

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL OF  
GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Meeting Held on July 20, 2015**

**Members Present**

Ron Fairchild, Rev. Martha Clementson, Rev. Kevin Clementson, Donna Kent, Robert Lichtfuss, Carrie Oddis, Kathy Rehak, Linwood Van Horn, Patt Patterson Jones, Bill Comegna, Don Ludwig, Kevin Dayhoff, Jan Mickey

**Members Absent**

Jo Monka, Rich Chaney, Don Meyers, Brian Sherfey

**Opening of Meeting**

President Ron Fairchild opened the meeting promptly at 7:00 pm and Pastor Kevin began with prayer. We had an abbreviated meeting due to the next meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. All members interested in sharing ideas about Grace's ministries now and in the future were invited to attend.

**Meeting Agenda and Approval of Minutes**

A brief agenda was adopted and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

**President's Report**

Ron thanked Bob Lichtfuss for the work he has done studying and presenting the demographics of Grace's community compared to the figures presented for mainline churches.

**Pastors' Report**

The pastors distributed their monthly report.

**Committee Reports**

**Stewardship**

Pastor Kevin gave an update on a change in approach for stewardship this year. Instead of asking for pledges for the coming year, they are going to present the idea of giving first gifts to God in return for all He has given us. The stewardship committee will come back to council in September with more details.

**Treasurer's Report**

Bill Comegna passed out updated financial reports.

**Announcements**

None.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Kent, Council Secretary

**Open Meeting –All Members Invited**  
**Held in Theater Room**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**July 20, 2015**

President Fairchild welcomed all to the meeting. There were 39 people present. Bob Lichtfuss reviewed the powerpoint presentation describing Grace's demographics compared to other mainline churches throughout the country. Ron then asked each table group to talk among themselves about where Grace will be in the future and what it would look like and to review the ministries offered at Grace to see what works and what doesn't . The following topics were among those discussed during the discussion period:

- Additional personnel needed to assist pastors;
- Intergenerational experiences;
- Ministries for and by the elderly members;
- Why are people leaving Grace?;
- Ministries for the 18 – 30 age group;
- After school program;
- Kids Church to be held during regular worship;
- Parish nurse possibility;
- Visitors and how much follow-up is needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.