

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)	
Mary Beth LaMont	Joe Weingartz (Facilities)	
Vicki English	Dana Hargis (Hospitality)	
	Claudia Huss and Sue Kyle (Outreach)	
	Kerry Wilson (Communications)	

Gilbert Chamber Meeting - via Zoom May 12, 2026

Absent: Dana Hargis and Tracey Landa

Devotions: Gary Balliet

Approval of Minutes (April):

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

Approval of Agenda (May):

Motion to approve agenda by Joe Weingartz and seconded by Tony Tainter. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

- Church/Business Cards (Tony Tainter): Tony Tainter made the recommendation to remove this item from Old Business.

REPORTS

Finance Report (Gary Balliet):

- Sharon Bucher was introduced as a new member of the Finance Committee.

- Brent Borchers reminded Finance Committee members of their accountability to the church and to the team.
- YTD Gross Income +\$82,000, Expenses -\$105,000, therefore currently at -\$23,000. This tracks with past years.
- A \$25,000 gift to Gilbert Refresh was pledged. Gilbert Refresh account established with starting balance of \$9200, therefore current total is \$34,200. Movement will start happening soon with pledges coming.
- Discussion regarding ~\$13,000 remaining in Gilbert parking lot fund/campaign. The money will remain accessible, when and if needed, to Gilbert campus for parking lot issues.
- Tempe land sale still in escrow. No time line as to when the money will be received.
- According to Tony Tainter, currently 5 tellers to count offering and Hunger Jar money each Tuesday in Tempe.
- No Finance Committee meeting in June.

Pastor's Report (Pr. Thadd Book):

- In April, attended the Festival of Faith and Writing conference in Michigan. Joined fellow colleagues in learning and fellowship.
- Wednesday night Pastor's class going well. Thanks to all those behind the scenes to support the study of 1 Peter and 2 Peter.
- New member class was a large group. Wonderful new additions in a big range of ages.
- Confirmation on May 17, 2026 of four 8th graders. All 4 steadily attend in Gilbert and have been in Laura Book's class. Mari Johnson will cover getting the cake.
- VBS is around the corner. Already have 50 children signed up; registration up from past years with still 3.5 weeks to go. VBS starts June 8, 2026.
- Grand Canyon Synod Assembly is June 11-13, 2026 at Love of Christ Lutheran Church in Mesa. Pastor Thadd will be the emcee at Friday night event.
- Soon to enter the season of Pentecost. Feel the pace slowing down with confirmation and education wrapping up and members retreating/returning to cooler temperatures.

Property (Joe Weingartz/Tony Tainter):

- Tony Tainter purchased signs to permanently affix on the two dumpsters found on east side of parking lot. Signs say NO DUMPING -

Trespassers will be Prosecuted. According to City of Gilbert codes, DCLC is within rights to post these signs.

Council Report:

- Golf Tournament (Gary Balliet): Still waiting for golf flyer with QR code to be completed. Tournament scheduled for September 12, 2026 at Springfield Golf Resort in Chandler. Gary texted all players from last year and already has 6 groups committed.
- Fundraising (Mari Johnson): A proposal needs to be submitted to council citing the non-profit organization, outside of DCLC, and how the fundraising will occur. An email will suffice.
- Grant Requests (Mari Johnson): Members making a grant request need to let pastors and council know before submitting paperwork. An email to pastors or council will suffice.
- Outreach (Mari Johnson): Big welcome to Claudia Huss and Sue Kyle to Gilbert Chamber. Thanks to both of them for stepping up. Claudia already in contact with June Bowman in Tempe to align programs.

CLOSING: Prayers led by Pr. Thadd.

Adjournment of Meeting (May):

Motion to adjourn meeting by Kerry Wilson and seconded by Gary Balliet.
Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

DISTRIBUTION

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Meeting minutes submitted by Kerry Wilson
June 8, 2026