

# GRACE MESSENGER

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Lay People Serving in November

### Altar Guild

Sue Anderson

### Ushers

13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>: Sue Anderson & Family  
(Yes you can sign up for just one week)

### Acolyte

6: Parker Jackson  
13: Ethan Bohn  
20: James Dawson  
27: Emma Henderson

### Lay Readers

6: Deanna Forry  
13: David Warner  
20: Diane Eddy  
27: Mary Ann Kult

### Communion Assistants

6: No Communion  
13: Kendra Rohde  
20: Diane Eddy  
27: Mary Ann Kult

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.)

6: Youth Group  
13: Lois Meacham & Diane Eddy  
20: Kendra & Dick Rohde  
27:

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

*Family & Friends of*  
John Swanson



Thank you all so much for your generous support of Phebe Hospital. We really appreciate the fact that you hosted BJ and Mary Jo for the Luncheon. RREAL (Rural Renewable Energy Alliance)

*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  
Lorraine Nygaard

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

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

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

**Team: Grace Women**

**Minutes taken by: Lois Christensen**

**Date: October 18, 2016**

**Call To Order: 01:10 pm @ Grace Lutheran church**

By Mary Ann K. with 8 ladies in attendance

**Agenda Additions/Approval: MACC (new)**

**Secretary Report: Lois Christensen**

Minutes of September 2016 minutes: Diane W. moved, Diane E. 2<sup>nd</sup>; approved.

**Correspondence:** Newsletters: ANGELS, Women of ELCA Interchange, Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry; Letter from Lutheran World Relief Quilt & Kit Tracker; Thank You: RREAL; Donation: Red Hat Schoolmarms

**Treasurers Report: Carole Holten (absent)**

Written report submitted & Mary Ann K. presented: Diane E. moved, Barb G. 2<sup>nd</sup>; approved

**Old Business:**

**Harvest Luncheon: follow-up Judy S.**

Good responses. 3 Red Hat groups attended as well as many with no church affiliation. Served 75 (+) not counting Grace Women.

Very well done day!

**Ham Dinner: Judy S.**

Signs are out-fliers are here & ready to go. Whole Ham has been ordered, it will be pre-sliced by Cory at Big Dollar. Cory recommends that the ham be placed in oven cooking bags along with pineapple slices & brown sugar added for additional flavor. Potatoes: used 100 lbs. last year, Carole H. is ordering 150 lbs. Sign up is going well, Pie sign up is on its way. Bake sale by Diane W. & Phyllis B.

**Christmas Child/Shoe Boxes:**

Basket for monetary donations is located in the back of the church. Boxes to be in Aitkin Nov. 14 thru 21. Need filled boxes at Grace by Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

**Heartland Conference:**

It is being held in Baxter on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Carole H. is going, and anyone wanting to go should call Carole. Our Love Offering: is \$100. A Silent Auction will be held: Motion by Diane E. to get wine and other items for a basket at Minnestalgia; not to exceed \$35, Diane W. 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved. Carole H. will pick up & take

**Cookie pack & potluck Luncheon:**

Date set @: December 13, 2016 @ 11:00 am. **Please bring 3 dozen cookies & a dish to share**

**Budget:**

Tabled until November.

**Elections:**

**All officers will be up for election for 2017.**

(President, treasurer, vice-president & secretary- please volunteer! Nominations will be encouraged)

**MACC:**

November is Graces month-please sign up!

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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

November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
GLOW - Grace Lutheran on Wednesday  
3:30 pm

November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Youth Group  
5:30 pm

November 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
Knitting 4 Peace  
9:30 am

November 4<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Hunters Ham Dinner  
4:30 → 7:00 pm

November 6<sup>th</sup>  
Daylight Savings Ends  
2:00 am

November 16<sup>th</sup>  
Congregational Council  
7:00 pm

November 19<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>  
Middle School Youth Gathering

Office Hours  
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).

#### WHAT IS "PV"

"PV is short for photovoltaics or solar electricity. Solar electric (PV) modules convert solar radiation into electricity. Most PV installations have multiple modules linked together to generate more power. When many modules are linked together, they form an "array." The PV system to be deployed at Phebe Hospital will be a large array consisting of multiple PV modules.

#### WHAT IS "PHEBE"

Phebe Hospital and School of Nursing is a vitally important regional health facility in rural Liberia. Phebe serves over 50,000 patients annually and supports a regional population of 450,000 as its sole option for health services. The School of Nursing is a critical component of Liberia's health care infrastructure, training around 250 mid-level health care workers each year. The complex is run solely by diesel generators burning up to 90,000 gallons of fuel annually, at a cost of over \$300,000.

There will be more information coming in future Newsletters.



## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES October 19, 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 October 19, 2016 at 7:03 p.m. by President Nate Jackson.

Present: Alecia Wahlin, Michaela Jackson, Mike Christensen, Nicole Eld, Cheryl Haapoja, Nate Jackson, Shari Larson, Dick Rohde, Ron Smith, David Warner. **4** Congregational Members attended.

**Call to Worship: Apostles' Creed**

**Opening Devotions / Prayer:** Shari

**Prayer of the Day:**

**Secretary's Report:** Alecia 1) The minutes of the September 21, 2016 meeting has been previously given to the Council Members. **1** correction was made. \*\* Nate Jackson was in attendance at last meeting. (Sept. 21)\*\*

Dick R. 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 Mike C. and seconded by Dave W. to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Old Business:**

1. Nominating Team \*\* Looking for volunteers to be on church council\*\*
2. Cemetery Deed \*\*Tabled\*\*

**New Business:**

1. Dave W. motions to make an amendment to the by-laws to structure the cemetery fund so that it is protected. Dick R. seconds. IN FAVOR- **3** OPPOSED- **7**. Motion is NOT passed.
2. Congregational members shared some concerns with the council.

**Devotions for next month:** Cheryl

**Motion to Adjourn:**

**Evening Prayer:**

**Blessing:**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Adjourn: 8:23 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





# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 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 of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Grace Annual Meeting was called to order on September 25, 2016 at 9:55 a.m. by President Nate Jackson.

37 congregation members attended.

**Minutes from last annual meeting:** Dave Warner motions to approve minutes. Jeanie Thompson seconds. Motion carried. Dick Rohde motions to accept special council meeting minutes. Mike Christensen seconds. Motion carried.

**Budget 2017:** Mike Christensen motions to accept the budget for 2017. Jesse Wahlin seconds. Motion carried.

### Elections:

**Council:** in progress. Looking for 2 members to volunteer to be on church council.

Dick Rohde motions to re-elect Michaela Jackson as youth council member. Darlene Smith seconds. Motion carried.

**Financial Secretary:** Carole Holten motions to re-elect Brooke Sorensen as Treasurer and Mindy Ekelund as Financial Secretary. Dave Warner seconds. Motion carried.

**Endowment Committee:** Jesse Wahlin motions to elect Teri Arnold as member of Endowment Committee. Walt Ford seconds. Motion carried.

**Voting Member to Synod Convention:** Larry Doten motions to accept Carole Holten and MaryAnn Kult as voting members for 2017. Kendra Rohde seconds. Motion carried.

**By-law change:** Dave Warner motions to accept name change from Personnel Committee to Human Resources Team. Kendra Rohde seconds. Motion carried.

**Other Business:** Carole Holten motions to keep cemetery fund money only in the cemetery fund. Dick Rohde seconds. No vote. Larry Doten motions to table the topic for further discussion. Jesse Wahlin seconds. 1 Opposition. Motion passes.

Dave Warner recommends to council to urgently consider changing the by-laws so that the cemetery fund cannot be borrowed from. Dick Rohde seconds. Motion carried.

### Lord's Prayer

**Adjournment: 10:44 a.m.**

If you missed the meeting and would like a copy of the packet with the Annual Reports, stop by the Parish Administrators Office.

### Announcements:

Ham Dinner: November 04, 2016

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

Triennial Gathering July 13-16, 2017

**Next Meeting:** Date: November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016; 01:00 pm @ Grace Church.

Devotions:

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*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.*

*CHRISTMAS CHILD*

We are collecting Shoe Boxes for Christmas Child. There are shoe boxes and instructions available if you would like to pack a shoe box. They are located on a table in the Fellowship Hall. Please have your shoe box at the Church by Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## Grace Messenger

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