

GRACE MESSENGER

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 2017

Lay People Serving in September

Altar Guild

Diane Wilson
Phyllis Barnhart

Ushers

(Yes you can sign up for just one week)

Acolyte

3: Parker Jackson
10: Erin Ford
17: Ethan Bohn
24: Will Arnold

Lay Readers

3: Sandy Miller
10: Tammy Ford
17: Tammy Ford
24: Dick Rohde

Communion Assistants

3: Jeff Fagerstrom
10: Jeff Fagerstrom
17: Jeff Fagerstrom
24: Kendra Rohde

Coffee

3:
10: Youth Group
17:
24:

In Need of Prayers and Cards

*Ivar Sorenson
Steve Frauenschuh*

*Family & Friends of
Victor (Mike) Lindahl
Clarice Johnson
Harold Ford
(Walt Ford's Father)*

*In Memory of
Mel Kooda
from*

*Richard & Susan Feist
Daniel & Matha Connors
J. Brula
Joseph & Margaret Muller
Laurie Tarnowski
Bernis Geving
Robert & Alice Graff
Ken & Pat Boyd
Melvin & Nancy Kooda*

*In Memory of
Ken Holten
from
Carole Holten
(Ceiling Light)*

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*Annual Congregational Meeting,
Sunday September 17th, following
Worship.*

Annual Reports due September 5th

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 Christensen
 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: August 15, 2017

Call To Order: 12:30 pm @ Fireside

there were 6 ladies in attendance

Agenda Additions/Approval: NA

Secretary Report: Lois Christensen

Correspondence: Northeastern Lights & ANGELS, Newsletter;

Treasurers Report: Carole Holten

An oral report was given.

Old Business:

No old business

New Business:

Harvest Luncheon (October 3): Menu was discussed

Ham Dinner (November 3): Lots of discussion, more to come.

Announcements:

Harvest Luncheon (October 3 @ 11:30 am):

Ham Dinner (November 3, 4:30 to 7:00 pm):

Next Meeting:

September 19, 2017, 12:30 pm @ Fireside

Adjourned with 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.

What's Happening at Grace

September 1st & 15th
Knitting 4 Peace

September 6th
Worship & Music
7:15 pm

September 10th
God's Work Our Hands

September 17th
Annual Congregational Meeting
Following Worship
Annual Reports due
September 5th

September 19th
Grace Women
12:30 pm at Fireside

September 20th
7:30 pm Congregation Council

Office Hours

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9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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Giving at Grace

Giving at Grace can be done in many different ways. Which works best for you?

Traditional envelope giving: Church members receive theirs in the mail, extra envelopes are in the pews.

Online giving: through Grace's website.

Simply Giving: arranged to be drawn from your bank accounts on ongoing basis.

Credit/Debit Card: a "Square" reader is attached to our tablet for anyone to "swipe" their credit or debit card on.

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).

*Time is Precious
Waste it Wisely*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
August 16, 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 on August 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm by President Nate Jackson.

Present: Carole Holten, Nate Jackson, Ron Smith, Alecia Wahlin, David Warner, Pastor Foss, Treasurer, No
Congregational Members attended.

Call to Worship: Apostles' Creed:

Opening Devotions / Prayer: Pastor Foss

Prayer of the Day:

Additional Agenda Items / Approval of Agenda: Motion made by David, 2nd by Ron. Approved.

Secretary's Report: Alecia 1) The minutes of the last meeting. No corrections were made. David made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Ron. Minutes approved as submitted. No Shared Correspondence:

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Ron and seconded by David to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business:

1. Cemetery: To Incorporated? David brought up the subject of Incorporation of the Cemetery as it's own entity. Much discussion followed. This was tabled to September council meeting. Ron will ask Larry Bunge to call another Cemetery Team Meeting.
2. Coffee Bar - Discontinued due to lack of interest.
3. Time/Day of meeting for the Council: No action for change. Council will meet 7:30 pm September - April and 7:00 pm May - August.
4. Audit: in process

New Business:

1. New Cemetery rules and cost: Updated roles were presented. Discussion was had about changes and some questions arose. Due to the questions the rules will be reassessed at a Cemetery Team meeting then brought back to the Council.
2. Annual Meeting:
 - a) Election: Can be reelected: Alecia & David will be re-elected, two other spots need to be filled. Endowment: Alvina can be reelected, Peggy & Larry are off, plus need one more spot filled. To be elected at Annual Meeting.
 - b) Changing Bi-Laws? ¹Annual meeting date, ²cash reserve
Discussion about bringing back the January date for the Annual Meeting. This will be brought up at the Annual Meeting in September.
 - c) Agenda for the Annual Meeting: Motion by David to approve agenda, 2nd by Ron, motion carried.
 - d) Budget: Discussed. Several changes were made. Final Budget for 2018, \$135,686. Motion by David to approve, 2nd by Ron, motion carried.





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3. Cyber Insurance: Nate discussed his findings about Cyber Insurance. This is needed for the Church, cost will be about \$500.

4. Pray Ground: Pastor Erika brought an idea for children called a "Pray Ground". It is an area in the front of the Church for children under age of 3 during services. A family has donated \$400 toward this project, no decisions were made. A handout was given to Council Members. A taskforce will be set up to look into this area.

5. Mission Planning: a meeting with the original Committee as follow up of the Saturday, August 12th, meeting to work on goals in progress.

6. Devotion Idea: Discussed using the insert from Sunday bulletin as a source.

7. Ham Dinner: Will be a Church wide project. Carole will be Chair. Funds raised will go to the general fund. This will mean that Grace Women's donation to outreach in the Community will cease.

8. Giving to the Synod: By-Laws state in Section 12.05H that Grace will donate 10% of offerings to the Synod. No money has been donated to the Synod in 2017. Discussion followed. David made a motion to change this to give the Synod \$500 per year. 2nd by Alecia, motion carried.

9. Phone at Parsonage: Pastor suggest eliminating the phone at the parsonage. She has a cell phone that can be used.

10. Outside play area: Ron said Shamrock Township has wood chips that can be used for play area.

Devotions for next month: Logan Jackson

Motion to Adjourn: Ron, 2nd by David, motion carried.

Evening Prayer:

Blessing:

Lord's Prayer

Adjourn: at 8:25 pm

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 July 2017, planned spending was \$12,094.

In July 2017, Congregation giving was \$8,599.

July's Designated Giving (Building, Cemetery, Youth, World Hunger, etc.) was \$576.

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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