

GRACE MESSENGER

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 2017

Lay People Serving in July

Altar Guild

Carole Holten

Ushers

(Yes you can sign up for just one week)

Acolyte

- 2: Josee Kellermann
- 9: Erin Ford
- 16: Parker Jackson
- 23: Ethan Bohn
- 30: Emma Henderson

Lay Readers

- 2: David Warner
- 9: Carole Holten
- 16: None Needed
- 23:
- 30: Sue McCormack

Communion Assistants

- 2: Emma Arnold
- 9: Carole Holten
- 16: None Needed
- 23: None Needed
- 30: Pat Johnson

Coffee

- 2:
- 9:
- 16:
- 23:
- 30:

In Need of Prayers and Cards

*Ivar Sorenson
Steve Frauenschuh*

*Family & Friends of
Denis Hein*

*In Memory of
Denis Hein
from
Mary Ann Kult
Donna Jackson-Hein*



From Council: A coffee area will be open before church to anyone who wishes to have coffee when they get to church. There will be a variety of warm drinks to choose from. A \$2 donation is welcomed for the coffee.

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Remember A.S.A.P. Always Say a Prayer

Meet: 3rd Tuesday Each Month @ 1:00 pm
 Leaders: Mary Ann Kult and Diane Eddy
 Secretary: Lois Christensen
 Treasurer: Carole Holten

Bible Study begins at 12 noon on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Just before Grace Women

Minutes taken by: Lois Christensen

Date: June 20, 2017

Call To Order: 1:05 pm @ Grace Church

By Mary Ann K. Note: only board members were present

Devotions by Carole H.

Agenda Additions/Approval: NA

Secretary Report: Lois Christensen

Will present for approval at next meeting

Correspondence: Interchange & ANGELS, Newsletter; Thank you—ANGELS for hosting Community meals & Johnny Huspek for laundry bag & scholarship

Treasurers Report: Carole Holten

Reported that we spent \$112.95 on Community Meal: Will present for approval at next meeting

Old Business:

Community Meal:

Served 90, Carole heard lots of positive comments on the chow mein.

WELCA Convention: Carole H.

Best convention she has attended

Speaker Karen Bockelman was fantastic, talking about “letting your light shine”

Voting members were able to go to the break-out sessions. One was a Brew Master-really interesting!

The food was good and it was short walks to get around

Carole shared that she is no longer WELCA treasurer

CPR class:

Was completed

New Business:

Changing Positions:

When Lois C. has her surgery, Diane E. will be secretary & Lois will become Vice-Chair

Destruction of old files:

Diane E. will check on guidelines

Announcements:

Bible Study one hour before each Grace Women Meeting

Next Meeting:

July 18, 2017, 1:00 @ Grace

Devotions by Carole H.

Adjourned with prayer

WELCA Purpose

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action and promote healing and wholeness in the Church, the society and the world.

What's Happening at Grace

July 4th
Independence Day
Office Closed

July 9th
Quarterly Congregation Meeting
following Worship

July 18th
Grace Women with
Bible Study at 12:00 pm

July 19th
7:00 pm Congregation Council

Office Hours
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All Congregational Council Meetings are open to the Congregation and are held on the third Wednesday of each month. Times are as follows:
7:30 pm September → April
7:00 pm May → August

Please come join us



GRACE OUR TROOPS
The following are people we know of who are in the Military. If you have a relative or friend you would like included please call the Church Office (426-3343).

Abram Freeman (Diane Eddy's Nephew), Nick Bailey (Mary Ellen Wensing Grandson), Jon Clark (Mary Patterson's Grandson), Darrel Geving (Bernis Geving's Nephew), Nicklas Wilson (Diane Wilson's Nephew).

*Quarterly Congregational Meeting
Following Worship on July 9th*

*Time is Precious
Waste it Wisely*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

June 21, 2017

Mission Statement: Through Grace we grow, share, and spread God's love.

Call to order: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Grace Council meeting was called to order on Wednesday, 6/21/17, at 7:04 pm by President Nate Jackson.

Present: Michaela Jackson; Nate Jackson; Mary Ann Kult; Cheryl Martin; David Warner, Pastor Foss.
Congregational Member Carole Holten attended.

Call to Worship: The Apostles' Creed was shared by all

Opening Devotions / Prayer: Carole Holten shared some of Mrs. Martin Luther's history.

Prayer of the Day was shared

Additional Agenda Items / Approval of Agenda: Nate added one New Business item

Motion to approve: D Warner 2nd by MA Kult MPU

Carole Holten was appointed to Council for a 3 year term.

Motion to appoint: D Warner 2nd by M Jackson MPU
Welcome, Carole!! *Thanks for VOLUNTEERING!!*

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the May 2017 meeting were previously distributed to the Council Members. No corrections were made.

Motion to approve: MA Kult 2nd by D Warner MPU
Minutes stand approved as submitted

Shared Correspondence: There was none

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's May 2017 report was distributed to the Council Members. No corrections were made.

Discussion ensued regarding shortfall of giving in May & that our finance team did not meet in May. We did NOT need to access savings to pay bills in May. Woot Woot!!

Motion to approve: D Warner 2nd by M Jackson MPU
Reports stand approved as submitted

Old Business:

Cemetery

This entry is being left on the agenda until it is resolved.

David Warner has talked with Larry Bunge from the Cemetery Team this month.

A meeting will be set up with the entire cemetery team.

Questions include contacting the county to see how you separate the cemetery from the church and parsonage land; Is just a cemetery insurable & how & cost.

Early Coffee (before church service)

Mary Ann enjoyed **great success** on Memorial Weekend when she served coffee. She had many ideas and great feedback that will benefit everyone hosting. Coffee will be \$1.

Our June/July schedule is: **6/25 MAK**; 7/2 NJ; **7/9 CH**; 7/16 CM; **7/23 RS**; 7/30 MAK

Anyone so moved is encouraged to help out. The more hands, the lighter the load.



New Business:

Audit

The audit process was reviewed.

Nate will assemble an audit committee. Jamie Muirhead, Mary Streeter and Alice Graff are GRAND options. Brooke Sorensen (our Treasurer) will coordinate the meeting and audit. She will have to identify a tax professional for assistance as Nancy Kooda has been helping Grace for many years with this process.

Property & Liability Insurance

Nate had been comparing coverage with different companies.

He feels our current company offers good claim handling and comparable rates to any he compared with. It is not always advantageous to change companies following a claim on your policy.

We have already renewed our policy on June 1. It will be paid electronically each month, as it will offer minimal cost savings to the church.

One concern is the lack of cyber protection on the current policy. Nate will follow up on this coverage.

Pastor and her family will be on vacation in July. She will NOT attend the Council meeting next month.

Mission Planning Follow Up will be June 28 at 6 pm at the church.

Devotions for next month: Carole Holten

Motion to Adjourn: MA Kult 2nd by D Warner MPU

An Evening Prayer was shared by all.

A Blessing was shared by all

The Lord's Prayer was shared by all

Adjourn: 7:49 pm



Thank You for the scholarship, I appreciate being apart of this great church! Also thanks Grace Women for the laundry bag! It will be so useful in college!

Johnathan Huspek

To the fine folks at Grace Evangelical Lutheran, thank you so much for packing shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child! Can you believe that our Aitkin area drop off location collected 1,303 Gospel opportunities this year? With your partnership, children around the world in desperate situations are shown the love of a Savior and can learn about how to have a relationship with Jesus Christ! Thank you for making a difference in the lives of hurting children who are in need.

God bless you! Barb Schmidt

Thank You Quilters for the 32 Quilts and 13 Layettes you have made this year for World Relief. Your work is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Day Camp/VBS in June.



The next "Youth Gathering" will be June 2018. The Fellowship Coffee on the first Sunday of the Month is done by the Youth. Monies received will go into their fund. We look forward to upcoming events in helping our Youth raising the funds for their adventure to Houston Texas.

Worship Service

Sunday
9:00 am Worship
Main Sanctuary

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME!

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Team Finance Update

Our Congregation approved our **2017 Spending Plan** at the 2016 Annual Meeting.

In May 2017, planned spending was \$12,094.

In May 2017, Congregation giving was \$7,806.20.

Articles for the Newsletter are welcome at any time.

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