

“Abiding in Christ through grace, we are gathered to grow and sent to serve.”

Notes of Grace

Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA), Brownton, Minnesota

April 2019

April Servants

Acolyte

- 7 Braxton Streich
- 14 Sydney Harpel
- 21 Riley Yerks
- 28 Grace Lipke

Communion

Keith Tongen

Altar Guild

Kathy Todd & Diana Lindeman

Ushers

- 7 Bob & Lori Lindeman,
Bryce Lindeman
- 14 Tim & Julie Olson, Justin Olson
- 18 Darwin Frauendienst & Doug Karg
- 21 Jim & Jan Plath
- 28 Tim & Shannon Hahn

Readers

- 7 Doug Karg
- 14 Roxanne Wendlandt
- 18 Diana Lindeman
- 21 6:30am Paula Katzenmeyer
- 8:45am Brandon or Sarah Yerks
- 28 Vicki Herrmann

Greeters

- 7 Keith & Jane Tongen
- 14 Joyce Peterson & Grandkids
- 18 Darwin Frauendienst
- 19 Oather Martin Jr
- 21 6:45am David & Sharon Carrigan
- 8:45am Norman & Cheryl Schwarze
- 28 Ben & Gloria Schuft

Raise the Roof Fundraiser

THANKS TO ONE & ALL!!! Our pancake breakfast was a success! Thank you to the Council for all the kitchen help & the youth for serving the refreshments. Also, thank you to all who donated towards our breakfast. We served about 150 people. We raised \$1,419 towards our "RAISE THE ROOF" project. Way to support Grace.

Last Lenten Service & Supper

This Wednesday, April 10, marks the last Wednesday night Lenten Service. Once again, we will have services weekly on Wednesdays throughout Lent. We will be using the Holden Evening Prayer for services.

*5:30pm Lenten Supper (Baked Potato Bar) *6:30pm Lenten Worship
*7:30 Council Meeting

Upcoming Church Service/Activity Schedule

April 14th – Palm Sunday Service at 8:45am.

April 18th – Maundy Thursday Service 7pm.

April 19th – Good Friday Service 7pm.

April 21st – Sunrise Service 6:30am.

Easter Breakfast between services.

Regular Service at 8:45am.

April Birthdays of our Shut Ins

Everyone appreciates being remembered on their birthday. Please Help by remembering these members.

*Della Schultz

Address: Glen Field Living Center
1805 Hennepin Ave. N.
Glencoe, MN 55336

Phone: (320)864-7909

Birthday: April 17th

Litchfield

*Jerome Penk

Address: Meeker Manor
600 S. Davis Ave.
Litchfield, MN 55355

Phone: (320)328-5331 (Ilene)

Birthday: April 25th

Other Happenings:

*We are seeking 2 representatives (1 male & 1 female) for the Synod Assembly on June 7th & 8th in Redwood Falls. Let Pastor know if you can attend.

*Noah's Ark Preschool is selling tickets for our biggest fundraiser, our BIG TICKET RAFFLE! Tickets are \$10 each and there are a ton of prizes! Eee one of our preschool families for tickets. (Bennett Maiers, Raelyn Hansch, Elsa Winterfeldt). Thanks for your support!

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes **March 13, 2019**

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Attending: Pastor Leonard Hummel, Nancy Deppe, Oather Martin, Tim Olson, Vicki Schlenner, Ben Schuft, Keith Tongen, Dave Wendlandt, and Brandon Yerks

Absent: Jan Messner and Jake Wendolek

Vice-President Dave Wendlandt called the meeting to order.

Devotions/Bible Study & Prayer - Pastor Hummel led devotions and prayer.

Secretary's Report:

M.S.C. to approve the minutes of the February 27th meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Treasurer Brandon Yerks was in attendance but did not present a report. He had just received the password on the new church accounting software and will now begin entering financial data into the program. He is hoping to have the monthly reports ready starting next month.
2. He asked about the OneWrite invoice. It was suggested that Jan Messner could provide insight about this item.

Correspondence:

1. Copyright Renewal - Contract concerning John Ylvisaker music was reviewed and will be forwarded to Vicki Herrmann for completion. M.S.C. to approve the contract fee of \$50.
2. Offering – A mailed-in offering was recently received. It was included with the W/March 13th offering plate.
3. Common Hope – A letter and other current information from Marcos Sican, the child from Guatemala that we help to support, will be posted on the Narthex bulletin board.
4. Daniel Erlander's latest published release on Baptism was reviewed and discussed. Pastor Hummel recommended this material for learning more about our baptism for youth, parents, and sponsors.
5. Lutheran Men in Mission Gathering on March 16th – Sign-up registration was reviewed and it was discovered that the *deadline to register had passed*.
6. *Lenten* ELCA World Hunger Appeal – Material was reviewed and discussed.

Pastor's Report:

1. Pastor's calendar of activities was reviewed and discussed. He had been working many hours during the month of February. He was using this time to get ahead on upcoming sermons, etc.
2. Vision and Mission Committee Report – The Lead Assessment meeting was held on Th/February 28th. Pastor Hummel gave a brief review of the Committee meeting. Pastor Hummel suggested a thank you should be sent to the SWMN Synod for their financial support on this assessment. Keith Tongen offered to write the thank you.

Calendar:

1. March 17th – Sunday Service 8:45am.
2. March 20th – Lenten Supper 5:30pm followed with "The Holden Evening Prayer" worship at 6:30 pm.
3. March 24th – Sunday Service 8:45am.
4. March 27th – Lenten Supper 5:30pm followed with "The Holden Evening Prayer" worship at 6:30 pm.
5. March 31st – Raise the Roof Breakfast to kick off fundraising campaign from 10am – 12:30pm.
6. April 3rd – Lenten Supper 5:30pm followed with "The Holden Evening Prayer" worship at 6:30 pm.
7. April 7th – Sunday Service 8:45am.
8. April 10th – Lenten 5:30pm supper followed with "The Holden Evening Prayer" worship at 6:30 pm.
9. April 14th – Palm Sunday Service at 8:45am.

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10. April 18th – Maundy Thursday Service 7pm.
11. April 19th – Good Friday Service 7pm.
12. April 21st – Sunrise Service 6:30am. Breakfast between services. Regular Service at 8:45am.

Old Business:

1. Confirmation Crosses – Jeff Messner will be making the crosses. Jan Messner/Roxanne Wendlandt will work on personalizing them.
2. Raise the Roof Breakfast – Discussion was held as to this rescheduled event to March 31st. The items needed list was reviewed. It was suggested that the Council meet after the March 24th Sunday service to make sure we are ready to go for the event.
3. Roof Project – Bids are still being gathered.

New Business:

1. Annual 2018 Congregational Report – Some have not been picked up yet by congregation members. They will be moved over to the appropriate mail slots in the Narthex.

Committee and Group Reports: None.

Next Meeting: April 10th at 7:30pm

M.S.C. to adjourn the meeting.
Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Deppe, Secretary

Grace Women of the ELCA March 24th, 2019

The meeting was called to order with 5 women present

The Secretary's report was read and approved

Treasure Report: balance of \$1,2080.10, it was reported coffee money was low, it was also noted that we had missed a couple of Sunday's because of weather.

Missions Report: The school backpack "in kind offering" for Synad Convention was discussed. A decision was made to give \$25 cash for shipping kits. It was decided we would not collect supplies to make the kits. Collecting school supplies for common cup was discussed. Common cup collects for local children and there is no need to have specific amounts of individual supplies. A discussion of what we want our mission to be will to be revisited.

Senior Quilts: We have 4 Graduate's. Work will continue on quilts Wed 3/27 at 2:15pm with future dates decided as they go.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was decided: We will purchase 2 Easter Lily's,
We will hand out flower's for Mother's Day,
We will donate \$50 for outside flower planter in spring,
We will donate Bible camp scholarships \$75 a child up to \$300.
We will donate \$100 to Green Lake Bible Camp quilt auction.

The Women o the ELCA Synod Convention is May 3 & 4 in Marshall, MN. Information on this is available, contact a board member if interested. They have Scholarships for 1st time attendees. We will send a \$50 offering and \$25 for "in kind offering "for shipping.

Fall Festival theme baskets: we will have a sign- up sheet for basket themes soon. We will need the theme so we can make raffle tickets.

We received a Thank you as well as a donation from Sandy Jerabek and a Christmas card and thank you from Senior dining.

Submitted by Vicki Schlenner, Secretary

Marriage Encounter Weekend

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend is scheduled April 26-28, 2019 at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud. Cost includes two nights lodging, five meals and all program materials. To celebrate 50 years there is a 50% discount off the \$100 non-refundable registration fee.

Apply at www.GodLovesMarriage.org where details are explained. Or contact Peter & Phyllis McMahon for more information at: mcmahonp@comcast.net or call them at: [763-561-1575](tel:763-561-1575). Pre-registration is required.

Grace Lutheran Youth Group

Upcoming outing!!

What: Tim Hawkins, Christian Comedian

When: Saturday August 24th at 7pm

Where: Grace Church in Eden Prairie

Karla Trettin has seen him and said he was great! We'd like to see how many would be interested in going! This would include the incoming 7th graders and if our current Sr's aren't already at college you are welcome too!

We'd meet at the church and car pool there—cost would maybe around \$10-15?? Sounds like a fun night!!

Dear People of Grace Church,

Grace and Peace to you.

On behalf of The Vision and Mission Committee, I, again, wish to thank everyone in the congregation for their work in completing the LEAD ASSESSMENT. Below is a copy of the “Assessment Results” and a section of the final page of the full report that provides a summary of all findings.

What did we learn from this assessment? In the language of the assessment, its findings indicate that Grace church is “Becoming.” What does that mean? In the language of the assessment, this is what that means:

- **Becoming**—You [Grace Church] are seeking to identify where God is calling you in your own unique context

In short, Grace Church is blessed in many ways and, through the Spirit, may continue to be blessed and may be a blessing to others.

In somewhat longer form, here are some highlights from what is reported below:

BECOMING Congregations [e.g., **Grace Lutheran**] are leading to live

- Discovering their purpose and values
- Learning to be community-centric
- Have highly committed leaders
- Worship and music may be indigenous to the community
- Vision leads finances and staffing, governance is missional

Please note: this Assessment will continue to inform the work of the Vision and Mission Committee, the Church Council, and the Call Committee. In other words, your hard work has made and will make a difference for the life of Grace Church—both now and in the future. Thank you.

As I give thanks to you for your work, I ask you to thank in prayer and any other way you are able the Southwestern Minnesota Synod for their recommending that we conduct this particular assessment and their financial support for our doing so. Our Bishop, Jon Anderson, has been and remains supportive of Grace Church.

Please be in touch with me—or any member of the Vision and Mission Committee—if you have any questions about the LEAD Assessment.

Blessings,

Pastor Hummel

Who Participated?

55 members of your congregation

13% were under 25

31% were over 65

16% were on staff or in positions of leadership 80% attend worship at
least 2x per month

100% chose “white” for race

What is the Assessment?

The Assessment is a tool to:

Discover the perspectives of those who worship with you.

Identify current and future stakeholders of the ministry—both those who are currently affected by the congregation’s ministry and those that might be affected.

The Assessment results may be combined with information from the:

LEAD Overview (completed by the pastor or a key leader)

ELCA Trend report (which includes congregational reports & US Census data)

your own website to paint a picture of what is happening in your church now and steps you can take to join in the mission God has for you.

What Did You Say?

Participants’ responses on the Assessment provide a way of viewing the congregation in terms of LEAD’s four quadrants:

Growing—Your purpose and values are aligned with an outward vision that drives your ministry

Becoming—You are seeking to identify where God is calling you in your own unique context

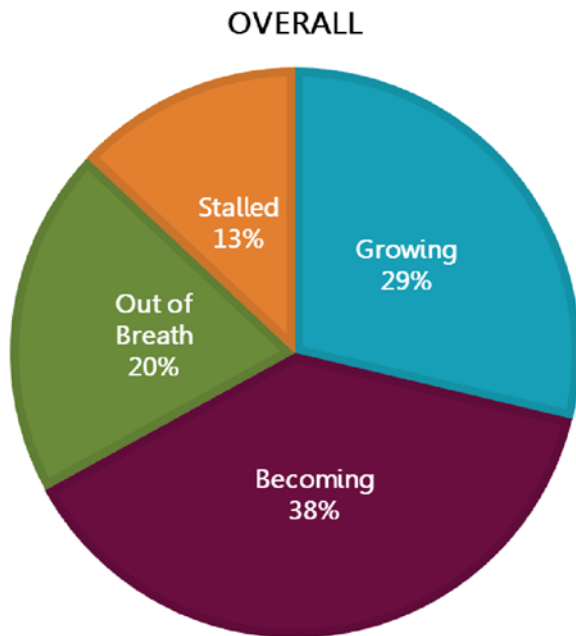
Out of Breath—Your purpose may no longer reflect what is happening around you yet the effort to change may feel overwhelming

Stalled—Your focus has turned inward leaving you disconnected from your community

Based on your participant responses, Grace can be described as:

BECOMING

Grace Lutheran Overall: Becoming



Leadership Style: Networking

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Indicators	To grow, Becoming need:
Listen	Deeper understanding of neighborhood
Center	Clear purpose and values
Explore	Financial partners, visionary governance, places for people of all ages to deepen
Connect	To expand skills for leaders, build trust, create

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 4pm Confirmation 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:15pm Choir Practice	4	5	6
7 8:45am Worship/Communion 10am Sunday School	8	9	10 1pm Bible Study 4pm Confirmation 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:30pm Council Meeting	11	12	13
14 Palm Sunday 8:45am Worship 10am Sunday School	15	16	17 4pm Confirmation	18 Maundy Thursday 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	19 Good Friday 7pm Good Friday Service	20
21 Easter Sunday 6:30am Sunrise Service 7:30am Easter Breakfast 8:45am Easter Service	22	23	24 1pm Bible Study 4pm Confirmation	25	26	27 3:30pm Tongen/ Cichy Wedding
28 8:45am Worship/Communion 10am Sunday School	29	30				