

GRACE MESSENGER

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

December 2017

Lay People Serving in December

Altar Guild

Alvina Vorbeck

Ushers

(Yes you can sign up for just one week)

Acolyte

3: Erin Ford

10: Ethan Bohn

17: Will Arnold

24: Emma Henderson (5:00 pm)

31: Isabelle Cook

Lay Readers

3: Grace Anderson

10: Not Needed

17: Carole Holten

24: 9:00 am Not Needed

24: 5:00 pm Sue McCormack

24: 7:00 pm

31: Not Needed

Communion Assistants

3: Grace Anderson

10:

17: Carole Holten

24: 9:00 am

24: 5:00 pm

5:00 pm

5:00 pm

24: 7:00 pm

31:

In Need of Prayers and Cards

Ivar Sorenson

Steve Frauenshuh

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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.

Coffee

3: Youth Group

10:

17: Carole Holten

24: (9:00 am)

31: Alvina Vorbeck

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

Team: Grace Women
Date: November 21, 2017

Call To Order:

Meeting called to order at: 1:05 pm with 5 in attendance
 Devotions: Carole
 WELCA Offering Basket and Penny Jar (Not done)

Agenda Additions/Approval

Approved as distributed

Secretary Report:

Approval of prior Minutes: Approved as distributed
 Correspondence – Birthright, Inc. Newsletter

Treasurers Report: Carole Holten

Approval of last month's Report: Approved as distributed
 Reviewed what was left to pay for our missions. Phoebe Project (project completed) and Good Samaritan Shoe Box (not doing this year). About \$1,174.32 left to pay for this year.

Old Business:

Bible Study – Sue has found a short Bible Study – about 4 weeks written by Max Lucado. Cost about \$19.99 for the book. What time to meet? Lessons are about 1-1½ hours. Much discussion – to be worked on. (to be tabled at this time)
 Ham Dinner- Feedback: Went well, need a few adjustments, less cool whip, buns were donated and we were close on the amount, ham was enjoyed by all – for some reason we had lots left, will be unable to get potatoes next year, due to they are retiring. Took in \$1903 with cost of food a total of \$1387.62 was given to the Church, Grace Women received the monies from the bake sale of \$465. In future purchased food and monies taken in will be done by the Church.
 Destruction of old files – how long do we need to keep records? Diane E. Will do files in January.
 Cookie Pack & Pot Luck Luncheon – December 12 – 11:00 am – 3 Dz. Cookies & Dish to share: This is in the bulletin and will be in the Newsletter.
 Serve Cookies – Wed. Dec. 13th following “Old Fashioned Christmas”: Carole & Diane have volunteered to get coffee and cider ready and set out cookies. Will also serve apple cider. Diane made a motion that the apple cider be purchased by Grace Women, Carole seconded, motion carried.

New Business:

Budget for 2018: much discussion with some changes from this year, Phoebe project (project completed) and Good Samaritan Shoe box (no longer doing) have been taken out. Added GSO (Good Samaritan Outreach).

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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 1st & 15th

Knitting 4 Peace

December 6th

3:30 pm GLOW

December 6th

5:30 pm Youth Group

December 7th

2:00 pm Worship & Music

December 10th

9:00 am Worship

GLOW Christmas Program

December 10th

Following Worship

Quarterly Congregational Meeting

December 12th

Grace Women

Cookie Pack & Pot Luck Lunch

December 13th

3:30 pm Confirmation

December 13th

7:00 pm Old Fashioned Christmas

Log Church

December 20th

7:30 pm Congregation Council

December 24th

Worship Services

9:00 am Regular Worship

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship - Main Sanctuary

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship - Log Church

Office Hours

Pastor

Mondays Thru Thursdays
Office Phone: 218-426-3343

Parish Administrator

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Membership

If you wish to join Grace Lutheran,
Please speak to Pastor Erika

Facebook

We are on Facebook - like us!!



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*

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A couple of projects were cut back in what we give. Talked of projects we could do to raise funds.
? Election for new Officers: Carole (Treasurer), Mary Ann (President) and Diane (Vice-President) volunteered to stay on another year. Lois will be contacted and ask if she would also volunteer. Motion by Carole to accept the new slate of Officers, Sue seconded, motion carried.

Lenten Suppers – do we continue to do them? Only 8-10 people attended last year. Recommendation: Not to serve Lenten Suppers.

Meetings in January & February? Will meet January 16th at the Bakery, February 20th at the café in Palisade.

Announcements:

Bible Study one hour before each Grace Women Meeting? No Bible Study will be held at this time.

Next Meeting:

Next Meeting Date: December 12th – Cookie Pack & Pot Luck Lunch

Devotions:

Prayer and Adjournment: Prayer by Carole, adjourned at 3:22 pm



*In Memory of
Barbara Greifzu
from
(to Grace Women)
Judy Skinner
Mike & Lois Christensen
(Memorial)
Carole Holten
(Building & Property)
Diane Eddy*

*In Memory of
Bud Johnson
from
Carole Holten (General Fund)
Diane Eddy (Bldg. & Prop.)*

*In Memory of
Barbara Orth
from
Diane Eddy (Cemetery)*

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

In Sept 2017, Congregation giving was 11,385.

Sept's Designated Giving (Building, Cemetery, Youth, World Hunger, etc.) was \$4,436.

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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