

# GRACE MESSENGER

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Lay People Serving in December

### Altar Guild

Alvina Vorbeck

### Ushers

(Yes you can sign up for just one week)

### Acolyte

4: Haylee Kellermann  
11: Isabelle Cook  
18: Jack Anderson  
24: Addison Sather (5:00 Christmas Eve)  
25: Christmas Day - NO Worship

### Lay Readers

4: Tammy Ford  
11: None Needed  
18:  
24:  
25: Christmas Day - NO Worship

### Communion Assistants

4: Carole Holten  
11: Kendra Rohde  
18:  
24:  
25: Christmas Day - NO Worship

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

*In Need of Prayers and Cards*  
Ivar Sorenson  
Steve Frauenshuh  
Herman & Doree Ekelund



**Thank you** to everyone who helped with the Annual Hunters Ham Dinner.

**Thank you** to those who donated monies and completed shoe boxes for the Christmas Child Program.

**A huge Thank you** to the Worship & Music Team for all the hard work they have done while I was on maternity leave. Thank You Pastor Erika

**Thank you** all for all the gifts and cards and text messages you have given and sent. We appreciate them all. Pastor Erika and Maren

**Thank you** to all who helped to make GLOW a success while I was gone. I appreciate it. Pastor Erika

Coffee (In charge of making the coffee—directions are on the bulletin board above the coffee pot. If you have questions please contact the Parish Admin.)

4: Youth Group  
11: Betty & Russ Thompson  
18: Alvina & Rose Vorbeck  
24: Christmas Eve - NO Coffee  
25: Christmas Day - NO Worship

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Meet: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Just before Grace Women

**Minutes taken by: Lois Christensen**

**Date: November 15, 2016**

**Call To Order: 01:05 pm @ Grace Lutheran church**

By Mary Ann K. with 11 ladies in attendance

**Agenda Additions/Approval:** post prom committee

**Secretary Report: Lois Christensen**

Minutes of October 2016 minutes: Carole H. moved, Diane W. 2<sup>nd</sup>; approved.

**Correspondence:** Voyagers Lutheran Ministry, yearly donation; Samaritan’s Purse, seeking funds; Birthright, newsletter; Thank You: Evelyn Johnson, Villa Halloween Party

**Treasurers Report: Carole Holten**

Diane E. moved, Judy S. 2<sup>nd</sup>; approved

**Old Business:**

**Ham Dinner: Judy S.** - Bake sale went well, Kids were helpful. Not many from Grace attended, the ham served was OK but we did receive some negative comments for serving “sliced spiral ham”. \$1522 from ticket sales & \$624 from bake sale. Many thanks to those who helped with this year’s ham dinner.

**Christmas Child/Shoe Boxes:** 13 boxes filled (2 more pending) and money for shipping has been received.

**Cookie pack & potluck Luncheon:** December 13, 2016 @ 11:00 am. **Please bring 2 or 3 dozen cookies & a dish to share**

**Heartland Conference: Carole H.** - Service & time at the conference was very inspirational. You meet so many people from various churches. The Phebe Project was looking to get \$100 donation from all churches at the conference.

**Villa Party: Judy S.** - Good time was had by all

**New Business:**

**Elections:** Motion by Diane W., Lois M. 2<sup>nd</sup> to re-elect current officers, motion approved.

**2017 Budget: Carole H.** - Motion by Diane W., Diane E. 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept new plan presented, motion approved.

**Proposal by Mary Ann:** Mary Ann K. proposed a new mission for Grace Women; Good Samaritan Outreach, a one-time assistance program. Motion by Carole H., to donate \$200 & add this to our mission projects, Judy S. 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion approved.

**Post Prom Committee:** Chloe Larson presented a letter seeking a donation to this event. Motion by Diane E., to donate a quilt & \$50, Diane W. 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion approved.

**Activity with younger Women:** Judy was approached by 3 ladies about how they could be part of Grace Women when they cannot come on Tuesday meetings at our time. Pastor made 3 suggestions:

GW-1: Business meetings as needed, but maybe on a quarterly basis.

GW-2: Meetings at different days/times/places.

GW-3: Circle Type Meetings, Baking, Bible Study, Varsity Game Parents, eating out, knitters, etc.

Much discussion: Judy S. & Sue B. will contact these ladies and report back to us in Jan. 2017.

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**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

December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

Knitting 4 Peace

9:30 am

December 7<sup>th</sup>

GLOW - Grace Lutheran on Wednesday

3:30 pm

December 11<sup>th</sup>

GLOW Christmas Program  
at Worship

December 13<sup>th</sup>

Cookie Pack & Pot Luck Lunch  
Grace Women

11:00 am

Please bring 3 Dozen Cookies

December 14<sup>th</sup>

**"An Old Fashioned Christmas"**

Log Church

6:30 pm

December 16<sup>th</sup>

Youth Group will have a bake sale

Grand Timber Bank

Starting at 9:00 am

December 21<sup>st</sup>

Congregational Council

7:30 pm

December 24<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Eve Worship

5:00 pm Main Sanctuary

7:00 pm Log Church

Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup>

No Worship

### Office Hours

Pastor

Will now have Fridays off &  
Mondays Thru Thursdays in the Office  
Office Phone: 218-426-3343

Parish Administrator

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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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).**

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

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**Announcements:**

None

**Next Meeting:** Date: Cookie Pack & potluck luncheon:  
December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am

**Adjourned with prayer @ 2: 42 pm**

**We have two new ways** to give to the Church! We now have the ability to receive giving through our Church Website ([www.logchurch.org](http://www.logchurch.org)). Also, you can give with a debit or credit card here at church any time. We now have a tablet with a square to receive your giving! Also, this next years offering envelopes will be mailed to you monthly! And if you wish to sign-up for Simply Giving (direct bank-to-bank payment) forms are available in the church office.

*In Memory of  
John Swanson  
from  
John & Lynn Swanson  
Jane Bonander  
Susan L. Roen  
Donna M. Nelson  
Robert & Patricia Noer  
Mary Rolfes  
Suellen M. Rundquist  
Larraine Nygaard*

*In Memory of  
John Swanson  
&  
Levonne Swanson  
from  
Sharon Knutson*



**Welcome New members!**

**Jeff & Sheila Fagerstrom  
Joel & Stacy (Lena) Smith  
Joe & Tammy Frauenshuh  
William Rohde**

COME SING WITH US AT "AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS". THIS WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 PM IN THE LOG CHURCH. FELLOWSHIP WILL FOLLOW. ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!!

We now have a craft area - anyone is welcome to donate something they have made. All the proceeds will go into the Church's General Fund.

**HOW IS THE ELCA INVOLVED IN THE PV FOR PHEBE PROJECT?**

Phebe was co-founded in 1921 by the Lutheran Church. In the 1970's and 80's financial support for the Hospital and School of Nursing totaled about \$250,000; since the Liberian civil wars ended in the early 2000's, Lutheran financial aid to Phebe has dwindled to \$50,000 annually. In 2012, a delegation from the Women of the ELCA visited Phebe and resolved to help raise funds to support Phebe's vulnerable energy system. In 2014, a memorial was passed at the Women of the ELCA Ninth Triennial Gathering to support the raising of funds for a PV system.

**WHAT IS THE GOAL OF PV FOR PHEBE?**

Phebe Hospital fights to provide quality, free health care to thousands of impoverished Liberians while enduring daily electricity blackouts - including during surgery and other life-saving medical procedures. PV for Phebe is working with a Minnesota solar energy nonprofit - the Rural Renewable Energy Alliance or RREAL - that addresses poverty using solar technology. RREAL will install a solar array capable of providing sustainable and life-giving energy to Phebe.



## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

November 16, 2016

**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 the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Grace Council meeting was called to order on November 16, 2016 at 7:42 p.m. by President Nate Jackson.

Present: Alecia Wahlin, Michaela Jackson, Mike Christensen, Nicole Eld, Nate Jackson, Shari Larson, MaryAnn Kult, Pastor Foss. 0 Congregational Members attended.

**Call to Worship: Apostles' Creed:**

**Opening Devotions / Prayer:** Cheryl (Pastor Erika filled in for devotions here)

**Prayer of the Day:**

**Secretary's Report:** Alecia 1) The minutes of the October 19, 2016 meeting has been previously given to the Council Members. 0 corrections were made.

Mike C. made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Nicole E. (Minutes stand approved as submitted)

**Treasurer's Report:** Brooke (\* See Treasurer's Report)

A motion was made by MaryAnn Kult and seconded by Shari L. to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Old Business:**

1. MaryAnn Kult – Task Force
2. Cemetery \*\* Shari L. recommends to cemetery team to form a 501(c)(3). Mike C. seconds. Motion passes.\*\*

**New Business:**

1. Nicole E. motions to accept MaryAnn Kult as council member. Shari L. seconds. Motion passes.
2. MaryAnn motions to appoint Nicole E. for another 3 year term. Shari L. seconds. Motion passes.
3. Nicole E. motions to accept Mike C. as interim vice president for the next two months. MaryAnn seconds. Motion passes.
4. Endowment Committee – \*\*The Endowment Committee is suggesting support of \$5,000 to \$8,000 annually to the General fund. This support will come from principal of the Endowment Fund (NOT Loftus or Scholarship Funds). The money will be used as needed, per the Finance Committee. The Endowment Committee would like to try this for a 2-year period. They would like it to be re-visited (if needed) November, 2018.\*\*

\*\*\* Council extends their sincerest appreciation and thanks the Endowment Committee for doing so.\*\*\*

5. Pastor Erika addressed council on vision for the future.

**Devotions for next month:** Ron

**Motion to Adjourn:**

**Evening Prayer:**

**Blessing:**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Adjourn: 8:45 p.m.**



*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.*

*The Grace Lutheran Youth are selling "That's My Pan" for a fund raiser. Just on line purchases:*

*"[thatsmypan.biz/frmn10307](http://thatsmypan.biz/frmn10307)"*

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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