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# Notes of Grace

Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA), Brownton, Minnesota

August 2018

## August Servants

### Acolyte

5 Hunter Gens  
12 Ross Jerabek  
19 Brent Lipke  
26 Aaron Ward

### Communion

Nancy Deppe

### Altar Guild

Deb Messner & Lori Lindeman

### Ushers

6 Dave & Sarah Lipke  
12 Pat & Sarah Waller  
19 Darrell & Michelle Gens,  
Eric Hahn  
26 Kevin & Nancy Deppe

### Readers

6 Doug Karg  
12 Steffie Gronlund  
19 Oather Martin, Jr  
26 Joyce Peterson

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## Mark Your Calendars! Fall Festival will be September 9th!

Our annual pork chop dinner with the other activities will take place on Sunday, September 9th. Council is still working on all the final preparations.

Here are some early reminders for members as we join together to make this another successful day:

1. Meal tickets and raffle tickets will be distributed very soon. Please sell them ahead of time as you are able.
2. Each family is asked to bring either a pie or a dessert on September 8 or 9 for our dessert table.
3. You can think about what donations will help fill our country store—baked items, crafts, canned goods, garden produce, and such.
4. Sign up lists will be posted on the bulletin board. One list is to help donate items for the meal. The other is to volunteer to help with the different jobs on that day.
5. The Youth Group will be also helping with the set up and clean up of the meal. Members should contact, Vicki, Steffie, or Karla to let them know what shift you are able to work.

## Farewell to Pastor Andrew Hermodson-Olsen

On July 15, we bid farewell to Pastor Andrew after 19 years of service to our congregation and community. This was his last service with us before leaving to a congregation in St. James. There was a program at the Community Center for his recognition of service with us for worship. We are grateful for his time, service, & dedication to our congregation.



The cross was a gift from the congregation.



Last Children's Sermon



Last Sermon

**Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
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**July 11, 2018**

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

**Secretary's Report:**

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

General Fund: June ending balance \$3,341.45

Memorial Fund: June balance \$24,396.32

Building Fund: June balance \$8,914.32

Total income for June \$6,920.20 total expenditures for June \$9,027.32

Line of Credit: \$0.00

**Correspondence:**

1. Synod letter received thanking us for our monetary support.

**Pastor's Report:**

1. VBS is with Immanuel July 22-26 – Diana Lindeman is the contact person.
2. Memorial book project – pastor has completed his portion of compiling information.
3. Worship service posted on You Tube – Tyler Helland is looking into taking this on.
4. Church records book and Revelations data program are up to date.
5. Notes for the next pastor have been written and will be passed on to him and to Jan.
6. Moving out of the office – Pastor Andrew will be moved out by July 15, except for the desk which he will get later. Nancy Deppe will shampoo the carpet before moving a new desk in to get ready for the interim pastor.
7. Contacting Pastor Andy – okay to call with questions, but is not able to offer advice or guidance.

**Calendar:**

- July 15 Last Sunday with Pastor Andy
- July 22 & 29 Pastor Andy's vacation Sundays
- July 22 – Pr. Matthew Martin worship leader
- July 29 – Pr. Linda Pedersen worship leader
- July 22-26 VBS with Immanuel
- August 3 Interim pastor begins
- Sept 9 Fall Festival
- Sept 16 Start of Sunday School
- Sept 19 Typically start of Confirmation class (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders)
- Oct 28 Confirmation Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> graders)

**Old Business:**

1. Memorial Gift from Bullert family – angel statue has been delivered. We may need to bring in on windy days.
2. Duct cleaning complete. The cleaner reported that they were dirty, so it was good we did it.
3. Baptism request – after clarification of the church and synod bylaws and careful consideration with much discussion, the council voted to amend the previous motion made regarding outside pastors performing ceremonies at Grace. The motion now reads: "Regarding ceremonies at Grace, only the current pastor, interim or otherwise, will be allowed to perform ceremonies at Grace unless an ordained minister is invited by the current pastor serving Grace to join in performing the ceremony." The motion was seconded and carried.
4. Stained glass window maintenance – the Property & Management committee will look into refinishing/sealing the wood of the window
5. Church Credit Card was discussed.

6. Electronic giving update: Julie Olson will administer the Vanco account; Brandon Yerks will administer the Givelify account. JustGive account information will be shared with both Julie and Brandon.
7. Pastor's desk replacement – Jan will check with Jeff Messner for an estimate on building a desk. The Delphine Lindeman family desires that money given in memory of Delphine go for this purpose.
8. Carpet cleaning update – the dining room has been spot cleaned by Chem Dry. Will discuss having the rest of the dining room cleaned after receiving an estimate
9. Farewell Reception plans – Jan has organized the meal and program, workers are in place

#### **New Business:**

1. Fall Festival – assigned duties from the task list
2. Building walk through – Pastor Andrew took the council through the building to inform them of information he thought they should know.
3. Building supervisors/list of duties – the council decided to make a sign-up sheet asking the congregation to volunteer for a month's time to supervise the physical building. Duties and tasks are recorded on a list with the sign-up sheet
4. Webpage will be taken on by Nancy Deppe. Facebook page will be taken on by Vicki Herrmann.
5. Interim pastor – discussed Pastor Hummel's proposal on insurance, mileage, time off and continuing education. Numbers are firming up and will be finalized soon.

#### **Committee and Group Reports:**

None

Next Meeting: August 8, 7:00 pm

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

Secretary Karla Trettin

#### **Grace Lutheran Youth Group**

The Youth Group will be once again helping to set up and clean up during the Fall Festival on September 9. Please contact one of the leaders on your availability to assist that day.

Watch the bulletin for any additional upcoming events.

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

The Women's Group had a General Meeting on July 29 following worship. Meeting minutes will be in the next newsletter.

The Ladies have already begun preparing for the Fall Festival. The Raffle tickets will be put in boxes in the near future, so people are able to buy them in advance as well as the day of the event for the Themed-Baskets.

Please also consider donating item to the Country Store the day of the events.

### **Grace Lutheran Church Special Council Meeting July 1st, 2018**

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

A special meeting was held to discuss the interviews for the interim pastor position conducted by President Jan Messner along with Nancy Deppe and Karla Trettin.

Two candidates were interviewed on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. The interview team recommends Rev. Leonard Hummel. Much discussion took place regarding salary and a benefit package. Tim Olson made a motion to contact Pastor Hummel to offer the call of interim pastor. The motion was seconded by Nancy Deppe.

Jan Messner will contact Rev. Hummel to offer the position and discuss a base salary with benefit options.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Secretary Karla Trettin

## Sunday School Begins September 16

Preparations are underway for another year of Sunday School. If you know a neighbor with children who may want to send their children to Sunday school, be sure to talk to them about it. We want to reach out to children with the love of Jesus and have them learn the stories of the Bible, even if they are not members. Tell them, "Our church's name is "Grace", and we want to welcome everyone by the Grace of God."

Sunday school will start on September 16. Please contact someone on the Education committee with any questions.

## THANK YOU from the Eitels

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank your for the generous financial support that you gave us for our trip to Houston, Texas. We were volunteers for the ELCA national youth gathering. We served on the community life team and enjoyed every minute of it! The gathering is every three years and will be in Minneapolis in 2021!

Paul and Theresa Eitel

## THANK YOU from Pastor Andy

We are deeply thankful for the last 19 years of ministry and shared living with you. We include our appreciation for the last Sunday and farewell program that took place on July 15. It was uplifting and a great way to say good-bye. We are taking some time getting through the cards. I will be placing the gifts you gave me in my office as a reminder of our common faith in Jesus. May God bless you with insight for your future.

If you would like to put us on your Christmas card list ... our new address is 210 4<sup>th</sup> St. S., St. James, MN 56081.

With love,  
Pastor Andrew, Rosine, and family

## Confirmation

Confirmation is still undergoing plans on when it will begin. There will be a parent and student meeting prior to start of this year's classes.

Confirmation date for 9th Graders to be confirmed has been set for October 28.

## August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 8:45am Worship/ Communion	6	7	8 7pm Council Meeting	9	10	11
12 8:45am Worship	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 8:45am Worship	20	21	22 7pm Choir Practice	23	24	25
26 8:45am Worship/ Communion	27	28	29 7pm Choir Practice	30	31	