

Desert Cross Lutheran Church

<u>Council</u>	<u>Chamber</u>	<u>Pastor</u>
Mari Johnson	Gary Balliet (Finance/Stewardship)	Thaddeus Book
Tony Tainter	Tracey Landa (Altar Guild)	Andrea Cain
	Rosemary Schlechty (Education)	
Vicki English	Joe Weingartz (Facilities)	
Anna Sion	Dana Hargis (Hospitality)	
	Joy Petroff (Outreach)	
	Kerry Wilson (Communications)	

Gilbert Chamber Meeting - via Zoom February 10, 2026

Absent: Rosemary Schlechty, Joe Weingartz

Devotions: Joy Petroff

Approval of Minutes (January):

Motion to approve meeting minutes by Gary Balliet and seconded by Tony Tainter. Motion carries.

Approval of Agenda (February):

Motion to approve agenda by Dana Hargis and seconded by Gary Balliet. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

- Church/Business Cards (Mari Johnson): In current production.
- I-Help dinner (Mari Johnson): Gilbert Chamber signed up for August 25, 2026.
- Fall Craft/Bake Sale (Mari Johnson): Tentatively scheduled for November 7, 2026. More information coming.
- Trunk or Treat (Mari Johnson): Potential date of October 17, 2026.

REPORTS

Finance (Gary Balliet):

- Annual giving for 2025 reported a +\$247,000 increase over 2024. This includes special gifts for IT equipment and other specific projects.
- Charter school now closed at Tempe campus. Payments will cease at end of contract.
- Tempe land sale in 60 day escrow. Due to close on March 1, 2026.
- One volunteer stepped forward to help with weekly offering count.

Pastor (Pr. Thadd Book):

- Thinking about all things Lent. Cantors lined up for Wednesday services.
- Hymn sing scheduled March 1, 2026. Carolyn Perkins coordinating the event.
- Congregational Meeting February 22, 2026. Annual Report due to come out very soon. Congregational vote on Refresh Project will be part of agenda.
- Baptisms coming soon, tentatively scheduled for end of March. Forms communicated with Tracey.
- A Colorado Springs youth group coming this summer. Pr. Thadd coordinating.
- Still working on dates for DCLC Youth Group trip.
- VBS scheduled week of June 8, 2026.

Council (Tony Tainter):

- Tony wrote, with Mari's assistance, the 2025 Gilbert Chamber update for Annual Report.
- Grand Canyon Synod meeting being held at Tempe campus on February 21, 2026. Rooted in God's Story is theme.
- Nominating committee being formed to identify appointees for Vice President, Treasurer, and Gilbert Chamber Outreach Ministry.

NEW BUSINESS

- Golf Tournament (Gary Balliet): Scheduled September 26, 2026 at Bear Creek Golf Complex. 8:00 am shot gun start and secured on Bear Creek books.
- Refresh Project (Dana Hargis): Town Hall meetings went well in both Gilbert and Tempe; strong support with good questions. Discussion on what needs to be presented at Annual Meeting.

CLOSING

Prayers (Pr. Thadd)

Adjournment of Meeting (February):

Motion to adjourn meeting by Gary Balliet and seconded by Tracey Landa.
Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

DISTRIBUTION

Council:

Mari Johnson

Tony Tainter

Chamber:

Gary Balliet

Kerry Wilson

Dana Hargis

Tracey Landa

Joy Petroff

Rosemary Schlechty

Joe Weingartz

Pastor:

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Meeting minutes submitted to Gilbert Chamber by Kerry Wilson
February 21, 2026