

GRACE MESSENGER

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 2017

Lay People Serving in May

Altar Guild

Judy Skinner
Lois Meacham

Ushers

21st: Nancy Eddy & Diane Eddy
(Yes you can sign up for just one week)

Acolyte

7: Parker Jackson
14: Emma Henderson
21: Haylee Kellermann
28: Isabelle Cook

Lay Readers

7: Senior's
14:
21:
28: David Warner

Communion Assistants

7: Barb Greifzu
14:
21: Barb Greifzu
28:

Coffee

7: Grubby Sunday and cake for Confirmands and Graduating Seniors
14:
21: Nancy Eddy & Diane Eddy
28:

*In Memory of
Jeanne Thompson
from
Gregory & Kim Thompson
Dale & Nancy Noyed*

*In Memory of
Nancy Kooda
from
Robert & Alice Graff
Carole Holten
Diane Eddy
Bernis Geving
Laurie Tarnowski
Caniel & Martha Conners
Richard & Susan Feist
David & Kathleen Kooda
Mary Perala
Kristi Erdman*

*In Memory of
Bob Johnson
from
Carole Holten*

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*In Need of Prayers and Cards
Ivar Sorenson
Steve Frauenshuh*

*Family & Friends of
Pete Carlstrom
Betsy Rieft
Mel Kooda*

From Council: One goal that you will see happening soon is a coffee bar/cart. This 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. Starts May 7th.

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 Christenson
 Treasurer: Carole Holten

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

Date: April 18, 2016

Call To Order:

Meeting called to order at: 1:15 pm with five in attendance.
 Devotions: Mary Ann
 WELCA Offering Basket and Penny Jar

Agenda Additions/Approval

Sign-up sheet for MACC was passed around – we have May

Secretary Report: Given by Diane

Approval of prior Minutes: Approved with addition
 Correspondence: **March:** Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry – Thank you for donation; Operation Christmas Child Report; Samaritan’s Purse – seek funds: **April:** Thank You – Averie Seibert – 2017 Class (McGregor Area Scholarship Foundation): **Newsletters:** ANGELS, ELCA Interchange: Information – Pati Kachel has a new presentation, info about it with cost.

Treasurers Report: Carole Holten – Given by Mary Ann

Approval of last month’s Report: Motion to approve last month’s report from Judy, seconded by Diane W., motion carried. **Summary of report:** Pennies cashed in, we had \$24.97 (Carole added in to make \$25), this was given to Heartland Conference. In March we gave \$200 to Food Shelf, \$500 to Dollars for Scholars. Deposited \$700 from Funerals. Check Book Balance as of March 31st is \$1,811.96.

Old Business:

Prayer list updated & Distributed: continue with bulletin announcement for Text Prayer List.
 Lutheran Lounge – what needs to be done (April 22nd) – There is a funeral at 11:00 am that day also. Plans are to cook following or during the funeral. Much discussion, final plans made.
 May Community Meal: Final arrangements (May 17th) Will be having Chicken Chow Mein. Contact Carole, we should start final planning starting next week.

New Business:

Audit Team – Sue Berg and Diane Wilson volunteered. Will get with Carole for time and place.
 Discussed Bible Study –

Announcements:

Bible Study one hour before each Grace Women Meeting (12:00 pm)

Next Meeting:

Next Meeting Date: 1:00 pm on May 16th –
 Devotions:

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

May 3rd

GLOW - Grace Lutheran on Wednesday
3:30 pm
(Last one until this Fall)

May 3rd

5:30 pm
Youth Group

May 7th

Confirmation Sunday
Senior Graduates Blessing
Grubby Sunday with a Pot Luck Lunch

May 14th

Mother's Day

May 17th

Grace Women to Sponsor the
Community Meal

May 17th

7:00 pm Congregation Council

May 28th

Memorial Day

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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).

Thank You to Pat Boyd for doing the Communion Bread for 30+ years. She received the recipe from Thelma Meyer's daughter who at the time was going to school to be a nun. She received it from the nuns at the school. The unleavened loaf recipe is called "Gift of Love". In total Pat made over 1,800 loaves, thanks again Pat. Thank you to Nancy Eddy for now making the Communion Bread.

Day Camp/VBS will be held June 12th to 16th. Hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Mon. - Thu. With 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Friday. Register now for day camp. Bring your lunch. \$20 per kid. Must preregister. Grade K-6. If you have questions please contact Pastor Erika at 218-426-3343.

*Time is Precious
Waste it Wisely*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

March 15, 2017

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

Call Notes from Council Meeting

March 15, 2017

Attendance: Nicole, David, Michaela, Nate, Ron, MaryAnn and Pastor

No additional items for agenda

Secretary's Report - Nicole made motion to accept the minutes from previous meeting, MaryAnn seconded. Some discussion and excitement for Alicia and baby Josie!

No shared correspondence

No treasurer's report – we will approve it next month. Nate reported January and February were slow months as expected. Special thank you to Grace Women for helping make ends meet. Continuing Ed and Sabbatical accounts were effected as well.

Old Business –

- Cemetery – waiting for the cemetery team to return as most are snow birds. Then the process of making the Cemetery Fund a stand-alone account will continue.
- Council Retreat – after some discussion the council decided on Sunday, April 9th starting at 12:30

New Business –

- Lutheran Lounge – April 22nd from 5pm-8pm at Buckhorn. There will be T-shirts for sale, games, hymnal karaoke and a quilt raffle.

On Sunday, April 9, our church council met and had a retreat to learn more about who the council is and where they want to go as a group. During the retreat there was time for team building, bible study, going over the duties of the council, making a council covenant, hearing about who we think Grace Lutheran is and where Grace Lutheran should be going. We also set goals for the year.

One goal that you will see happening soon is a coffee bar/cart. This 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.

Other goals, ideas, actions and work from our retreat will be seen throughout the year and in actions that will be done by the council.

Grace Lutheran is one of the recipients of the 2017 Servant of Christ Award! This year, Lutheran Social Services have chosen to acknowledge congregations who have supported the Duluth Center for Changing Lives.

In the words of our CEO, Jodi Harpstead, "We are so proud of how well the NE MN Synod responded to the call from Bishop Tom Aitken to contribute to the building of the Center for Changing Lives and of the brave few who have signed up to be our first host homes for youth, promising to greatly increase our capacity to serve."

Sixty-seven congregations were honored on Friday night at the first Plenary of the NE Synod Assembly at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd.

"We are very honored and humbled by the great support we have received in our mission to end homelessness in Duluth. A strong partnership foundation has been created and will continue to expand! Blessings to you and yours, and congratulations on this fine achievement!"



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 19, 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 April 19, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. by President Nate Jackson.

Present: Alecia Wahlin, Michaela Jackson, Cheryl Martin, Nate Jackson, Ron Smith, MaryAnn Kult, Pastor Foss. There were no congregational members present.

Call to Worship: Apostles' Creed:

Opening Devotions / Prayer: Nate

Prayer of the Day:

Additional Agenda Items / Approval of Agenda:

Secretary's Report: Alecia 1) The minutes of the March Meeting has been previously given to the Council Members. 0 corrections were made.

MaryAnn K. made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Michaela J. (Minutes stand approved as submitted)

Shared Correspondence:

1)

Treasurer's Report: Brooke: * No report* Tabled until next meeting in May.

Old Business:

1. Cemetery
2. Feedback of the quarterly meeting.
 - A) Get input on how it went.
 - * Nice start, beneficial.*
 - B) Get input on having just the president of council conduct the meeting or have other team

leaders involved?

Next quarterly meeting will be JULY 9, 2017

New Business:

1. Lutheran Lounge
2. Time/Day for council meetings:
 - * Brief discussion of changing council meeting times to accommodate all council members.
 - May council meeting will be Sunday, May 21st after service***
3. Coffee Bar – finalize details
 - * Sunday, May 7th – Grace Lutheran will provide coffee before service that can be brought into
- service.*
4. Finance Team – needs help getting more people to count on Sundays.
 - * Still in progress*
5. Workshop: "Rethinking Church" – Pastor Foss, possibility of others (council member(s)) going too.

Devotions for next month: Alecia

Motion to Adjourn:

Evening Prayer:

Blessing:

Lord's Prayer

Adjourn: 8:20 p.m.

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



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.

Team Finance Update

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

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

In March 2017, Congregation giving was \$8,299.18.

Worship Service

Sunday
9:00 am Worship
Main Sanctuary

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME!

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Articles for the Newsletter are welcome at any time.



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