

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
APPROVED Board Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2026

- I. Call to Order:** 6:36 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:

Others:

- III. Devotions:** Done by Teri Dressel

- IV. Open Forum:** No activity

- V. Adopt Agenda:** Addition of Finance, Stewardship, and Hospitality minutes

Motion to approve Ministry Board Meeting Agenda with additions. TP / DN / Carried

VI. Approval of Minutes

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

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

VII. Reports:

- A. Finance – Monthly Financials and Minutes: Minutes were distributed at the meeting.

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

Motion to approve finance report as written. DN / TP / Carried

- B. Pastor's Report:

Those who participated in Coffee, Cake and Conversation felt like it was poorly planned and didn't flow well. There wasn't coffee, cake, or any refreshments available in the room where they met. This is just a result of a change in leadership and was a learning experience. The next event is in October.

- A couple of suggestions: MB on duty should be expected to participate if they are the closer.
- Someone needs to be assigned to make sure our guests are offered a snack and beverages before starting the conversation.

Motion to approve Pastor's report as written. TD / TP / Carried

- C. I-Team Report: No Report

- D. Ministry Team Reports

- Altar Care: No Report
- Christian Education: No Report
- Hospitality: July and August (August report was distributed at the meeting. A copy can be requested from the office.)
- Missions: July
- Outreach: No Report

We discussed that the Corn Feed was a success! Numbers were down a bit compared to the previous year, but we still had over 600 people; the weather was great, and people seemed to linger to enjoy all we had to offer.



We didn't have a float in the Rails to Trails parade this year as we didn't have enough volunteers. So many of our members are involved in the parade for other reasons, and summer is busy. We quickly discussed maybe having a booth downtown rather than having a float in the parade, but that will be up to the Outreach Ministry Team to discuss. We still had walkers in the parade who handed out every Corn Feed fan we had!

- Prayer & Care: No Report
- Property: August
- Technology: No Report
- Worship & Music: August

Having context added to the readings each Sunday is being well received. The team is working through some sound issues, trying to balance all of the instruments. Pastor Jim is doing great and continues to refine his flow, etc. during services.

- Youth Activities: No Report

E. Committee Report

- Nominating: No Report
- Safety: No Report

We discussed adding front door safety to the building project since we will have service providers on site already. No clear plan to implement this was discussed.

- Search Team: No Report
- Stewardship: Ron shared his report at the meeting, and it will be available from the church office.

Ron shared some of what the Stewardship Committee is working on.

During the discussion, James W shared that younger generations have a different take on donating, and they need to feel compelled. A better understanding of how each dollar is spent could be helpful for everyone, as the finance reports can be overwhelming. Showing the results of our Missions spending at work can be compelling.

Motion to accept Reports as written and/or presented RB / TP / Carried

VIII. Old Business:

A. I-Team Update:

James verbally shared his handwritten notes from recent meetings. Communication to the Ministry Board continues to be a struggle, with few updates being shared. The most recent meeting of the I-Team was cancelled. There are three permits that need to be submitted and approved before we can start building. To our knowledge, those have not been submitted yet.

Key members of the I-Team are to meet with Nor-son on August 24, 2026, to go through the new round of bids for the project. After that meeting, we should have final numbers for the project.

The Ministry Board has asked the I-Team to give updates to the congregation every other week, so the next update should happen on August 23, 2026.

B. Director of Youth & Family Update:

The posting is live on LCMC and Augustana District websites. The interview committee is complete, and they have assessed two applicants. One they dismissed as not viable, and the other is being considered. Since it's early in the process, they want to screen a few more applicants before moving

forward. Pastor Jim will lead confirmation until a replacement is found, with much help from the congregation.

C. May 3 Congregational Vote Discussion: tabled

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Rally Sunday:

Discussed the blessing of the backpacks. Do we want to open it up to include “blessing of the bus drivers” and/or “blessing of the teachers?” No final decision made.

B. Pie Auction:

Hospitality notes indicate that the funds raised will go towards a new, indoor bounce house to be used for Storytime. Also, Youth Mission Trip and Hospitality fund.

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting. TD / JW / Carried. Adjourned at 8:52 pm

XI. Closing Prayer – Led by Pastor Jim VerBout

XII. Information:

- Next meeting September 15, 2026 | Executive Board Meeting September 10, 2026
- September Meeting Devotions: Julie Maas-Kusske
- September Communion Assistant / MB serving: James Walz and Julie Maas-Kusske