

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

# Notes of Grace

Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA), Brownton, Minnesota

November 2017

## November Servants

### Acolyte

- 5 Tison Werner
- 12 Ross Jerabek
- 19 Hunter Gens
- 26 Brent Lipke

### Communion

Jan Messner

### Altar Guild

Cheryl Schwarze

### Ushers

- 5 Jeff & Shannon Streich,  
Oather Jr & Sandy Martin
- 12 Diana Lindeman &  
Sherry Husske,
- 19 Keith & Jane Tongen,  
Sarah & Louise
- 22 (Thanks Eve) Youth Group
- 26 Tim & Julie Olson,  
Justin, Dean & Steph

### Readers

- 5 Jeff Kosek
- 12 Rosine Hermodson-Olsen
- 19 Oather Martin Jr
- 22 (Thanks Eve) Youth Group
- 26 Joyce Peterson

### Greeters

- 5 Oather Martin Jr
- 12 Ben & Gloria Schuft
- 19 Darrell & Michelle Gens
- 22 (Thanks Eve) Larry & Jeanette  
Tongen
- 26 Alan & Sandy Jerabek

## Confirmation Sunday



We were pleased to confirm four of our members on October 22:

Keely Wendlandt, Teagan Hansch, Allie Gronlund, and Cade Herrmann

## Thanksgiving by Giving to the Poor

November brings us the national holiday of Thanksgiving reminding us of the virtue of giving thanks – something that Christians may be doing daily in our relationship with God. **We will have a worship service for Thanksgiving on November 22 at 7pm.** In addition to worship, we do well to show our thanksgiving by giving to others. We will again lift up giving to those in need this month. We will have an ingathering of food, paper products and cash for the McLeod County Emergency Foodshelf. We will also give to the ELCA Hunger Program through our Thanksgiving offering (or any offering you may wish to designate). Please be as generous as you are thankful.

## Sunday School & Confirmation



Our Sunday School tied fleece blankets as a service project on October 15.

Three days later our confirmation class went on a trip to the Twin Cities and delivered the fleece blankets and some food at an outreach site for homeless teenagers (L.S.S.). We thank Thrivent for the financial support provided through their Action Team program.

The Christmas program will be a part of the worship service on December 17. Vicki Herrmann is preparing the program and would like to know ahead of time if there are Sunday school children who will not be able to be in the program. Please contact Vicki if your child will not be part of the program at 320-510-2726.

## **Council Meeting Highlights**

**October 11, 2017**

**Secretary's Report:** M.S.C.: to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2017 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

General Fund: September ending balance \$4437.84

Total income for September \$17,199.74 Total expenditures for Sept \$13,066.43.

Line of Credit: \$5,000.

M.S.C.: to approve the Treasurer's Report

**Pastor's Report:**

1. We will have a commemoration on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 29.
2. Confirmands for 2017 are Allie Gronlund, Cade Herrmann, Teagan Hansch and Keely Wendlandt. Agreed that they are eligible for confirmation of faith having completed the confirmation program.

**Calendar:**

1. Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving Worship 7pm
2. Nov. 27-29 Pastor out of town – Lilly Conference
3. Dec. 2 Women's Guest Day

**Old Business/Updates:**

1. Congregational directory – the pastor reported he has completed some of it and should have the rest done soon.
2. The 2018 Health Plan to offer the pastor had to be decided. The pastor indicated he wished it be changed from the Gold plan to the Silver plan with a HSA contribution of \$200/month. MSC to offer the Silver plan with the HAS contribution to the pastor.
3. Computer update – new computers and software have been installed
4. How the Cemetery Funds are invested were discussed and with the thought that we may recommend the cemetery committee invest it conservation mutual funds for better return. Further discussion at future meetings.

**New Business:**

1. Discussion on the Gehrke bequest continued with a summary of where we have designated some of the money and what things we still wish to purchase.
2. Garbage service – we are changing from Waste Management to West Central Sanitation
3. Fields of Grace is now paying Grace \$500/month for our pastor supervising the seminary student who is serving their parish.

### **Grace Women of the ELCA**

The Thankoffering Service will be on November 19. Envelopes for the thankoffering will be placed ahead of time in the congregational bulletin boxes. The offering goes to the national expression of the Women of the ELCA support their work. If any women are willing to help with leadership of the worship service, please talk to Pastor Andy.

The next meeting of the Grace Women will be on November 19 following the worship service.

**Mark your calendar for Guest Day!** It is going to be held December 2 at 10:30am. There is a sign up on the bulletin board for our members to sign themselves and their guests. Group 2 will be serving .

### **Food for Kidz Packing Results**

We received this information from Food for Kidz / Stewart.

*Where in the world is our food? Oct 9, 2017*

*We've been busying packaging and helping distribute the food!*

- 1) *Late August Food for Kidz sent a full container to Honduras.*
- 2) *After Hurricane Harvey 8 pallets of Food for Kidz food was sent to Houston, Texas area.*
- 3) *8 pallets were shipped to Puerto Rico through Many Hands Many Meals. They also shipped 12 pallets to the Island of Dominica.*
- 4) *Impact Lives shipped a full container to Sri Lanka.*
- 5) *The upcoming meals packaged at the Waunakee, WI event on October 21st will be sent to Feed My Lambs in Haiti*

We are grateful for the work of Food for Kidz. We have invited them to Grace two times and have packaged food with them. We intend to have them at Grace next spring to again package food.

### **Celebrations**

Our congratulations to the Jerry and Chrissie Kesler family who had Luke Jeremiah Kesler baptized on October 15.

### **Church E-Mail Contacts**

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**Our church website is: [www.gracebrownton.org](http://www.gracebrownton.org)**

**We also have a Facebook page! Like us!**

### **Grace Lutheran Youth Group**

We had four people in our youth group participate in the "Act 2Day 4 Tomorrow" at Christ Lutheran, Glencoe. Here are a few details of the event:

*There were 27 students who participated. There were 37 students and parents who packed food at FMSC.*

*The students collected 1,724 pounds of food and \$55 for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf. (MEFS) Total registration fees and donations totaled: \$1,668.88. After expenses (\$113.85) we were able to donate \$1,000 to FMSC, \$200 to ELCA World Hunger, and \$355.03 to the MEFS. The students did an awesome job. You should be proud of all of them for making the commitment to consuming very little food, serving others, and making a big impact in their community and the world for 24 hours!*

*Thank you SO much to Steff Gronlund, Mary Stoltenberg, Kari Warner, Shelly Kosek, Lori Hatlestad, Barb Magnuson, Dave Brown, Nicole Weber, Pam Gould, Tiff Simonson, Carla Kuehn, Kristin Roepke, Phil Kirchoff, Bonnie Hahn, Denise Lemke and Scott Kuehn!!*

**The GLYG will be ushering on Thanksgiving Eve.  
Please watch for details .**

### **Coming Together in Song**

The fall fundraiser of Common Cup Ministries, Coming Together in Song, is on Sunday, November 19, at 4pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. The concert is chock full of incredible local talent, ranging from Community Strings of Glencoe, to Victorian Carolers from Hutchinson High School, to Crow River Singers, and various ensembles and bands made up of people you see on the streets of Hutchinson, in your workplace, and even in your church pulpit! Of course, the mass choir is back, under the direction of Jim Nelson. This is a "don't miss" concert, providing a taste of the abundant musical talent in our surrounding communities. A freewill offering will be taken in support of the many needed services that Common Cup provides within the communities of Hutchinson and Glencoe.

If ANYONE in our church, your workplace, or you have friends wishing to sing in the Mass Choir, they would LOVE to have them. There will be 2 MASS CHOIR rehearsals: Nov. 12 at 4pm & Nov. 18 at 4pm. Also, singers are welcome to join in practice sessions at Christ the King Church at 6:45pm on Wednesday Nov. 1, 8, and 15. More information is available for anyone interested.

# November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 4pm Confirmation	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:45am Worship/Communion 10am Sunday School	<b>6</b> 6pm Local Broadcast	<b>7</b> 9am Bible Study	<b>8</b> 4pm Confirmation 7pm Council Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:45am Worship 10am Sunday School 10am Choir Practice	<b>13</b> 6pm Local Broadcast	<b>14</b> 9am Bible Study	<b>15</b> 4pm Confirmation 7pm Choir Practice	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 Thank Offering Sunday</b> 8:45am Worship 10am Sunday School 10am Grace Women's Meeting	<b>20</b> 6pm Local Broadcast	<b>21</b> 9am Bible Study	<b>22</b> 4pm Confirmation 7pm Choir Practice	<b>23</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:45am Worship/Communion 10am Sunday School	<b>27</b> 6pm Local Broadcast	<b>28</b> 9am Bible Study	<b>29</b> 7pm Choir Practice	<b>30</b>		