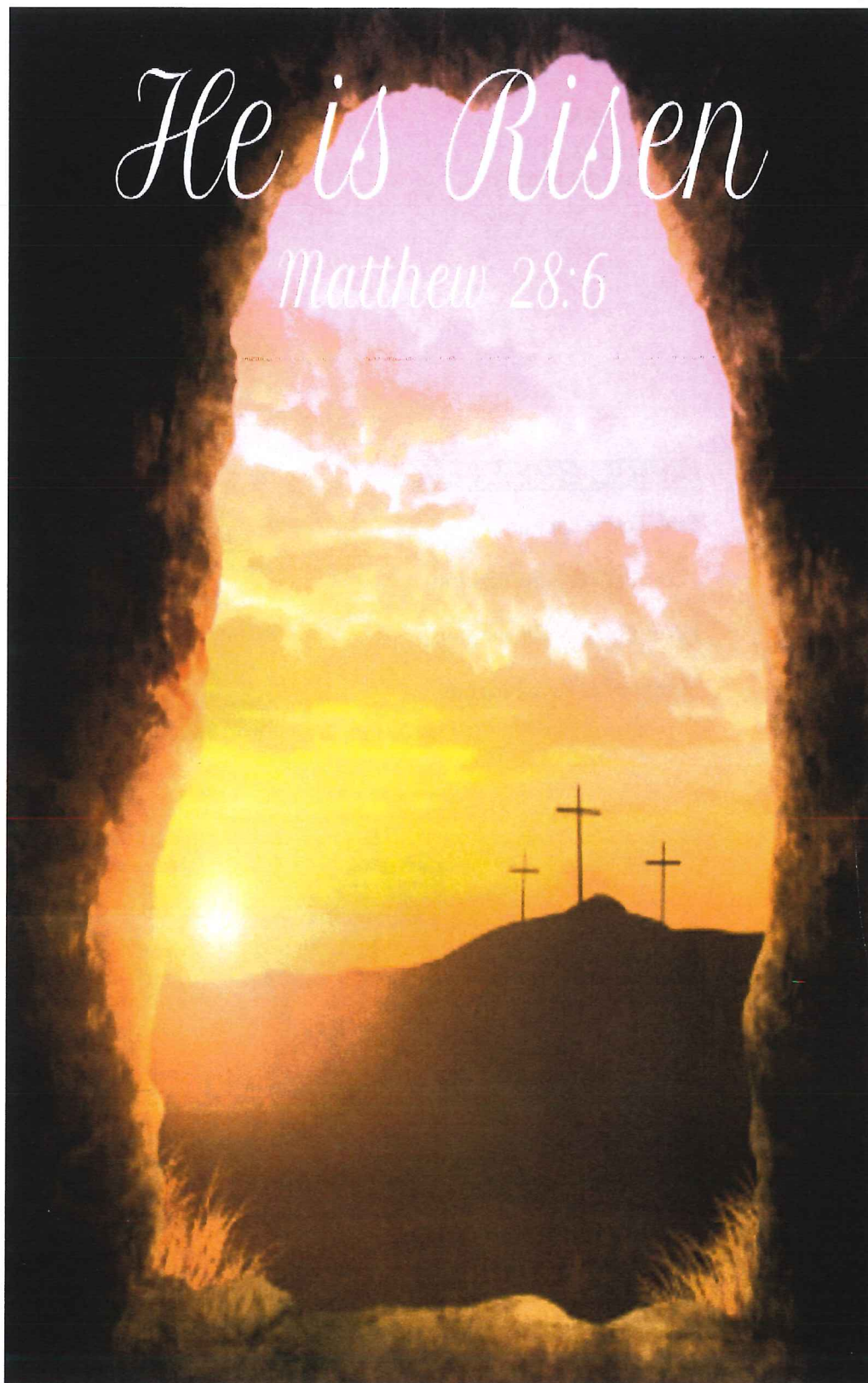


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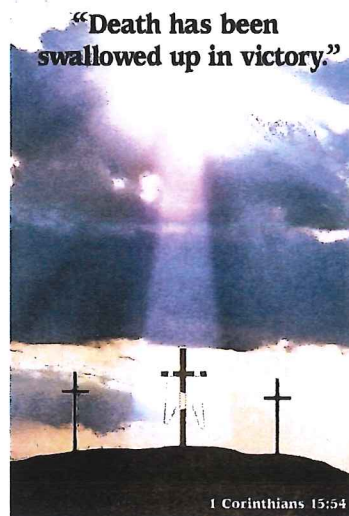
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April 2020



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The Grace Lutheran Church Council will meet in regular session on Wednesday April 8th at 8:00 PM. All meetings are open to members of Grace unless otherwise stated.

GRACE CHURCH

March 1st:
Attendance~ 58
Offering~ \$2,478.21

March 8th:
Attendance~ 100
Offering~\$2,122.32

March 15th:
Attendance~ 73
Offering~ \$2,670.85

March 22nd:
Attendance~ **No Service**
Offering~\$800.00

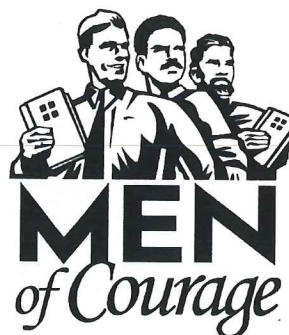


APRIL GREETERS

- 5th: Terry Lucken
- 12th: Paul & Kim Mahlen
- 19th: Mark & Cindy Nelson
- 26th: Jeff & Kris Nornes



NALCW Meeting: CANCELLED DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL.



Hope Circle: April 23rd, 2:00 PM at the church

Rebecca Circle: April 23rd, 6:30 PM at the church

Mission Circle: April 24th, 2:00 PM at the church

The Grace 'Men of Courage' will meet on April 7th and 21st at 5:30 PM, at Grace Church. All men are welcomed to join this group.



Giving Options

Not only can you give through your offering envelope on Sunday morning, but our church offers other options to receive your offering:

Automatic Giving – You can set up monthly or weekly automatic deductions from your bank account. Contact the church office (218-687-4035) for a form to complete.

Online Giving – There are several links throughout our website (www.gracechurcherskine.org) that will allow you to give a one-time or regular donation from your bank account, credit card, or debit card.

Mobile Giving – You can utilize your mobile device and scan the following code –



Benevolence Ideas

Our church has several special funds to meet needs that can't be met through our General Fund. Currently, these special funds are: Building Improvements, Grace Youth Group, Joy Ride Fund, Oil Candle, Sunday School Improvements/Supplies, Sunday School Outreach, Video Ministry, Vacation Bible School, Worship Hearing Aids, 'Men of Courage' Men's Group, and Shoebox Funds. In addition, our church houses the Grace Food Shelf and we ask for donations on their behalf as well as for the After School Backpack Program. Finally, our church is a part of the Grace Cemetery Association and we ask for donations on their behalf for the maintenance of the Synod, Pioneer, and Fairview Cemeteries in rural Erskine. Please contact Jim Ferden if you have any questions.

February 2020 Financial Summary

Congregational Offering to the General Fund - \$12,493.41

Expenses:

Administrative - \$6,770.51

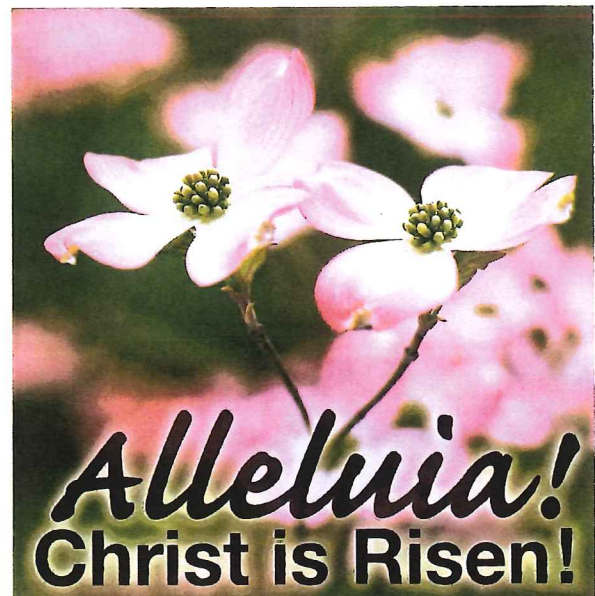
Education - \$518.84

Mission Outreach - \$700.00

Pastoral - \$1,150.12

Worship - \$950.18

Total Expenses - \$10,089.65





APRIL ACOLYTES

5th: Bret DuChamp and Melissa Pries

12th: Izabelle Ostenaar and Kyra Stuhaug

19th: Sydney Svalen and Emily Strom

26th: Presley Haugen and Josie Fortman

APRIL VIDEO TECHS

5th: Kianna Tadman

12th: Clare Stuhaug

19th: Dylan Hagen

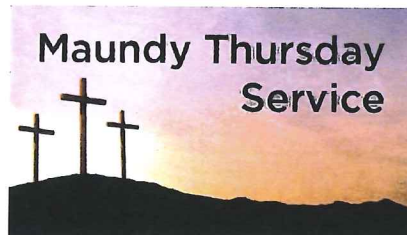
26th: Calvin Hill



REMINDER – Please save your grocery receipts from Groceries Plus in Erskine and Jered’s Grocery in McIntosh. Both stores are donating 1 percent of the total purchases to the youth group. There is a container for the receipts at the church in the hallway by the coat racks.



- * Samantha Lunsetter
- * Don Lundin
- * Gloria Staehnke
- * Don Barrow
- * Hazel Bernard
- * Rosie Kolstad
- * Helen Lee
- * Michael Jenson
- * Neva Schepersky
- * Grace Call Committee



Maundy Thursday Services will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Mentor on April 9th at 7:00 p.m.

*There will be no services at Grace.



The 'Women of Grace' young women's Bible Study will meet Tuesday April 14th and 28th at 7:00 PM. Contact person is Rhonda Breitbach at 218-368-8453. if you have questions.





“While We Are Waiting”

Wait and pray for God knows our desires and in his good time is certain to answer. As a call committee we remind ourselves of this in our prayers and every time we meet as a group. This is a challenge to us as a church and as a committee. Certainly, God would not leave his church without a shepherd.

I took down a list of verses that were suggested in an article I recently read regarding “what should we do while we wait on the Lord”?

Believe that the God who saved you hears your cries. Micah 7:7

God didn’t save us at the great sacrifice of his son, just to let us down. He hears our every whisper and our loudest pleas. We can be content and wait patiently for his answer.

Watch with expectancy, but be prepared for unexpected answers Ps.5:3

The call committee has seen doors opening from other directions than NALC web site. We

have been given names of possible pastors; we have had pastor inquiries, all of which have been sent to the NALC contacts appropriate for registering them on the call list.

Plus, we can be so thankful as people find their gifts and their roles and step up to the work of our mission statement.

Put your hope in His Word. Ps 103:5-6

To hope brings out the trusting child in us. Our hope, like our dreams, focuses on what God can do for Grace church. With the blessings of a church that has been built on solid biblical foundation we see that all systems are functioning. Imagine the possibilities when the right, God chosen, shepherd joins us in service to Him. Pray, “Let us be ready Lord!”

Trust in the Lord not in your own understanding. Prov. 3:5-6

God doesn’t want us to necessarily try harder. He wants us to TRUST deeper. Sometimes we need to tell ourselves to stop trying. Start TRUSTING. And watch for the workings of our Lord.

Resist fretting, refrain from anger, be still and choose patience. Ps 37:7-8

“I want what I want, when I want it”. It’s hard to be patient when we know that what we are praying for certainly must be in accordance with God’s will. Attitudes are always contagious. This is a wonderful time for us to polish our welcoming smiles to visitors, offer spiritual encouragement to each other in the absence of a pastor and thanks to those in our congregation who are seeing to it that all that made our church well is still continuing. List them: Bible studies, worship, sacraments, Sunday school, prayer chains, committees, choirs, office and business work, cleaning and organizing. We have elected CHURCH COUNCIL members and designated Call Committee members ready to hear any concerns and open to suggestions. God has given us much to celebrate as this body of Christ carries on His work.

Be strong and take courage. Ps. 27:13-14; 31:24

We find our strength and source of all courage through Christ. This season shows us that for all that Christ sacrificed for me on the cross: certainly, he has shed that blood for believers to be strong and hold fast to the truth he has given us in the Holy Scriptures. If we turn to Scripture, we will be made strong while we wait.

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THE SHEPERSKY FAMILY



Thank you ALL for Loving us through the last two years. God's light always outshines destruction.

And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love. But the greatest of these is LOVE!

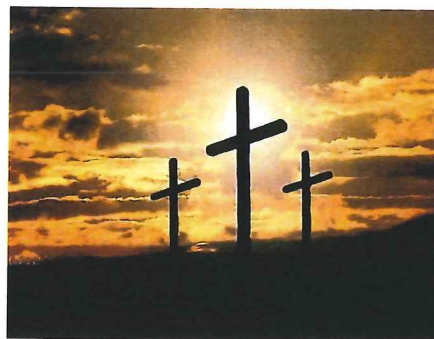
~Neva Schepersky family

Fires are lit in our lives and they can burn to shine light or cause destruction; we get to decide which purpose they will serve... Two years ago our baby was diagnosed with leukemia.... and a fire was lit.



Our faith was tested but it grew
 We were defeated but victorious
 Conquered but lifted up
 Lonely yet surrounded
 Our family separated yet United
 Our spirits Weakened yet strengthened
 Hope was held onto and shared through the many fires.

Tonight while giving our baby her last dose of chemo, the one thing that burned the brightest through our journey was LOVE!



Love from our God, from our families.
 Love from our Doctors, nurses, CNAs, housekeepers, dietary staff, and other mothers one door down.
 Love from our church family and coworkers.
 Love from our friends, neighbors and community.

Grace Church will be open on Good Friday for any who wish to enter the sanctuary for prayer. Please use the south door.

"I was sick and you visited me..."
 —Matthew 25:36 NKJV

As deacons we made it known at the last council meeting that we are committed to making pastoral visits to the sick and dying. If someone were to call with a prayer request you may ask them if they wish a visit and give them our information.

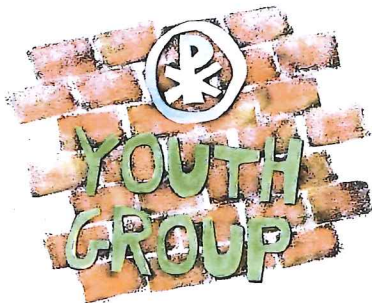
We thought the congregation should be aware of this commitment with it being addressed in a bulletin from time to time and same with the scroll.

*Mary Bratrud~~ 218-521-0793 (daytime)
 218-687-150 (nighttime)

*Gary Walter~~ 218-687-3074

*Gene Haugom~~218-563-3292





A youth group meeting was held on March 11, 2020. Only Jim and Hollie were in attendance.

There was a lot of discussion regarding the Feed My Starving Children project coming up on April 17 – 19. Early registration is on March 12. Jim contacted parents and youth from Grace as well as youth group leaders from Vernes and Our Saviors Lutheran in McIntosh. He registered a total of 8 adults and 18 youth to assist with this project. 6 adults and 5 youth are from Grace. Unfortunately due to the Covid-19 virus, this event has been postponed. Nevertheless, it was decided that the youth group would donate \$1,000 to assist with the cost of ingredients for this project. Hopefully, it can get rescheduled sometime later in 2020. If the event gets rescheduled, a “loose change” offering from the congregation will be taken to also help cover the cost of ingredients for this project.

Due to unexpected circumstances, the previous youth event planned for Saturday, February 22, with Our Saviors Lutheran was not held. Jim and Hollie discussed going bowling in Bagley on March 28 or 29. However, given the current concerns with the

Covid-19 virus, that event was cancelled.

Jim noted that the church shed is filling up with aluminum cans. Looking ahead, Earth Day is April 22. Over the past few years, the youth group has bagged and recycled all of the cans during this time as recycling reimbursement is at its highest. At this point, bagging cans will have to be postponed to a later time.

Given the ongoing concerns with the Covid-19 virus, there will be no youth group meetings or youth activities scheduled until further notice.



Welcome to our new normal for now. This was the month-April that we would start our new meeting time of 2:00 and serving of dessert. Vice President Maxine and President Hollie conferred and decided we would cancel our April 9th meeting. Our next meeting will be May 14th. Hopefully we will be able to meet then. Group 1-Sherry Hoaas - chair - was serving in April. Group 2-Tina Farrell -chair - will serve in May. Watch Scroll and Facebook for news.

God’s work goes on. In May we will start collecting Bibles - gently used and new- for the NALC disaster relief response.

Something we will start in our church- ladies and anyone who wants to join in- A Ministry of Cards. Look elsewhere in scroll for a list of Honorary Members of our WNALC. Start anywhere in the list and work your way to the bottom and then go back to the top and work your way back to where you started. Doing what you say? Send a card a month or a week - you decide. Thinking of you, birthday, Easter, spring, Memorial Day—you get the idea. A way to keep in touch. This “happens “ to come at a time of need but this idea came last year but didn’t take off. So now let’s do God’s work and help our neighbors in this way. Stay safe. Be well. God Bless You.



* Type gracechurcherskine.org into your computer browser. You will see the YouTube recording front and center on the page. Click the Play button in the center of the picture to view the video. You will also find a link to our church Facebook page on the right side of the screen.

* Garden Valley Channel 30 will broadcast replays of our service on Mondays at 10:00 am, Wednesdays at 7:00 pm and on Saturdays at 9:00 am.

**GRACE LUTHERAN
CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING**

March 11, 2020

8:00 P.M.

*'Serving all people by sharing
God's Word and Gift of Grace'*

Present: President Jason Carlson, Nick Walk, Hollie Stewart, Yvonne Halvorson, Gene Haugom, Dean Bernard, Ryan Breitbach, Wade Farrell, Dorothy Sandberg, Ann Brekken, Gary Walter, Mary Bratrud

Call to Order: President Jason called the meeting to order.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the amended agenda made by Ann. Seconded by Wade. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Motional to approve by Nick. Seconded by Dean. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report: Motion to approve by Yvonne. Seconded by Ryan. Motion carried. (Report on file)

Treasurer's Report:

Cash Flow Report

- Undesignated funds available to be used for February's General Fund expenses totaled \$13,349.86. This amount exceeded February's General Fund ex-

penses totaling \$10,089.65.

- Congregational giving to the General Fund was \$12,493.41. The monthly budget goal is \$17,957.40.
- Noteworthy Other Giving –
 - o Miscellaneous – A donation of \$500 from the AFLC churches for release time expenses and refund of \$105 from our workers comp insurance company.

Oil Leases – The monthly check from Continental Oil was not received before the end of the month.

Budget Report

- We ended the month at approximately 8.5% or \$18,300 under budget.

All of the major budgeted expense categories ended under budget for the month.

History of Regular Giving to the General Fund Report

- February's giving was similar to January's.

February's giving was ahead of every other year's giving at this time except for 2017 & 2018

History of the General Fund Balance

- Highest balance since December 2011!

Balance continues to increase due to decreased monthly expenses.

Account Balances Report

- Building Fund - Reflects the month's donations as well as the monthly expense for the separate elevator phone line. In addition, it reflects plumbing repairs for the church kitchen (\$87.50) and paint and painter's tape for the parsonage (\$377.86).

- HS Scholarship Fund – Reflects a donation.

- Oil Fund – Bldg Upkeep reflects a portion of this month's oil/gas revenue.

- Oil Fund – Church Emergencies reflects a portion of this month's oil/gas revenue.

- Oil Fund - Missions reflects a portion of this month's oil/gas revenue.

- Organ Repair Fund – Reflects a donation.

SS Offering Outreach Fund - Reflects the monthly donation of \$38 to Compassion International.

Brovold Investment Valuation Report

- The balance decreased approximately \$4,500 over last month.

Lowest balance since February 2019.

Gunderson Investment Valuation Report

- The balance decreased approximately \$1,500 over last month.

- Still the second highest balance ever.

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GRACE COUNCIL, continued

This balance exceeds the original investment by approximately \$4,600.

Other Information

- Welcome to all the new council members! Please let me know if you have any questions regarding my reports or anything else as it relates to the financial aspects of the church. If you feel like there is some other report you would like to have, please let me know that too. I work for you.
- 2020 marks the start of my 13th year serving the church as treasurer.

Update on annual worker's comp audit: As you may remember from last month, the church's workers comp insurance company requested an additional premium of \$1,488 after conducting its annual audit. I finally heard back from them after challenging their decision. Instead of having to make an additional payment, we received a refund of \$105!

Jim reported that Wells Fargo could not make it to our meeting tonight to give information about our Brovold investment. The meeting has been rescheduled for May. We may want to consider a policy to review our investments and how they need to be managed on a regular basis.

Motion to approve by Nick. Seconded by Dean. Motion carried

Pastor Report: No pastor report. Jason talked to Pastor Sletto about 1st Communion curriculum.

Mary asked if Pastor Sletto is being paid for visiting the sick. Jason reported that visitation duty is not part of his responsibility. He would be available if it is a near death experience.

We are so thankful to Pastor Sletto. We have offered him more payment and he has continued to always refuse and give us such wonderful service. (Hospital visitation discussion in Deacons report below)

We have been invited to Faith for Maunday Thursday services.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship: No report

Education: Ann reported

SS will again participate in the Palm Sunday service on April 5
SS will go shopping for supplies for charity again as they did last year.

Confirmation Class—using curriculum from Pastor Baker. We have two teachers. This curriculum will continue to be used until we have a new pastor.

A parent has asked about 1st Communion plans. We currently have two students interested. This is 1st grade and up. Ann and Gary will work on this because Gary is willing to take on this instruction.

April 26 is the last Sunday of Sunday School

Making a plan for VBS this summer

Youth Group: Jim reported—Meeting this evening was attended by only Hollie and Jim. Pizza was again ordered. We are going to have to address the issue of attendance.

Mary suggested that we add a prayer request to our Sunday bulletin asking for a revival for our Youth program with added family involvement. This is such a wonderful opportunity work with our young people. Jason will alert Kim regarding the prayer request for Youth.

Feed My Starving Children will be scheduled. Jim has 8 adults and 18 youth interested. We have 5 adults and only 5 youth from our congregation. Jim will get registered. Plans will be to go to Northern Air and stop to eat after helping out. Loose Offering planned for toward the end of the month.

Hoping to go bowling at the end of March.

We need to plan for recycling cans—Earth Day is April 22. We get a better price on Earth Day. Hoping that Shaun Ostenna will help with this, he had offered earlier. Jim will contact him.

We are so thankful to Jim and Hollie for stepping in again to help out with our youth program.

NALCW: Hollie reported

NALCW will meet next month. Meeting from 2-4. Serving will be deserts and coffee. The lunch will be for the people who are

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GRACE COUNCIL, continued

coming to the meeting.

Books will go out and a letter has been sent to NALCW members.

Trustees: Wade reported

Complaint about mud in handicapped parking was discussed. Nothing can be done at this time. A car has been parked in the church lot for quite some time. We will need to find the owner and address the issue.

Deacons: Gene reported

Hospital visits were discussed. Gary indicated that as a member of our church it is everyone's duty to do visitations. He said that even though it can be tough sometimes the person being visited is always welcoming. It's about the visit and not about what you say that is important. It is a very rewarding opportunity. Mary asked if Kim could have a list of willing people who could be called at any time if a visit was needed. She thought the Deacons should be specifically listed in the Scroll to cover visits as a start for member visitations. Jason stated that we could increase this opportunity beyond Deacons if other people are interested. The Deacons are a great place to start. Ann suggested visitation could also go on the Time and Talent card for members to indicate that they would be willing to become a visitor. We want the Deacons to feel empowered to do this. God gives the knowledge and strength to us when visitations are done.

Call Committee: Nick reported. Met last Sunday and they decided Mary would speak, which she did last Sunday. We thank her for the great job. Mary will put an article in the Scroll and that will cover the information she talked about Sunday. In addition, she noted that the Committee has been asked about why we don't have an interim pastor at this time. Mary will include information addressing this topic. There are only 3 pastors available as interims in the NALC and their job is to work with churches who have serious issues that they need guidance working through. We are thankfully not in that situation.

Food Shelf: Gene reported

February has been a very busy month. 52 people served and 25 households. 1335.2 pounds of food provided and twelve \$10 vouchers given out.

They have six new volunteers.

Old Business:

Designation of Christmas Offering ~ We will continue to hold these dollars until we have a specific need that we would like to support. These funds are used for local needs. Please be thinking about how these dollars could be used.

New Business:**Council Retreat ~**

April 4th from 8:30 to 11:30

Coffee and treats from 8:30 to

9:00. Jason will send us an agenda. Please invite your committee members. We will take a tour of the parsonage. Possible discussion items: discipleship, a contemporary service, etc.

Consider gift for the Ukraine ~

The question was raised asking if we could designate a gift from the General Fund to the Ukraine. Yvonne made a motion to give \$750 as a one-time gift from the General Fund to Grace to the Ukraine in order to continue our partnership of support. Second by Hollie. Motion carried.

COVID 19 discussion ~ Jason brought up that if this health issue continues we may need a specific plan of action should any mandates be made by the state of MN and/or professional health organizations. If the virus becomes a more widespread issue we may need to think about what we would do in case gatherings become discouraged. We do not need a specific plan at this time, but we do need to have the issue in mind. So far the strategies recommended have been effective, but we need to be vigilant. We will communicate as a council when needed. We will act as the professionals recommend.

Announcements

Next meeting is April 8 at 8:00 p.m.

Adjourn**The Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Halvorson, Council Secretary

CALL COMMITTEE, continued
See it as an opportunity to experience God's goodness.
Lamentations 3:25

We have experienced great blessings, first by receiving an interim pastor who shepherded us through grief and a time of transition, making us confident that we can accept change.

Privileged to have a local ordained minister to teach, preach and deliver the sacraments. We by the grace, care and mercy of God have not experienced an empty pulpit.

Jason Carlson answering a calling to remain President of our church council during the absence of a pastor is a great gift. It reassures us that we can depend on leadership continuity during this waiting period.

Wait for God's answer instead of going your own way. Acts 1:4

We have a system in place as outlined by the NALC. This assures us that the pastor we select has been recommended after having completed the vetting, certification process and background check. Part of this system is for the call committee to direct any information from congregational members, pastors and personal inquiries through the call process. All names presented to us will be contacted and given the proper information.

Continue steadfastly in pray, being watchful with thanksgiving. Col. 4:2

We are encouraged to pray our requests, but add to that great thanks for all he has given Grace church and thanks for what he has planned.

Remember the blessings yet to come. Isaiah 30:18

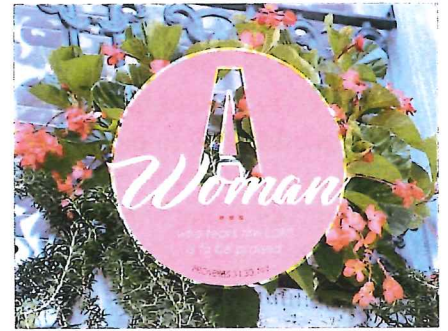
Waiting draws, us closer to our Savior and points those who are watching us to the gospel.

This is our opportunity to live our mission statement boldly.

"Serving all people by sharing God's Word and Gift of Grace."

We are blessed, thanks be to God!

NOTE~~ We HAVE received a profile regarding a called minister and the call committee is beginning the process of discovery. Thanks be to God!!



NALCW HONORARY MEMBERS

Mrs. LaVerne Benson
Mrs. Hazel Bernard
Mrs. Vivian Hanson
Mrs. Evelyn Johnson
Mrs. Darlene Lien
Mrs. Lyla Moteberg
Mrs. Norma Ness
Mrs. Delaine Oppegaard
Mrs. Pearl Trandem
Mrs. Gloria Staehnke
Mrs. Bonnie Strand
Mrs. Aimee Ness
Mrs. Helen Lee
Mrs. Rosie Kolstad
Mrs. Marge Berger
Mrs. Marlene Ross
Mrs. Shirley Kraft
Mrs. Lorna Nielson
Mrs. Arlene Bly
Mrs. Clara Hamre



Greetings to you my beloved family in Christ from Ukraine.

We are so thankful to our God that He is our way, our truth, our life. He gives us hope, peace, mercy, grace, joy and everything in our life.

February was filled up with special care for pastors and churches. Autumn, Christmas time was mainly for evangelism and now God blessed me to visit churches in my region to bring encouragement for believers.

1) **Youth activity.** We started to have regular youth meetings each month (near 300 young people have communication with one another and spiritual food). Also we try to build friendly relationships between generations because we are all one family of Christ.

2) **Education.** We continue our pastoral meetings each month and I teach them homiletics and biblical counseling, theology and we resolve practical difficulties in church ministry (13 pastors). A lot of pastors in Ukraine (mainly in older age) didn't have any biblical education at all. Churches are growing and we need to increase pastor's level too. So I use material which I teach in seminary for that.

Once in 3 month we have meetings for pastors, deacons, evangelists and preachers (28-35 people). I have practical educational topics for them too.

Once in 6 month we have educational conferences for all believers in my region (near 700 peo-

ple). We use our best pastors as speakers on such regional conferences.

3) **Church visitation.** There are 13 churches in my region. After our pastoral meetings we have one month. During this time each church needs to visit one church. So it gives opportunity for better communication between churches. Some churches are small so it is great blessing when they have singers, preachers from other church. I try to visit from 5 till 12 churches during month. We planned our church services during the week in such way that I can visit churches and lead services in my church too. So for example last week I was in 5 churches and 2 times in my church. I always glad to spend time with other churches in order to help them with church discipline, answer their questions, just to give them word of encouragement.

4) **Family ministry.** In Ukraine we have near 100000 marriages and 50 000 divorces each year. We didn't have divorces in believer's families 20 years ago. But now from 8 till 10% of believer's families get divorce. The biggest reason for divorce between believers is that many people go for work to another countries and they just leave their wife or husbands with kids in Ukraine. So I see big need to teach families how to leave together, how to use finances properly, how to be content with what we have, how to support one another in marriage, how to raise kids, how to have biblical vision for your life. I also

try to have different variants of work opportunities in my area for people. And of course we can give some help for family till they find a proper job.

5) **Children ministry.** Our churches are very active with ministry to kids. Churches has a lot of projects for kids in summer time. But we teach churches how to work with kids after camps during whole year. Also we motivate bigger churches to help smaller churches with camps and others kids activity.

6) Once a month we gather together with our regional pastors and we share our ministry experience to motivate one another for better work on God's field.

March brings a lot of fears, troubles and panic...

Big panic everywhere.....

We have not so much people who are ill for COVID--19 in Ukraine but panic is like from nuclear explosion. All borders are closed. People hardly can get home inside country too. People are not looking for God. They are looking for safety.

Schools, universities, colleges are closed for 3 weeks for now. No public transportation, no trains, no buses, no planes. You are not allowed to travel in your car to other regions of country without reason.

Even churches are closed. No more than 10 people are allowed to meet in one place. Pastors try to do online services but it is possible only for big churches. So we

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Greetings from Ukraine, con't

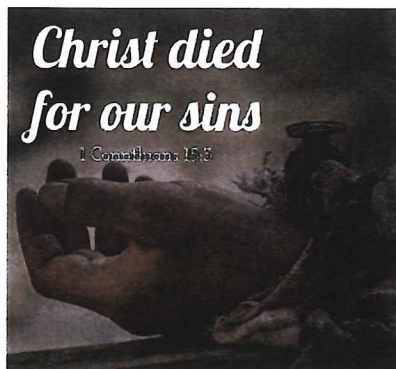
try to do services in small groups. Some pastors, sorry to say, are in panic too. They are afraid for fines or criminal cases. You may be in jail if you will allow meeting more than 10 people and somebody will get ill there or you may have fine near 2000 USA dollars.

We try to proclaim idea to pray and have peace. We started to organize national days of prayer. Jesus is coming soon. Food is available in our area but in some places people are fighting for medical masks and sanitizer sprays. Many older people can't get to stores for food because public transportation is not available. We help with food and transportation for needy people...
Mathew 24:1-14

Be strong in Christ! He is our refuge! Commit your way to the Lord!

Jesus is coming soon.

Greetings from us to all God's people.
Love in Christ.



The Resurrection Story

Matthew 28 New King James
Version (NKJV)

He Is Risen

28 Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. ³ His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. ⁴ And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead *men*.

⁵ But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷ And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

⁸ So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

The Women Worship the Risen Lord

⁹ And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came

and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go *and* tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

The Soldiers Are Bribed

¹¹ Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. ¹² When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, ¹³ saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him *away* while we slept.' ¹⁴ And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure." ¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

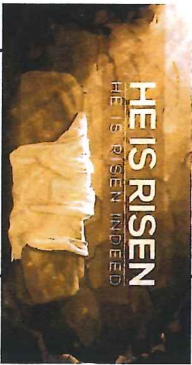
The Great Commission

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. ¹⁷ When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
5 Palm Sunday 9am-ABS 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am- Worship w/Holy Comm.	6 7:30am-MBS 9:30am-LBS 10am-Worship Re-broadcast	7 5:30pm-'Men of Courage' 8pm-AA mtg.	8 1:55pm-RT Class 6:30pm-Choir 7pm-Rebroadcast 7:30pm Committees 8pm-Council mtg.	9 7:00pm-Maundy Thursday Worship – Faith Church in Mentor	10 GOOD FRIDAY	11 9:00am- Rebroadcast
12 EASTER 10:30am- Worship w/Holy Communion	13 7:30am-MBS 9:30am -LBS 10am-Worship Re-broadcast	14 7pm-'Women of Grace' Bible Study 8pm-AA mtg.	15 1:55pm-Jr. High RT 6:30pm-Choir 7pm-Rebroadcast 7:30pm-Lenten Worship	16 2pm-Hope Circle 6:30pm-Rebecca Circle	17	18 9:00am- Rebroadcast
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			Greeters: 5th: Terry Lucken 12th: Paul & Kim Mahlen	19th: Mark & Cindy Nelson 26th: Jeff & Kris Normes		

CIRCLES
 Hope at the church
 Rebecca at the church
 Mission at the church

Ushers :
 Dave Hamre
 Nicolas Walk
 Jim Tadmam
 Carr Smeby
 Joe Shimpa
 Joe Sandberg family

Communion Assistants:
 Jeff & Kris Normes

Altar Flowers:
 Rebecca Circle

Altar Guild:
 Maxine Walter

R= Reader
 V=Video
 A=Acolyte

APRIL 5th:
 R~ Yvonne Halvorson
 V~ Kianna Tadmam

APRIL 12th:
 A~ Bret DuChamp and Melissa Pries

APRIL 19th:
 R~ Austin Tadmam
 V~ Clare Stuhang
 A~ Izabelle Ostenaa and Kyra Stuhang

APRIL 26th:
 R~ Nancy Jensen
 V~ Calvin Hill

APRIL 26th:
 A~ Sydney Svalen and Emily Strom

APRIL 26th:
 A~ Presley Haugen and Josie Fortman

