

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 June 9, 2026

Absent: Mari Johnson, Sue Kyle, and Joe Weingartz

Devotions: Dana Hargis

Approval of Minutes (May):

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

Approval of Agenda (June):

Motion to approve agenda by Kerry Wilson and seconded by Tony Tainter. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

- Church/Business Cards: Pr. Thadd retrieved business cards from Tempe on 6/9/2026. Showed them to Chamber during Zoom meeting.

REPORTS

Pastor's Report (Pr. Thadd Book):

- Grand Canyon Synod's Assembly happening at Love of Christ in Mesa on June 11-13, 2026. Approximately 130 churches in the synod. Gary

and Jane Balliet are serving as congregational representatives. Pr. Thadd acting as emcee at talent show on Friday evening.

- VBS off to a strong start this year. 75+ kids, 60+ volunteers. Lots of energy among the kids and all the moving parts.
- Why We Serve Series in June started off well. Asking people to briefly share why they serve at church. Gary Balliet offered to speak on 6/21/2026.
- Pr. Thadd out of town 6/21/2026. Glen Stadler stepping in as pastor.
- Church seems quieter - people on vacation, school out, snowbirds are home. Grateful for new visitors nearly every week.

Outreach (Claudia Huss):

- Claudia Huss and Sue Kyle met with June Bowmen. The year is set with outreach projects. School supplies drive will conclude at end of July.

Council Report:

- Golf Tournament (Gary Balliet): Flyer approved. Eight groups and counting have committed to play on 9/12/2026. Proceeds from tournament will go to support FMSC and Children's Home Project in Honduras. Gary will soon do a request for gifts/raffles/baskets/gift cards.
- Tempe Campus (Tony Tainter): The fountain has been repaired and sun shade installed.
- Gilbert Refresh Pledge Cards (Tony Tainter/Dana Hargis): Pledge cards have been received by Doug Bjotvedt. Currently \$44,200 in pledges received. Discussion about matched funds to the pledged amount, when Tempe land sale will be final, and when matched funds will be made available.
- Ushers in Tempe (Tony Tainter): Ushers needed at the Saturday night service.

Upcoming Dates:

8/25/2026 - Gilbert Chamber hosts iHelp Dinner

9/12/2026 - Golf Tournament

10/24/2026 - Trunk or Treat

11/7/2026 - Fall Bazaar

CLOSING: Prayers led by Pr. Thadd.

Adjournment of Meeting (June):

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

DISTRIBUTION

Council:

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Tony Tainter
Mary Beth LaMont
Doug Bjotvedt

Chamber:

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Dana Hargis
Claudia Huss
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Pastor:

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Meeting minutes submitted by Kerry Wilson
6/23/2026