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# Notes of Grace

Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA), Brownton, Minnesota

June 2019

## June Servants

### Acolyte

- 2 Riley Yerks
- 9 Sydney Harpel
- 16 River Hansch
- 23 Braxton Streich
- 30 Ross Jerabek

### Communion

Dave Wendlandt

### Altar Guild

Mary Bullert & Sherry Husske

### Ushers

- 2 Jan Messner,  
Jesse & Ashley Messner
- 9 Kevin & Nancy Deppe
- 16 Jim & Shirley Lindeman,  
Klark & Paula Katzenmeyer
- 23 Gerald & Vonnie Schuett,  
Paul & Theresa Eitel
- 30 Todd & Faye Ahlbrecht

### Readers

- 2 Tison Werner
- 9 Oather Martin Jr
- 16 Cheryl Schwarze
- 23 Kerry Ward
- 30 Roxanne Wendlandt

**Mark your Calendars!!!**



**When: Sunday, July 28, 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!

This event is being held during Brownton Days  
weekend.

## Pastor's Note

We all belong to something larger than ourselves.

Grace Church belongs to something larger than itself—to the Church Universal.

More immediately, Grace belongs to the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA.  
Our Synod will assemble on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in Redwood Falls.

I am copying below some information about that assembly.

I look forward to sharing with you some insights from our assembly following our fellowship.

Pastor Leonard Hummel

### 2019 Synod Assembly

June 7-8, 2019

Redwood Area Community Center (RACC), Redwood Falls, MN

**Theme:** Everyday Spirituality

**Theme Text:** Joshua 1:9

**Theme Hymn:** “Lord, Be Glorified” • ELW 744

### Schedule

#### Friday, June 7

- 8:00am **Registration Opens**
- 9:00 – 3:00pm **Food Packing Event**
- 10:00 – 1:00 **Service Projects**
- 10:00 – 11:00 **Workshops Session #1**
- 11:00 – 12:00pm **Workshops Session #2**
- 12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch** (*on-site, if reserved*)
- 12:45 **Orientation** (*For new voting members*)
- 1:30 **Worship**
- 2:45 – 6:00 **Plenary**
- 6:00 – 7:30 a.m. **Dinner**
- 7:30 **Praise Band Concert**

#### Saturday, June 8

- 7:30 – 8:30am **Taize Worship**
- 8:30 – 12:30pm **Plenary**
- 12:30 – 2:00pm **Lunch Banquet &  
Recognitions**
- 2:30pm **Worship & Closing of the  
Assembly**

**Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 8, 2019**

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Attending: Pastor Leonard Hummel, Nancy Deppe, Michelle Gens, Jan Messner, Tim Olson, Vicki Schlenner, Ben Schuft, Keith Tongen, and Dave Wendlandt

Absent: Oather Martin, Jake Wendolek, and Brandon Yerks

President Jan Messner called the meeting to order.

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

1. Treasurer Brandon Yerks provided January-April 30, 2019 financials.
2. General Fund Checking: \$16,703.31 as of April 30, 2019
3. Memorial Fund Checking: \$3,169.72 as of April 30, 2019
4. Building Fund Checking: \$5,085.39 as of April 30, 2019
5. Building Fund Certificate of Deposit: \$10,000 as of April 30, 2019
6. Memorial Fund Certificate of Deposit: \$20,000 as of April 30, 2019
7. Total Income through April 30, 2019: \$32,556
8. Total Expenditures through April 30, 2019: \$33,772 which leaves a net loss of \$-1,206 through April 30, 2019
9. Total Current Assets: \$54,078.42 as of May 5, 2019
10. M.S.C. to approve the Treasurer's Report.

**Secretary's Report:**

1. Nancy Nelson-Deppe suggested the following correction to the April 18, 2019 minutes: *Sarah Tongen will email Jakob at the McLeod County Chronicle on a weekly/biweekly basis with church information for publication. She plans to make him aware of our basic schedule monthly (Services on Sunday at 8:45am, Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, Bible Study at 1pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, etc.). Sarah would like to be notified when activities are beginning and ending as well, i.e. Confirmation, Sunday School, Bible Study, etc.*  
M.S.C. to approve the April 18, 2019 minutes with the above correction as noted.

**Correspondence:**

1. Adult Training and Habilitation Center (ATHC) – Reviewed a wish list for their centers.
2. MN Dept. of Health – The GLC water test was negative for coliform bacteria. Nitrates were <.05 mg/L. The letter is to be kept for 10 years in our files.
3. Green Lake Lutheran Ministries – Discussed and reviewed their request to support the upcoming bible camp program. M.S.C. to approve the request for \$424. Letter with approval will be forwarded to the Treasurer for payment.
4. Reverse Osmosis Notice – Disregarded as the notice did not apply to the current church location.

**Pastor's Report:**

1. Pastor's calendar of activities was reviewed and discussed.
2. Pastor submitted his vacation request from June 23<sup>rd</sup>-July 10<sup>th</sup>. Joyce Peterson will lead service on June 30<sup>th</sup> and Pastor Larry Glaeske, Retired Minister from Gaylord, will lead service on July 7<sup>th</sup>.
3. Susie Christianson, Christian Educator at Christ Lutheran Church, will shadow Pastor Hummel from July 10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Susie is currently attending Seminary.
4. Steven Cook, SWMNELCA Synod Minister, will preach the weekly sermon on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Cook is the synod committee representative for our call committee. He will explain and answer questions about the call process at fellowship hour.
5. Pastor indicated that he may be available to extend his contract past August 3, 2019, if needed, in case a crossover occurs before the next pastor comes on board.

**Calendar:**

1. May 12<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day and Pastor Stephen Cook will preach at 8:45am service.
2. May 19<sup>th</sup> – High School Senior Graduate Recognition.

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**Old Business:**

1. Pancake Breakfast on Sun/July 28<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheet will be put up soon for donations. We are hoping to find someone that can use their Thrivent card for the breakfast. Jan Messner contacted Sharon Weber to see if it is possible to get eggs donated for this event.
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. A 5 gallon pail will be placed at the bouncy houses for at-will donations for the GLC Raise the Roof fundraiser.
3. Spring Clean-Up – Volunteers are needed to get the Church building and grounds cleaned. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon on the Narthex bulletin board.

**New Business:**

1. Results of the Congregational Meeting on the roof replacement bids and colors of the roof were reviewed and discussed. Property & Management Committee will draw up a contract for a working timeline and payments schedule with the company of KWAM.
2. Ministry Site Profile – Council members reviewed the 12-page document compiled by the call committee. M.S.C. to make minor corrections to the Ministry Site Profile and submit to the synod.
3. Council Member Replacement – M.S.C. to have Michelle Gens fill the council position vacated by Jake Wendolek until the next annual meeting in January 2020.
4. Pews Position – It was discussed that after renting of church, renters return the pews back to the original position.
5. Lutheran Book of Worship – Two boxes of well-maintained green hymnals were donated by Pastor Glaeske.
6. Kerry Katzenmeyer, our lawn maintenance volunteer, has requested that we have someone sweep the rocks out of the grass from the winter. Keith Tongen will look into the spraying of weeds on church grounds.
7. A workshop has been set up to draw up a Pastor's Job Description and Parental Leave Policy for Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

**Committee and Group Reports:**

1. No reports.

**Next Meeting:** Workshop to draw up a Pastor's Job Description and a Parental Leave Policy on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Next Council Meeting Wednesday, June 12th at 7pm.

M.S.C. to adjourn the meeting.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Deppe, Secretary

**Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 1, 2019**

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

Absent: Oather Martin, Jake Wendolek, and Brandon Yerks

President Jan Messner called the meeting to order.

**A special meeting was held to discuss the agenda and details for a congregation meeting on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> after church service regarding the sealed roof replacement bids that were received from local contractors.**

**Next Meeting:** Congregation Meeting on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> after church service. Next Council Meeting Wednesday, May 8th at 7pm.

M.S.C. to adjourn the meeting.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Deppe, Secretary

			<b>June 2019</b>			
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 8:45am Worship/Communion	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8:45am Worship	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7pm Council Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8:45am Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8:45am Worship/Communion	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6pm Partnership Meeting in Bernadotte	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:45am Worship						

**Grace Lutheran Church Congregation Meeting Minutes**  
**May 5, 2019**

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

President Jan Messner called the Congregation meeting to order after church services ended.

**A special meeting was held to discuss and vote on the roof replacement project.**

**Roof replacement discussion and voting results:**

1. Discussion held regarding roof replacement details with congregation. Council recommended steel bids over asphalt bids due to similar cost factors. There should also be a discount on property insurance premiums for steel roofing. The material is 26 gauge Prosnap ribbed steel and manufactured by Fabral. Contractor to tear off old shingles. Install synthetic underlayment. Gutters will need to be removed and reinstalled after roof completion.
2. Voted on a contractor. Solicited 6 contractors and 2 sealed bids were received. They were KWAM at \$42,159.24 and Hahn Construction at \$42,845. Congregation voted by paper ballots: 36 for KWAM Construction and 14 for Hahn Construction. Majority vote to KWAM Construction.
3. Voted on the roof color from color chart provided. Council recommended Charcoal Gray or Classic Burgundy. Congregation voted by paper ballots: 40 for Charcoal Gray, 7 for Classic Burgundy, 3 for Light Gray, and 1 for Bright Copper Penny. Majority vote to Charcoal Gray.
4. Discussion was held on payment of roof replacement. An amount of \$5,085.39 is available from the Building Fund checking account. An amount of \$10,000 of the \$10,000 Building Fund CD can be used toward the roof replacement. The CD comes due 1/22/2020. Brandon Yerks, through his wife, Sarah Yerks, said that \$3,000 of the \$20,000 Memorial Fund CD can be used toward the roof replacement. The CD comes due on 1/22//2020. If we were to use \$3,000 from the Memorial Fund, it would need to be paid back as it was not originally designated toward the Building Fund when it was donated. Let's say that GLC had a fund raising goal of \$30,000. If each our 100 families of Grace contributed \$300 toward the roof replacement, the goal would be met!
5. Discussion was held on financing the remaining balance. If Grace were to take out an unsecured loan from Security Bank & Trust Co for \$45,000 at 5.95% APR for 10 years, it would amount to \$387.82/month. Someone asked the congregation if someone was willing to finance the roofing project in the form of a loan or contribution.

Roof Project Estimate	\$ 45,000.00
Building Fund Checking	\$ -5,085.39
Certificate of Deposit-Building Fund	\$-10,000.00
<b>Funds Needed to Finance/Raise</b>	<b>\$ 29,914.61</b>

M.S.C. to adjourn the meeting.  
Respectfully submitted by Nancy Deppe, Secretary