



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

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Meeting held on Monday, October 16, 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, Don Meyers, Jan Mickey, Robin Hoff Skrtic, Patt Patterson Jones, Rich Chaney, and Ginger Myers.

Members Absent: Johanna Monka.

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

Devotions were led by Ginger Myers. Ginger drew to our attention the devotions found in the August 10, 2017 entry of "Christ in our Home." The prayer concern in the devotion is the church finance committee. Ginger shared with us a reading from 1 Kings Chapter 19 and then from the devotion itself. "Today the church commemorates Lawrence, deacon and martyr. Lawrence was chief of the seven deacons of the young church in Rome-a guy in charge of church finances. Serving as a deacon isn't flashy. But can we imagine a healthy congregation without such service? Lawrence was martyred in 258. Some say he was a hero, rescuing church funds and presenting the poor ones as treasures of the church..."

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

President's Report. It has been a busy but a rewarding period at Grace, including the Bishop's visit and the events from the celebration of the church's 150th anniversary. Bob reported that he attended the Carroll County Christian Men's Breakfast and participated in the Carroll Lutheran School golf tournament.

Pastors' Report: Pastor Kevin left to attend a meeting of the Boy Scout Troop at Grace Lutheran Church.

Pastor Martha asked that the names Benjamin Wolbert and Grace Wolbert, be added to the transfers in the Pastor's Report.

Pastor Martha brought to our attention the various scheduling challenges that occur this Christmas season because Advent 4 – the fourth Sunday before Christmas, is on the calendar on the same day as Christmas Eve; and Christmas Day is on a Monday. In the past we have had as many as five services on Christmas Eve. Pastor Martha shared with the council members a recommendation from the Pastors for the Advent 4 and Christmas Eve schedule.

Pastor Martha made a motion to schedule Advent 4 services for the 5:00 o'clock Saturday service and the 9:00 a.m. Sunday service- in the Theater so as to not interfere with the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary. The Christmas Eve services will be in worship spaces on 12:00 noon, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, and 10:30. Ron Fairchild seconded the motion. The motion carried.

President Bob made a motion that we go into executive session. The motion was seconded. The motion carried at 7:30 p.m. We left executive session at 8:10 p.m.

Treasurer's Report Bill Comegna called to our attention that at the end of September we had a year-to-date deficit for the church of \$51,251.00.

The council briefly discussed the church council budget worksheet for the proposed 2018 church budget. It was discussed that a few of the items such as increases in the cost of insurance have yet to be determined. The finalized budget for the church council will be presented to the council at the next meeting for approval and be forwarded to the church finance committee for the budget preparation process.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. After a few additional questions, the motion carried.

Prayers of the Church – Don Meyers, Brian Sherfey, and Pastor Martha

Committee Reports. A property committee report was presented by Rich Chaney. He reported that the property committee's proposed budget will be forwarded with no increase. Robin Hoff Skrtic gave a Sunday School report.

New Business

Arthur will be moving to North Carolina – and leaving the church council, after the November meeting.

After a few brief announcements the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

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

Looking Ahead: Our next meeting will be held on November 20th with Robin having devotions and Jo, Ron, and the Pastor(s) leading the Prayers of the Church.

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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.