

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

Notes of Grace

Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA), Brownton, Minnesota

February 2019

February Servants

Acolyte

- 3 Ross Jerabek
- 10 Riley Yerks
- 17 Grace Lipke
- 24 Sydney Harpel

Communion

Jan Messner

Altar Guild

Sharon Weber & Jan Messner

Ushers

- 3 Jim & Kathy Todd,
Sara Ulrich
- 10 Jim & Shirley Lindeman
- 17 Mark & Becky Streich
- 24 Kevin & Sharon Weber,
Tammy Kosek-Maiers

Readers

- 3 Brandon or Sarah Yerks
- 10 Vicki Herrmann
- 17 Kerry Ward
- 24 Paula Katzenmeyer

Greeters

- 3 Keith & Jane Tongen
- 10 Joyce Peterson & Grandkids
- 17 Darwin Frauendienst
- 24 Oather Martin Jr

Raise the Roof Fundraiser



When: February 24, 2019
Where: Grace Lutheran Church
Time: 10am-1pm

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

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

Invite you family and friends!

There is currently a sign up on the bulletin board for donations for this breakfast

Annual Meeting

Grace held their annual meeting on January 27 following worship.

New Council Members and Committees members were elected. Those elected to council are: Tim Olson, Vicki Schlenner, and Ben Schuft. Thank you to outgoing members, Michelle Gens & Karla Trettin. Council officers are: President-Jan Messner, Vice President-Dave Wendlandt, and Secretary-Nancy Deppe.

Call Committee was also created by those who volunteered or accepted nominations. Those who will be assisting with this process are: Vicki Herrmann, Diana Lindeman, Deb Messner, Julie Olson, Joyce Peterson, and Jane Tongen. Jim Lindeman will be an alternate.

Replacing the roof at Grace was discussed. This will be a costly project. Fundraising will occur and donations would be greatly appreciated.

Members who were unable to attend: reports are available to be picked up in the Narthex.

Anyone and everyone is encouraged to talk to Pastor Hummel, Council members, Call Committee members or Mission & Vision Committee members with any questions, comments, or concerns during this transition time.

Congregation Assessment

The LEAD Assessment has been completed. We have received 54 surveys and we expect a report from the LEAD Program sometime this month. Thank you to those members who completed the report for their hard work for the good of the congregation.

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

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January 16, 2019

Attending: Karla Trettin, Jan Messner, Michele Gens, Jake Wendolek, Dave Wendlandt, Oather Martin, Tim Olson, Keith Tongen, Brandon Yerks, and Pastor Hummel. Absent: Nancy Deppe

President Jan Messner called the meeting to order.

Devotions/Bible Study & Prayer

Pastor Hummel led devotions and prayer

Secretary's Report:

M.S.C.: to approve the minutes of the December 2018 meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

M.S.C.: to approve the Treasurer's Report	Memorial Fund CD: \$20,000.00
General Fund: December ending balance \$21,407.27	Building Fund CD: \$10,000.00
Memorial Fund: December balance \$3,128.21	Total income for December \$19,035.82 total expenditures \$8,496.59
Building Fund: December balance \$751.39	Line of Credit: \$0.00

Correspondence:

1. Lutheran Social Service
2. Green Lake Camp 2018 Annual Report – will be included in the Grace Annual Report as well
3. Superbowl of Caring – MSC to donate funds raised to McLeod County Food Shelf
4. Common Hope – Christmas card from Marcos was received
5. HP Insurance reached out to ask for monetary donations as well as participation in the Brownton Celebration Day, July 27th, 2019. The council agreed to do both, but will bring it to the congregation at the Annual Meeting for discussion and idea/volunteer promotion.
6. Brownton Fire Department - MSC to donate \$50.00

Pastor's Report:

1. Calendar of Activities
2. Vision and Mission Committee Report – continuing with information gathering
3. Pastor's Schedule – Vacation Request February 11th-17th; approved

Calendar:

1. January 27th, 2019 Annual Meeting
2. February 24th, 2019 Raise the Roof Breakfast to kick off fundraising campaign; the 4th-6th grade SS class will help out serving drinks and clearing tables.

Old Business:

1. Confirmation Crosses – voted to purchase 12 crosses for the 2018 Confirmands and future classes.....still shopping for appropriate crosses
2. Mission Support for SW Minnesota Synod – treasurer will report new mission support amount
3. Snow Removal – Eric Werner, letter will be sent for tax purposes

New Business:

1. Congregational Report
2. Keys to Church Building – suggested changing locks and getting new keys made that cannot be duplicated. Having many issues with members leaving the doors unlocked and lights on.
3. Offering envelopes – will be mailed out after Annual Meeting if not picked up
4. Property & Management: Report of Roofing Concerns...will get 3 new bids, including steel and shingle options – will be discussed at the Annual Meeting
5. Outgoing Council Member Supper – to be held Feb. 24th at Unhinged Pizza in Glencoe
6. Recycle Bin – Tim will call for recycle bin
7. New toilet paper holders have been installed in bathrooms, need to purchase TP from Hillyard

Committee and Group Reports: None

Next Meeting: February 20th, 2019 7pm

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

Secretary Karla Trettin

Word from the Pastor

When I taught at Augustana University last year, I heard many students at the start of the semester tell me something remarkable: they had been taught elsewhere—by friends, family, churches and the social media—that one could not be both a Christian and scientist. Science and Christianity had been described to them as being like two different roads—and, as they progressed in studies and age, the students said they thought they would have to choose which one way they would go.

By the end of the semester, most said they had come to understand how one could be both a scientist and a Christian. I'll say more about science and Christianity during our Lenten meditations on Wednesday evenings.

Right now, I want to bring to your attention an opportunity about science and Christianity for students **who will have completed the 9th, 10th, or 11th grades by June 2019.**

It is the "Gustavus [College] Academy for Faith, Science and Ethics."

I'm copying below information from the Academy's web-link.

Here, I'll say these things:

1. Applications are still being accepted.
2. Scholarships are available.
3. It's a great program.
4. I taught for the Academy in the summer of 2016.
5. Please share the information below with anyone you think might be interested.
6. I have more information—please be in touch to know more.

Blessings,

Pastor Leonard Hummel

The Gustavus Academy for Faith, Science, and Ethics prepares leaders to build creative alliances between religion and science in order to address the world's most pressing challenges.

Who Can Apply? Outstanding students who will have completed 9th, 10th, or 11th grade by June 2019

Where: Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota

When: June 22-28, 2019 (Saturday to Friday)

How: Apply online at: <https://gustavus.edu/chaplain/academy/> Priority application deadline: Jan. 31, 2019

Cost: Participants pay a \$300 enrollment fee. All other costs for housing, meals, and activities are funded through a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment. Registration and travel scholarships are available for participants based on need.

As an Academy Fellow, you will:

Interact with Gustavus students and experts in science and theology.

Be challenged academically, spiritually, and ethically.

Connect with outstanding students from across the church.

Enjoy all that the Gustavus campus has to offer, including our beautiful setting and award-winning dining services.

Become a stronger college applicant by participating in a selective program designed for future leaders.

Have the chance to meet Nobel laureates during the Nobel Conference at Gustavus.

The 2019 Academy Program includes:

June 22-28, 2019 - Summer Academy at Gustavus Adolphus College (required)

September 24-25, 2019 - Nobel Conference 55 (2019): Climate Changed: Facing Our Future at Gustavus Adolphus College (optional)

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:45am Worship/Communion 10am Sunday School	4	5	6 4pm Confirmation 7pm Choir Practice	7	8	9
10 8:45am Worship 10am Sunday School	11	12	13 1pm Bible Study 4pm Confirmation	14	15	16
17 8:45am Worship 10am Sunday School	18	19	20 4pm Confirmation 7pm Council Meeting 7pm Choir Practice	21	22	23
24 8:45am Worship/Communion 10am Sunday School 10am-1pm Raise the Roof Breakfast 6pm Council Appreciation	25 *Deadline March Newsletter	26	27 1pm Bible Study 4pm Confirmation 7pm Choir Practice	28		

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We are also on Facebook! Under Grace Lutheran Church

2019 CHURCH COUNCIL:

Jan Messner, President
Dave Wendlandt, Vice President
Nancy Deppe, Secretary

Oather Martin Jr Tim Olson Vicki Schlenner
Ben Schuff Keith Tongen Jake Wendolek