

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

Notes of Grace

Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA), Brownton, Minnesota

March 2019

March Servants

Acolyte

- 3 Sydney Harpel
- 10 River Hansch
- 17 Braxton Streich
- 24 Ross Jerabek
- 31 Hunter Gens

Communion

Vicki Schlenner

Altar Guild

Julie Olson & Nancy Deppe

Ushers

- 3 Neil & Melanie Winterfeldt
- 6 (Ash Wed) Brad & Karla Trettin
- 10 Mike & Stacey Waletzko,
Michele Barley
- 17 Joyce Peterson, Brandon &
Sarah Yerks, Amanda Kottke
- 24 Chris & Kristen Hansch,
Jeff Wendlandt
- 31 Lori Copler & Shalon Werner

Readers

- 3 Keith Tongen
- 6 (Ash Wed) Steffie Gronlund
- 10 Joyce Peterson
- 17 Tison Werner
- 24 Oather Martin Jr
- 31 Cheryl Schwarze

Greeters

- 3 David & Sharon Carrigan
- 6 (Ash Wed) Norman & Cheryl
Schwarze
- 10 Ben & Gloria Schuff
- 17 Darrell & Michelle Gens
- 24 Larry & Jeanette Tongen
- 31 Jim & Shirley Lindeman

Raise the Roof Fundraiser RESCHEDULED



When: March 31, 2019
Where: Grace Lutheran Church
Time: 10am-12:30pm

**All You Can Eat
Free-Will Donation**

This breakfast is a fundraiser to help replace the roof at Grace.

Invite you family and friends!

Lenten Service & Suppers

This week Wednesday, March 6, starts the Lenten Services with Ash Wednesday. Once again, we will have services weekly on Wednesdays throughout Lent. We will be using the Holden Evening Prayer for services (excluding Ash Wed), as we have in the past.

*5:30pm Lenten Supper *6:30pm Lenten Worship

Lenten Supper Schedule (served by our Youth Group Families)

March 6 – Chicken Wild Rice Soup & Chili

March 13 – Crock Pot Lasagna

March 20 – Barbeques

March 27 – Tator Tot Hotdish & Turkey Stuffing Hotdish

April 3 – Egg Bake

April 10 – Baked Potato Bar

Women of the ELCA

There will be a general meeting for the Women of Grace on Sunday, March 24th following church.

Spring Gathering for the is Tuesday, April 9 beginning at 5:30pm at Christ Lutheran in Glencoe. Sign up by March 31 on bulletin board.

Watch for Quilting days to be announced.

Other Happenings:

Minnesota Valley Conference Annual Meeting will be March 10 beginning at 1:30pm at Bernadotte Lutheran Church. Registration on site. All are welcome.

The next get together for the Minnesota Valley Conference mission partnership with the Vryheid Circuit in Southern Africa is **Thursday, March 21** from 6-8pm at Trinity Lutheran in rural Gaylord. The event starts with a simple meal involving free will offering.

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.

Council Minutes February 27, 2019

7:00 PM

Present: Jan Messner, Dave Wendland, Oather Martin, Tim Olson, Vickie Schlenner, Ben Schuft, Keith Tongen and Pastor Hummel.
Absent: Jake Wendolek and Nancy Deppe.

Meeting was called to Order by President Messner
Devotion was Psalm 91 led by Pastor Hummel with Prayer.
President Messner welcomed newly elected members Vickie and Ben to the council.

Secretary's Minutes of January meeting were M/S/C to be accepted as printed.

Correspondence from: McLeod County Mental Health will be posted on Bulletin Board.

A Thank You was received from Lutheran World Relief, Green Lake Bible Camp Quilt Auction will be July 26-27. A letter from SW MN Synod reminder us of Synod Assembly in Redwood Falls June 6-7, 2019. A poster from MN Foodshare will be posted on Bulletin Board.

Pastor's Concerns topics were The LEAD Assessment results are complete. A meeting with Call Committee, Vision Committee, and Church Council will take place Feb 28 involving a conference call in LEAD official.

Old Business: Pancake Breakfast was rescheduled to March 31, Wooden Crosses for Confirmands are being made by Jeff Messner, and Offering Envelopes that were not picked-up were mailed to members. Outgoing Council Dinner was cancelled for this year after being postponed due to snow-storm. A Thank You card will be sent to Karla and Michelle. Property and Management is waiting for bids to come in for the roofing of the church.

New Business: Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6, this year the sermons will be a Reflection of Pastor Hummel research of Cancer with regard to Religion. Council will be installed at Ash Wednesday service. Committee assignments and Communion Assistant were taken care of for 2019. We now have a re-cycling bin compliments of West Central at no charge. Council decided to sponsor two bounce house amusements during "Brownton Day" for \$150. Grace Church will need to provide people to over-see the operation.

Concerns were brought up to the Council in regards to the "locking of the Secretary's office" and the "possibility of changing keys and door locks of building". After discussion, The Council wishes to "remind the people of Grace to DOUBLE CHECK doors and lights when they are ushering or using the church building". The Secretary's office will remain locked. All duty lists and Ushering duties along with the Ushers Key are now posted on the Bulletin Board.

There are some problems with door thresholds that will be looked at by Property Management Committee. Snow has been an issue that we have had lots of help with. Many Thanks to those whom have helped with removal!

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with "The Lord's Prayer".

Next meeting is March 13 after worship service.

Respectfully submitted by Keith Tongen, acting Secretary.

Word from the Pastor

On the evening of Thursday, February 28th (the last day of the month since it is not leap year), a meeting with three church entities will have taken place. Those groups are: The Call Committee, The Church Council and the Vision and Mission Committee. The purpose of these meetings: to receive consultation from a staff person of LEAD regarding the results of our congregational survey.

Throughout the month of March and beyond these entities will be sharing more about the consultation from LEAD and the results of this survey.

Let's be prepared to be led by the Spirit for the mission of Grace Church.

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Word from the Pastor (continued from page 2)

Below is, first, a preview of the categories of the survey analysis. That is to say: below is a description of the kinds things that will be reported on. Next, there is the short statement on the survey results.

Those results are:

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

BECOMING

And here is what BECOMING means:

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

Stay tuned for more information!

Blessings,

Pastor Hummel

Grace Lutheran Assessment Results

LEAD • P.O. Box 541, Bellaire, TX 77402-0541 • 832-299-LEAD (5323)

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

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Things to Think About

Do these results reflect what you see when you look around the congregation? Why or why not?

When you look outside your doors, do these results reflect what you see? Why or why not?

God's is calling you into mission in this particular place at this particular time. Take a moment to listen. What do you hear?

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.

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:45am Worship/Communion 10am Sunday School	4	5	6 Ash Wednesday 4pm Confirmation 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:15pm Choir Practice	7	8	9
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