

GRACE MESSENGER

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

July
2019

Lay People Serving in July

Altar Guild

Ushers

7: Dick & Kendra Rohde
14:
21:
28:

Acolyte

7: Will Arnold
14: Emma Henderson
21: Clyde Swedberg
28: Audrey Cook

Lay Readers

7: Erin Ford
14:
21:
28:

Communion Assistants

7:
14:
21:
28:

Coffee

7: Kendra & Dick Rohde
14: Ruby Serfling
21:
28:

In Need of Prayers and Cards

*Ivar Sorenson
Bob Broberg
Herman Ekelund*



Thank You Ruby

*Serfling for weeding
the flower beds.*

*Thank You all of you
that helped with the
projects in the Par-
sonage.*

We are in desperate NEED of Altar Guild for July, September, October, November and December. If you have never done this before and would like to help us out—talk to Mary Ann Kult or Diane Eddy.

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

Grace Women

Meet: 3rd Tuesday Each Month @ 12:30 pm
 Leaders: Mary Ann Kult and Diane Eddy
 Secretary: Lois Christensen
 Treasurer: Carole Holten

Team: Grace Women

Minutes taken by: Lois Christensen

Date: June 18, 2019

Call to Order: 12:35 pm @ Palisade Cafe

By Mary Ann K.—there were 8 ladies in attendance. Also, in attendance was Interim Pastor Cheryl Fleckenstein and was welcomed by all. Thank you, Mary Ann, for devotions.

Agenda Additions/Approval:

School kits-new—Carole H.
Additions/Agenda approved by consensus

Secretary Report: Lois Christensen

Motion to approve prior minutes by Pat J., 2nd by Sue B., motion passed.

Correspondence

Convention/gathering information; Newsletter; ANGLES

Question was asked about changes to ANGLES program. Carole H. explained to Pastor Cheryl what ANGLES are and what they do for the community. Carol stated there are no real changes, only cut back on working hours.

Treasurers Report: Carole Holten

Stated report is through May 31, 2019. Motion to approve report by Diane E., 2nd by Ellsa S., motion passed.

Old Business:

Alter Guild: Need volunteers for July, Sept., Oct., Nov., & Dec.

New Business:

Fund raiser:

1)—Sue B. suggested doing a “Taste of Grace”, a take off on the taste of McGregor theme

2)—Carole H. suggested a Bake Sale-always a money maker

After discussion it was decided to host a bake/book sale on Saturday, July 20, 2019, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Will need volunteers to help!

WELCA Convention: Carole H.

June 24-26 @ Sugar Lake Lodge near Grand Rapids. Carole & Mary Ann will be unable to attend. Carole will check to see who might wish to attend.

School Kits: Carole H.

Synod project to collect school items. Carole will check web site to determine all that is entailed. Ellsa S. suggested we should start collecting items now and send to synod at proper collection time. Similar to the “shoe box” campaign.

Announcements:

- Parsonage Work Days: Painting is this Wed. June 19th; Cleaning day is June 26th both with potluck lunch
- WELCA Convention @ Sugar Lake Lodge June 24-26
- Need volunteers to sign-up for coffee & Altar Guild on Sundays
- Interim Pastor Cheryl Fleckenstein will start on July 1st
- Bake Sale/Book Sale on July 20th

Next Meeting:

July 16th, 2019, 12:30 pm @ Big Sandy Lake Lodge

Devotions: Carole H.

Adjournment @ 2:20 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

July 1st

Pastor Cheryl Fleckenstein arrives as our Interim Pastor

July 4nd

Independence Day
Office closed

July 5th & 19st

9:30 am Knitting 4 Peace

July 10th

1:00 pm Garden Club

July 11th

2:00 pm Worship & Music

July 16th

12:30 pm Grace Women
Sandy Lake Lodge

July 17th

7:30 pm Congregation Council

July 20th

10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Bake & Book Sale
"Grace Women"

July 28th

Following Worship
Education Team

What do you want for your Church Education?

Meeting on July 28th following Worship please attend.

Pastor

Cheryl Fleckenstein

Office Hours

Parish Administrator
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm
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Membership

If you wish to join Grace Lutheran,
Please speak to a Council Member

Facebook

We are on Facebook - like us!!

Articles for the Newsletter are welcome at any time.

BAKE & BOOK SALE

July 20th Grace Women will have a "Bake & Book" sale here at Grace. It will be between the hours of 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please help us out and bring some of your baked goods and books. The proceeds will go to Grace Women to support them in their local mission giving. See Mary Ann Kult or Diane Eddy if you would like to help us out.

*Time is Precious
Waste it Wisely*

Members for the Team

Sunday School and/or GLOW for this fall

Education Team is looking for people to help

Backpack blessing to be held September 1st

To have a Bible Study

Education Team Meeting will be held following Worship on Sunday, July 28th.
Attend the meeting if you would like to help with any of these things.

Who knows the ages of our youth?

We will need names of our youth who is the age to start Confirmation Class and who needs their 1st Communion classes. Please give the information to the Parish Administrator to forward on to Pastor Cheryl and the Education Team.

Thank You

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

June 19, 2019

Mission Statement: Through Grace we grow, share, and spread God's love.

Call to order:

Grace Council meeting was called to order on June 19, 2019 at 7:05 pm by President Walt Ford, by Phone, no quorum.

Present: Walt Ford, Joe Frauenshuh, Carole Holten, Nate Jackson, David Warner, and no Congregational Members.

Call to Worship: Apostles' Creed:

Opening Devotions / Prayer: Joe

Prayer of the Day:

Additional Agenda Items / Approval of Agenda: Motion by David to approve the agenda as amended, 2nd by Nate. Approved.

Secretary's Report: 1) Minutes of the May 15, 2019. No corrections were made. David made a motion to accept the minutes as printed and 2nd by Nate. Motion carried.

Shared Correspondence: (a) Letter from Synod, (b) Letter from Voyageurs Lutheran Camp: Explained why no day camp. -c- Lett about our Parish Nurse (we don't have one—does the Synod know?) 2. "Bible in America " could we put an article in the Newsletter? 3. Election of new Bishop—bring up in church. Lots of discussions on other misc. things by council members.

Joys and Concerns: Shared

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

A motion was made by David and seconded by Nate to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. Reaffirm next meeting.

Old Business:

1. Lutheran Lounge: No action
2. Endowment Audit: No action.
3. Finance Plan: Forms sent out.
4. Interim Pastor discussion: Pastor Cheryl Fleckenstein. Told about visit by Pastor Cheryl to Grace Women.

New Business:

1. Review Personnel Policy: Look at it on our own time, bring any concerns to the next meeting.
- 2.

Devotions for next month: Nate

Motion to Adjourn:

Evening Prayer:

Blessing:

Lord's Prayer

Adjourn: 8:10 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



What is Intentional Interim Ministry?

It will be so good to finally be with you as your Intentional Interim Pastor on Sunday July 7. So, what is an “Intentional Interim Pastor” and what will happen during our time together? Hopefully, this article can address some of your questions.

This interim time is a time to focus on who you are and where God is calling you now. The security systems that were in place with your prior pastor are now in question. There is no longer a relationship with her, whether that relationship was good or not.

This interim time is a time where there are no boundaries as to what you can or will consider. It is an opportunity to look at your congregation’s identity beyond who you were with your prior pastor. It is a time to ask significant questions, such as “Why do we ...?” or “What is our mission and how is it going?” Or, “Who are we as the people of God in this time and place?” or “What is our mission in the future?” and “What future do we seek?”

This interim time is also a time for us to look together at barriers or potential barriers in your congregation’s ministry and whether to address them. Every congregation has issues that need to be addressed during an interim time. Some of the issues are problems that have solutions that can be applied. Some issues may be ongoing concerns that do not have solutions and will remain issues.

My role in all of this is twofold. First, I will serve as your temporary pastor, which means that as an ordained clergy in the ELCA, I will do all the jobs that a regular “settled call” pastor does, like lead worship, pastoral care, committee participation, sacraments, so that you can continue your ministry during this time of transition. Secondly, as your Intentional Interim Pastor, my specific role is like a consultant, walking alongside you, listening to you and God, and asking questions that help you see where God is in your communal life, and where God is calling you next. The answers to these questions will help you, your future call committee and the synod find your next called pastor.

This is an exciting time. Yes, it may include anxiety and stress, and it will mean hard work. But it is a holy time, a time to listen to each other and to God so we can see what God has in store for you in this next part of your journey with different pastoral leadership.

I am blessed to walk with you during this time. I look forward to meeting you and talking with you about your hopes and dreams for your congregation. You can reach me on my cell 608-495-3147, or by email at fleckensteincheryl@yahoo.com.

Peace, Pastor Cheryl



live give grow

The Bible in America

Despite being thousands of years old, the Bible continues to reign supreme as the most-read book in the world. More than 5 billion copies have been sold to readers who tout the benefits of its influence, including deepening relationships with God and encouraging philanthropy and more loving behavior toward others. From devotees of the Word to those who are Bible-curious, here's a look at how the text is reaching today's generations and how they're using it in their daily lives.

By Taylor Hugo • Illustration by Rocco Baviera

What percentage of people in different locales use the Bible?



53% in cities

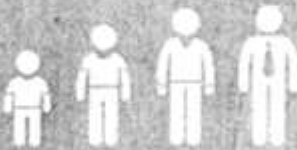


49% in rural or small towns



42% in suburbs

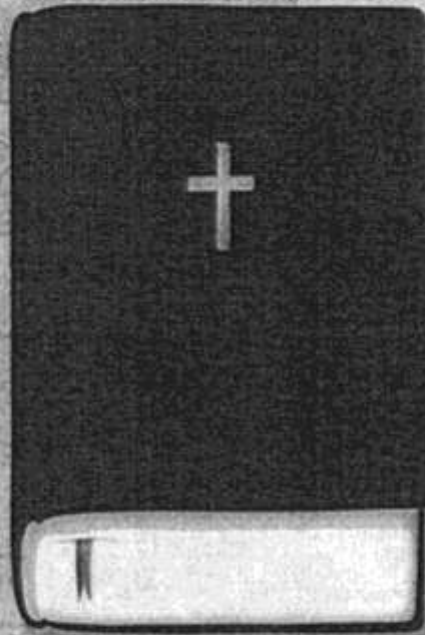
Who uses the Bible?



48% of Elders
51% of Baby Boomers
45% of Generation X
47% of Millennials

48%

The number of Americans who consider themselves Bible users, defined as engaging with the text at least three to four times per year outside of church. Of that number, 14% use the Bible on a daily basis.



71%

The Bible has a positive impact on behavior, with 71% of users saying they are more generous with their time, energy or financial resources.

96%

of Bible users feel the holy text heightens their awareness of how much they need God.

95%

of Bible users say it fosters a sense of connection to Him.



Most people (89%) still prefer to read a print version of the Bible over digital options, though Internet (57%), smartphone (55%), app (42%), podcast (35%) and audio (36%) use is steadily increasing.

Source: State of the Bible 2018, commissioned by the American Bible Society, research conducted by Ipsos Group

Next Youth Gathering is 2021
June 29 → July 3
Held in Minneapolis

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).

Service Members: Jon Clark (Mary Patterson's Grandson), Darrel Geving (Bernis Geving's Nephews), Nicklas Wilson (Diane Wilson's Nephew), Michael Hebert (Mary Streeter's Grandson), Joey Jacobs (Youth Group Member) (Step Son of Stephanie Jacobs).

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Sunday
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