

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

Notes of Grace

Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA), Brownton, Minnesota

October 2022

October Servants

Acolyte

- 2 Nick Kosek
- 9 Dustin Trettin
- 16 Leyton Yerks
- 23 Ty Winterfeldt
- 30 Dalen Loncorich

Communion Assistant

Gary Alsleben

Altar Guild

Vicki Schlenner

Ushers

- 2 Mark & Becky Streich
- 9 David & Sharon Carrigan
- 16 Chris & Kristen Hansch,
Dave & Roxanne Wendlandt
- 23 Ben & Gloria Schuft Family
- 30 Keith & Jane Tongen,
Sarah & Louise

Readers

- 2 Oather Martin Jr
- 9 Joyce Peterson
- 16 Paula Katzenmeyer
- 23 Steffie Gronlund
- 30 Keith Tongen

Greeters

- 2 Larry & Jeanette Tongen
- 9 Oather Martin Jr
- 16 Jim & Shirley Lindeman
- 23 Keith & Jane Tongen
- 30 David & Sharon Carrigan

THANK YOU GRACE MEMBERS,

Our 2022 Fall Festival was a great success, THANKS to the efforts of many of you! We served approximately four hundred people, one hundred and forty of those take out orders. Thank you to our ticket sellers, to those of you who purchased tickets and sold to friends and relatives, to our host and hostess. We appreciate those people who donated food toward the meal, donated a Thrivent card, took meals to the Shade Tree and those who made desserts and donated to the Country Store.



It takes many people to make this fundraiser a success. We were glad Pastor Angela was able to be with us, even when she was not feeling the best. The work and time of the Grace Women's group was appreciated. To those behind the scene who printed tickets, donated baskets to raffle, cleaned and decorated the church and fellowship room, thank you. A big thank you to our young people, Grace, Ty, Nick, Dustin, Leyton, Riley and leaders for working with the adults clearing and resetting tables. No chops without the grillers, thanks guys. A HUGE thank you to the church council members. You helped with setting up, cooking, serving and the clean up. We make a good team.

Grace Members, you see it takes many people to make the Fall Festival be a success. Blessings and thanks to all of you.

Joyce Peterson
President of Grace



More Pictures
during the event
on the Grace
Facebook Page.



Sunday School Started Sept 18 - Learning Bibles Presented

There will NOT be Sunday School on the following dates: October 23rd (MEA break)

Sunday School students will be sharing Musical Offerings during church on October 16th.



Church Council Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2022

Members present: Pres. Joyce Peterson, Sec. Lori Lindeman, Treas. Nancy Deppe, Brad Trettin, Gary Alsleben, Scott Katzenmeyer, Keith Tongen, Pastor Angela, Mary Bullert, and Sharon Carrigan.

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Joyce Peterson. Pastor Angela led devotion with prayer and praise requests from each council member.

Secretary Report: Minutes from the August Council meeting were reviewed. Corrections were made to the memorial fund balance, Sunday School meeting, and in New Business the plasma cut sign for the cemetery. There was a motion/second to approve the August 10th minutes with corrections made. Sharon / Gary

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report for August was presented and reviewed. Balance as of August 31, 2022 for the General Fund Savings and Checking was \$21,266.48. Total income for August was \$7,735.29. Total expenses for August were \$10,377.79. There was a motion/second to approve treasurer's report. Scott / Mary

Correspondence:

1. We received a thank you for the Pork Chop Dinner and to the cooks, helpers, and servers from Kurt and Denise Landin.
2. We received a letter from the county in regards to the repair of driveway approach of the church. This will be reviewed in Old Business.

Pastor's Report:

1. Pastor attended Assembly-reorganization of the ELCA passed by 92%. She states this is hopeful to lead to positive reforms.
2. Calendar of Activities:
 - a. Continuing Education: North Carolina Oct. 31-Nov.6
 - b. Arkansas Lutheran Presentation Oct. 23
 - c. Re-starting Sunday School/Confirmation Sept. 18
3. Month in Review: Weddings

Church Calendar of Events:

1. September 18-Sunday School begins
2. September 21-Confirmation and Bible Study begin
3. Confirmation Service Oct. 30
4. October 20-Synod Mission Committee meeting at Grace. Women's group will serve supper for them.

Old Business

1. Grace Website: Kerry Ward is working on it.
2. Finish rock around the trees to the south of the church (Scott, Gary, Jeff M., Tim, Jeff K.)
3. Sunday School and Confirmation Schedule 2022-2023.
4. Motion Light (Property Committee) the existing entrance light is working again.
5. Fall Festival Review: Served around 400+. More details to follow.
6. Request for sports equipment for the parking lot.
7. Ron Lindeman memorial: bench is being donated to the church
8. Parking Lot Approach: a bid was Muellers was \$6,100.00. A motion was made and seconded that due to finances, to table this project for the time being. Keith / Gary
9. Cemetery Sign: Brad---will bring a few designs for the council to pick from.

New Business

1. 2023 Health Insurance for Pastor Angela. A motion was made and seconded to go with the same plan as 2022, the Silver Plus Plan with HAS contribution. Mary / Sharon
2. Speaker in the Fellowship Hall: an estimate was received to repair/upgrade the speaker system in the fellowship hall. The cost is \$4,531.00. The council is asking members to relay their thoughts on this project to a council member.

Next Meeting: October 12th, 7 PM

Motion / second to adjourn the meeting. Keith/ Sharon

Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Council Secretary, Lori Lindeman

NOTE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Members of Grace,

I would like to bring to your attention a few items you may or may not be aware of, but are in the council minutes. There have been and may be some money items that have been spent or need to be discussed in regards to spending.

First, we are spending money to finish putting rocks around the trees to the south of the church. That will be done this fall. There are two items that the council looked at and have tabled, looking for some feedback from Grace members.

- One of those expenses is to fix the speaker system in the fellowship room so people are able to hear a service when they are working in the kitchen, or overflow from a special service or a funeral. The bid is \$4,100.00, received in September. An increase of approximately \$800 from last year.
- The second expense we are looking at is the entrance to the church parking lot. This seems to give us trouble breaking apart about every other year. McLeod County said they will not fix it or put any money toward fixing it. For the council to hire the work to be done the bid given to us in August was \$6,100.00.

There is undesignated memorial money that could be used, or a special fundraiser done for these two items, or do nothing. We want to hear from our members on these items, please. These two items may be voted on at the annual meeting if no decision is made before then.

There are always expenses for the upkeep of our church and church grounds. If you would occasionally consider giving to the "building fund" that would be appreciated. Please talk with me or a council member with your thoughts on our expenses. Thank you for your time and consideration of the church items.

Joyce Peterson

Women of Grace

Thank you to all that helped by donating baskets for the raffle, worked and donated to the Country Store, helped with selling raffle tickets, and helped with serving the desserts during the meal.

Fall Festival Raffle Winners (14 prizes):

1. Thirty One Basket—Kurt Landin
2. Couple's Night Basket—Sarah Tongen
3. Color Street Basket—Julie Schuch
4. Baking Basket—Mary Bullert
5. MN Basket—Ryan Hansch
6. \$20 Gift Card for Joanne Fabrics—Tammy Maiers
7. \$25 Gift Card for Kwik Trip—Riley Yerks
8. Kwik Trip Car Washes—Jane Messner
9. \$25 Applebee's Gift Card—Linda Horky
10. \$25 Gift Card for Target—Louise Jaeger
11. Table Runners—Jeff Kosek
12. Fall Basket—Michelle Barley
13. Mums—Ellie Wendolek
14. Mums—Doug Karg



Lutheran Marriage Encounter

Pastor Linda and Dave Pedersen from Grace will be on the presenting team for the next Lutheran Marriage Encounter event that will be virtually via zoom Oct. 14-16. This enrichment provides the opportunity to celebrate a special relationship while learning unique insights and tools to improve their couple communication for the long haul! A *virtual* Lutheran Marriage Encounter experience saves cost and travel time, done from the comfort of your own home. For questions contact Dave and Linda at dlpeders@msn.com or 763-807-0993. To learn more and register go to the godlovesmarriage.org.

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October 14 - 16, 2022

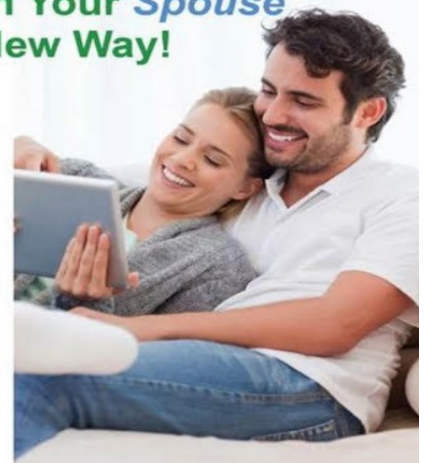
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Common Cup Ministry

is always looking for volunteers interested in helping with quick jobs or errands.

Some of these include:

- Packing weekend food bags
- Picking up, shelving and/or inventory of food supplies
- Transporting items to Glencoe Thrift Store
- Transporting items for distribution days - usually diapers & wipes
- Coat drive help - pick ups, sorting, transport to and from distribution in October
- Things that are not yet known to us
- Many things come up at the last minute so if you are interested in being "on call" to help with a quick project, please send your name, phone number and email to jenwicklund@gmail.com or call the office at 320-587-2213. We will always try to give as much notice as possible and completely understand that your availability may change. Thank you!
- They could also use help sorting coats that come into Common Cup in preparation for the Coat Distribution taking place on Oct 20th.
- Also a more immediate need is help packaging K-3 Backpack program bags for GSL in Glencoe. This would be done in Glencoe at the Glencoe City Center.

COLLECTING
NEW & GENTLY USED

COATS
SNOWPANTS
MITTENS
BOOTS

SEPTEMBER 15TH - OCTOBER 9TH

Pastor's Message

People of Grace,

Even as warm temperatures linger, we've entered into a season of shorter and shorter days. It already felt like there was not enough time in each day - and now there's even less.

Time slips through our fingers like tiny grains of sand.

As I drive out to Brownton and watch the trucks full of corn travel toward their next destination, away from the farm, I think about how much work it takes to create so much — and how little it seems that work lasts before it's time to begin another new task

Usually I can't wait for fall, but this year it all seems to be happening far too fast. Doesn't the Fall Festival seem that it was eons ago?

I don't think God is calling us to live like hamsters on a wheel, but so often we do - acting as though some much larger force than ourselves is dictating our frenzied movement.

The gift of spending Sunday morning in worship is the gift of slowing down to listen for the Holy Spirit. In this season of endings and shorter days, may the dark evening remind us of God's omnipresence.

I wanted to share with you this poem for October:

O hushed October morning mild,
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;
Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,
Should waste them all.
The crows above the forest call;
Tomorrow they may form and go.
O hushed October morning mild,
Begin the hours of this day slow.
Make the day seem to us less brief.
Hearts not averse to being beguiled,
Beguile us in the way you know.
Release one leaf at break of day;
At noon release another leaf;
One from our trees, one far away.
Retard the sun with gentle mist;
Enchant the land with amethyst.
Slow, slow!
For the grapes' sake, if they were all,
Whose leaves already are burnt with frost,
Whose clustered fruit must else be lost—
For the grapes' sake along the wall.

October, by Robert Frost

May your October Sundays be slow and Spirit-filled.

In Jesus' love,
Pastor Angela

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8am-11am Strides for CJS - Brownton Communi- ty Center
2 8:45am Worship/Communion 10am Sunday School	3	4	5 2:30pm Bible Study Starts 4:15pm Confirmation Starts 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice 7:15pm Choir Practice	6	7	8
9 8:45am Worship 10am Sunday School	10	11	12 2:30pm Bible Study Starts 4:15pm Confirmation Starts 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice 7:15pm Choir Practice	13	14	15
16 8:45am Worship 10am Sunday School	17	18	19 2:30pm Bible Study Starts 4:15pm Confirmation Starts 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice 7:15pm Choir Practice	20 Synod Mission Meeting at Grace (Grace Women Serving Supper)	21 *Deadline November Newsletter	22
23 8:45am Worship/Communion (Pastor Linda) No Sunday School	24	25	26 2:30pm Bible Study Starts 4:15pm Confirmation Starts 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice 7:15pm Choir Practice	27	28	29
30 Confirmation Sunday 8:45am Worship 9:45am Trick or Treat during Fellowship (Sunday School & Younger wear costumes) 10am Sunday School	31					