



# GRACE MESSENGER

... OUR MESSAGE SO THAT WE MAY PROCLAIM THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST...Col 4:3

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Two thoughts for you this July, as we have successfully completed yet another Day Camp/VBS and as we set out for the National Youth Gathering:

1. A scripture verse that echoes in my head all year long comes from the stories we hear about at Christmas time. The verse is about Christ being born and is spoken by the angel to the shepherds as the shepherds are watching their sheep. The angel says to the shepherds, **“Do not be afraid: for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all my people.”** (Luke 2:10)

What echoes in my head is the, I am bringing you good news of great joy. There is great joy going on here at church! I mentioned two already, Day Camp/VBS and the National Youth Gathering. But there is so much more. New sidewalks, A/C in the sanctuary, 25 quilts and 18 baby care kits were made and sent by our women to the convention, weddings, baptisms, the Holy Hootenanners, CPR, Babysitting classes. Just look inside this newsletter to see all that is happening.

2. The next image that comes to mind is the root of Jesse. One the names that Jesus has is the root of Jesse. Jesse is the father of David in the Old Testament; David becomes a king and is listed in Jesus family tree. This is the image for this name:



Think of a grove of trees being logged off and there is nothing but stumps left. And yet out of the nothingness of the stump comes a sprig. A sprig of life, a new shoot, something old becomes new.

Right now at Grace it might seem like there is a lot of change going on. There are things that always used to be that are now **no more or are different or are less. But that doesn't mean there is death or an end; it may mean we are seeing a place** where a new sprig will be coming forth.

This is a great time to be a Lutheran. This is a great time to be a part of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod. This is great time to be a part of Grace Lutheran.

Let there be joy. Let there be fun. Let there be room to see the sprig coming up out of nothingness or out of old. Let us **make room to grow, share and spread God's love to the people we are now and to the community we serve too.**

Let us be known as the living, joyful, blessing church. Let us be the ones that bring news of great joy to others. Let us be the ones that are the sprig coming up out of the stump!

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## GRACE WOMEN

3<sup>RD</sup> Tuesday Each Month; 1:00 P.M. Monthly Business Meeting  
 Tri-Leaders: Lois Christenson, Mary Ann Kult and Diane Eddy  
 Secretary: Pat Kuschke Treasurer: Carole Holten

*Bible Study begins at 12 noon on the third Tuesday of the month - Just before Grace Women's Meeting.*

5 women present at Fireside for lunch on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June. Thank you to those who attended. Due to lack of people attending no business was conducted. The following is the agenda for the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting - Hope more can attend.

### Agenda Additions/Approval:

#### Secretary Report:

Approval of May 19<sup>th</sup> Minutes, no minutes in June  
 Correspondence

#### Treasurers Report: Carole Holten

Approval of January through June 15<sup>th</sup> Report: and possibly into July

#### Old Business:

##### Summer/Fall Outing:

Cruises on Gull; lunch, \$33.61; time, noon to 2 pm; Theaters; Grand Rapids or Woodtick; Chanhassen; Sue checking on this

**Community meal:** May 20<sup>th</sup> - feed back

**WELCA Convention:** June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, Duluth - feed back

**Diaper Detroit: a youth project** We donated \$200 for buying items (In honor of Fathers). Additional collection on Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>

**Ice Cream Social: August 8<sup>th</sup> 2015;** Menu & Price will remain as the same as last year: Bake Sale; Barb L & Diane W.: donating buns; Jeanne T.: Advertising; Carole H.: Banners; Barb L. (Suggestion: Donation from members to purchase Brats & Hot dogs.

**Veterans Project: Mary Ann K.;** Was this discussion done? Are we doing this?

**Take out Containers:** Switch to heavy cardboard - Lois found some: 8X8X3 - 200 count for \$36 plus shipping

#### New Business:

None

#### Announcements:

**'Bible Study one hour before each Grace Women Meeting'**

Ice Cream Social on August 8<sup>th</sup>

#### Next Meeting:

Date: July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 @ 1:00 pm

Devotions:

#### Prayer and Adjournment:

With our mission statement and The Lord's 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.



Co-Chairs: Russ Thompson & Dick Rohde  
Treasurer/ Secretary: Dick Rohde

# Men in Grace

Men's Breakfast is scheduled to meet on July 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am

If you would like to help with the mowing and upkeep of the Church Yard, please notify Dick Rohde.



Thank you to all of you who have been cutting the grass.



## Needed: Financial Secretary

This will be a temporary appointment until the annual meeting where the Congregation will elect their Financial Secretary.

This position works closely with the Finance Team, Executive Team and Treasurer to ensure that all incoming monies are accounted for & that church offerings are properly recorded. Maintains confidentiality in all aspects of this position.

Complete job descriptions available in the church office. We are hoping to fill this position by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

If interested please contact any member of the Finance Team or Pastor Erika (Bob Guntzburger, Cheryl Haapoja, Kendra Rohde, Darlene Smith, Todd Street-er or David Warner)

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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 (Doris Eddy-Freeman's Grandson), Andrew Graff (Son of Curt & Paula Graff, Grandson of Robert & Alice Graff), Alan Cornett III & Brian Bjelland (Sandy Miller's Nephews), Jon Clark (Mary Patterson's Grandson), Darrel Geving (Ken & Bernis Geving Nephew), Nicklas Wilson (Bill & Diane Wilson's Nephew).



# JULY

**Sunday's:** 9:00 am Worship

**Wednesday's:** The first Wednesday of each month our Youth Group will meet.

Thursday, July 2<sup>th</sup>: Worship & Music @ 10:00 am (Just for the month of July)

Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>: The Church collects unopened, non-perishable food items/or cash for the Food Shelf.

Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>: Flower Club at 1:00 pm

Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>: 12:45 pm Finance Team meets

Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>: BSLA meets at 8:30 am

Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>: Richardson Wedding

Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>: Building & Property meets at 9:30 am

Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>: Congregational Council. Time 7:00 pm.

Wednesday - Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>: Our Youth and Pastor Foss will be at the National Youth Gathering in Detroit.

Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>: Articles due for the Grace Messenger

Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>: 12:00 pm Bible Study for Grace Women

Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>: Grace Women meet - 1:00 pm

Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>: 8:00 am **Men's Breakfast** - check with Dick Rohde to see if they are meeting.

Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>: Bodway/Wahlin Wedding

Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>: Women of the ELCA (WELCA) will be meeting after Worship.

Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 am Assemble the Grace Messenger - Thank you to all of you faithful volunteers.

Monday → Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>: Remodeling project for the Sunday School area.



## AND



## Bake Sale

The Annual Ice Cream Social and Bake Sale will be August 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will also have brats, Hot dogs, Beans, Chips and the best thing Ice Cream & Cake.

Always welcome is all baked items for the Bake Sale. There will be a sign up sheet soon for those who would like to help out.

All Congregation Council Meetings are open to the Congregation and are held on the third Wednesday of each month

7:30 pm. September - April

7:00 pm May - August

Please come join us.



# LOVE NOTES FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE

Dear Friends,

We are in a time of transition in our church and that means giving up some things to make way for new growth. My role as Parish Nurse has changed dramatically over the years, slowly growing from doing Blood Pressure checks and a few visits in 1998 to a busy schedule of visits, community education, Adult Day Care, grief support and community connections. For the past few years we have not needed that level of service and my role is declining. That fact fits well with my desire to have more free time to spend **with family and friends and just 'kick-back' and enjoy other aspects of my life.** So after 17 years as Grace Parish Nurse I am resigning as of the end of August. It has been a rewarding experience for me and I thank all of you for your support and encouragement over the years. Our Health Ministry Team and Pastor Erika deserve special thanks for all the work they have done ....and for being my guide in my role! I couldn't have done it without them!! THANK YOU!! The H.M.T. will also be ending their service at the end of August.

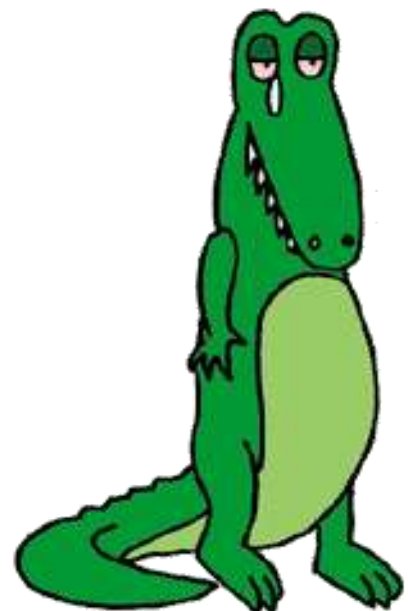
## WANTED

Beginning in September we need a person to be responsible for the AED. No medical background needed. Duties would be to do a monthly check of the unit to be sure it's working and dates are good on the battery and the pads. It's simple and only takes a couple minutes. Please prayerfully consider this. See me for questions and demonstration. Thanks!

***"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord."*** 1 Corinthians 12: 4,5

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

Mary Ann Kult  
Parish Nurse





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## Lay people Serving in July

### Altar Guild

Judy Skinner

### Usher:

Fred Fixsen

### Acolyte

5: Will Arnold  
12: Erin Ford  
19: James Dawson  
26: Karley Eld

### Lay Readers

5: Sue Berg  
12: Johnny Huspek  
19: Sue McCormack  
26: Joan Langsdorf

### Communion Assistants

5: Cheryl Haapoja  
12: Kacie Boyd  
19: Ellsa Sorenson  
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:  
12: Shari & Chloe Larson  
19: Ellsa & Norton Sorenson  
26: Judy Skinner

### Counters

5: Cheryl Haapoja  
12: David Warner  
19: Kendra Rohde  
26: Pat Kuschke



**Thank You** To everyone who helped with the VBS Day Camp especially our Youth. 28 attended.

**Thank you** to everyone who donated monies for our new sidewalk and those who helped with putting in the black dirt and seeding it. A good new look!!



*In Memory of  
Rodina Fahrendorff  
from  
Mary Ann Kult (Sidewalk Repair)  
Russ & Betty Thompson  
Ken & Pat Boyd  
Ginny Wallace*

*In Memory of  
CJ Meacham  
from  
Mike & Lois Christensen  
(Bldg. & Property)  
Norton & Ellsa Sorenson  
Carole Holten*

*In Need of Prayers  
and Cards*

Ivar Sorenson  
Duane Hanke  
Bill Wilson





GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES  
May 20, 2015

**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 May 20, 2015 at 7:05 by President Mike Christensen.

Present: Alecia Bodway, Mike Christensen, Aileen DeMenge, Bernis Geving, Cheryl Haapoja, Glenn Lane, Chloe Larson, Shari Larson, Dick Rohde, David Warner & Pastor Foss. 2 Congregational Members attended. Sandra Kilde and Mary Ann Kult,

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

**Opening Devotions / Prayer:** Chloe Larson

**Prayer of the Day:**

**2 Additional Agenda Items added / Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: Mike Christensen, Glenn Lane 2nd; MPU

**Secretary's Report:** Alecia

The minutes of the April meeting had previously been given to the Council Members.

No corrections were made.

David Warner made a motion to accept the minutes. Glenn Lane 2nd. MPU

Minutes stand approved as submitted

**Shared Correspondence:**

No shared correspondence

**Treasurer's Report:** Brooke

A motion was made by David Warner to accept the Treasurer's Report. Shari Larson 2<sup>nd</sup>. MPU

**Old Business:**

1. By-Law submission information – vote needs to be held on this item in September
2. Audit – No additional information since last month
3. Visioning Team – Next meeting is June 9 w/Synod input in attendance
4. Youth Ministry policy – (review/approval) – discussion ensued, great progress on this policy, Additional information requested from Pastor Erika and Shari Larson.
5. Personnel Committee – Requested that the meeting be closed, moved to the end of the meeting
6. Guide One Insurance – The bill is due now; Need a Safety Committee (Bldg. and Property?) and Risk Manager (Council President)
7. Bldg. and Property update – presented by Dick Rohde - Safety audit conducted today (5/20/15)

**New Business:**

Discussion regarding "Temporary Warning and Cooling Center Agreement" –

Mary Ann Kult provided some input; Mike Christenson will fill out agreement & get it returned  
Health Team has been involved in the past.



**Council meeting closed at 7:45 for Personnel items.**

Visitors were asked to leave.

Personnel has recommended that the Choir Director position be eliminated at this time.

The Council accepted the recommendation.

**Council Meeting re-opened at 8:09.**

**Devotions for next month:** David Warner

**Motion to Adjourn:** Aileen DeMenge motioned to adjourn meeting, Cheryl Haapoja 2<sup>nd</sup>, MPU

**Evening Prayer:**

**Blessing:**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Adjourn: 8:12 pm**

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES  
6/17/2015

**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 June 17, 2015 at 7:18 p.m. by Vice President Shari Larson.

Present: Alecia Bodway, Aileen DeMenge, Glenn Lane, Chloe Larson, Shari Larson, Dick Rohde, David Warner, Pastor Foss, 8 Congregational Members attended.

**Call to Worship: Apostles' Creed**

**Opening Devotions / Prayer:** David

**Prayer of the Day:**

**Additional Agenda Items / Approval of Agenda:** Passes unanimously.

**Secretary's Report:** Alecia

The minutes of the May 20th meeting has been previously given to the Council Members. Dick R. made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Aileen D. (Minutes stand approved as submitted)

Shared Correspondence:

No shared correspondence

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

1) David W. motions to borrow \$3,000 from Memorial Fund to cover May and June Portico bill. Dick R. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes.

2) Dick R. motions to pay for current past due bills of \$1,073 for Frontier and (2) Lake Country Power out of Building Maintenance Fund, also the remaining \$2,156.92 in the Sidewalk Fund be transferred to the Building Maintenance Fund. Dave W. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes.

3) Dick R. motions that he performs a Temple Talk on 6/21/15 to discuss the list of unpaid bills as of 6/18/15. Shari L. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

4) A motion was made by Dave W. and seconded by Aileen D. to accept the Treasurer's Report without approval. Motion passes.





### Treasures Report cont.'

- 5) Glenn motions to instruct the Finance Team to establish a plan, setting parameters to define essential expenditures and nonessential expenditures. Also to establish a criteria to define how the obligations are going to be met including a potential freeze of nonessential expenditures. Alecia B. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes.

### Old Business:

1. Bi-law submission
2. Audit
3. Visioning Team: Meeting again July 9, 2015. Dave. W motions to approve the Visioning Team startup. Glenn L. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes.
4. Youth Ministry Policy
5. Stewardship: 4 people going to stewardship training in Duluth, MN on June 27, 2015.

### New Business:

1. Nominating Committee:  
Re-elect- Aileen D., Glenn L., and Bernice G. Replace-Chloe L.  
Dave W. motions to put Aileen, Glenn, Bernis and Chloe on the nominating committee. Dick R. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes.
2. Annual Meeting Date: Dave W. motions to have the Annual Meeting on September 27, 2015. Aileen D. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes.
3. Council Retreat: Tabled.
4. Parish Nurse/Health Team:  
The Warming/Cooling Center Site Agreement. Dave W. motions to accept the health team's recommendation. Glenn L. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes.  
Dave W. motions to accept MaryAnn's resignation and to extend our heartfelt thanks for her service all of the years. Shari L. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes.
5. Worship and Music (Survey and loaning out items):
6. Mutual Ministry Handout:  
Mutual Ministry team needed. Tabled.
7. July Council Date:  
Meeting July 22, 2015.
8. Finance Team
9. Building and Property Report

**Devotions for next month:** Bernis

**Motion to Adjourn:**

**Evening Prayer:**

**Blessing:**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Adjourn: 9:10 p.m.**



September 27<sup>th</sup>  
Following Worship





Preparing for Worship in July

July 5<sup>th</sup>

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalms 123

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

July 12<sup>th</sup>

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-15

Psalms 85:8-13

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29



July 19<sup>th</sup>

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 23

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

June 26<sup>th</sup>

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalms 145:10-18

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday

9:00 am Worship

Main Sanctuary

10:00 am Sunday School

(No Sunday School during the Summer)

Fellowship after Worship Service

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME!

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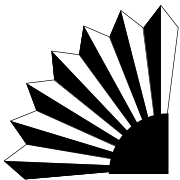
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National Youth Gathering

Detroit, MI

July 15 - 19, 2015

For 9<sup>th</sup> → 12<sup>th</sup> Graders



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