

GRACE MESSENGER

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

March
2020

Lay People Serving in March

Altar Guild
Shari Larson

Ushers
(Yes you can sign up for just one week)

Acolyte

Lay Readers
1: David Warner
8: Alice Graff
15: Valerie Warner
22: David Warner
29: Sandy Miller

Communion Assistants
1: Mary Ann Kult
8: Alice Graff
15: Aileen DeMenge
22: Mary Ann Kult
29: Sandy Miller

Coffee
1: Mary Ann Kult
8: Liz Eddy
15:
22:
29: Betty & Russ Thompson

*In Need of Prayers
and Cards*
Ivar Sorenson
Ellsa Sorenson

*Time is Precious
Waste it Wisely*

We will *not* be hav-
ing Lenten Suppers
this year due to
lack of interest.

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REQUESTING CALL COMMITTEE

Church council is looking for members to serve on the pastoral call committee. If interested, please contact Walt Ford to submit your name. We want a call committee that represents our entire congregation, i.e. different ages, different genders, different ideas, etc. If you consider yourself as being "different", this could be the perfect task for you! Council will also take nominations under consideration. Feel free to talk to any council member or Pastor Cheryl if you have questions.

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

Grace Women

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

Team: Grace Women

Minutes taken by: Lois Christensen

Date: Feb. 18, 2020

Call to Order: 12:35 pm @ Zorbas by Mary Ann

There were 7 ladies in attendance

Devotions: thank you Mary Ann for the up-lifting message

Agenda Additions/Approval:

2020 Budget, Lenten Suppers, Bake Sale, Post Prom Request & By-Laws

Secretary Report: Lois Christensen

Motion to approve prior minutes by Alivia V., 2nd by Diane E., motion passed.

Correspondence

January: Thank you; Cookie Pack, Ellas & Norton Sorenson, Helen J Olsen & Donna & Floyd Vikla; AN-GEL'S donation: **Newsletter; ANGEL'S**

February: Newsletter; Northeast Light, Seeking Donations; McGregor Post Prom Committee, Food Shelf for March

Treasurers Report: Carole H.

Written report sent due to Carole being gone: Motion to approve as written by Pat J., 2nd by Alvina V., motion passed.

Budget 2020

Plan: Carole H. submitted a budget plan, Grace Women made changes

GENERAL 2020

Scholarships to read; Dollars for Scholars

WELCA Offering: to include pennies

Quilt Postage & income/expenses: to be \$100

Kitchen & Misc.: to be one expense @ \$150

SPECIAL PROJECTS 2020

Lenten Suppers: Free will offering goes to Grace Women; need to see where this income has been going?

Ham Dinner: increase expense to be \$600; Grace Women project as fund raiser for Church

Equal Exchange: Listed as a loss even though we have added \$1 per item; something needs to be checked?

Funerals: October 15, 2019 the cost for funerals was raised to \$300, we could change cost for just serving to be \$100

Pat J. motioned: when family provides all food items, Grace Women will charge \$100 for serving, 2nd by Diane E., motion passed.

MISSIONS 2020

Layettes: Leave in plan, they will be starting up

Good Samaritan: added to list @ \$100, it's a one time help for people in need, Mary Ann is on their board

1st motion: Pat J. motioned; to accept the Budget 2020 Plan presented February 18, 2020 at 2:15 pm; motion passed unanimously.

2nd motion: Diane E. motioned; IF our finances change, 3 of the 4 board members will have the authority to amend the Mission giving plan as appropriate; motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Alter Guild: Still in need of volunteers

School Kits: Alvina & Rose V.

Have 50 bags filled & enough supplies to complete 14 more. Thank you, Alvina & Rose, for all your dedication & hard work on the School Kits Project!

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 19, 2020

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

Call to order:

Grace Council meeting was called to order on February 19, 2020 at 7:35 pm by President Walt Ford.

Present: Emma Arnold, Elizabeth Eddy, Karley Eld, Walt Ford, Joe Frauenshuh, Carole Holten, Dick Rohde, Ron Smith, Pastor Cheryl Fleckenstein, one (Russ Thompson) Congregational Member attended.

Call to Worship: Apostles' Creed:

Opening Devotions / Prayer: Karley

Prayer of the Day:

Additional Agenda Items / Approval of Agenda:

- 1. Counters: Motion to approve by Dick, 2nd by Jo. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: 1) Minutes of January 15, 2020. No corrections were made. Joe made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Karley. (Minutes stand approved as submitted/ corrected)

Shared Correspondence:

- 1) Letter from Voyageur Lutheran Ministry (camp)

Joys and Concerns:

Treasurer's Report: Brooke: A motion was made by Dick and seconded by Liz to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Written and discussion on additional points:

- 1) Continue to find someone to write "Thank You" notes to visitors—put request on Bulletin Board.
- 2) Redo Organization Chart—Discussion.
- 3) does the Pastors Report get posted - if not - add to Council Minutes.

Youth Report: a) Unable to do "Feed the Hungry Children", no response from the company in Nisswa. b) Blood drive at school will be May 20th, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Team Reports: Worship & Music, verbal by Pastor: Ash Wednesday - Service at 6:30 pm, Grace Women: verbal by Carole: No Lenten Meals

Visitor: Russ Thompson re: Military Funeral Flag Placement. Long discussion. Action: Joe will call local churches to see what they do and report at next Council Meeting.

Old Business:

- 1. Lutheran Lounge - Cory (owner of Buckhorn Bar) is having a "Borealis Brew Fest", he talked to Walt about ordering colorful "Lutheran Lounge" tee-shirt's. Council said no. Karley suggested tie dyeing gray ones - no action.
- 2. Notifying people when church is cancelled: no further action deemed necessary by Council.
- 3. Pastoral Call Committee: Lots of discussion. Walt has a list with 4 age groups, need more men.
A) motion by Carole to have one council member on Call Committee, 2nd by Emma. Discussion. Ron amended the motion: one council member, non-voting to serve as chair/facilitator, 2nd by Joe, motion carried. Two council members volunteered, council had a secret ballot to have one person serve, Pastor abstained. Dick won the vote. He will serve as a council non voting member.
- 4. Behavior Covenant: review: Lots of discussion. Motion to make changes to policy to make it more understandable, Motion by Dick, 2nd by Joe, motion carried. Church will comply, back ground check, etc.
- 5. Counters: need more: 1st Sunday: Joe (he will find someone to help him), 2nd: Kendra Rohde & Jean Newgard, 3rd: Carole & Diane Eddy, 4th: David (needs a partner), 5th: Carole and one other person. a) Mindy will continue the job during pregnancy leave.



Information Central

“God’s Radiance”

The celebration of Transfiguration occurs on Sunday February 23, the last Sunday before Lent. The story is recorded in *Matthew* 17:1-9. I’d like to share the following meditation on the Transfiguration, which comes from Father Delp’s writings. He was a German Jesuit priest condemned to death in 1945 by the Nazis in Berlin:

Light is symbolic of one of the greatest longings of human life. Again and again we find ourselves in the dark, sunk deep in gloom, without light to guide us. How could we even desire light if it were not for the eternal gift of God’s love which gives our spirit a vague intuition that darkness is not its natural and final state, that even in the darkest hour there is something to be hoped for, a state of fulfillment toward which the spirit must aspire?

God created human beings as light-endowed, radiant beings, and as such sends us forth into the world; but we have blinded ourselves to this truth. Only a faint inkling of it remains within us. We are never more soul-sick than when we become confused and find ourselves helpless to cope with a situation.

But there is another important need for light in our lives; God’s radiance dazzles us. We get glimpses, but they are slippery and usually lead nowhere. Those who are dedicated and prepared pray for divine light, which will heighten their perception and raise them to realize the fullness they have only guessed at. Once a person arrives here, they know what the strength of God is, even in the darkest and most hopeless situations of their life.

Peace, Pastor Cheryl

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New Business:

1. Election of new officers: President: Walt Ford, Vice President: Joe Frauenshuh, Secretary: Carole Holten, Treasurer: Brooke Sorenson. Passed unanimously.
2. Report from Endowment Team: Todd Streeter gave Walt the amounts in various funds. No action.
3. Voyageurs Camp requesting \$816. Walt requested Carole to get the money from Youth Outreach Endowment fund, send it to Voyageurs. Motion by Joe, 2nd by Liz, motion carried.
4. Grand Timber Bank Policy change: signers need on file with the bank 1) Drivers Licenses 2) copy of Social Security card 3) Telephone number 4) current occupation/retired when work 5) a written letter stating approval by council.

Devotions for next month: Lenten Services

Evening Prayer:

Blessing:

Lord’s Prayer

Adjourn: 10:30 pm

Equal Exchange: ending program, still have some items to sell
Lutheran Lounge: remove from future discussion

New Business:

Funerals: Meat, Cheese & Rolls; Grace Women is recommending to the Funeral Committee that they purchase Meat & Cheese trays plus buns to serve at Funeral Luncheons. Pat J. motioned to approve; 2nd by Alvina V., motion passed. Diane will let Donna H. know of the change. Cake, Cookies & Bars will be called for.

Cookbook: Diane E. Sold the last book, time for a new one. Diane has volunteered to take on this project, make 100 books & sell for \$10 each. Asked someone from Grace Women to wright an interesting fact page about how long GW has been in existence. Might request start-up cash of about \$450, will let GW know.

Heartland Conference: April 04, 2020, cost will be \$8. Need silent auction item. Will send Barb G. table runner.

Audit: Tabled

Winter Fund Raiser: Bake sale April 17, 2020 @ Grand Timber Bank

Funds—Ham Dinner: Church or Grace Women—**after much discussion; Pat J. motioned ‘she recommends that Grace Women will handle doing this project, Grace Women will then give a significant portion of the funds raised to the Church’; 2nd by Diane E., motion passed**

Lenten Suppers: Doing or not? After discussion; Alvina V. motioned to not do suppers; 2nd by Pat J., motion passed

Donation: a \$500 check to Grace Women from Philip & Jacqueline Ekelund for serving at the funeral. We will be sending a thank you to them.

By-Laws: **Grace Women’s are dated 2005 & were last reviewed by Jeanie T. & Carole H. in 2011. Discussion followed: committee to review the current by-laws will be Pat J., Diane E., Mary Ann K. & Lois C.**

Announcements:

Heartland Conference: April 04, 2020

Bake sale @ Grand Timber Bank: April 17, 2020

Community Meal: Grace Women serving on May 20, 2020

Next Meeting:

March 17th, 2020 @ 12: 30 pm; Fireside

Adjournment @ 3:15 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.

March 8th



Grace Women are going to do a new cookbook. Please contribute your favorite recipes to either Diane E or Pat J. If you have a favorite from one of the other cookbooks let us know so we can put it in this one. We will also have an area for larger serving recipes.



Bake Sale to be held April 17th at Grand Timber Bank. Please help us out and bake your favorites for us.

Healthy Congregations Covenant of Conduct

In order for the congregation and the church council to deal effectively with issues, the following guidelines are to be followed:

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).

Interim Pastor

Pastor Cheryl Fleckenstein

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