

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

Notes of Grace

Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA), Brownton, Minnesota

September 2021

September Servants

Acolyte

- 5 Kaden Wendlandt
- 12 Max Hansch
- 19 Dustin Trettin
- 26 Nick Kosek

Communion Assistant

Keith Tongen

Altar Guild

Deb Messner & Lori Lindeman

Ushers

- 5 Bob & Lori Lindeman,
Bryce Lindeman
- 12 Ron & Mary Bullert,
Jacqueline Bullet, and
Dean Katzenmeyer
- 19 Joyce Peterson,
Yerks & Kottke Families
- 26 Mark & Becky Streich

Readers

- 5 Diana Lindemann
- 12 Vicki Herrmann
- 19 Keith Tongen
- 26 Brandon or Sarah Yerks

Greeters

- 5 Norman & Cheryl Schwarze
- 12 Larry & Jeanette Tongen
- 19 Nancy Deppe
- 26 Oather Martin Jr

Fall Festival is September 12, 2021

Poster located
in Newsletter!



1) Raffle tickets will be distributed in boxes of women of the church to be sold for the WELCA baskets, if want/need more tickets please let Tammy Kosek or Vicki Schlenner know. Money & sold tickets can be turned into Gloria Schufft.

2) Meal tickets have been mailed out to those that had not picked up at church. Remember each family is requested to try to sell 5 tickets.



3) Food & Supplies sign up appears to have been filled. THANK YOU!

4) **Volunteers are still needed in a few places.** Sign up is on board in Narthex.



5) Each family is asked to bring a pie or dessert on September 11th or the morning of the 12th for the dessert table.

6) Please consider bring donations to help fill our Country Store - baked items, crafts, canned goods, garden produce and such.

7) The Youth Group will be also helping with the set up and clean up of the meal.

Hope to see you all there!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS—September 19th!

Sunday School — Preschool to 6th Grade
will run September 19, 2021 until May 1, 2022



If anyone is interested in helping out with teaching, there is a sign up in the Sunday School room.

The curriculum is very teacher friendly and does not require a lot of prep. *We are always looking for volunteers to teach, you can teach as little or as much as you'd like!

Grace Prayer Chain (Prayer requests)

Our prayer ministry is committed to praying for various needs, personal or within our congregation and beyond. Prayer chain requests are (respectfully) kept private.

To activate prayer from “Grace Prayer Chain” contact: pastor@gracebrownnton.org, 320-328-5533 at the Church, please leave message. Or Jane M T: pink-farm@embarqmail.com or You also may contact any Church Council Member.

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

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

Date August 11, 2021

Members present: Ben Schufft, Tim Olson, Sharon Carrigan, Mary Bullert, Vicky Schlenner, Joyce Peterson, Keith Tongen, Pastor Angela Denker **Absent:** Nancy Deppe, Scott Katzenmeyer

Devotions : Pastor Angela council each requested a prayer

Secretary Report:

From June 2021, Motion Ben S. Approve Tim O.

Treasurer's Report:

June income: \$8,844.90 June Expenses: \$8,985.90

General Fund balance for June 2021: \$46,335.74

July income: \$ 8,972 plus grant \$16,722 Total income \$25,764.77

July expenses: \$16,466.97 Gen.Fund Bal. July: \$39,384.50

Correspondence:

Fire extinguisher inspection on Aug. 27, Nancy will be there.

Menards update on account.

Pastor Report: Pastor Angela will be gone Aug. 13-16 and Aug. 30-Sept 6

Church Calendar:

1. Outdoor worship on Aug. 29
2. Church used Sept. 18
3. Fall Festival Sept 12
4. Confirmation on Nov. 21

Old Business:

1. Lawn moving services are going good.
2. Need to continue and have people checking and completing contact list.
3. Purple worships books are here and payment taken care of.
4. Update on Horizon Internship and saw video.

New Business:

1. COVID/Delta Variant discussion in McLeod County: Council decided to remain as we are doing now, with no mask mandate. Will look at any change if state or schools make changes. Communion will continue as is until all small individual cups are gone. No more to be ordered. Fellowship will remain as is. Sunday School will be mask free, unless individual chooses to wear a mask.
2. FALL FESTIVAL: Council discussed and decided the festival will be run as previous years, with meal served inside. If state mandates something different we would do drive thru only. We will make outdoor seating available if weather permits. Increase in adult meal by \$1.00. Council went over duties to be done before day of festival.
3. Fall Festival tickets are in members p.o. boxes. Members are asked to sell those in the envelope and more if possible. If more tickets are needed see Joyce Peterson or Keith Tongen. Money should be turned in to Joyce or Nancy D.
4. WATER SOFTNER: The softener is leaking and has not been working properly for a couple of months. It needs to be replaced.
5. OUTREACH: Pastor Angela suggested we look at doing an outreach to care givers in the clinic and hospitals. Council is looking into this through a coordinator at the hospital.

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Committee Reports:

1. Education committee is meeting on Aug. 23
2. Property and Management committee: Rock has been put around the trees.
3. Garbage truck will be coming up to building to pick up garbage.

Next Meeting: September 8, 2021

Meeting Adjourned by Mary, Sharon

Lord's Prayer

Minutes Submitted by: Joyce Peterson, Secretary

Pastor's Message

Dear People of Grace,

One of the things I love most about living back home in Minnesota again is the changing of seasons. Even though I know we will still have some hot September days, I am anxiously awaiting the autumn winds and changing of leaves.

In the same way, one of the things I love most about driving out to Brownton during harvest time is sensing the energy and excitement in the air, even as large tractors and farming vehicles hog the road on 212, working hard day and night. Even as much uncertainty looms in the air about the ongoing challenges of COVID-19 and the Delta variant, and the trepidations of kids and families and teachers returning to school this fall, I am also confident that what will be evident among us and in our church is our love and care for one another. I am praying that God will bless our Fall Festival and help us to celebrate it in a way that is safe, welcoming, and hospitable to all. I am also praying for all of our students who are participating in fall sports, music, and drama, and for our college students who are back on campus.

Change is not always easy, but it's much easier when we decide to go through it together - with Jesus as our guide, leader, and brother.

I thought about all of this as I read some Bible passages and poetry about fall and harvest today. I wanted to share this one with you, as I think of the ways you know and serve and care for your neighbors, and how God calls us above all else to love God, and love our neighbors as ourselves. I hope you enjoy this poem as I do.

Neighbors in October

BY DAVID BAKER

All afternoon his tractor pulls a flat wagon
with bales to the barn, then back to the waiting
chopped field. It trails a feather of smoke.
Down the block we bend with the season:
shoes to polish for a big game,
storm windows to batten or patch.
And how like a field is the whole sky now
that the maples have shed their leaves, too.
It makes us believers—stationed in groups,
leaning on rakes, looking into space. We rub blisters
over billows of leaf smoke. Or stand alone,
bagging gold for the cold days to come.

In Jesus' Love,
Pastor Angela



Grace Lutheran Church Fall Festival

8638 Plum Ave. N., Brownton, MN 55312

Sunday, September 12th, 2021
10:30am - 12:30pm

MENU:

Smoked or Fresh Pork Chops
Scalloped Potatoes
Corn
Glazed Carrots

Hot dogs
Dinner Rolls
Assortment of Desserts/Pies
Milk & Coffee

Adults: \$13.00 (extra pork chop: \$5.00)

Children (12 & under): Pork Chop: \$8.00 Hotdog: \$4.00

Preschool: Free

***Drive up meals available –
Call (320) 328-5533 after 9:30am to order
Pick up at East end of church**

*Worship service @ 8:45am

*Basket Raffle

*Country Store (crafts and baked goods)



September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 8:45am Worship	6	7	8 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm Council Meeting	9	10	11
12 Fall Festival 8:45am Worship/Communion 10:30am-12:30pm Meal Served *Raffle Tickets & Country Store open shortly after worship	13	14	15 7pm Choir Practice	16	17	18 Church in Use
19 8:45am Worship 9:45am Sunday School	20 *Deadline for the September Newsletter	21	22 7pm Choir Practice	23	24	25
26 8:45am Worship/Communion 9:45am Choir Practice 9:45am Sunday School	27	28	29 7pm Choir Practice	30		