

# CHURCH MINUTES

## Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting 6 July 2023

**Present:** Pastor Carla, Pastor Kevin, Clay Lange, Bob Tesch, San Monahan, Dennis Chowen, David Lyons, Robin Baldwin, Brandon Caneva

**Absent:** Maddison Pankrantz, Mikayla Wilson, Debbie Patmore, Kelly Magdanz

**Call to Order:** Brandon

**Devotions:** Dennis

Adoption of Agenda with one addition

Under new business #3 Grace Calling

Motion: Bob                      Seconded: Robin      Motion passed

Approval of Minutes

One correction – dates for counters should be

7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_      Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_      Motion passed

Treasurer's report: Discussed

Old Business

1. Rocking Tree cleaned up their mess left from snow plow, but not reseeded. Brandon and Clay volunteered to bring dirt and donate sod. (Thank you!)
2. Bid on sculpture from Tim Hamilton of Sand Scripts is now \$809. He will have job completed before rally.

### New Business

1. Counters

August 2023

6 – Dennis & Pam

13 – Bob & David

20 - Brandon & Kelly

27 – Clay & Bob

September 2023

3 – Dennis & Pam

10 – Robin & Kelly or Maddison

17 - Debbie & David

24 – Clay & Bob

(trade if not available and let Keri know)

2. Unanimously approved Keri's vacation request August 4-13.
3. Calling Grace: propose council again take the responsibility of tracking down volunteers for Sunday and Wednesday services as it is easier to ask approach people on Sundays. Brandon volunteered for August. Will also try passing around clipboards on Sundays to encourage signing up. Council will revisit on Sunday. Will also ask Keri to send updated members list (phone numbers) via email to each council member.

Written Reports – Received – GLCW and Pastor's

Highlight from Pastor's report

\* Consecration Sunday planning going well.

\*Grace did not receive the grant for new wireless microphones. Tom's T volunteered to donate. (Thank you, San!)

Next meeting 7 September 2023 at 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted, Pastor Carla

## GLCW Minutes – July 11, 2023

President Deb Patmore called the July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, GLCW meeting to order in Jesus' name with 15 in attendance. After a devotional read by Mary Ann Stroschein, Rachel Circle served brunch. Pastor Carla Nelson led a Bible Study on the book of Revelation.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report included a deposit of \$305 and expenses of \$600.09, leaving a balance of \$21,203.61.

### Reports of committees:

- Growth – baptisms and new members were welcomed to Grace.
- Quilting – quilts and other items are being prepared for sale at the Rally Breakfast. The quilters were reminded to have a representative at the breakfast to facilitate the sale of the items.
- Community – the NH Community Band will play at Rally Point on Sunday, July 23. "The Horse" sculpture will be unveiled Wed., July 12 at 5:15 in front of the HUB Insurance office. Our Red Bucket offerings this quarter are going to Believers Fellowship Church.
- Courtesy – 4 get-well, 2 sympathy, and 2 thinking of you cards were sent.

### Old Business:

- Bible School – about 40 children attended. There were great youth and adult helpers.
- Fall Bazaar – Oct. 21, 8 – 3:00 pm. Lynette Kvanvig moved to offer a free table for goods made as part of the "Sharing the Dream in Guatemala" WELCA project. Motion carried.
- The signup sheet for the Rally Breakfast is up and ready for volunteers to sign.

### New Business:

- Pastor Carla and Bonnie Lange reported on the wonderful programs (sex trafficking, St. Dymnas, and other organizational ministries of SD WELCA) given at the WELCA Synodical Convention in June. Our basket, prepared by Bonnie, bought \$50 and Pastor purchased hygiene products for the Love Offering.
- The Altar Guild held a meeting. Dawn Geppert purchased new communion baskets. Members were reminded to wipe off the trays and fill the candle lighters. They will again in November.
- The next meeting is on August 15<sup>th</sup> with a potluck supper at 5:00 pm. in the Rose Room.
- A closing devotion was read by Mary Ann followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Marlene Kotab, Secretary

## Grace Lutheran Church Education Committee July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Present: Pastor Carla, Marlene Kotab, Melissa Pankratz, Andria Williams, Tessa Gunderson

- Recap of previous meeting
- Pastor Carla will be holding a meeting after Rally regarding the National Youth Gathering that is coming up in Summer of 2024
- Pastor Carla is sending out invites to all High School Youth about attending the Sasquatch game on July 30<sup>th</sup>
- Backpack blessing will be held on August 27<sup>th</sup>. We will also bless the WNL teachers and helpers that morning.

- September 13<sup>th</sup> will be the first night of Wednesday Night Live for the year. We will be holding a family scavenger hunt that evening from 5-5:45pm, followed by dinner from 5:45-6:30pm, service from 6:30-7pm and youth group at 7pm. Melissa will help with making a Google form to help make kid registration easier for those who would like to fill out info online. Pastor Carla, Melissa, Andria and Tessa will work on the scavenger hunt prep.
- Lessons for the fall will go along with the church message. We will also be teaching the layout of the bible.
- The WNL Christmas program will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The next Education Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:45pm.

### **Worship Committee Minutes, July 25, 2023**

The Worship Committee met at 5:30, Tuesday, July 25, 2023. Present were Ruth Mechling, Robin Baldwin, Christian and Marlene Kotab, Candy McKay, Marcia Potts, Tim Patmore, and Pastor Kevin Jensen. After an opening prayer the minutes were reviewed. The agenda was amended.

#### **Old Business:**

- Marie Ritten will play for the July 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday service.
- August 20<sup>th</sup> is the outdoor potluck at 5:30 pm and an informal service at 6:30. It will be held on the church lawn. Pastor will bring his portable sound system. Musicians will lead the singing. People should bring their lawn chairs. A few tables and chairs will be carried out onto the lawn.
- August 27<sup>th</sup> is the Back to School Blessing Sunday. Last year we had an ice cream social during fellowship time. We will check with the Education Committee about their plans for any social and about gifts for the children that are in attendance. Children will be encouraged to bring their backpacks and adults who work in the school system are also encouraged to participate.
- September 13 is the start of Wednesday Night Live and Kids Alive. Patmores will prepare the meals again. Marcia Potts, Christian and Marlene Kotab will provide the music. Tammy Hencke will also be invited to sing again.

#### **New Business:**

- WNL services would be enhanced by the participation and attendance of more families, youth, and children – the Education Committee is working on ways to get the youth involved in the service. Videos highlighting a theme or to create interest by the youth were discussed as well as topics relevant to families.
- Sept 10<sup>th</sup> is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of “God’s Work. Our Hands.” This is an ELCA annual project. There is a special theme song. Marcia will generate notes with ideas for helping one’s neighbor and have them ready to hand out at the service.
- The sign up clipboards distributed each Sunday have been very successful.
- Consecration Sunday is Oct. 15. Brandon Caneva will give temple talks on stewardship before that date. Brad Scott from Spearfish will provide the message on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. Messages about thankful giving will be sent out to the membership.
- Oct. 29 is Confirmation.
- Next meeting is Aug. 22 at 5:30 p.m.
- Liturgies for August are Aug. 6 – Chosen People, Aug. 13 - #7, Aug. 20 - #4, Aug. 27 – Back to School Blessing Liturgy along with RTP.

The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.  
Marlene Kotab, Chair