

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

Notes of Grace

Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA), Brownton, Minnesota

October 2018

October Servants

Acolyte

- 7 Tison Werner
- 14 Brent Lipke
- 21 Aaron Ward
- 28 Hunter Gens

Communion

Dave Wendlandt

Altar Guild

Vicki, Shelby, & Courtney Schlenner

Ushers

- 7 Jake & Amber Wendolek,
Doug Karg
- 14 Dave & Nancy Lauseng
- 21 David & Sharon Carrigan
- 28 Vicki Schlenner

Readers

- 7 Brandon or Sarah Yerks
- 14 Kathy Engelsmeier
- 21 Vicki Herrmann
- 28 Kerry Ward

Greeters

- 7 Keith & Jane Tongen
- 14 David & Sharon Carrigan
- 21 Darwin Frauendienst
- 28 Oather Martin Jr

THANK YOU to everyone who helped & participated in the Fall Festival!

Thanks so much to a great group of council member!! We rocked that kitchen!!! Thanks to our potato man, Jeff Messner!! Our grill masters and whoever else helped in any way to make our Fall Festival a success!! *We served 322 adults, 14 kids pork chops, 4 kids hot dogs, and donated 4 dinners to the Shade Tree. The remaining pork chops were sold.

~Jan Messner, Council President~



On behalf of Women's Group - Thank all who donated to our fundraiser & to those who purchased tickets! Thanks to all who worked in country store, selling basket tickets & working at the dessert table. Also, thanks to the kitchen workers and all who helped to make it a success for another year. The food was delicious & many compliments were received!

Thank You to the Youth Group with the help with the dining room as well!!!

Basket Raffle Winners

- *Children 's basket - Julie Schuch
- *Couples Night Out - Julie Zieman
- *31 Basket - Diana Klabunde
- *Family Breakfast - Elliot Morsching
- *Gift Card tree - Sandra Martin
- *Gardening by Avon - Sarah Tongen
- *Bakers Basket - Steph Gronlund
- *Beer/Cheese Meat Basket - Dave Pedersen

Confirmation Sunday is October 28

The 9th graders have been preparing for their confirmation. This years confirmands are: Brent Lipke, Aaron Ward, and Tison Werner.

Sunday School Service Project

The Sunday School will not be having classroom studies but instead a Service Project on October 28th. They will be making fleece tie blankets. The Youth group will be assisting, other members of the congregation are encouraged to join.

Service Helpers for 2019

As 2018 dwindles down, those who do the helper lists have started to work on the 2019 lists for ushers, greeters, altar guild, and readers. If you would like to continue, discontinue, or be added to those lists please let us know. Those who do lists are: Joyce Peterson—Ushers & Greeters, Cheryl Schwarze—Altar Guild, and Sarah Tongen—Readers. Any questions please ask!

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Highlights
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September 5, 2018

Attending: Karla Trettin, Jan Messner, Michele Gens, Nancy Deppe, Dave Wendlandt, Oather Martin, Brandon Yerks and Pastor Hummel.

Absent: Tim Olson, Jake Wendolek, Keith Tongen

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 2 August 2018 meetings.

Treasurer's Report:

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

General Fund: August ending balance \$3,014.43

Memorial Fund: August balance \$24,059.64

Building Fund: August balance \$9,053.15

Total income for August \$7,415.08 total expenditures \$14,046.37

Line of Credit: \$0.00

The savings bond that was in the safety deposit box has reached its maturity date and was cashed in for a total of \$103.68. The money will be allocated to purchase Sunday School Christmas Program costumes.

Correspondence:

1. LSS: Celebration for Changing Lives
2. Green Lake Bible Camp – dues are paid for 2018, received flyers for youth events coming up
3. Lutheran World Relief – flyers received
4. Gustavus College
5. ELCA Good Gifts Catalogue
6. ELCA World Hunger Action Guide

Pastor's Report:

1. Pastor Hummel printed a daily calendar of his work with details and notes

Calendar:

Sept 9	Fall Festival
Sept 16	Start of Sunday School
Sept 19	Confirmation at 4:00pm
Sept 23	Welcome for Pastor Hummel
Oct 28	Confirmation Sunday (9 th graders)

Old Business:

1. Stained glass window maintenance –
2. Church credit card –
3. Pastor's desk - ordering glass top
4. Paraments ordered – will be getting in the last of the new paraments so we have all the colors needed.

New Business:

1. Fall Festival – assigned duties from the task list
2. Building supervisors/list of duties – may add to usher list
3. Webpage has been taken on by Nancy Deppe. Facebook page has been taken on by Vicki Herrmann.
4. Welcome and Blessing of Pastor Hummel will be held on September 23rd
5. Confirmation Sunday - Karla will order cake and flowers

Committee and Group Reports:

1. Education Committee met with Pastor Hummel to order curriculum and plan the calendar
2. Worship and Evangelism Committee met: cleaned out kids' bags and went through the guest book

Next Meeting: October 10th, 7:00pm

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

Secretary Karla Trettin

Word from the Pastor

Cooler weather and shorter days have come to us. These changes may mean different things to many of us. Some of us are busy with harvesting. Others of us are engaged in school—so much so that it is hard to remember that, only a month ago, we were not as involved with reading, writing and arithmetic. Amidst these transitions, hopefully all of us will take some time to reflect on the beauty of this season in Minnesota.

Certainly, things are busier at Grace Church than they were a month ago! Fall Festival marked the launch of this season in the life of our community—and was followed quickly with the start of our Sunday School. Confirmation classes have begun—and at the end of this month, three of our members will be confirmed. And choir rehearsals have resumed—and already have brought beautiful music for our worship. All these activities witness to the lively spirit in the congregation of Grace Lutheran Church. I give thanks for my experience of that spirit—not only this month but since my arrival as your interim pastor.

This month also marks the launching of the work of the Vision and Mission Committee. The goal of this committee is the following: 1) to understand and appreciate the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of Grace Church; 2) to suggest a vision for the mission of Grace Church.

The means by which this committee will accomplish these goals are: (1) distributing to the members of the congregation a series of interpretative surveys and questionnaires about the life of the congregation; (2) discussing with members of the congregation their understanding of the life of the Holy Spirit in the church; (3) discussing the shapes of ministry that may be adopted by Grace to carry out the vision and mission of the congregation.

When this committee has completed its work, it will hand over its findings to the congregation and to a Call Committee that will be selected by the congregation.

As cooler weather has commenced, and shorter days have come upon us, I look forward to working with you, the People of Grace Church, to pray and plan for the future of this blessed congregation. I believe that the fire of the Holy Spirit and many years of fruitful ministry await Grace Church.

Peace be with you, Pastor Leonard Hummel

Grace Lutheran Youth Group

Upcoming Youth Group Activities:

- **Oct 28th:** Help Sunday School children with their service project during the Sunday School hour
- **Oct 31st:** Help at the Brownton Halloween party at the Community center—time TBD
- **Nov 4th:** Trip to the Escape Room in Mankato—sign up sheet will be posted soon on the bulletin board and information will be sent out
- **Dec 2nd:** Christmas party and shopping trip for the McLeod County Giving Tree

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend

Grow your relationship by attending the next Lutheran Marriage Encounter enrichment weekend scheduled October 12-14 at the Centerstone Plaza Hotel in Rochester. The event runs from 8pm Friday to 3pm Sunday. Apply now at: GodLovesMarriage.org or contact Peter & Phyllis McMahon at mcmahonp@comcast.net or 763-561-1575 for more info. Pre-registration is required for the event that only takes place 3 times/yr. Pastor Linda & Dave Pedersen from Grace will be presenters on the weekend.

Women of the ELCA

The MN Valley Conference for the Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering has been set for Saturday, October 13 at Augustana Lutheran in Gibbon.

Our next General meeting will be in November. Watch in bulletin for the date. Meetings are held three/four times during the year, during or after the coffee fellowship on Sundays mornings. All women are invited to attend.

Guest Day will be December 1 here at Grace. The theme is “Hats of to...”. Group 1 will serve this year.

Thank Offering will be November 18.

We are also looking for ladies whom may be interested in being a board member. Please see a current board member if interested.

Coming Together in Song

“**Coming Together in Song**” event will take place on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 4:00pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church. They are in the planning stages and Looking for Voices for the Mass Choir.

If interested, please contact Jennie at 320-484-2357 or Bev at 320-234-8344. They will give you any details about rehearsal options and answer any question.

Do you have Winter Coats you no longer use???

There is a warm coat collection for Common Cup. There is a box in the narthex for members to bring coats in. We would like to gently use winter coats for Men, Women & Children. Esp looking for children's coats, boots, snow pants, and mittens. Also Men's size Lg -XXXLg. They will be delivered to Common Cup in time for the distribution they hold on October 17th & 18th at New Century Academy.

*They are looking for volunteers to help set up prior to event and pack up following event. If you have further questions see Kerry Ward.

October 2018

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

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