

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

Notes of Grace

Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA), Brownton, Minnesota

October 2019

October Servants

Acolyte

- 6 Grace Lipke
- 13 Braxton Streich
- 20 Max Hansch
- 27 Olivia Loncorich

Communion

Jan Messner

Altar Guild

Deb Messner & Lori Lindeman

Ushers

- 6 Doug Karg
- 13 Dave & Nancy Lauseng
- 20 Dave & Sharon Carrigan
- 27 Ben & Gloria Schuft

Readers

- 6 Roxanne Wendlandt
- 13 Diana Lindeman
- 20 Paula Katzenmeyer
- 27 Brandon or Sarah Yerks

Greeters

- 6 Keith & Jane Tongen
- 13 Joyce Peterson & Grandkids
- 20 Darwin Frauendienst

Confirmation Sunday is October 27th!

This year we have two 9th graders Hunter Gens and Ross Jerabek who will be confirmed. This is also an important service for our ten first and second year confirmation students to attend. Please come and celebrate as these young men affirm their faith.

Fall Festival was September 8th!



THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HELPED TO MAKE IT ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!



325 meals were served to kids and adults!!!



**The winner of the Raise the Roof Quilt Raffle was....
Doug Karg!**



Quilt was made by Jeanette Tongen



Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
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September 11, 2019

Attending: Pastor Linda Pedersen, Nancy Deppe, Michelle Gens, Oather Martin, Keith Tongen, Vicki Schlenner, Ben Schuft, and Dave Wendland.

Absent: Jan Messner and Tim Olson

Vice President: Dave Wendland called the meeting to order. 7:15 pm

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

Nomination of new secretary of Church Council Keith Tongen. M/S/C

Treasurer's Report:

No Treasurer's Report was given.

Secretary's Report: M.S.C to approve the August 14, 2019 minutes.

Correspondence:

No Correspondence

Pastor's Report:

1. Calendar of activity was presented.
2. When questioned by Council about time to complete duties, Pastor Linda feels 75% time is appropriate. In her opinion, 50% would lead to maintenance only of Pastor's duties.
3. Request to attend Fall Theological Conference, October 6-8, at St. Benedict College in St. Joseph, MN. Pastor Linda applied and received a grant to cover Registration fees for conference. Grace Church will reimburse Pastor for lodging or mileage.
4. No Shut-in visitations were made, due to transformation to Pastoral change. Will resume very soon.

Calendar:

1. Sept. 11. Had confirmation meeting of Pastor/Parents and Students. 5-First yr., 5-2nd yr. 2 will be confirmed this fall.
2. Sept. 15 - Sunday School begins.
3. Sept. 18 - Adult Bible study begins 1:00 pm.
4. Sept. 18 - Confirmation Classes begin 3:45-5:00 pm.
5. Choir will be scheduled when available.
6. Oct. 12 - WELCA Fall Gathering.
7. Oct. 27 - Confirmation @ Grace.
8. Dec. 7 - WELCA Guest Day.

Old Business:

1. Raise the Roof - Job is nearly finished. Total bill to date \$45,101.68. Balance to be raised \$13,346.29 as of 8/13/19.
2. Received bill from Kunkel Enterprises to remove old lights for Cross on roof and replace w/ new LED lights. \$698.04 M/S/C to pay from Building Fund.
3. Received bill from 1517 Media for Sunday School materials for \$495.41. M/S/C to pay from General Fund.
4. Fall Festival report 325 meals were served. Further details will be complete at Oct. meeting. \$518 raised by Quilt Raffle.

New Business:

1. Call Committee has received 3 names of Pastor candidates. Interviews are being scheduled with candidates.
2. Call Committee ran some preliminary wage package estimates for Church Council to look at and consider. After checking 2019 budget, Council affirmed that Call Committee is on the right path before starting interviews.
3. Members of Church Council recently met with St. Pauls of Stewart and Neighbors In Christ of Winthrop/Gibbon/ Bismarck Township, to discuss possibilities of sharing ministry in some manner. No agreements are pending at this time, but will remain on the horizon as a possibility.

Committee and Group Reports: Stewardship Committee will meet September 22 after services.

Next Meeting: October 9th @ 7pm.

M.S.C. to adjourn the meeting. 8:30 pm

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Keith Tongen, Secretary

Pastor's Note: **October 2019**

We are now into the second full month of my "bridge interim" as your Pastor. I thought I would use this opportunity to update you on the work of your council and call committee.

We have been talking about going down two parallel tracks as the council and the call committee explore all their options for Grace's future. Our call as a congregation is to serve God and God's desire for spreading the Good News and serving our neighbors. This call also includes our neighboring congregations.

So this is what we know as the month of October begins. The call committee has received the name and profile of four Pastors. Each Pastor had already received our Mission Site Profile and expressed a willingness to be considered for our ¾ time Pastor position. Three of those candidates have been interviewed for the first time by our call committee. One of the candidates withdrew before being interviewed after accepting another ministry position. We give thanks for the commitment and dedication of our call committee. Please continue to hold them in your prayers as they move toward second interview opportunities.

At the same time our council has invited neighboring congregations into conversations, who may benefit from sharing pastoral services with Grace. They have completed these informational conversations with Christ, Glencoe; St. Paul, Stewart and Neighbors in Christ (First Winthrop, St. John's, Bismark Township and Augustana, Gibbon). Swedlanda's council declined the invitation at this time for a conversation. Although none of these conversations have led to any definite plans, all of them have helped our council understand the ministry situations of our neighboring congregations and some possible ways to share ministry for the benefit of each of our congregations.

Our prayer will continue for guidance in the ways God will bless our ministry here at Grace. Also, we will pray for how we as a congregation can be a blessing to our neighboring congregations and they to us.

Pastor Linda Pedersen

Women's Group: Festival Report

Thank you to all that helped by selling & buying tickets for the WELCA Basket Raffle and also to those that donated to the Country Store. The Women's Group did well as far as raising funds to contribute to the needs of the church and community!

Basket Winners were:

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| 1. Summer Blooms: Dave Pedersen | 6. Thirty-one: Julie Schuch |
| 2. Snacks Basket: Leone Kujas | 7. Couple's Night Out: Larry Tongen |
| 3. Fall Basket: Judy Peik | 8. Color Street: Louise Tongen |
| 4. Gift Card Tree: Mae Hansch | 9. Avon Basket: Mary Bullert |
| 5. Health & Fitness: Layne Herrmann | 10. 3M Basket: Cheryl Schwarze |

Coat Collection for Common Cup

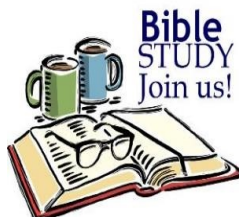


Coat collection now and until October 11th, 2019. Special need for coats for children sizes 0 to 14/16.

There is a donation box at the church, any question contact Kerry Ward.

Bible Study Moved to Thursdays!

Adult Bible Study has moved to Thursday afternoons at 1pm. Please join us at Grace for a conversation around the Bible lessons for the upcoming Sunday. No experience necessary, just a willingness to hear and reflect on what the Bible has to say in our lives.



Marriage enrichment weekend coming in October

A Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend is scheduled for Oct. 18-20 at the Centerstone Plaza- Soldiers Field hotel in Rochester. Pastor Linda and Dave Pedersen from Grace will be one of the presenting couples. Pre-registration is required with deadline of Oct. 6. The LME experience allows married couples to celebrate their special relationship and provides them with unique insights and tools to improve their communication no matter how long they have been married. After listening to couples sharing examples of the topics you will talk about it in the privacy of your own room. Apply at GodLovesMarriage.org or contact Peter & Phyllis McMahon at mcmahonp@comcast.net or by calling 763-561-1575. Or talk to Pastor Linda and Dave at church.

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 4pm Confirmation Class	3 1pm Adult Bible Study	4	5 11am-2pm Sarah Tongen Baby Shower
6 8:45am Worship/Communion 10am Sunday School 10am Choir Practice	7	8	9 4pm Confirmation Class 7pm Council Meeting	10 1pm Adult Bible Study	11	12 AM—Todd Baby Shower WELCA Fall Gathering in St. Peter
13 8:45am Worship 10am Sunday School 10am Choir Practice	14	15	16	17 1pm Adult Bible Study	18	19
20 8:45am Worship 10am Sunday School	21	22	23 4pm Confirmation Class 7pm Choir Practice	24 1pm Adult Bible Study	25	26
27 Confirmation Sunday 8:45am Worship/Communion 10am Sunday School	28	29	30 4pm Confirmation Class	31 1pm Adult Bible Study		