

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

# Notes of Grace

Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA), Brownton, Minnesota

May 2019

## May Servants

### Acolyte

- 5 River Hansch
- 12 Ross Jerabek
- 19 Hunter Gens
- 26 Grace Lipke

### Communion

Tim Olson

### Altar Guild

Paula Katzenmeyer & Jan Plath

### Ushers

- 5 Dave & Roxanne Wendlandt
- 12 Dean & Stephanie Loncorich,  
Gary Alsleben & Kim Bacon
- 19 Todd & Lisa Lindeman
- 26 Vicki Schlenner

### Readers

- 5 Kerry Ward
- 12 Keith Tongen
- 19 Steffie Gronlund
- 26 Joyce Peterson

### Greeters

- 5 Darrell & Michelle Gens
- 12 Larry & Jeanette Tongen
- 19 Jim & Shirley Lindeman

## Celebrations:

Rebecca Tongen & Kenneth Cichy Jr were united in marriage on April 27th here at Grace. Rebecca is the daughter of Keith & Jane Tongen and Granddaughter to Audrey Tongen.



## Easter at Grace

(pictures courtesy of our Facebook Page)



## Pastor's Note:

### Why Easter Is the Longest Liturgical Season in the Church

Dear People of Grace Church,

HAPPY EASTER!

All of May, we will continue to celebrate Easter.

I found the best explanation of this joyous worship tradition in our church in the following publication:

<https://www.learnreligions.com/50-days-of-easter-3970732>

I hope you enjoy reading this!

Pastor Hummel

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## Still in Need of Help!

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

## Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 18, 2019

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

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

Absent: Jake Wendolek

President Jan Messner called the meeting to order.

**Devotions/Bible Study & Prayer** - Pastor Hummel led devotions and prayer. He has been praying for Robin, Bishop Anderson's wife, as she experiences health issues.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

1. Treasurer Brandon Yerks was in attendance and presented January-March 31, 2019 financials.
2. General Fund Checking: \$20,515.37 as of March 31, 2019
3. Memorial Fund Checking: \$3,129.72 as of March 31, 2019
4. Building Fund Checking: \$751.39 as of March 31, 2019
5. Building Fund Certificate of Deposit: \$10,000 as of March 31, 2019
6. Memorial Fund Certificate of Deposit: \$20,000 as of March 31, 2019
7. Total income through March 31, 2019: \$23,242
8. Total Expenditures through March 31, 2019: \$24,141 which leaves a net loss of \$-889 through March 31, 2019
9. Total Current Assets: \$53,468.09 as of April 17, 2019
10. M.S.C. to approve the Treasurer's Report.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Tim Olson made a correction to the March 13, 2019 minutes. He was not present, so he was moved to absent. M.S.C. to approve change to the minutes of the March 13th meeting.

### **Correspondence:**

1. Common Hope – Received an email thank you and acknowledgement letter for receipt of \$420 donation on 3/14/19 from GLC for sponsorship of Marcos Sican from Guatemala.
2. ELCA Good Gifts Catalog – Discussed and reviewed with no action at this time.
3. SW Synod – Acknowledgement letter received for \$5,290.02 in donations for 2018.
4. Kuttner Seed – Received \$100 matching donation from them on behalf of their Customer Appreciation Event where Dean & Steph Loncorich's made a \$100 donation. Both donations will be put toward Raise the Roof fundraising project.

### **Pastor's Report:**

1. Pastor's calendar of activities was reviewed and discussed.
2. Wednesday night Lenten sermons were centered around the topic of cancer.
3. Vision and Mission Committee would like to have the last table talk be centered around the calling of the new pastor and bring awareness to our members of the GLC bylaws Resolution on Homosexual Pastors in Same Sex Relationships approved at the Annual Meeting on January 17, 2010. M.S.C. to give the Vision & Mission Committee permission to raise questions given our current GLC bylaws Resolution on Homosexual Pastors in Same Sex Relationships of January 17, 2010 and whether to include the Resolution on our profile for calling a new pastor.

### **Calendar:**

1. April 19<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday Service 7pm.
2. April 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunrise Service 6:30am. Breakfast between services. Regular Service at 8:45am.
3. May 19<sup>th</sup>(Tentative) – Five High School Senior Graduates set to be honored. Senior quilts are in process of being made.

### **Old Business:**

1. Pancake Breakfast on 3/31/19 served 150 people. The only cost was \$90 for sausages. All other items were donated. Net amount raised was \$1,332.
2. Brownton Days – Sat/July 27, 2019 – Volunteers are needed from 9am-3pm with 2 people per slot. GLC will sponsor and supply volunteers for the bouncy houses. M.S.C. to process check for \$150 to City of Brownton to insure bouncy houses on their policy. A 5gal pail will be placed at the bouncy houses for at-will donations for GLC Raise the Roof fundraiser. All-School Reunion on July 27th. M.S.C to double the supplies from the last pancake breakfast.
3. Another Pancake Breakfast (hopefully 300 meals) on Sun/July 28<sup>th</sup> at Grace after service. This event follows the Brownton Days and Brownton All-School Reunion on July 27th. M.S.C to double the supplies from the last pancake breakfast.

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4. Roof Project – Roof samples were reviewed from bids obtained.
5. Council Dinner – Has been permanently canceled for outgoing 2018 council members, Michelle Gens and Karla Trettin

**New Business:**

1. Jake Wendolek submitted his resignation on Council as he and his family will be withdrawing their membership from GLC to a church in their home area. Council will search for a candidate to fill his seat through January 2020.
2. M.S.C. to make a contribution up to \$2,000 from the Memorial Fund Checking on behalf of a local family to the City of Brownnton for payment of overdue utilities as part of a stewardship outreach.
3. Spring Cleanup Tasks will be posted on the Narthex bulletin board.
4. GLC Monthly Newsletter will be emailed to Jake at McLeod County Chronicle for posting in the Church Happenings section of the weekly paper by Sarah Tongen.
5. Palms were ordered for Palm Sunday through Crow River Floral.

**Committee and Group Reports:**

1. Property & Management Cmt – Canopy light has been replaced. The roof cross lighting will be replaced when the roof is replaced.
2. Stewardship Cmt – Keith Tongen reported that the committee will be doing a weekly quiz insert into the bulletin to encourage congregation participation. Drawings for prizes will be held for participants. Planned start date will be May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting:** Special Meeting for Roof Replacement May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm, Next Regular Meeting May 8th at 7pm

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

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Deppe, Secretary

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**Why Easter Is the Longest Liturgical Season in the Catholic Church**

Which religious season is longer, Christmas or Easter? Well, [Easter Sunday](#) is just one day, while there are [12 days of Christmas](#), right? Yes and no. To answer the question, we need to dig a little deeper.

**The 12 Days of Christmas and the Christmas Season**

The Christmas season actually lasts [40 days](#), from [Christmas Day](#) until Candlemas, the [Feast of the Presentation](#), on February 2. The 12 days of Christmas refer to the most festive part of the season, from Christmas Day until [Epiphany](#).

**What Is the Octave of Easter?**

Similarly, the period from Easter Sunday through [Divine Mercy Sunday](#) (the Sunday after Easter Sunday) is an especially joyful time. The Catholic Church refers to these eight days (counting both Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday) as the Octave of Easter. (*Octave* is also sometimes used to indicate the eighth day, that is, Divine Mercy Sunday, rather than the entire eight-day period.) Every day in the Octave of Easter is so important that it is treated as a continuation of Easter Sunday itself. . . .

**How Many Days Does the Easter Season Last?**

But the Easter season doesn't end after the Octave of Easter: Because Easter is the most important feast in the Christian calendar, even more important than Christmas, the Easter season continues on for 50 days, through the [Ascension of Our Lord to Pentecost Sunday](#), seven full weeks after Easter Sunday! Indeed, for the purpose of fulfilling our Easter Duty (the requirement to receive [Communion](#) at least once during the Easter season), the Easter season extends a bit further, until [Trinity Sunday](#), the first Sunday after Pentecost. That final week isn't counted in the regular Easter season, though.

**How Many Days Are Between Easter and Pentecost?**

If Pentecost Sunday is the seventh Sunday after Easter Sunday, shouldn't that mean that the Easter season is only 49 days long? After all, seven weeks times seven days is 49 days, right?  
There's no problem with your math. But just as we count both Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday in the Octave of Easter, so, too, we count both Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday in the 50 days of the Easter season.

**Have a Happy Easter**

So even after Easter Sunday has passed, and the Octave of Easter has passed, keep on celebrating and wishing your friends a happy Easter. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us in his famous Easter homily, read in Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches on Easter, Christ has destroyed death, and now is the "feast of faith."

# May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 4pm Confirmation	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:45am Worship/Communion 10am Last Day of Sunday School	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 1pm Last Bible Study 4pm Last Confirmation 7pm Council Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:45am Worship (Pastor Stephen Cook Preaching)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:45am Worship (Senior Graduate Recognition)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:45am Worship/Communion	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	