# GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
# COUNCIL MEETING
# SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Present: Roger Bower, Dan Basinger, Lou Ann Nagy, Greg Glick, Dave Seitz, Judy Krout, Karen Barnes, Gregg Feller, Taryn Hartman, Jacob Ramsey, Peter Bateson

Absent: Peg Whitmer

Roger Bower called the meeting to order.

Jacob Ramsey read a devotion entitled "Who is My Neighbor".

**Council Secretary**

- The August 10 council meeting minutes were reviewed.
  - Gregg Feller moved to approve the August minutes. Greg Glick seconded. MC
- Thank you's were received from City Mission and Open Arms.

**Treasurer's Report**

- The report was reviewed.
  - Jacob Ramsey moved to approve the treasurer's report. Karen Barnes seconded. MC

**Financial Report** – The report was reviewed.

**Youth Report** – Rally Sunday was held on Sunday, September 13. The first Pizza & Jesus will be held on Sunday, September 27.

**Elders Report** - Will schedule staff reviews.

**Parish Ed Board Report**

- Rally Sunday was celebrated on Sunday, September 13. There was a joint Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall with games and refreshments.
- The memory challenge will be held again this year. It was well received by the Sunday School students.
- Perfect attendance will be held on a monthly basis.

**Trustees Report** – No report as Gregg Feller had to leave for a fire call.

**Board of Women Report** – Refreshments are organized for the Synod Council meeting being held at Good Hope on Saturday morning, September 19.

**Deacons Report**

- Most of the emergency plans are okay.
- The main result of the walk-thru with the Sherriff's Department was limit access and get more eyes aware of the happenings in the church.
  - The result of a walk-thru was only a couple of the doors should be open during services. The rest of the doors should be locked or barred.
  - Another suggestion was to form a Security Team of volunteers. Their job would be to keep track of external happenings. At least two volunteers per service.

**Vice President Report**

- The Worship Committee will be meeting soon and looking 3 to 6 months ahead. It was suggested to include the PowerPoint person on the Worship Committee.
    - The Worship Committee consists of representatives from the following positions: pastor, elder, choir director, organist, deacon and altar committee.
- Pam McCloud has retired. Madison Thomas is playing for Saturday service.
- The Outreach Committee will meet soon.
- A poster will be put in the Narthex listing the positions needed to be filled for the 2027 Council and Boards. Looking for people to sign up.

**Pastoral Report**

- A reminder that the annual budget and nominations for next year's council need to be completed. Also setting the date for the annual meeting in November and for the 2027 Council Retreat.
- Suggest we think about having a meal after the 10:00 am service on Sunday, October 25 to review what was learned during the cottage meetings.
- The Synod Council is scheduled to meet at Good Hope on Saturday morning, September 19. We need to provide refreshments.
- Pastor will be out of town on Sunday, September 20. Dan Basing and Carol Beagle will lead worship.
- Pam McCloud has retired from playing at Saturday service.
- Out Cub Scout Troop would like permission to sell popcorn before and after worship some Sunday.
- The group from the Holy Land that came last year and talked about Christians in Palestine and sold olive wood figurines would like to come again.
- Looking for anyone called to take over the following duties:
    - Children's sermons
    - Confirmation instruction
    - First Communion instruction
    - The acolyte "schedule"
    - Picking hymns and working with Sean Crossmon on the Power Point

**President Report** – No report as Roger Bower had to leave for a fire call.

**Old Business –**

- The first class of Diakonia students have graduated and will be honored on Sunday, September 27.

**New Business**

- A congregation meal will be held on Sunday, October 25 after the 10:00 am service. This will be a follow-up on what was learned at the cottage meetings.
- Greg Glick made a motion to hold the November Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 15. Dave Seitz seconded the motion. MC
- It was proposed to hold the 2027 Council Retreat on Saturday, January 16. 2027. This will be a combined council meeting and retreat.
- Council gave the okay for the Cub Scouts to sell popcorn before and after services on a selected Sunday.
- Council gave the okay for the group from the Holy Land to speak to the congregation and sell their olive wood figurines.
- Parish Ed will take over the acolyte schedule starting January 2028.
- Parish Ed will do the confirmation class upon Pastor Ramsey's retirement.

- Nancy Stearns estate money.
  - Dave Seitz made a motion to donate to the following organizations using money from the Nancy Stearns estate. Dan Basinger seconded. MC
    - $1,000 – International Lutheran Disaster Relief
    - $1,000 – Tanzania Goat Project
    - $1,000 – Dadoma
    - $1,000 – Salem Lutheran in Toledo
    - $1,000 – Arlington Recreational Council
    - $1,000 – 4-H of Hancock County, Ohio
    - $1,000 – Arlington Volunteer Fire Department
    - $1,000 – Casa Gel of Hancock County, Ohio
    - $1,000 – Not An Ordinary Place
    - $1,000 – Habitat for Humanity
    - $1,000 – Hope House
    - $1,000 – Keep Kids Safe Hancock County
    - $1,000 – Women's Resource Center of Hancock County
    - $1,000 – Cancer Patient Services
    - $3,000 – Lou Ann Cousino Scholarship Fund
    - $500 – Arlington School for a wheelchair

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the church.
The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully submitted,
Lou Ann Nagy