

## **Deacon Board Minutes**

Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026, 10:15 AM

In attendance: Chad Reetz, Dylan Meyer, Sarah Gavert, Matt Lorenz, Kathy Mattson, Lynda Schaumburg

### **Welcome new Deacons, discuss roles and responsibilities:**

Chair	Matt Lorenz
Secretary	Kathy Mattson
Council Rep	Lynda Schaumburg
Finances	Group effort to track expenses

### **Old Business**

**Annual Meeting** approximately 180 attended the meeting

#### **Chili Cook-Off**

Attendance	No accurate count is available. Rough guess is 65-100.
No. of entries	7
Winner of contest	Brenda Lieske
What went well	Uncrustables were well-received.
Changes for next year	White chili (non-tomato chili) and make sure one chili is vegan Add descriptions of chili ingredients
Do it again next year?	Yes

### **New Business**

**Who's Coming to Dinner Event** Set for Feb. 7, need people to sign up

#### **Food Share Month—March 1-April 6**

Envelopes

Write-ups for announcements and Hope Happenings---Chad will talk to Angie about what is needed

Signage to be ordered from <https://gmcc.org/minnesota-foodshare>—Lynda

### **Lenten Wednesday Services**

Soup and Sandwiches meals - Congregation will be assigned a Wednesday for bringing food

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 18—Baked Potatoes, care of the youth

Deacons need to pick a Wednesday to volunteer, arrive 30 minutes early to lead the meal service and ensure cleanup is done.

Feb. 25	Lynda and Chad
March 4	Dylan and Matt
March 11	Chad
March 18	Matt
March 25	Kathy and Lynda

### **Celebrate Jordan—April 12, 1-4 PM at the CERC**

Plan this marketing event with Molly Warmka

Hide Flat Jesus around the gym, offer little Jesus—in brown skin tones!!

**Mother's Day—May 10**

Carnations handed out by youth? We need to make an announcement and choose a system for distributing the flowers

Need to coordinate with Erik and Leah Aamlid

**Father's Day—June 21**

Root beer floats again?

Add something to try out for future?

**Church Council**

Feb. 22 (after church)      Lynda will not be available. Matt or Chad will attend.

March 16 (Monday)

Deacons' regular schedule for meetings is second Sundays after church service

**Next meetings dates/time:**

March 8—meet in the former Youth Room downstairs,

April 12—change to Monday April 13,

May 10—Monday May 11,

June 14, July 12, Aug. 9

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mattson

**Hope Lutheran Church**  
**BOYEM Meeting**  
**February 2, 2026**  
**5:00 pm**

Present: Hope Mack, Chris Fuhman, Lanae McClellan, Jo Nelson, Jess Felten

1. Assign Committee Roles
  - a. Chair - Jess
  - b. Secretary - Hope
  - c. Council Representative - Chris
2. Program Updates and Reports:
  - a. Council (Jess)
    - i. Updated timeline for constitution update = draft by summer, congregational approval in fall and ratification at annual meeting in January 2027.
    - ii. 4/2/26: Maundy Thursday there will be a family style meal and service as we break bread together. Staff is in charge of facilitating the event.
    - iii. Wednesday Meals: It was discussed how to get new people to help with meals. Recommended splitting the prep/serving and cleanup crew so families with H2H kids can get into church at 6:45. People that can't be there by 5 may be able to assist with cleanup.
    - iv. The library is maintained by Carlonna Lindell. CYF staff is not interested in using that space for an office. No need to move forward with any changes at this time.
  - b. Written reports attached for the following program updates.
    - i. KOK / VBS
      1. Board Rep for KOK and VBS will be Lanae.
      2. Brainstormed intergenerational activities:
        - a. Great idea to build community for all ages. Lots of good value in keeping them going. We all understand that it'll take trial and error to find a good fit.
        - b. There can be confusion on expectations on both ends. (Do kids go sit with adults at their tables? Do adults move to sit with kids?)
        - c. Could we start right from church with treats and have it more of a family KOK day? (Hopefully get parents to mingle as well.) Or, do we try to reverse order and start upstairs then go down for wrapup?
    - ii. H2H
      1. Board Rep for H2H will be Jess.
      2. Fall planning: Revisit the idea of having each grade help with meal setup and serving on a given date. We could send H2H kids home with QR code that links to the signup genius a week or 2 before their

service/serving to see if that helps get parents to sign up and encourage others to serve.

- iii. **HSM / Mission Trip**
    - 1. Board Rep for HSM will be Jess.
    - 2. Deadline today (2/2) for the Montana trip. More info to come in March.
  - iv. **Camp & CYF Events**
    - 1. Board Rep for camp and CYF events will be Hope.
    - 2. Questions below on tubing event planning.
  - v. **Adult Ed**
    - 1. Board Rep for Adult Ed will be Jo.
    - 2. Is it an option to do a few Golden Fellowship events during the summer (once a month for June/July/August)? Working adults may have more flexibility with summer schedules.
3. **Volunteer Appreciation (April)**
- a. Has a date been set for this?
  - b. Would the staff be willing to coordinate this event moving forward?
4. **Recommendations for the Council - Feb 22nd meeting (Chris)**
- a. **Birth to PreK Classroom**
    - i. Board approves the request to council for approval on creating a BPK space.
  - b. **Tubing Event**
    - i. Have we put in a bussing request with Benjamin Bus? What is the estimated cost needed for bussing?
    - ii. Is there a group ticket option we could utilize to capture a discount?
    - iii. Are there waivers that need to be completed for each participant? How will this be handled for any youth attending without a parent?
    - iv. Can youth bring a friend to this event?
5. CYF staff participation at BOYEM meetings
6. Next Meeting will be 3/2/26 at 5pm.

# CYF February 2026 Update

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **Kids of the Kingdom**
  - **January Highlights**
    - **Big Idea and Bible Stories**
      - **Big Idea: Jesus' Stories Teach our Hearts**
      - We explored what a parable is and how Jesus used these Earthly stories to teach Heavenly meanings.
      - **Bible Stories:** Good Samaritan, House on the Rock, Lost Sheep and Lost Coin
    - Kids of the Kingdom sang with the Finding Hope Band
    - We had our On a Mission Popcorn and Movie party
    - 1st and 2nd graders participated in Keeping the Promise Retreats and received milestones during worship
    - Children created cards to hand out before worship on 1/25
  - **February Upcoming Dates and Reminders**
    - 2/1 All Ages Intergenerational Activity 10:35-11 in Fellowship Hall
    - 2/8 KOK Super Bowl Party during KOK
    - 2/15 NO KOK - President's Day Weekend
- **Birth to PreK**
  - Continuing to research and plan for future BPK offerings.
  - See request for council approval below
- **Keeping the Promise Retreats**
  - 1st through 4th grade retreats have been completed for the year.
  - The faith topics introduced during Keeping the Promise retreats are revisited and deepened in KOK classes throughout the program year.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

- **H2H & HSM**
  - **January Highlights**
    - We continue to have great discussions in worship and small groups focusing on the 10 Commandments.
    - The Sandwich Project was a huge success! 75+ volunteers (children, youth, and adults) worked together to pack 1,200 sandwiches that Pastor Matt delivered to a food shelf in Minneapolis. Thank you to the volunteers for their service, Kwik Trip for donating the bread, Bongard's (Julia Strand) for donating the cheese, and Thrivent for the use of a Thrivent Action Card to purchase the meat.
  - **February Upcoming Dates and Reminders:**
    - 2/4: Worship Service & Small Groups (10 Commandments)
    - 2/11: Congregation-Wide Faith in Film Event
      - Movie: *The Greatest Showman*
      - The movie will be downstairs in the education area from 6:00-8:00pm.
      - Pizza and popcorn will be served downstairs during the movie.

- Attendees are encouraged to bring a chair/blanket.
- Pastor Matt, Erik, and Leah will help lead a “sneaky Jesus” conversation in connection with the movie.
- 2/18: Ash Wednesday
  - Baked Potato Supper: HSM youth/families attending the HSM summer trip will be preparing, serving, and cleaning up the meal. Free-will donations will be put towards the HSM trip. A Thrivent card is being utilized to purchase the meal.
  - 7th/8th Grade Mentor Night Kick-Off
    - Erik and Leah will work with Pastor Matt to pair up mentors/mentees if youth have not already reached out with a mentor.
    - We are still in need of a few mentors. Erik and Leah will work with Pastor Matt and the office to find more mentors.
- 2/25: Lenten Service (No Small Groups)
  - There will not be H2H/HSM Wednesday small groups throughout the Lenten season. Youth are asked to attend at least 4 Lenten services with their families in lieu of the small groups.
  - **First Communion:** Through conversation with Pastor Matt, it has been decided to move the First Communion date and the retreat date to ensure that all youth are able to attend to celebrate this milestone together. The new retreat date will be Wednesday, March 11. The retreat will take place after the 6:45pm Lenten service. First Communion will then take place on Sunday, March 15 at the 9:00am worship service.

## CYF

- **Bible Camp**
  - 17 children and youth are registered to attend camp July 12-16 at Shores of St. Andrew through Water’s Edge Ministries
  - Danielle Tieben will be on site as resource staff the week of July 12-16. There is no cost for resource staff.
- **CYF Event: Tubing at Buck Hill**
  - See request for council approval below.

## HSM Service/Adventure Trip:

- The trip and fundraisers below were approved at the November council meeting. Information regarding the trip was shared with families at the end of November. A flyer that was shared with youth and families can be viewed [HERE](#). The flyer includes additional trip information. More information will be shared after the February 2nd deadline indicated on the flyer.
  - Trip Dates: July 19-24, 2026
  - Location: Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, Lakeside, MT
    - Learn more about FLBC [HERE](#)!
  - Open to youth grades 8-12 (2025-2026 school year)
  - The number of chaperones will be dependent on the number of youth.
  - We will be flying to MT versus driving to maximize time spent at camp versus in the car.
  - Cost: \$750 per person (not including travel costs)

- FLBC requires a \$1000 deposit and a signed contract to reserve our dates for camp. FLBC does not have a deadline for this \$1000. We are already penciled in to attend on the dates indicated above.
- Approved Fundraisers:
  - December: Holiday Traditions Dessert Sale
    - \$917 was raised!
  - February: Ash Wednesday Meal
    - See information above for details.
  - March: 144 Envelopes
- **Requests for Council Approval**
  - **Birth to Preschool (BPK) Classroom**
    - Designate the basement classroom (nearest Nueva Vida's space) into a birth to preschool classroom.
    - This classroom space would be used to provide a variety of ministry opportunities such as one time events, self-guided faith formation opportunities throughout the year, and a place for young families to connect while older siblings are at Kids of the Kingdom.
    - Designating this classroom space opens the door for starting and nurturing a birth to preK ministry at Hope Lutheran.
  - **CYF Tubing at Buck Hill**
    - Children 4th grade and under must have a parent or adult present. Youth 5th-12th grade may attend alone. Families are encouraged to attend together.
    - March 15th, time TBD
    - Participants will be responsible for purchasing tickets.
    - Request to use funds to cover bussing.
    - This will be a CYF event. The mission of CYF events is to create meaningful opportunities for families with children and youth at Hope Lutheran to connect, build relationships, and grow together in faith.

**Monthly Meeting of Hope Lutheran Trustees - Sunday, February 8, 2026**

**Convened - 10:15 AM**

**Present:** Steve McClellan, John Tieben Sr., Daryl Goulson, Angie Newton, Doug Hvidsten

**Absent:** Paul Engfer (Covid)

**Agenda:**

**Trustee officers for 2026:**

Chair = Doug Hvidsten, Council Rep = Steve McClellan, Secretary = John Tieben

**Monthly checklist:** All items are current.

John, Daryl and Doug replaced smoke detector batteries on Feb 7.

Also replaced spotlight over the alter that was burned out.

Brad installed new tankless water heater in bathroom off the narthex on Feb 7.

We will charge the sanctuary blinds in Feb.

**Silent Auction:** Sarah G has a team lined up to do set-up. We will be available after church on 2-15 to assist.

**Parking Lot Salt:** Angie will check with Randy Altman to see if we can get salt applied to parking lot as needed rather than every time it gets plowed. Cost is \$225-\$250 per time.

**2026 Annual Meeting:** Steve did an excellent job of presenting the budget and highlighting specific Trustee accomplishments.

**Thermostat App (ECOBEE):** Steve will check with Brad about access and usage.

**Mobile Magnetic Whiteboard:**

Danielle (KOK) to investigate options and work with Angie on budget.

**Other:**

1. Steve is finishing patching / painting back stairwell leading to lower-level worship area.
2. Parking lot is separating from pavers and there's a dip in asphalt near the walk-way.  
Action TBD.

**Deferred Actions:**

1. Sound System Improvements: Estimate in the \$7K-\$8K range. Action still pending.  
John will talk with Kyle Narum about disposing of old sound board.
2. Privacy Screen in Narthex Bathroom: By-The-Yard has agreed to supply material to build a replacement privacy screen. John will address that in Feb.
3. Paver project final eval and approval is pending until spring.
4. Angie and Molly have the action item to address bulletin advertising.

**Adjourned** at 10:55 AM

Prepared by Doug Hvidsten