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and Gift of Grace"*

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The Scroll

Grace Lutheran
Church

August 2020



Members of Grace-

Another month has passed. When you read the minutes from the Council Meeting, you will see that we remain closed for in-person worship. We are, however, going to continue to allow small groups to gather at the church as long as our Preparedness Plan is followed. You will also note that our Education Committee has put in a great deal of work to be able to provide online and in-person Vacation Bible School options. Things are happening in our church....just not yet worship in our sanctuary.

I want everyone to know that these decisions are not taken lightly by anyone involved. We all want to worship together as soon as it seems safer. Note I said safer, not safe. "Safe" will not happen for quite some time and I predict we will be open for worship in some fashion with folks making personal choices about attending before COVID is no longer a huge concern. If I had to put the overarching principle in a nutshell, the Council wants for us to be able to worship in a manner that looks a lot more like pre-COVID times vs. coming into the sanctuary from one door with minimal personal interaction, not singing, and leaving out another door. With the wonderful options we have to worship at home that Pastor Mike and the rest of our worship aides are providing, it just doesn't seem worth the risk to put people in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings at this time. As I said last month, we have committed to revisiting this decision monthly. If the numbers and guidance change, the Council will act accordingly. No one is happy about keeping our congregation from gathering for worship but we continue to feel like it is the right thing to do.

Please reach out to me or another member of the Council if you have questions or concerns. We want our congregation to feel heard and informed.

Jason Carlson ~ President

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The answer to all of
the world's problems



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00am- Rebroadcast
2 10:30am- Worship w/Holy Comm.	3 7:30am-MBS 9:30am-LBS 10am- Worship Re- broadcast	4 8pm-AA mtg.	5 7pm-Rebroadcast	6 2pm-NALCW	7	8 9:00am- Rebroadcast
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30 10:30am- Worship			Greeters: 2nd: Tyler & Jessica Sannes 9th: Julie Shimpa	16th: Wendy Smeby 23rd: Carr & Melis- sa Smeby	30th: Brad & Hollie Stewart	

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

Ushers:
 David Halvorson
 LeRoy Johnson
 Darrin Falder family
 Earl Lucken family

Communion Assistants:
 Mary Bratrud and Becky Lindseth

Altar Flowers:
 Hope Circle
 Altar Guild:
 Maxine Walter

R= Reader
V= Video
A= Acolyte
AUGUST 2nd:

R
 V Kyra Stuhang
 A Izabelle Ostena
AUGUST 9th:
R
 V Emily Strom
 A Sydney Svalen and Dylan Hagen
AUGUST 16th:
R

V Josie Fortman
A Presley Haugen and Calvin Hill
AUGUST 23rd:
R
 V Paige Breibach
A Josie Johnson and Claire Juve
AUGUST 30th:
R
 V Lillian Shimpa
 A Shayna Juve and Lily Pries



**NALCW Meeting:
 August 13th,
 2:00 PM.**

Hope Circle: August 27th,
 2:00 PM at the church
Rebecca Circle: August
 27th, 6:30 PM at the church
Mission Circle: August
 28th, 2:00 PM at the church



The Grace 'Men of
 Courage' will not meet
 in August.



The Grace Lutheran Church
 Council will meet in regular
 session on Wednesday Au-
 gust 12th at 8:00 PM. All
 meetings are open to mem-
 bers of Grace unless other-
 wise stated.



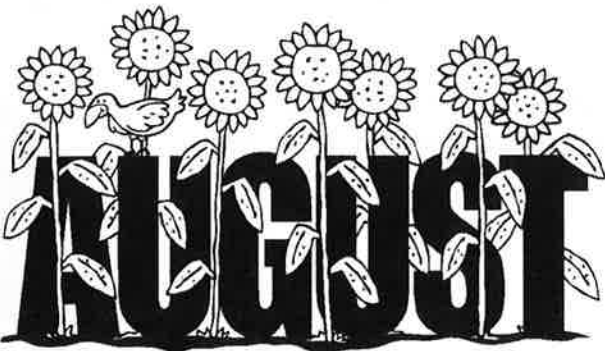
June 28:
 Attendance~ 7
 Offering~ \$1,400.00
July 5th:
 Attendance~ 7
 Offering~\$476.42
July 12th:
 Attendance~ 7
 Offering~ \$2,093.00
July 19th:
 Attendance~ 7
 Offering~\$ 1,131.76

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

As deacons 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 commit-
 ment with it being addressed in a
 bulletin from time to time and
 same with the scroll.

*Mary Bratrud~~ 218-521-0793
 (daytime)
 218-687-2150 (nighttime)
 *Gary Walter~~ 218-687-3074
 *Gene Haugom~~218-563-3292



Social distancing

Social distancing is being implemented in the church through the following engineering and administrative controls:

- While in the church, people are to maintain six feet distance between each other
- Pursuant to Emergency Executive Order 20-81, face coverings are required unless eating/drinking, speaking, or performing
- Meetings and events that require close contact will be suspended, moved to virtual format, or ensure that social distance can be maintained amongst attendees in the rooms

Housekeeping

Regular housekeeping practices are being implemented, including routine cleaning and disinfecting of work surfaces, equipment, and areas in the church environment, including restrooms, the

kitchen, and meeting rooms. Frequent cleaning and disinfecting will be conducted in high-touch areas, such as door handles, railings, light switches, copy machines, countertops, etc.

All Employees/Members/Visitors in the church are asked to clean and disinfect high touch, common area equipment following each use of such equipment (i.e. copiers, miscellaneous workroom equipment, kitchen equipment, etc.). Employees are also expected to clean and disinfect their personal workspaces. The church will provide supplies such as; wipes, disinfectant spray, disposable towels, bleach solution spray bottles, tissues, etc. If you need additional supplies, contact the church office.

If an Employee/Member/Visitor is diagnosed with COVID-19 and was in the church building, Grace Lutheran Church will follow the most up to date guidance from [CDC on cleaning and disinfection recommendations](#).



HAVE YOU GONE THROUGH THIS CHECKLIST?

HAVE YOU HAD ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS SINCE THE LAST TIME YOU WERE HERE THAT YOU CANNOT ATTRIBUTE TO ANOTHER HEALTH CONDITION? IF YOU ARE HAVING ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS, PLEASE RETURN HOME IMMEDIATELY.

- FEVER (100.4 OR HIGHER), OR FEELING FEVERISH?
- CHILLS?
- A NEW COUGH?
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH?
- A NEW SORE THROAT?
- NEW MUSCLE ACHES?
- NEW HEADACHE?
- NEW LOSS OF SMELL OR TASTE?



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.



June 2020 Financial Summary

Congregational Offering to the General Fund - \$10,710.00

Expenses:

Administrative - \$5,214.64

Education - \$0

Mission Outreach - \$1,200.00

Pastoral - \$1,774.90

Worship - \$0

Total Expenses - \$8,189.54

hello August



AUGUST ACOLYTES

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AUGUST VIDEO TECHS

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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.



* 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.



- * The family of Darlene Lien
- * Cassie Senn
- * Don Lundin
- * Hazel Bernard
- * Sonja Kilberg
- * Darrel Johnson
- * Michael Jenson
- * Elaine Austin
- * Mark Thompson
- * Grace Call Committee



The 'Women of Grace' young women's Bible Study will not meet during the summer months. They'll be back in the Fall ready to dig into the Word.

COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for Grace Lutheran Church, Erskine

Grace Lutheran Church is committed to providing a safe and healthy place to gather. To ensure that, we have developed the following Preparedness Plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. All people who utilize the church building are responsible for implementing this plan. Our goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 in our church and that requires full cooperation among everyone using the building. Only through this cooperative effort, can we establish and maintain the safety and health of our Employees/Members/Visitors.

Our Preparedness Plan follows Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines in relation to:

- hygiene and respiratory etiquette;
- engineering and administrative controls for social distancing;
- housekeeping – cleaning, disinfecting and decontamination;
- prompt identification and isolation of sick persons;

Screening and policies for Employees/Members/Visitors exhibiting signs and symptoms of COVID-19

The following screening policies and procedures are being implemented:

Employees/Members/Visitors will be asked to self-screen themselves prior to entering the workplace,

utilizing the screening form posted at entry points to the building. Anyone experiencing any of the listed symptoms should return home immediately.

Handwashing

Basic infection prevention measures are being implemented at our church at all times. All people are asked to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water frequently throughout the day, but especially at the beginning and end of their shift/meeting, prior to any mealtimes and after using the toilet. All visitors who enter the facility will be required to wash their hands upon entering the facility. The church will have hand-sanitizer dispensers (that use sanitizers of greater than 60% alcohol) that can be used for hand hygiene in place of soap and water, as long as hands are not visibly soiled.

Hand sanitizer and soap will be available for Employees/Members/Visitors to utilize when they are in the church. Signage encouraging Employees/Members/Visitors to wash and sanitize hands while in the office setting will be placed in conspicuous places throughout the building.

Respiratory etiquette: Cover your cough or sneeze

Employees/Members/Visitors are being asked to cover their mouth and nose with their sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing and to avoid touching their face, in particular their mouth, nose and eyes, with their hands. They should dispose of tissues in the trash and wash or sanitize their hands immediately afterward. Respiratory etiquette will be demonstrated on posters and supported by making tissues and trash receptacles available to all Employees/Members/Visitors.

GRACE COUNCIL, continued

- 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.

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

Brovold Investment Valuation Report

- The ending balance had a nice increase over last month.
- This is the third month with an increase in the balance.

This is the highest balance since February 2020.

Gunderson Investment Valuation Report

- The ending balance was down slightly from last month. Nevertheless, still the third highest balance ever.

Other Information

- I had my annual conversation with Fertile Oil Company regarding our cost for propane for the upcoming heating season. It was \$1.05 per gallon last winter and will be \$1.09 per gallon this heating season. We have a long, good history with them. As such, I do not go out and seek bids from anyone else.
- Since we are carrying a significant balance in our checking account in Erskine earning very little interest, I purchased another CD (\$25,000) from Ultima Bank in Winger in order to earn some-

what more interest.

- I also renewed a CD (Oil Bldg Fund) at Ultima. We earned interest of \$422.43.

Since last month, I filed the quarterly withholding tax returns.

Jim reported. Renewed some CD's for additional interest. Referring to the Cash Flow report, the website giving from Credit Cards has increased markedly. We are thankful to our congregation for their continued support of Grace during these tough times. Jason made a point of thanking Jim for his dedication in monitoring and reporting our finances.

The last Communion was very well supported again, and we are so thankful for the participation.

Motion to approve by Gary. Seconded by Wade. Motion carried.

Pastor Report:

Last visit Jason had with Pastor Mike and things were going well. He did Don Barrow's funeral. We are so grateful for his willingness to do these extra services. Jason will check with pastor to see if there are any days that he needs off so that he could go somewhere if he would like. We want to make sure that he feels free to enjoy some time off when he needs. We just can't thank him enough.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship: Lori reported. They have not met at this time. Report on file.

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Education: Working on VBS plans. Going to offer classes broken into small groups of 10 that will include the students and adults. They have about 6 locations chosen that can provide for proper the distancing. Check-in will be done outside. All activities will be done in the specific groups. They will not combine groups for activities. All music will be done outside. They will also be offering an on-line version and parents can pick up activity bags and view video updates at the end of the day via the Internet.

Anything done outside needs to be groups of 25 or less. Ann has all the CDC guidelines. Jason did respond that we have a plan with CDC and MDH guidelines. He brought a plan and it was dispensed to the council. We will add an addendum specifically for VBS. Ann asked that each class location be provided with sanitation kits. Jason and Mary will check on availability.

Youth Group: Jim reported. Thank you to Hollie, Wade and family, and the Ostenaar family for all the help with the cans. 1,317 pounds of cans and 5 batteries.

NALCW: Hollie reported.

Ladies Aid tomorrow July 9 at 2:00. Serving dessert and coffee to all members and guests who

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Vacation Bible School 2020 Options August 3-6, 6:30-8:00 pm

Small group VBS:

- *Pick up and drop off will happen outside each day. Each child/guardian will complete a verbal well check, temperature check, use sanitizer, and children will be walked to their group. Parents are reminded to maintain social distancing when dropping off/picking up children.
- *Each child will be in a small group of no more than 5-6 kids, one adult. This group will complete their lesson, snack (prepackaged food only) and craft project together in a controlled, socially distanced setting (outside as long as weather permits). Supplies will be individually stored and not shared between children.
- *Singing and no contact games will only be held outside, also in small groups.
- *Social distancing guidelines and daily sanitizing procedures will be followed.
- *Hand sanitizer will be provided for each small group to use.
- *Masks and faces shields will be provided. We will label them for each child. (They get to decorate as well!) We will wash/sanitize masks and shields each night after class and have available the following day. Using masks/shields is encouraged but not required; that will be left up to parents.

Online VBS:

Pick up your supplies for the week at church- students will receive their lesson book, snacks, and crafts for the week. The day's lesson, craft, and songs will be emailed to families each day.

Register:

To attend one of our VBS options, please contact Grace Church or Ann Brekken.

Small group VBS- we need names, ages, grade entering in the fall, health concerns/allergies, and emergency contact phone number for each child attending.

Online VBS-we need names, ages, and grade in the fall. We also need an email address for lessons to be sent daily. Information about materials will be shared soon.

Contact:

Grace Church: 687-4035 or email at gracelc@gvtel.com

Ann Brekken: call or text 218-280-8580 or email at ann.brekken@yahoo.com.

Procedures for our small group VBS will be subject to change following CDC and MN Department of Health guidelines. We will monitor recommendations and make changes if needed.



This is a thread from a texting conversation with Dr. Wendel. Hope all of you will feel the Spirit working on our behalf in this time of silence. Blessings to all of you as we trust and wait.

Here is our conversation:

It's Mary from Erskine. Any words of encouragement to share or words of wisdom? We continue to pray, give thanks and wait. The silence is deafening.

Dr. Wendel's response: Hi Mary... part of the slow-down, of course, has been the virus pandemic. Pastors have not been entering the call process, and others have not wanted to travel or consider leaving their congregation. We do expect it will pick up. We are updating the Vacancy List this week, so it will be going out, and usually this will stimulate activity. Blessings to you and all...PDW

I should add that in the last two weeks, I have spoken with five pastors, asking them to prayerfully consider having their profile sent to your congregation in Erskine. They said they will do so. It is a time of prayerful discernment, as we are seeking God's will. It is trying for all of us, as He has not yet brought us the right

pastor. This is the frustrating part of waiting for God's will. It seems He's not doing anything—not answering our prayers, not doing what we ask. It can also look like nothing is happening in our call process—but be assured, you are forefront in our hearts and minds!

My response:

Awesome! We have several small groups who are intentionally praying for God's will to be done. We are His church and we are trusting Him alone. But, we are weak in wanting an answer now. Thank you for the encouragement.

Your message is part of His answer, just the dangling thread of hope we need at this time.

*Praying that our congregation will continue to prayerfully wait for the Lords response to our prayers and give thanks for the abundant blessings we do share knowing we are His church and He will care for us in His perfect way.

~~Your Call Committee

WHEN I SAY I AM A CHRISTIAN

When I say I am a Christian
I'm not shouting I've been saved
I'm whispering I get lost
That's why I chose this way

When I say I am a Christian
I don't speak with human pride
I'm confessing that I stumble
Needing God to be my guide

When I say I am a Christian
I'm not trying to be strong
I'm professing that I'm weak
And pray for strength to carry on

When I say I am a Christian
I'm not bragging of success
I'm admitting that I've failed
And cannot ever pay the debt

When I say I am a Christian
I don't think I know it all
I submit to my confusion
Asking humbly to be taught

When I say I am a Christian
I'm not claiming to be perfect
My flaws are all too visible
But God believes I'm worth it

When I say I am a Christian
I still feel the sting of pain
I have my share of heartache
That's why I seek God's name

When I say I am a Christian
I do not wish to judge
I have no authority...
I only know I'm loved

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Gary Walter	Deacon	687-3074
Mary Bratrud	Deacon	687-2150
Wade Farrell	Trustee	563-2216
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Dean Bernard	Trustee	687-2105
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Sarah Strom	Education	687-3488
Shelly Juve	Education	687-2929
Cassie Senn	Education	687-3313
Hollie Stewart	Pres. NALCW	687-3730
Lori Hole	Stewardship	687-3585
Tyler Brekken	Stewardship	687-2205
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GRACE CALL COMMITTEE

Mary Bratrud	687-2150	Chairperson
Austin Tadman	280-8266	Vice-Chairman
Nick Walk	637-2219	Sec'y / Council Rep
Gary Walter	687-3074	
Brady Lee	289-5587	
Mavis Haugom	563-3292	
Shirley Kraft	687-4477	
Rhonda Breitbart	687-2215	

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR AUGUST

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading - Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm - Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26
Second Reading - Romans 9:1-5, 6-13
Gospel - Matthew 14:13-21

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading - Job 38:4-18
Psalm - Psalm 18:1-6, 7-16
Second Reading - Romans 10:5-17
Gospel - Matthew 14:22-33

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading - Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm
- Psalm 67:1-7
Second Reading - Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32
Gospel - Matthew 15:21-28

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading - Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm - Psalm 138:1-7
Second Reading - Romans 11:33-12:8
Gospel - Matthew 16:13-20

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading - Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm - Psalm 26:1-12
Second Reading - Romans 12:9-21
Gospel - Matthew 16:21-28

GRACE COUNCIL, continued
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Ladies Aid tomorrow July 9 at 2:00. Serving dessert and coffee to all members and guests who attend the meeting.

Audrey will be doing the intro portion of the new Bible Study and there will be Devotions.

We also need to be thinking about the auction and if we are going to have it. A decision about it needs to be made.

Jason also mentioned that there may be a way to do an on-line auction.

Social distancing guidelines will be practiced.

Trustees: Wade reported. Waiting for bids on a furnace.

Deacons: Gene and Mary reported.

Waiting for the church opening procedures to be decided.

Bible Study is going very well. All precautions are being taken. Discussion regarding practices during Covid when our church is used for funerals.

Cleaning practices that must be completed when groups have used our church.

Our church is following CDC guidelines for social distancing, and we need to make sure that

these guidelines are also followed for funerals and any group activities.

We need to revisit these practices with the funeral directors and others involved to make sure that there is complete understanding of our church's rules if it is going to be used.

Call Committee: Mary reported. She talked to the pastor from Devils Lake who had called to check on our progress. He reminded us to not second guess ourselves about decisions that have been made.

We are here as a Council to support our elected call committee.

Food Shelf: Gene reported. They are using a shopping list for people so they do not have to come into the church. This is working well.

For the month of June: 20 families with 1688 pounds of food. That is 84.4 lbs. per family and 56 pounds per person. School distribution day they ordered for 40, not knowing what participation would be. They had to turn away 60. They started at 8:15 and were out of food by 8:45.

Another event will be done again in August. July 9 will be the next open day.

Old Business: (none)

New Business:

Jail Ministry—presented by Ksenia Lisov. She would like to start a local addiction support group for women and is hoping to use Grace as a meeting place. Ksenia is in the very first phase

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Plans would be for Bible Study and fellowship. Ksenia indicated that she had been involved with a BSF group study which was very helpful. Mary mentioned that there was hopefully going to be a BSF group starting locally. She will make sure Ksenia gets this information and we will help in any way that we can.

Ksenia would like some guidance and help in leadership for this group since this would be a first time experience for her. Gary will be a great source of information with his background in the jail ministry.

The hope is to reach out to women and discuss their needs and share their common addiction stories. The purpose specifically is to be a support group for women who can have a core group who share common experiences that can help and give strength for continued recovery.

The first step will be to inquire to see if there are women who are interested. Ksenia will get back to us with specific needs and we will go from there in finding ways to

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GRACE COUNCIL, continued
 support her.

We applaud her for her willingness and dedication to serve this very real need in our local communities.

Reimbursing COVID-19 related expenses for our worship production crew. We want to reimburse anyone who presents a bill related to worship during this time.

Ann made the motion to give Jason the option to authorize any expenses and be able to give to Jim for reimbursement. Seconded by Hollie. Motion carried. The council is so thankful to everyone who has made our services possible during this Covid 19 crisis.

Re-opening plan: The numbers for Covid19 have been on the rise. In Jason's discussion with us he stated that the demographics of our congregation involves a much higher percentage of at risk people. It is our responsibility to protect our people as best we can. When we open again we are sanctioning a fuller reopening than what is currently allowed. Anything less presents too much risk. As far as funerals, it is up to the family to decide how they will handle their group's gatherings, not necessarily the decision of the Council. However, as stated above, we do follow CDC guidelines and we want families using our church to also follow those guidelines. We may have to tighten up our requirements and communication to ensure that our safety rules are followed. We are commanded by Jesus to love one

another, and that means we must show care and respect for others. At this time Jason recommended that we continue to be closed and revisit reopening again in August. This suggestion was met with unanimous agreement from the Council. Dean made the motion to maintain our current status at this time and revisit reopening in August. Seconded by Gary. Motion carried.

Announcements: Next meeting will be August 12 with social distancing and facemasks recommended. Time to be determined based on if the other committees decide to meet prior. The Council will be notified closer to the meeting date.

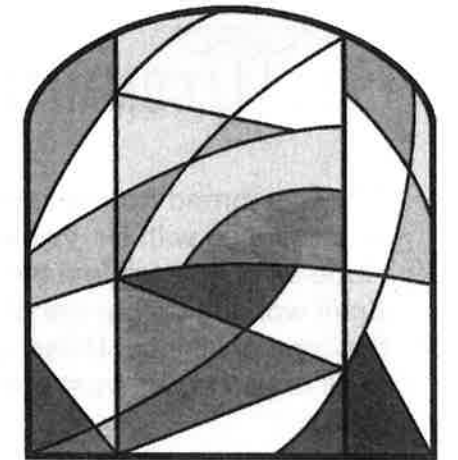
Adjourn

The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,



Yvonne Halvorson, Council Secretary



Much excitement and wonderful comments have been made after the installation of our stained glass at the entry of the educational wing. If any of you are so moved to send compliments and/ or thanks to the creators of this glass here is contact information.

The owner Marty Stone with his designers and crew are located in Avon, MN. He was a delight to work with on this project.

His studio is:
 STONEHOUSE STAINED
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