The group decided this is a good idea. No clear plan was put in place to make it happen.
- We also discussed members of Altar Care helping with communion wine trays during the summer when acolytes aren't assigned. It sounds like Altar Care has discussed this too and some members have already been helping.
- Finally, the MB let Pastor Jim know that we miss the holding of hands during the opening prayers during service and wondered if that could be re-instituted. Pastor Jim is also in favor of this.

Motion to accept reports. JMK /TP / Carried

VIII. Old Business:

- A. May 3 Congregational Vote Discussion: James and Julie are to prepare a plan and present at next meeting.
- B. Bylaws B3.09 Item D Discussion: After discussion, it was decided we don't need to make any changes to this item.
- C. Voting Membership Definition Discussion: After discussion, it was decided we don't need to make any changes to the Voting Membership Definition. We should plan annual reviews of our membership and check in with members who haven't been active for a while.
- D. Welcome Banner and Permanent Nametags: We have asked for more information about what the banner would look like and where they would like to hang it. We have decided against permanent name tags at this time. Our plan is to move forward with using paper tags every week.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Church/School Bell Donation: We are going to decline the offer as we do not have a clear plan for how to utilize the bell. Ron will let the congregant know.

Motion to pass on the donation of a bell. DN / TP / Carried.

- B. Document Retention and Destruction Policy: Teri to inform Finance Committee of approval.

Motion to accept Document Retention and Destruction Policy as provided. TD / RB / Carried

- C. Children & Youth Ministry Contact Policy: The Christian Education group is currently reviewing this policy and will present it to the MB when ready for approval.
- D. All Church Picture on Rally Day: The last all church picture was 2022. Shelby Dressel has volunteered to help. The MB supports this plan.
- E. Updated Ministry Board Picture with Pastor Jim: Completed prior to tonight's meeting.
- F. Cell Phone: Discussed whether this is something that should be covered for employees. Discussion involved whether the use of an employee's cell phone is required for their job. If so, then we can consider providing a cell phone stipend to qualified employees this fall while doing performance reviews.
- G. Welcome Neighbor Corn Feed Update: All MB members plan to be present except Julie and Ron, both of whom will be traveling. It is reported that last year we had 700 people!

- H. Director of Youth & Family Update: We have six people who have agreed to be part of the interview committee. They have four youth candidates identified and hope to have two join. The interview team is meeting this week and hopes to have the ad posted by the end of the week.
- I. Mark's Computer: Discussion about what to do with Mark's computer. It is 5-6 years old, which is about the length of time technology is useful and relevant. Do we allow Mark to take it if he sees value in it? Do we keep it for file retention? We will confirm that any relevant files are already being stored somewhere other than his laptop. If so, we will allow him to keep it if he wants.

Motion to allow Mark to take his laptop with him if he wishes after confirming we have all necessary files stored elsewhere. JMK / TP / Carried.

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting RB/TP/Carried. Adjourned at 9:24 pm

XI. Closing Prayer – Led by Pastor Jim VerBout, Lord's Prayer

XII. Information:

- Next meeting August 18, 2026 Executive Board Meeting August 13, 2026
- August Meeting Devotions: Teri Dressel
- August Communion Assistant / MB serving: Julie Maas-Kusske and Teri Dressel
- Summer Mid-Week Worship:
 - July 22 – Dan Nelson
 - July 29 – Ted Pew
 - August 5 – Jon Peterson
 - August 12 – Teri Dressel

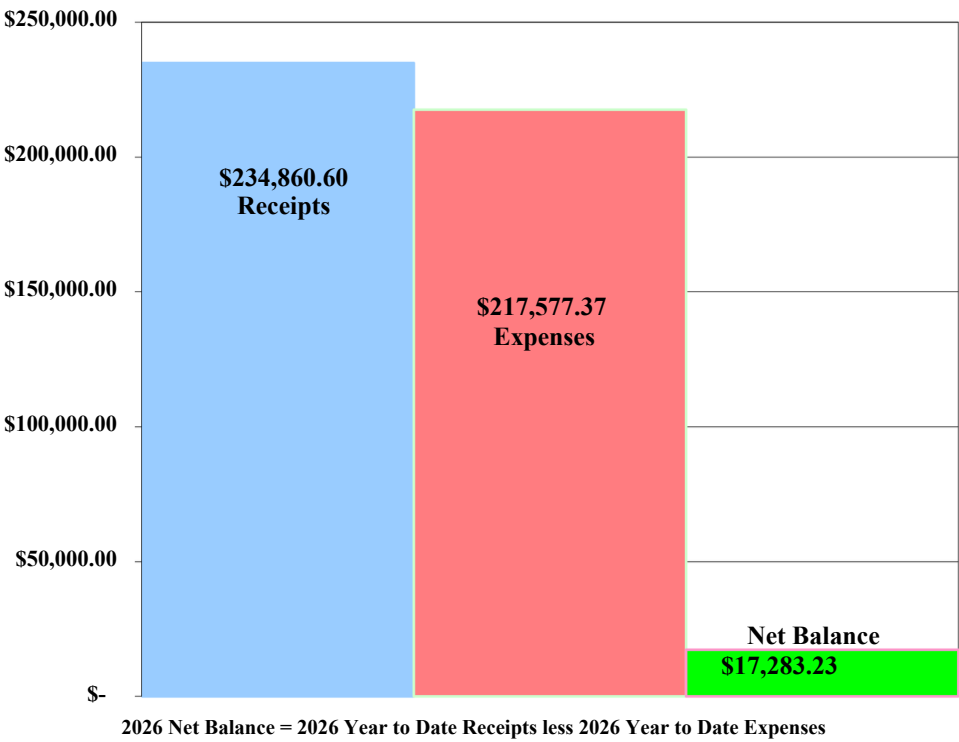
**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
TREASURER'S REPORT**

July 31, 2026

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

General Fund 2026 Receipts and Transfers In	\$	234,860.60	
General Fund 2026 Expenses	\$	217,577.37	
General Fund - 2026 Net Balance			\$ <u>17,283.23</u>

**2026
Year-to-Date
General Fund**



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 31, 2026

Statement of Activities for Period 7 - July
Company#: 1 Name: Peace Lutheran Church
Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2026

	<u>Current</u> <u>Period</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>Prior</u> <u>Y-T-D</u>
Income			
Operating Income			
401010 General Fund	\$43,793.42	\$210,288.60	\$205,785.00
410010 Easter Offering	\$0.00	\$4,662.00	\$4,422.60
410015 Lenten Offering	\$0.00	\$3,351.00	\$5,093.25
410030 Cash Offering	\$479.00	\$2,805.06	\$3,499.55
410035 Miscellaneous Income	\$150.00	\$480.00	\$0.00
410040 Mid-week Summer Worship Income	\$576.00	\$576.00	\$0.00
410050 Interest Income	\$1,889.52	\$6,944.44	\$4,497.33
410200 Youth Events Income	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$454.00
410300 VBS Registrations Income	\$0.00	\$2,948.50	\$2,600.96
410305 VBS Donation Income	\$25.00	\$220.00	\$53.96
410400 Education-Confirmation Retreat Income	\$0.00	\$2,435.00	\$2,265.00
410450 Education-Adult Events Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$658.00
Total Operating Income	\$46,912.94	\$234,860.60	\$229,329.65
419090 Nesvold Matching Gift Income	\$0.00	\$118,500.00	\$100,000.00
419091 Capital Campaign 2024/2025/2026 Income	\$4,659.00	\$41,104.68	\$98,922.00
419092 Capital Campaign Interest Income	\$5,364.44	\$19,693.88	\$9,447.56
419125 Good Samaritan Fund Income	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$480.00
419145 Repairs & Maintenance Fund Income	\$0.00	\$6,332.00	\$0.00
420160 Thrivent Mission Fund Income	\$50.00	\$1,059.00	\$1,089.00
430110 Noisy Offering Fund Income	\$508.05	\$4,223.33	\$2,481.14
430115 Youth Ministry Fund Income	\$495.00	\$1,473.50	\$0.00
430122 Youth Mission Trip Fund Income	\$4,280.00	\$16,906.00	\$17,551.33
430126 Sunday School Fund Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
435100 Mission Ministry Fund Income	(\$508.05)	\$150.00	\$0.00
440100 Outreach Fund Income	\$0.00	\$2,689.59	\$2,120.04
440105 Outreach Events Fund Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,203.00
440200 Hospitality Fund Income	\$150.00	\$150.00	(\$1,800.67)
440205 Lenten Suppers Fund Income	\$0.00	\$927.00	\$802.00
440210 Hospitality Events Fund Income	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$204.00
440220 Easter Breakfast Fund Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$369.00
440300 Technology Fund Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,793.34
445050 Altar Care Fund Income	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
445100 Altar Care Special Gift Fund Income	(\$53.45)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
445105 Easter Flowers Fund Income	\$0.00	\$933.00	\$1,344.00
445110 Corn Feed Fund Income	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
490010 Refunded Transactions Fund Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,238.77
490040 Refunded - Coffee Income	\$385.00	\$1,713.00	\$1,544.00
490100 Refunded - Donations Income	\$366.00	\$971.02	\$1,696.95
490200 Office Income	\$0.00	\$294.00	\$0.00
Total Income		\$460,230.60	\$485,015.11
	\$65,658.93		

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	<u>Current Period</u>	<u>Current Y-T-D</u>	<u>Prior Y-T-D</u>
Operating Expenses			
Benevolence			
Total Benevolence	\$4,750.00	\$26,000.00	\$25,200.00
Insurance			
Total Insurance	\$10,584.66	\$10,584.66	\$12,580.79
Salaries			
Total Salaries	\$24,588.65	\$127,492.20	\$133,589.39
Pastor Benefits			
Total Pastor Benefits	\$50.00	\$2,904.86	\$10,014.13
Office			
Total Office	\$1,713.78	\$11,310.95	\$11,973.06
Other Finance			
Total Other Finance	\$1,383.60	\$2,721.71	\$4,317.69
Total All Finance	\$43,070.69	\$181,014.38	\$197,675.06
Property			
Total Property	\$3,060.25	\$15,811.31	\$12,806.02
Education			
Total Education	\$2,600.78	\$7,639.41	\$9,722.62
Youth Activity			
Total Youth Activity	\$314.66	\$2,415.89	\$2,777.75
Missions			
Total Missions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43.28
Stewardship			
Total Stewardship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prayer & Care Ministry			
Total Prayer & Care Ministry	\$0.00	\$617.76	\$624.35
Outreach			
Total Outreach	\$1,407.64	\$4,661.36	\$5,789.17
Hospitality			
Total Hospitality	\$27.23	\$1,990.60	\$2,901.64
Music			
Total Music	\$300.00	\$836.89	\$1,219.74
Altar Care			
Total Altar Care	\$223.80	\$826.95	\$1,388.03
Technology			
Total Technology	\$780.34	\$1,762.82	\$796.77
Total Operating Expenses	\$51,785.39	\$217,577.37	\$235,744.43

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810090 Nesvold Matching Gift Expense	\$0.00	\$62,498.00	\$110.00
810121 Good Samaritan Fund Expense	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$1,000.00
810154 Properties Fund Expense	(\$252.04)	\$0.00	\$203.75
830110 Noisy Offering Fund Expense	\$0.00	\$4,286.15	\$2,483.93
830115 Youth Ministry Fund Expense	\$0.00	\$6.63	\$0.00
830122 Youth Mission Trip Fund Expense	\$9,164.89	\$21,649.89	\$21,001.12
830125 Mission Trip Fundraiser Expense	\$0.00	\$308.82	\$993.95
830135 High School Scholarship Fund Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
835100 Mission Ministry Fund Expense	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
840100 Outreach Fund Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$960.00
840200 Hospitality Fund Expense	\$142.64	\$1,471.23	\$1,681.68
840205 Hospitality Events Fund Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$214.83
840300 Technology Fund Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,806.02
845100 Special Gift-Altar/Flower Fund Expense	\$73.90	\$293.70	\$441.50
845105 Altar Care Fund Expense	\$0.00	\$974.54	\$1,125.20
845110 Corn Feed Fund Expense	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$65,414.78	\$318,216.33	\$270,266.41
Net Income	\$244.15	\$142,014.27	\$214,748.70

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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July 31, 2026

July 31, 2026	2026	2025
Operating Income	\$ 234,860.60	\$ 229,329.65
Operating Expense	\$ 217,577.37	\$ 235,744.43
Balance	\$ 17,283.23	\$ (6,414.78)

Previous Month YTD Comparison

June 30, 2026	2026	2025
Operating Income	\$ 187,947.66	\$ 202,883.52
Operating Expense	\$ 165,791.98	\$ 190,657.25
Balance	\$ 22,155.68	\$ 12,226.27

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Statement of Financial Position for Period 7 - July
Company#: 1 Name: Peace Lutheran Church
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<u>Account</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Current</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2025</u>
Assets		
Citizens Alliance Checking	\$2,161.20	\$2,284.73
Citizens Alliance HY Money Market	\$128,135.01	\$167,533.36
Edward Jones - 6 mo. CD	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
Edward Jones - 12 mo. CD	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
Edward Jones - 4 mo. CD	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00
Edward Jones - 6 mo. CD	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
Edward Jones - 6 mo. CD	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
Edward Jones - 6 mo. CD	\$75,000.00	\$0.00
Edward Jones - 6 mo. CD	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
Edward Jones - 6 mo. CD	\$150,000.00	\$0.00
Edward Jones - Investment/CD	\$25,129.03	\$25,129.03
Edward Jones - Investment Interest (3)	\$56,552.87	\$10,684.56
Total Assets	\$1,256,978.11	\$925,631.68
Liabilities		
Credit Card Payable	\$1,037.93	\$3,789.62
PFML MN Tax Payable	\$305.92	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$1,343.85	\$3,789.62
Net Assets		
General Fund Balance	\$169,659.24	\$102,307.32
Nesvold Matching Gift Fund (1)	\$351,346.81	\$295,344.81
Capital Campaign 2024/25/26 Fund	\$553,497.68	\$375,904.00
Capital Campaign Interest Fund (2)	\$53,590.80	\$15,552.16
Prepaid Faith Promise - 2025	\$0.00	\$5,525.00
Executive-Undesignated Memorials Balance	\$480.00	\$480.00
Brick & Mortar Fund Balance	\$25,129.03	\$25,129.03
Good Samaritan Fund Balance	\$2,663.74	\$4,420.69
Rainy Day Fund Balance	\$16,362.06	\$16,362.06
Seminary Support Fund Balance	\$394.40	\$394.40
Properties Fund Balance	\$351.17	\$351.17
Repairs and Maintenance Fund Balance	\$21,332.00	\$15,000.00
Thrivent Mission Fund Balance	\$3,887.00	\$2,663.00
Music Ministry Fund Balance	\$5,465.08	\$5,465.08
Noisy Offering Fund Balance	\$173.71	\$1,263.18
Youth Ministry Fund Balance	\$2,033.70	\$1,158.88
Youth Mission Trip Fund Balance	\$5,228.48	\$2,827.83
Sunday School Fund Balance	\$200.00	\$200.00
High School Scholarship Fund Balance	\$2,700.00	\$5,700.00
Mission Ministry Fund Balance	\$3,539.47	\$3,539.47
Outreach Fund Balance	\$8,436.92	\$4,952.18
Hospitality Fund Balance	\$22,150.38	\$17,561.16
Technology Fund Balance	\$1,527.62	\$1,527.62
Care Ministry Fund Balance	\$773.12	\$731.25
Altar Care Special Gift Flower Fund Balance	\$1,119.80	\$937.39
Altar Care Fund Balance	\$606.15	\$218.80
Corn Feed Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Refunded Transactions Fund Balance	\$2,985.90	\$16,325.58
Total Net Assets	\$1,255,634.26	\$921,842.06
Liabilities & Net Assets	\$1,256,978.11	\$925,631.68

(1) Nesvold matching gift total \$500,000

(2) Separated Capital Fund interest income from the Capital Fund account (earned, not raised)

(3) Interest recorded from Edward Jones investment CD's

Current building funds available:

\$983,564.32

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Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 7 - July 58.33%
 Company#: 1 Name: Peace Lutheran Church
 Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2026

<u>Acct # Description</u>	<u>Budget Annual</u>	<u>Budget for Period</u>	<u>Actual for Period</u>	<u>Variance for Period</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Var. Actual to Annual Budget Dollar</u>	<u>Var. Actual to Annual Budget %</u>
Expenses								
Operating Expenses								
Total Finance								
Benevolence	40,200	4,750	4,750	-	26,000	26,000	(14,200)	64.68%
Insurance	15,750	11,500	10,585	(915)	11,500	10,585	(5,165)	67.20%
Salaries	232,406	20,498	24,589	4,091	124,519	127,492	(104,914)	54.86%
Pastor Benefits	13,700	1,050	50	(1,000)	4,050	2,905	(10,795)	21.20%
Office	20,358	1,741	1,714	(28)	12,054	11,311	(9,047)	55.56%
Other Finance	3,175	-	1,384	1,384	2,725	2,722	(453)	85.72%
Total Finance	325,589	39,539	43,071	3,532	180,848	181,011	(111,575)	55.60%
Property	27,875	2,350	3,060	710	16,475	15,811	(12,064)	56.72%
Education	15,550	-	2,601	2,601	13,650	7,639	(7,911)	49.13%
Youth Activity	9,200	767	315	(452)	5,367	2,416	(6,784)	26.26%
Missions	1,032	-	-	-	491	-	(1,032)	0.00%
Stewardship	1,500	125	-	(125)	875	-	(1,500)	0.00%
Prayer & Care Ministry	1,000	50	-	(50)	375	618	(382)	61.78%
Outreach	10,660	2,830	1,408	(1,422)	6,740	4,661	(5,999)	43.73%
Hospitality	4,600	275	27	(248)	2,625	1,991	(2,609)	43.27%
Music	3,062	50	300	250	970	837	(2,225)	27.33%
Altar Care	2,000	-	224	224	1,000	827	(1,173)	41.35%
Technology	5,150	420	780	360	2,650	1,763	(3,387)	34.23%
Total Operating Expenses	407,218	46,406	51,785	5,380	232,065	217,577	(189,641)	53.43%

Finance Team Minutes
July 7th, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Opened Meeting: 6:02 pm

Special Welcome to Pastor Jim!!

Attending: Julie Potter, Linda Senne, Dan Beulke, Sue Beulke, Teri Dressel, Dan Cowger, Bill Hilfritz, Andy Johnsrud, Pastor Jim

Adopt Meeting Agenda for 07/07/26: approved with change to add Sue B info on Monday finance news

Approve Minutes from 06/09/26: approved unanimous

Reports:

Special Giving Committee:

Bill Holmquist will update us when they hold a meeting or other information

June Financials- Julie P

See Report provided

Julie did a recap of how our system works for Pastor Jim and the Finance Team; she also created a spreadsheet to be able to track expenses on capital campaign for both Nor-Son and other expenses paid.

Julie will also send out a quarterly budget info sheet to all groups, so they can see where they fall within the 2026 allocated budget.

June Giving and Capital Campaign- Sue B

See Report Provided by Sue B-

Capital campaign no additional new pledges since last month. But we received \$2,803 in June for Member pledged giving. Also- Rake! Schroeder will take over the Monday entering of offering, with Sue still doing the monthly and quarterly reports. Thank You Rake!!

CD tracking – Dan C

Dan reviewed all CD information and it was voted that all CD's that mature in July will be renewed for a 3-month term. Will review again in August as the building project moves forward.

Current Building Status:

Andy J and Teri Dressel filled us in on the status of the building. New drawings are being done, and the project will be rebid soon. Besides the cost to Nor-Son, Peace church will have other costs, Furniture, landscape, irrigation, A/V by not having Nor-Son bids these and doing them as a church we will save the GC fees. Possible start date for the project Sept/Oct.

Payment Process to Nor-Son-Linda S

Andy J., Arvin S., Kristi M., will be able to sign off on all invoices (need 2 people from I-team) and one ministry board member- either Jon P. or James W.

Insurance – Dan B

Questions were brought up at our last meeting regarding enough insurance during construction, Dan B discussed with Bob R and we have a \$2,000,000.00 umbrella policy so we should be covered.

Old Business:

*Still looking for a couple of new people to be on the board of finance-

*Dan B created a document retention policy; it is at the MB to be reviewed at their next meeting.

*Appreciation/Welcome meals Pastor John, Pastor Jim, and Mark- MB approved using any leftover Covid funds.

New Business:

Youth Director: Discussion on our budgeted funds for a new youth director

Music Expense: With Joanne taking some additional days off, we may have to pay for guest musicians, next year we may want to budget more dollars for guest musician services.

Meeting Adjourned:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 11th, 6:00 pm

August 2026 Pastor's Report

ADMINISTRATIVE

- **Baptism**
 - o Hazel Grace Hahn (Dani & Logan Hahn) July 26, 2026 (performed by Pr. Mark Nissen)
- **Facility Rental**
 - o Berrios – 90th birthday party – July 26, 2026
 - o Cox – wedding shower – August 2, 2026
- **Vacation** – Sandy will be off on Wednesday, August 19 to drop her daughter off at college.

OUTREACH

- Rails to Trails parade – July 25
- Welcome Neighbor Corn Feed – August 1; Over 600 people attended; Collected \$247 and 345 lbs of food for the food shelf. Thank you to all the volunteers.
- Coffee, Cake and Conversation was August 9; 4 families (12 people total including kids) us to learn more about Peace.
- New Member Sunday is August 23
- Pineapple delivery weekend – August 21-23

WORSHIP & MUSIC AND TECHNOLOGY

- Summer Mid-Week Worship – July 22, 29, August 5 and 12
- Outdoor worship August 2

EDUCATION / YOUTH

- Youth group is taking a break until September
- Working with Christian Ed. / Youth / Family ministry teams to update safe ministry best practices procedures
- Working with Nicole on setting up High school retreat in October and confirmation retreat with Augustana district
- We are having our search team meet to go over the two resumes that have come in and gave them a rubric and an idea of questions to ask the candidates as we invite them in for an interview. Met tonight at 4pm and Tuesday 8/18 @ 5pm.

WEDDING

Ryan and K Kohls September 6th 3pm Hutchinson MN (interested in membership)

FUNERAL – Bill Hoernemann – July 18

PASTORAL VISIT

Hoernemann family Linda Sennes Bob and Jan Carlson

Mark Your Calendar – Fall is just around the corner

Labor Day (church closed) – September 7

Rally Sunday – September 13

IGNITE Confirmation Kickoff Night – September 16

Augustana District Fall WOW Gathering – September 19

Bible Presentation Sunday & Sunday School Kickoff – September 20

Luke Bible Study begins – September 20th

Mission Sunday & 1st day of “in class” Sunday School – September 27

LCMC Annual Gathering – October 4-7. Pastor Jim and Julie are registered and hotel rooms are booked.



Hospitality Minutes Tuesday, July 7th, 2026

Present: Pastor Jim, Laurie L, Julie, Lindsey W and Jill B

Fish Fry:

Laurie Langner will pick up all supplies needed. John W has everything else.

Mark's Party:

- Thrivent card for ice cream machine. Thank you Julie!
- 3-4 watermelon Lindsey will pick up and cut up
- Strawberries for the ice cream
- Jill will bring crushed oreos
- Lindsey will bring some chili for the hot dogs
- Using leftover cheese from La Catrina
- Caramel -1, chocolate -2. Lindsey has sprinkles
- Let's use black tablecloths and put checkered plastic tablecloths out to create "picnic theme"
- Personalized tattoos of Mark's face

What's going on for the rest of the year?:

August 1st– Corn Feed

September 13th – Rally Sunday with Pie Auction

November 7th or 14th – progressive dinner. Meet at church at 5:00pm then go to different homes

- Appetizer – salad/bread – entrée – dessert all back at church
- Teens/adults to watch kiddos at church so the young families can participate

December 5th – cookie walk & bazaar

Next meeting Tuesday, August 11th 10:00 at Peace

Missions Meeting – July 21, 2026

Members Present: Jaime Carlson, Ruth Clark, Jim Grosshuesch, Karen Lotito, Robert Lotito, Amy Peterson, Pastor Jim VerBout, Sharon Weinzierl, Karleen Boettner

Meeting called to order at 5:03.

Opening Prayer by Pastor Jim

Corrections from previous meeting: Under “Orphan Grain Train” it should read 11 pillowcase “dresses.”

Approval of April 7, 2026 Minutes: Motion made by Ruth, Seconded by Sharon. Motion was approved.

No Old Business

New Business:

- **Brittany’s Place:** (Jaime) The girls especially appreciated being able to take bedding with them when they left Brittany’s Place. Jaime suggested that due to lack of storage space she will send out a list of what is needed, then collect on a given Sunday while a truck and trailer will be brought to church. Then Troy and Jaime will deliver it. The “Blessing Bags” are supported financially by Thrivent Action cards. Amy suggested that Brittany’s Place could be given money through Missions.
- **Dwelling Place:** Safe place for women and children as victims of domestic violence. A monetary donation is given.
- **FMSC – Ruth** encourages people to go every 3 months. Last week 11 volunteers attended and the food processed went to Haiti. Ruth explained how different meals can be sent. Pastor Jim shared that someone from his previous church was at a taste testing and said that she had received those meals in Liberia.
- **Gather & Grow Food Shelf:** Jim reported 24 lbs given today for the month, and about the same amount was given last month. There are about 525 visits to the food shelf every month. Peace’s Corn Feed brings in items for the food shelf. Jim will check with Edie regarding a vehicle to hold food items provided at the Corn Feed. The youth will be doing a food drive on Halloween.
- **Gideon’s:** Ruth had personally purchased Bibles for the previous Blessing Bags.
- **Global Health Ministries:** The rolling of bandages is still being done.
- **Good Samaritan Fund:** Due to security issues, Sandy no longer distributes gas cards. If a church member is in need, Pastor Jim may distribute as needed.
- **Hope House:** Safe place for homeless boys and girls. (Monetary donation.)
- **KTIS – Monetary donation**
- **Love INC:** Karleen reported that Jim Holmlund, director of Love INC, is recovering well from surgery and is back at work. Lisa Green, Fresh Start Coordinator, just

returned from Kenya with a team from Love INC nationally. The Golf Tournament fundraiser is Monday, September 21. A question was asked what was done with donations that aren't acceptable to be sold in the thrift store. The Delano store gives those items to CMCR (Central Minnesota Clothing Resource LLC). If the items are totally unacceptable, they are disposed of.

- Mittens of Hope: Sharon reported that Peace provided for 27 families this past Christmas that couldn't afford to buy Christmas gifts for their children in Watertown.
- NAPS: Ruth shared that this is a state-funded program that provides lower-income families and individuals boxes of food on a regular basis.
- Operation Christmas Child: Amy explained how Peace is a drop-off site for this program.
- Orphan Grain Train: 18 pillowcase dresses and 7 baby quilts were given. 97% of every dollar given to this organization is used for ministry.
- Quilts: Sharon reported that 18 pillowcase dresses and 7 baby quilts were given to Orphan Grain Train.
- Ronald McDonald House: Karen explained how it is a place to stay so one does not have to leave a child to go to a restaurant, for example. Since COVID, cooking is not allowed in the kitchen at the site. Only 3 volunteers are allowed to work there at a time. It takes about \$500 to feed one supper. The leftovers are used for lunches the next day. These meals are provided for any parents who come from the hospital. There is also a large TV room where people provide items such as stuffed animals, tied quilts, and baby blankets. Pop tabs are also collected.
- Royal's Room: This is a resource room at the elementary school. Gently used or new clothing, winter boots, school supplies, and snacks are made available to families. Peace donated \$508.
- Thrivent Action Plans: Sharon began getting Thrivent cards to help purchasing materials needed for the quilts.

Mission Sunday: Pastor Jim suggested moving Mission Sunday from September to either January or February. Motion made by Ruth to delay our Mission Sunday until January or early February. Second by Karen.

Chairperson: Amy reminded the committee that she will be stepping down as chair at the end of the year. Members will prayerfully consider taking on the position.

Our next Missions meeting will be November 10th at 6:30.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 6:00.

Respectfully submitted by Karleen Boettner

Property Ministry Team
August 2026 Notes

Will plan on painting the youth director's office.
Will plan on painting the front doors.

Worship & Music Ministry Team
August 12, 2026
Minutes

Attendees: Pastor Jim, Ted, JoAnn, Marla, Edie

- Opening prayer by: Pastor Jim
- Next meeting date is **Tuesday September 8th at 9am**
- New business:
 - Discussion feedback received by Ruth Clark noted below:
 - I have a few thoughts I would like you to consider including in the agenda, as follows:
 - Kevin's drums have been getting louder over the past couple of years. It is my thought that when I can't hear the guitars or discern the lyrics because of the drums, the drums are too loud. Kevin is a good drummer, but there is more to a song than the rat-a-tat tat and boom, boom, boom.
 - *JoAnn and Pastor agreed. These are the recommendations to be discussed with Kevin:*
 - *Remove the mic from the drums*
 - *Turn up the mic for the piano so the melody of the songs can be heard more clearly*
 - *If the above steps are not enough, look into purchasing a drum shell similar to those seen in other churches.*
 - I've started noting some of the more offensive songs:
 - "Glorify Thy Name" on 5/17/2026 – I mentioned that the song in its entirety was too loud to you following the service (you were on the sound board). You told me you thought the group and the drums were just right. I pondered this on my way home with some frustration.... I come to church to worship (and I am not alone in this intent). I go to concerts to hear loud music.
 - *JoAnn said that song has been done without the drums in the past, and the next time we do it, we could try doing without the drums, or perhaps the removal of the drum mic may be the solution.*
 - "The Garden" on 7/19/2026 – By the song's end, I couldn't hear the guitar nor discern the lyrics. When you don't know a song, it's hard to sing along when you can't hear the melody.
 - *That song was a special music song specifically for Mark since it is one of his favorites and it was on his recognition day. It isn't meant to be a sing-along song.*
 - As Sunday School begins, I think it is important to respect the time designated to the task of educating the youth. Worship is to begin at 9 am with the "Welcome" by Pastor. When the "Praise Prelude(s)" extends beyond 9 am, the entire service is *behind*. It is my contention that the Praise Band can time the duration of its songs beforehand and back off from 9 am those times to know when it should start playing its preludes (I do this every time I play for a church service).
 - *Everyone agreed with this and the following steps will be taken:*
 - *Pastor Jim will prompt the Praise Band when it's time to begin*
 - *We will display the names on the Prayer List on the slide, and Pastor Jim will only read the names of the members portion of the list.*
 - *Pastor Jim recognizes his role as the "MC" and the need to keep the service moving.*
 - On July 19, 2026, Pastor Jim played with the Praise Band on the Closing Song. He then continued to play guitar during the Praise Postlude. By doing this, he failed to shake worshipers' hands as we egressed from the sanctuary. If this practice continues, I feel Pastor Jim is missing an opportunity to meet and greet members and visitors of the church and show us his personable self.
 - *Pastor Jim really appreciated this feedback and completely agreed!*
 - *Going forward, Pastor Jim will announce "Go in Peace and serve the Lord" from the front of the church and then greet the attendees in the middle of the church as they leave, as well as make the effort to mingle among the people after service.*
 - Other Business:
 - We all agreed we should add to our budget the purchasing of the JAM treats in order to remove any potential stress on those who have volunteered to deliver the children's messages.

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☐ Email: office@come2peace.com ☐ Password: PraiseB@nd1!

SEPTEMBER MUSIC PLAN for Sundays

Sunday, September 6 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- LaborDay Weekend
- Communion Sunday
- Scripture: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18:1-20
- Sermon Title: "Going Back for the One"
Text: Matthew 18:10-20
- Music Plan:
 - o Praise Prelude: "Build My Life" – CCLI #7070345
and "Behold the Lamb" (Communion Hymn) – CCLI #5003372
 - o Call to Worship: "O Worship the King" – Celebration #104
 - o Sermon Song: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" – LBW #503
 - o Special Music: TBD by Marla
 - o Offering Response: "Thank You, Lord" – Celebration #513
 - o Distribution:
 - "As the Grains of Wheat" – WOV #705
 - "Eat This Bread" – WOV #709
 - "Behold the Lamb" (Communion Hymn) – CCLI #5003372
 - o Closing Song: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" – CCLI #4640341
 - o Praise Postlude: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" – CCLI #4640341

Sunday, September 20 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

- Bible Sunday (3rd graders read scripture)
- Luke Bible Study begins
- Communion Sunday
- Scripture: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30; Matthew 20:1-16
- Sermon Title: "Late to the Road"
Text: Matthew 20:1-16
- Music Plan:
 - o Praise Prelude: "The Lord Is My Salvation" – CCLI #7063694 * New Song
 - o Call to Worship: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" – LBW #526
 - o Sermon Song: "Thy Word" – Celebration #184
 - o Special Music: Peace Choir
 - o Offering Response: "Take My Life, that I May Be" – LBW #406
 - o Distribution:
 - "I Surrender All" – CCLI # 23189 & Celebration #596
 - "Blessed Assurance" – Celebration #572
 - "Lamb of God" (Twila Paris) – CCLI #16787
 - o Closing Song: "In Christ Alone" – CCLI #3350395
 - o Praise Postlude: "In Christ Alone" – CCLI #3350395

Sunday, September 13 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- RallySunday – Pie Auction & KidsActivities
- Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebration
- Scripture: Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35
- Sermon Title: "Traveling Light"
Text: Matthew 18:21-35
- Music Plan:
 - o Praise Prelude: "Indescribable" – CCLI # 4403076
 - o Call to Worship: "Here in This Place (Gather Us In)" – WOV #718
 - o Sermon Song: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" – LBW #290
 - o Special Music: "Forgiveness" (Matthew West) – CCLI #6423944
 - o Offering Response: "O Lord, Hear my Prayer" – WOV #772
 - o Closing Song: "You Never Let Go!" – CCLI #4674166
 - o Praise Postlude: "You Never Let Go!" – CCLI #4674166

Sunday, September 27 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- *Mission Sunday has been moved to January*
- Noisy Offering
- Youth Sunday
- Scripture: Ezekiel 18:1- 4, 25-32; Philippians 2:1-4 (5-13) 14-18; Matthew 21:23-27 (28-32)
- Sermon Title: "The One Who Turned Around"
Text: Matthew 21:28-32
- Music Plan:
 - o Praise Prelude: "At the Name of Jesus" – CCLI #4883524
 - o Call to Worship: "Lord I Need You" by Matt Maher – CCLI # 5925687
 - o Sermon Song: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" – Celebration #340
 - o Special Music: "Yes I Will" – CCLI #7105442 – Youth
 - o Offering Response: "Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise" – LBW page 115
 - o Closing Song: "Trading My Sorrows (Yes, Lord)" – CCLI #2574653
 - o Praise Postlude: "Trading My Sorrows (Yes, Lord)" – CCLI #2574653