

GRACE MESSENGER

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

January
2020

Lay People Serving in January

Altar Guild

Nancy Eddy
Diane Eddy

Ushers

5: Dick & Kendra Rohde
12: Dick & Kendra Rohde
(Yes you can sign up for just one week)

Acolyte

Lay Readers

5: David Warner
12: Mary Ann Kult
19: Peggy Magner
26: Jean Newgard

Communion Assistants

5: Mary Ann Kult
12: Mary Ann Kult
19: Peggy Magner
26: Shari Larson

Coffee

5:
12: Nancy & Liz Eddy
19:
26:

In Need of Prayers and Cards

*Ivar Sorenson
Bob Broberg
Herman Ekelund
Ellsa Sorenson*

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*In Memory of
Edna Neitzel
from
Mary Ann Kult (Memorial)
Bernis Geving*

*In Memory of
Rozanne Graham
from
Daniel R. Blegen*

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: Dec. 10, 2019

Cookie Pack held today, 9 women in attendance. Cookies packed for shut-ins, to include non-members and for fellowship time after the Old Fashion Christmas.
 An enjoyable Pot Luck Lunch was held with lots of laughter.

Announcements:
NO Grace Women's meeting in January
 Next Meeting:
 February 17th, 2020 @ Grace

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

*Time is Precious
 Waste it Wisely*

Articles for the Newsletter are welcome at any time.

- January 3rd & 17th
9:30 am Knitting 4 Peace
- January 7th
6:30 pm Stewardship
- January 8th
1:00 pm Garden Club
- January 9th
2:00 pm Worship & Music
- January 12th
9:00 am
Worship in the Log Church
- January 15th
7:30 pm Congregational Council
- January 21st
Grace Women
No meeting this month

Here at Grace we have several ways for you to give your offering.

1. Mail in or bring in the envelopes that are sent to your house each month.
2. Put cash/checks in the offering plate loose or use an envelope that are in each pew.
3. Use your credit card and the square/ipad that are located in the narthex.
4. Simply Giving: Simply Giving is direct deposit from your bank account to the church bank account. There are options on when the withdrawals take place, and how much you wish to give. You will find the Simply Giving form included in this Newsletter. Please fill it out and either bring it to church or mail it to church to start giving in this way.

Thank you for giving to Grace Lutheran Church.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
Special Meeting
December 22, 2019

29 Members attended—quorum present

President of Council Walt Ford Called meeting to order.

1) Proposed changes to Fundamental Document.

a) Proposed changes to Endowment Fund:

1) C13.08.04, section 4

2) C13.08.03, section b, e, (R) , a

3) C13.08.05, section b

b) Motion made to accept the change to the endowment guidelines by Dick Rohde, seconded by Nancy Eddy. Discussion held. Russ Thompson called for the question. Motion approved.

2) Discussion of the Loftus Funds. Specific guidelines were outlined in the Will, only for Youth.

3) Emma Arnold & Karley Eld have volunteered to be leaders of the “New Youth Group” called “Impact”. It will cover ages 11 to 19 and meetings will be held once a month at Grace. To have food, games and other things for youth. They will also be doing volunteer throughout the community as raising money for Ronald McDonald House and an organization raising money through Yudabands. Being they are both seniors this year, they will find their replacements.

Office copy will also include:

Sign in sheet for members

Copy of the revised section of the Fundamental Document.

All Congregational Council Meetings are open to the Congregation and are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Please come join us

The list for 2020 Coffee & Treat Fellowship is posted. No need for a lot or fancy, just cookies (store bought cookies will even do), coffee and something cold. If you have any questions please contact Diane (Parish Administrator).

Grace Church has a project for Lutheran World Relief. We will be collecting items for School Kits, they will include the following:

We have 40 completed Kits, to complete the odds & ends we need:

6 Rulers

12 Blunt scissor

10 pencil Sharpener

18 boxes of 24 crayons.

We will have a basket in the Narthex for donations. We will assemble the kits and have them ready to bring to the ELCA Conference in June 2020.

(Can find items at unclaimed freight) Thank You Alvina for putting everything together.

We are revising the list constantly.

Thank You

Information Central

Seeing God

Epiphany is the season of the church year when we focus on “seeing God” in the people and events of our lives. When I think of Epiphany, I think of a Buddhist story about seeing in a different way. Here is the story:

One day a farmer’s only horse disappeared. His neighbors all came to commiserate with him on his bad luck, but the farmer just said, “Bad luck? Good luck? Who knows?”

A week or so later, the farmer’s horse returned, accompanied by two wild horses. The farmer’s neighbors all came by to congratulate him on his good luck, but the farmer just said, “Good luck? Bad luck? Who knows?”

The farmer’s son decided to break the wild horses so they could be ridden. One of the horses threw him and broke his leg. The neighbors came by to console the farmer for this stroke of bad luck, but the farmer just said, “Bad luck? Good luck? Who knows?”

A few days later, the king’s army came to the village. They took all the able-bodied young men to fight in a war. They left the farmer’s son because he had a broken leg. The neighbors all came by to congratulate the farmer on his good luck, but the farmer just said, “Good luck? Bad luck? Who knows?”

The story reminds me of Romans 8:28, which reads, “For all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose.” What a wonderful promise! These words change our perspective on the events of our lives and in our world. No matter what happens God is always, always working to bring good out of it.

So, where do you see God working to bring good into your life, into Grace, into McGregor, into the world? And where can YOU join God in that work for the sake of the world? That is God’s commission for us as baptized ones. That is God’s invitation to us as the church.

Peace, Pastor Cheryl

The list for 2020 Altar Guild is posted, please sign up. If you have never done this before and would like to help us out—talk to Mary Ann Kult or Diane Eddy.

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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