

GRACE MESSENGER

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Lay People Serving in February

Altar Guild

Diane Wilson
Phyllis Barnhart

Ushers

(Yes you can sign up for just one week)

Acolyte

5: Parker Jackson
12: Maddie Wegleitner
19: Ethan Bohn
26: James Dawson

Lay Readers

5: Bernis Geving
12: Alice Graff
19: Dick Rohde
26: Haylee Kellermann

Communion Assistants

5: Bernis Geving
12: Alice Graff
19: Kendra Rohde
26: Pat Johnson

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.)

5: Youth Group
12: Bernis Geving & Alice Graff
19: Judy Skinner
26:



*Thank you to the Pastor,
staff and "Kitchen ladies"
for all they did.
The Thompson Family*

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

Prayer Chain: We are looking for new members for the prayer chain. If you would like to be on it or need information please talk to Mary Ann Kult, Lois Christensen or Diane Eddy.

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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 Christenson
 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: January 17, 2017

Call To Order: 12:30 pm @ Fireside

By Mary Ann K. with 5 1/2 ladies in attendance

Agenda Additions/Approval: NA

Secretary Report: Lois Christensen

No approvals

Correspondence: December 2016; Lutheran, Samaritan’s Purse, & Women of the ELCA; seeking funds; ANGLES: Newsletter & thank you for donation, PV for Phebe; thank you for funds.

January 2017: Samaritan’s Purse, seeking funds; Interchange, Newsletter; Thank you—Mel & Nancy Kooda and Steve & Nancy Frauensuh for cookies; McGregor school nurse for funds.

Treasurers Report: Carole Holten

Written report no approval

Business:

Thank You:

Thank you & donation from the family of Jeanne Thompson

Fund Raiser Ideas:

February 28th : breakfast on Fat Tuesday

Bake Sale @ bank in March

Ash Wednesday Meal:

Wild Rice Hot dish & cake-Alvina (2)

Mary Ann & Diane to make meal

GLOW that night, plan for kids & youth to be there for supper

Prayer Chain:

Change to 2 teams & add Mary Ann K. to list

Announcements:

Valentine’s Party at the Villa: Feb 10

Next Meeting: Feb. 21st 12:30 at Fireside

Adjourned with prayer @ 1:40 pm

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

February 1st
GLOW - Grace Lutheran on Wednesday
3:30 pm

February 1st
5:30 pm
Youth Group

February 3rd & 17th
Knitting 4 Peace
9:30 am

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

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*In Memory of
Jeanne Thompson
from*

*Robert & Lori Thompson
Richard & Marcia Norton
Debra Madson
Mark & Stacy Bohn
Karen Rouse
Wendy & Douglas Fetters
Bernis Geving
Sandra Kilde
Edna Neitzel
Susan McCormack
William & Diane Pelto
Robert & Barb Greifzu
Larry & Sue Berg
Mary Pehooki*

*(Donations from above was given
to Youth & Memorial Fund)
Red Hot Hatters (General Fund)
Dain & Heather Swanson
(Music)
Judith Vondelinde
Judy Skinner
Mike & Lois Christensen
(Worship & Music)
Betty Thompson
Gertrude Everhart*



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).

Team Finance Update

Our Congregation approved our **2016 Spending Plan** at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

In December 2016, planned spending was **\$11,036.**

In December 2016, Congregation giving was **\$9,189.**

December's Designated Giving (Advent, Building, Cemetery, etc.) was **\$1,428.**

LENT

This year for our Lenten Services we will be doing a more traditional worship service. We will be using the Holden Evening Prayer as our liturgy and the sermon will be a series called Living Lent As People of the Resurrection. The topics are listed below. Come have supper with us at 5:30 pm and then worship will beginning at 6:30 pm.

<p>March 1: Ash <u>Wednesday</u></p> <p>Traditional <u>Service</u></p>	<p><u>March 8</u></p> <p>Holden Evening <u>Prayer</u></p> <p>Living Lent As People of the Resurrec- tion: <u>Purpose</u></p> <p>The Lord will fulfill his pur- pose for me; your stead- fast love, O Lord, en- dures forev- er. Psalm 138:8</p>	<p><u>March 15</u></p> <p>Holden Even- ing <u>Prayer</u></p> <p>Living Lent As People of the Resurrec- tion: <u>People</u></p> <p>We your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give you thanks forev- er. Psalm 79:13</p>	<p><u>March 22</u></p> <p>Holden Even- ing <u>Prayer</u></p> <p>Living Lent As People of the Resurrection: <u>Proclaim</u></p> <p>He has sent me...to pro- claim liberty to the cap- tives. Isaiah 61:1</p>	<p><u>March 29</u></p> <p>Holden Evening <u>Prayer</u></p> <p>Living Lent As People of the Resur- rection: <u>Praise</u></p> <p>The Lord is my strength and my song...I will praise him. Exodus 15:2</p>	<p><u>April 5</u></p> <p>Holden Even- ing <u>Prayer</u></p> <p>Living Lent As People of the Resur- rection: <u>Pain</u></p> <p>I am afflicted and in pain; let your sal- vation, O God, set me high! Psalm 69:29</p>	<p>April 13: Maundy <u>Thursday</u></p> <p>Traditional <u>Service</u></p>	<p>April 14: <u>Good Friday</u></p> <p>Traditional <u>Service</u></p>
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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

HOW DOES THIS MISSION FIT WITHIN THE ACCOMPANIMENT AND GLOBAL MISSIONS (MALARIA CAMPAIGN, WORLD HUNGER) INITIATIVES OF THE ELCA?

The recent Ebola outbreak was a powerful demonstration of the world’s interconnectedness. No longer was the disease “over there,” isolated to West Africa - it was a struggle mutually shared by all of humanity. The ELCA’s mission of accompaniment calls on Lutherans to share in global struggles and mutually work in vulnerable areas toward empowerment. Liberia is one of the poorest countries in the world; 42% of children experience stunting due to malnutrition and disease. By working with local trades-people and electricians and endowing Phebe will lift up the people of Liberia and enable the staff at Phebe to address these challenges with renewed strength.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 18, 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 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, Nate Jackson, MaryAnn Kult, David Warner, Cheryl Haapoja, Pastor Foss 0 Congregational Members attended.

Call to Worship: Apostles' Creed:

Opening Devotions / Prayer:

Prayer of the Day:

Secretary's Report: Alecia 1) The minutes of the November 2016 meeting has been previously given to the Council Members. 0 corrections were made. Dave W. made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Mary Ann K. (Minutes stand approved as submitted)

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

A motion was made by Dave W. and seconded by Michaela J. to accept the Treasurer's Report from November and December of 2016.

Old Business:

1. Cemetery fund – in progress

New Business:

1. New Officers:
 - President: Dave W. motions to nominate Nate Jackson as president for 2017.
Mary Ann K. seconds. Motion passes.
 - Vice President: Nate Jackson motions to nominate Dave W. as vice president for 2017.
Michaela J. seconds. Motion passes.
 - Secretary: Nate Jackson motions to nominate Alecia W. as secretary for 2017.
Dave W. seconds. Motion passes.
 - Treasurer: Nate Jackson motions to nominate Brooke S. as treasurer for 2017.
Dave W. seconds. Motion passes.
2. Pastor Erika presented new/updated member information sheet.
3. Council installation will be January 29, 2017
4. First quarterly congregation meeting will be Sunday April 9, 2017 right after church.
5. May 21, 2017 – Assistant to bishop will be coming to Grace Lutheran to help with new visioning process.
7. MaryAnn K. addressed the council representing Grace Women.

Devotions for next month: Michaela

Motion to Adjourn:

Evening Prayer:

Blessing:

Lord's Prayer

Adjourn: 8:15 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.

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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