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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CONGREGATION COUNCIL OF GRACE EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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<http://gracelc.org/about-us/council/meeting-minutes/>

Meeting held on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Members Present: Rev. Martha Clementson, Co-Senior Pastor, Rev. Kevin Clementson, Co-Senior Pastor, Bill Comegna, Bob Lichtfuss, Ron Fairchild, Linwood Van Horn, Kevin Dayhoff, Brian Sherfey, Arthur Pease, Jan Mickey, Robin Hoff Skrtic, Rich Chaney, Patt Patterson Jones, and Ginger Myers.

Members Absent: Don Meyers, Johanna Monka,

Call to order - Opening of Meeting: President Bob Lichtfuss called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Devotions were led by Pastor Martha. She read a poem by Barbara Serghini for our anniversary, "To My BFF Grace." She then led us in prayer.

Approve Minutes & Adopt Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes and adopt the agenda. The motions passed.

President's Report by Bob Lichtfuss. Bob thanked Ron Fairchild for his stewardship report at church services last Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017.

Bob thanked Pastor Martha for all her work on the anniversary celebrations later in the month.

Pastor Martha reported that 171 guests are scheduled to attend our Grace Lutheran Church 150th anniversary banquet, this Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017.

On Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017, we will celebrate our 150th anniversary with church services at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Bishop William Gohl, Jr. will be our guest preacher. During the Education Hour, on September 24, 2017, confirmation students, high school students, and adults are invited to join in a time with our bishop as we explore the future of the church.

Bob gave us a status report on the portico repairs. On Thursday, May 18, 2017, the portico had been damaged by a trash truck. Bob, on behalf of the council, expressed appreciation for all the work of Greg Hare. Greg has worked hard leading the various negotiations with the insurance company and the construction repair company.

Pastors' Report Pastor Martha mentioned that the parish associate – contributions recorder position in the church office, formerly held by Dawn Stem, is available. Dawn has moved-on to other employment. We wish her the best. Ellen Lichtfuss has been hired to take her place on a temporary basis through the end of the year.

Treasurer's Report was presented by the council treasurer Bill Comegna. Bill reported that our income for August was down. As a consequence, our year-to-date deficit for the year is approximately \$30,000.00. Discussion followed about the deficit and plans to address the deficit before Grace refinances its mortgage next year. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Prayers of the Church – by Patt Patterson-Jones, Robin Hoff Skrtic, and Pastor Kevin

Robin Hoff Skrtic referenced the divisions and discussions about race in the media these days. She led us in a discussion about a collection of prayers by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King; and shared several of his prayers.

Patt added to that discussion and led us in prayer about current events.

Committee Reports: there were no committee reports.

New Business. Robin Hoff Skrtic mentioned the article by Kevin Dayhoff that appeared in the paper last Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017, about the 150th anniversary of the church.

The article may be found here:

<http://www.carrollcountytimes.com/columnists/features/cc-lt-dayhoff-091717-story.html>

Announcements. Pastor Kevin mentioned the new credence tables at the east wall in the apse.

Pastor Martha stated that the church collected approximately \$2,700.00 for Lutheran Disaster Response for Hurricane Harvey and Irma disaster response.

Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Kevin E. Dayhoff, Grace Lutheran Church council secretary.

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Our Mission: Gifted with God's grace, redeemed by God's Son, and filled with the Holy Spirit, we grow in our relationship with God, one another, and community. Through word and sacrament, we gather to worship, learn, and go into the world empowered to serve.