

# The Scroll

Grace Lutheran  
Church

May 2021



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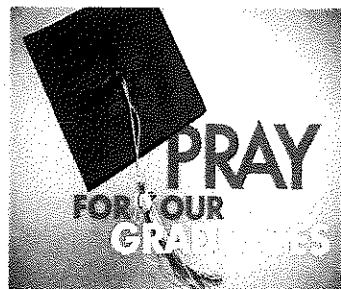
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The Grace Lutheran Church Council will meet in regular session on Wednesday May 12th at 7:00 PM. All meetings are open to members of Grace unless otherwise stated.



- March 28th:**  
Attendance~55  
Offering~\$2,466.00
- April 4th:**  
Attendance~70  
Offering~\$2,082.00
- April 11th:**  
Attendance~39  
Offering~ \$3,356.00
- April 18th:**  
Attendance~ 50  
Offering~\$2,285.00
- April 25th:**  
Attendance~84  
Offering~\$2595.00

"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 commitment with it being addressed in a bulletin from time to time and same with the scroll.

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



The 'Women of Grace' young women's Bible Study are meeting via Zoom. If you're interested in joining, contact Rhonda Breitbach at 687-2215.

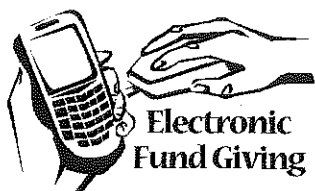


**WNALC Meeting: May 13th, 2:00 p.m.**  
**Group #2 will serve**

- Hope Circle:** May 27th, 2:00 PM at the church
- Rebecca Circle:** May 27th, 6:30 PM at the church
- Mission Circle: no meeting**



**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.



### 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](http://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.

### March 2021 Financial Summary

Congregational Offering to the General Fund - \$13,979.00

#### Expenses:

Administrative - \$7,420.44

Education - \$47.42

Mission Outreach - \$700.00

Pastoral - \$8,154.93

Worship - \$602.18

Total Expenses - \$16,924.97



## Communion At Home

Communion elements are still available for those who wish to take communion at home. Stop by the office to pick them up.



## OUR CHURCH'S HISTORY

### PAUL'S HISTORY CORNER

On April 20, 1891, a preliminary meeting was called to discuss the possibility of organizing an Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Erskine.

They met on May 18, 1891 for that purpose. A group of 33 Norwegians and 10 Swedes constituted the first congregation. How thankful we must be to God for this blessing.

## MINKOTA MISSION DISTRICT NEWS

Members of the Minkota Mission District met in a joint convocation with members of the Eastern South Dakota Mission District on April 23-24 in Brookings, SD at the Institute of Lutheran Theology. There were 10 churches (out of 19) from the Minkota Mission District represented at the meeting. Representing Grace Lutheran Church were Gary Walter and Jim Ferden.

On April 23, pastors met with Bishop Dan Selbo for a round table discussion prior to an evening meal for pastors and lay people in attendance. Attendees were welcomed by Pastor Tom Jacobson, Interim Dean for the Eastern South Dakota Mission District. Evening worship was held and lead by Bishop Selbo. On April 24, there was morning prayer and a hymn sing before Bishop Selbo provided the audience with an update on the NALC and responded to questions and answers from those in attendance. Bishop Selbo provided information to the audience regarding his background prior to becoming the Bishop in 2019. He has spent most of his life living and serving as a pastor in various parts of California. The NALC is in its 11<sup>th</sup> year of existence. It has seen tremendous growth, and far exceeded anyone's expectations. There are currently 450 churches in the NALC in the United States, and

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\*Grace Church is now LIVE on Garden Valley Channel 30. You can tune in at 10:30 AM Sunday morning and catch our Worship Service live.

We also continue to offer the other options we've had in the past.

\* Type [gracechurcherskine.org](http://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

April 14, 2021

7:00 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, Gary Walter, Jim Ferden, Wade Farrell, Mary Bratrud, Ann Brekken

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

**Devotions:** Jason chose devotions reminding us of faith and resilience. Paul was our example.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve the amended agenda as presented by Gary. Seconded by Hollie. Motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:** Wade moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ann. Motion carried.

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

**Treasurer's Report: Jim Reported**

**Cash Flow Report**

- Undesignated funds available to be used for March's General Fund expenses totaled \$14,408. This amount was somewhat below the month's General Fund expenses totaling \$16,924.97.

- Congregational giving to the General Fund was \$13,979. The monthly budget goal is \$16,880.54.

- Noteworthy Other Giving:

- o Thrivent Choice Program – I received an email from Thrivent noting that they made an error on our deposit and gave us \$25 more than was donated by individual customers. They are gifting that overage to us.

Some of the noteworthy expenses this month included:

Administration – Church Telephone & Internet – Double expenses this month due to timing.

Custodian – Compensation is higher due to extra time spent cleaning the church carpet.

Financial Secretary – Quarterly payment

Office Secretary – Compensation and related expenses are higher due to her pay raise that was approved at the March annual meeting. These amounts include her back pay for January and February.

Parsonage Telephone & Internet – Includes two months of expenses due to timing.

Pastoral – Housing Equity – Three months expense due to timing

Pension – 403b – Three months expense due to timing

Federal Tax – Jan & Feb expense due to timing

Pre-Tax Retirement Contribution – Three months expense due to timing

Reimbursed GV Services – Two months expense due to timing

Roth Retirement Contribution – Three months expense due to timing

State Tax – Jan & Feb expense due to timing

Worship – Organist - Compensation and related expenses are higher due to his pay raise that was approved at the March annual meeting. These amounts include his back pay for January and February.

**Budget Report**

- We ended the month at approximately 3% or \$5,700 under budget.

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

**History of Regular Giving to the General Fund Report**

- March's giving was the highest so far in 2021!

- Looking back since 2011, this was an average giving for the month of March.

- Year-to-date giving is approximately \$2,500 lower than last year at this time.

This was the lowest year-to-date giving total since 2012.

**History of the General Fund Balance**

- The General Fund balance listed here does not include the \$31,000 anonymous donation for World Missions which has

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## Church Memories

I taught all my grandkids and when I had the first grandchild, Austin, I was called "Grandma Dorothy" instead of Mrs. Sandberg. To this day, some of them in that class still call me "Grandma Dorothy". Right Hunter?

When I was teaching several years ago I remember one incident in my class. These 2 little boys then were Alex Jacobson and Bryce DuChamp and we had to have a "Time Out" because they were fighting. I said a little prayer. When one of their mothers came to pick them up, I shared it with her. She said "They play fight all the time", as they're neighbors. They never did that again and have become very fine and talented young men and will graduate this year from Win-E-Mac.

I sure miss teaching all these young children over the many years. Great memories. Thanks to the Parish Board for allowing me to start a 3 & 4 year old class.

God Bless all of my many students. Hugs~~ *Dorothy Sandberg*



## Church Memories

One of my earliest memories of Grace Church is Sunday School in the basement of the church. We would start by gathering on the floor around the piano and singing songs like "Onward Christian Soldiers", "I'm in the Lord's Army" and "Do Lord". I can still sing all the words to those songs! It was always exciting when it was someone's birthday and they brought pennies to put in the little white church-shaped "birthday bank". We had class in the basement as well, with moveable partitions up to separate classes. If it was a special day, we might get a little snack and a cup of red Kool-Aid for a treat. As Dorothy Sandberg mentioned in a previous memory shared, she was my very first Sunday School teacher. It's so much fun to think back on those times and realize what has changed-and what hasn't-for our Grace Sunday School kids. (And for those who also remember it, we still have the same birthday bank!) ~Ann Brekken



## Church Memories

One of my favorites are my memories of the Sunday school Christmas programs. They were always in the evening and it was so exciting for us. Then the bags that were under the tree when we all got apples and hard candy and peanuts. I remember being so proud and all of us kids really felt like we had done something special. I feel badly that our kids today get to have some of those experiences because there just isn't time and our lives have changed so much. However our Christmas program this year that was online was simply wonderful! ~ Yvonne Halvorson



- \* Steve Jacobson
- \* Becki Haugen
- \* Don Lundin
- \* Michael Jenson
- \* Mark Thompson



Hello Ladies,  
And hello spring  
again. I think it  
will stay this  
time.

I want to thank  
the quilting group for their  
demonstration at last months  
meeting. As someone who isn't  
part of the group, this was very  
interesting to me - how they are  
put together and how they can  
get so many done! Amazing!  
And blessed they are.  
Look for a letter for our May ac-  
tivity at our WNALC meeting.  
Mary is heading this up. It will  
be something you can participate  
in, even if you can't attend the  
meeting.

Elsewhere in the scroll is a list  
from the NALC that the WNALC  
uses when we collect for the dis-  
aster relief response. On June  
22nd, Jill Nesheim from the  
WNALC board, and husband Ed  
will be traveling from Devils  
Lake, their home, to Coldwell,  
Ohio, the collection point with a  
enclosed trailer. We are the first  
stop on the list and will be a col-  
lection point for other area  
NALC church as well. We do-  
nate Bibles and quilts as a group  
and maybe you have some items  
at home that you could add.  
There will always be a need  
somewhere and working together  
helps us be ready to respond.  
Thank you  
HAPPY MOTHERS DAY (by  
birth or by love) to all!

**GRACE COUNCIL**, continued  
yet to be designated by the  
Council.

- The March balance reflects a steady decline in the General Fund balance.

Giving increased in March.  
However, expenses exceeded the  
increased giving so the General  
Fund balance went down.

#### Account Balances Report

- Building Fund - Reflects dona-  
tions made during the month.  
In addition, it reflects double  
expenses for the separate eleva-  
tor phone line due to timing  
(\$78.56); renewal of the elevator  
maintenance contract  
(\$1,198.44); removal of old  
electrical outlet in sanctuary  
(\$100); and construction of  
wooden casing around new fur-  
nace pipes (\$509.00).
- HS Scholarship Fund – Re-  
flects a donation.
- Klatt Estate – Reflects video  
-related expenses reimbursed to  
Nick Walk (\$264.70) and a por-  
tion of the cost of the new video  
equipment from Garden Valley  
(\$10,986.85). These expenses  
reduce this fund to a zero bal-  
ance now.
- Larson Family Fund – Re-  
flects a portion of the cost of the  
new video equipment from Gar-  
den Valley (\$10,700). This ex-  
pense reduces this fund to a zero  
balance now.
- Oil Fund – Bldg Upkeep re-  
flects a portion of this month's  
oil/gas revenue. Also reflected  
is a portion of the cost of the

new video equipment from Gar-  
den Valley (\$5,874.65).

- Oil Fund – Church Emergen-  
cies 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 Internation-  
al.

#### Brovold Investment Valuation Report

- The ending balance is basi-  
cally unchanged from last  
month.
- Fourth month of the balance  
remaining relatively stable.

It is noteworthy that approxi-  
mately 65% of the investment is  
currently held in cash and cash  
investments.

#### Gunderson Investment Valua- tion Report

- The ending balance in-  
creased approximately \$2,500  
over last month.
- It is now the highest balance  
ever held in the account!

13% of the investment is cur-  
rently held in money market  
funds.

#### Other Information

- The church's 2020 financial  
records were audited during  
March by the church auditors  
and no concerns were noted.
- I audited the Grace Food  
Shelf 2020 financial records

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**GRACE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Jason Carlson	President	563-2490
Nick Walk	Vice President	637-2219
Yvonne Halvorson	Secretary	687-5190
Dorothy Sandberg	Financial Secretary	687-3575
Jim Ferden	Treasurer	563-2377
Gene Haugom	Deacon	563-3292
Gary Walter	Deacon	687-3074
Mary Bratrud	Deacon	687-2150
Wade Farrell	Trustee	563-2216
Ryan Breitbach	Trustee	687-2215
Dean Bernard	Trustee	687-2105
Ann Brekken	Superintendent / Education	687-2205
Sarah Strom	Education	687-3488
Shelly Juve	Education	687-2929
Cassie Senn	Education	687-3313
Hollie Stewart	Pres. WNALC	687-3730
Lori Hole	Stewardship	687-3585
Tyler Brekken	Stewardship	687-2205
Bobbi DuChamp	Stewardship	687-3000

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR  
MAY****Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 2, 2021**

First Reading - Acts 8:26-40

Psalm - Psalm 150:1-6

Second Reading - 1 John 4:1-11, 12-21

Gospel - John 15:1-8

**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 9, 2021**

First Reading - Acts 10:34-48

Psalm - Psalm 98:1-9

Second Reading - 1 John 5:1-8

Gospel - John 15:9-17

**Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 16, 2021**

First Reading - Acts 1:12-26

Psalm - Psalm 1:1-6

Second Reading - 1 John 5:9-15

Gospel - John 17:11b-19

**Day of Pentecost  
May 23, 2021**

First Reading - Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm - Psalm 139:1-12, 13-16

Second Reading - Acts 2:1-21

Gospel - John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

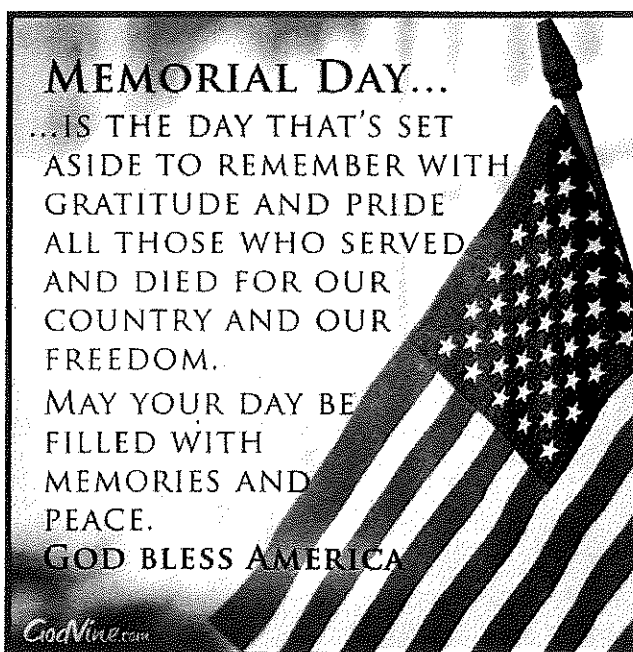
**The Holy Trinity  
May 30, 2021**

First Reading - Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm - Psalm 29:1-11

Second Reading - Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Gospel - John 3:1-17



**GRACE COUNCIL**, continued (along with Mavis Haugom) and no concerns were noted.

Reminder – Trustees/Council need to still determine what charities the \$31,000 anonymous donation will be given to.

New Business – Council needs to approve a suggested new reimbursement policy for youth attendance at bible camp.

Jim highlighted the Thrivent dollars. Jim noted that the expense number is higher than it would normally be for a given month. They will be on track in the following months. Jim is very satisfied with the performance of our investment company.

Nick made motion to approve. Dean seconded. Motion carried.

**Pastor Report:** We received an email from Pastor Tsena that Gary shared with us. Pastor plans to be here by April 22<sup>nd</sup> for service. Jason will touch base with Pastor Mike regarding our deep gratitude for all he has done for us, AGAIN!

#### **Committee Reports:**

Stewardship: No report. (written report on file) Ann will get SS pictures taken for the bulletin board.

Education: Ann reported. Two Sundays left of Sunday School. SS has gone very well. Short a few teachers but Ann has been able to fill in. Pastor Tsena wants to meet with the Ed. Committee.

Planning to use a different curriculum next fall as Pastor Tsena would like to change it. Pastor Tsena has also noted that he very much wants to get parents more involved.

Youth Group: Jim reported. Met with Hollie and they discussed the fact that there are some cans for recycling still in the garage. Jim would like to wait with the cans until Pastor Tsena can be here to participate. Mary asked about the ages students are eligible for Youth Group. Currently students in grades 7-12 are eligible. This could change with new curriculum. More information when pastor returns.

WNALC: Hollie reported. WNALC met last week. Bible Study by Audrey. Hollie and Lyla gave devotions. No music due to no piano until June. Mission Banks will be sent in May. Decision about an auction in October was tabled until next month. There has been some thought about having it in September. More discussion to follow. Circles will meet as usual. Mission Circle hasn't been meeting. Group 2 will serve next month. Hollie asked a question about food service for WNALC meetings. She asked if homemade food can be served for WNALC meetings. Jason noted that this would be fine and that there aren't any concrete rules regarding homemade or store bought. Grace will be first on the quilt collection route. Grace has been encouraged to also consider donating a "Flood

Bucket". These buckets contain a variety of flood assistance articles as well mops etc. The quilt pickup people would pick up any Flood Buckets we would provide because they really can't be sent in the mail. Gary added that our Bishop will also have a "Stuff the Truck" effort to help Texas with their disaster relief. We can bring a "Flood Bucket" to the Convocation in Brookings next week. Hollie said she would purchase items for two Flood Buckets. One will go with Gary to the Convocation and the other will be sent along with our quilts for the WNALC disaster drive.

Nick made the motion to reimburse Hollie for purchasing the items for two buckets. Dean seconded. Motion carried.

Trustees: Dean reported.

Dispensed the \$31,000 donation. They decided to honor the donation recommendations provided by the donor. The dollars will be evenly split among six organizations with the World Mission Prayer League receiving a bit more due to an uneven split amount. The other recipients are: Disaster Truck, Salvation Army, Northland Rescue Mission, Pioneer Care Center, and NALC Water Quality. Paul Mahlen called on behalf of Carlin Funeral Home asking if we could put the stoppers back on the outside door to assist in keeping them open for loading. Wade will check on this. They are hoping that they can just use wedges rather than having to drill into the new doors.

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**GRACE COUNCIL, continued**

Trustees: Dean reported.

Wade will take care of the issue. We still have some leaking issues with the roof. The original roofing company is not in business any more. Wade will research and call another company to repair. Wade called Everett Osland Construction regarding the sidewalk issue. He is waiting to hear from him. Dean will talk with Brian regarding maintenance and indoor cleaning. We want to get his input regarding how to split up the duties to make them manageable. Brian is very open to assist with this task and we appreciate that. Mary reported that the shovels seem to have disappeared and they could not find one for the meeting here on Tuesday. They had to get creative in order to get the walk shoveled. No one at Council knew where they might be and so this will need to be addressed. Wade asked if anyone had talked to Pastor regarding the water softener in the parsonage and how to maintain it. Wade asked permission to enter the parsonage to check on the softener. We will need to address this issue in order to make sure the softener stays in good working condition. Feedback on the quality of the deep cleaning done in the church was excellent.

Deacons: Gene and Mary reported. Deacons will be available to go through the Sunday service wishes of Grace with

Pastor Tsena. The Deacons will be of service to Pastor with input and answering any questions he has. Pastor welcomes this opportunity to share information. Mary talked about the difficulties we face regarding youth participation. Mary presented a suggestion that would have us having a "Youth Sunday" every month. On this Sunday, the youth would be totally responsible for every aspect of the service. The Council was certainly open to this idea and very excited about the possible impact it could have on our youth and our congregation. The Deacons will discuss this with Pastor Tsena upon his return.

Food Shelf: Gene reported. Made it through winter without having to cancel any Food Shelf days. For the month, they distributed 2,515 pounds which is a 5% decrease over previous months. 28 families were served equaling about 89.8 pounds on average per family with 53.5 pounds per person. WEM National Honor Society members have been conducting a food drive at the school. John Eckman, advisor, brought over the first items (about 1/3 of what they collected) which totaled 227 pounds of donated items. They will bring in more next week. They did a great job of collecting quality and usable items. Upcoming needs for Food Shelf volunteers: April 8—need 5 people, April 14 need 4 people, Food Shelf/NAPS Day April 15 we need 5 people. Please contact the Food Shelf if you are able to assist.

**Old Business:**

**Purchase 'With One Voice' hymnal (ordered 4/8/21)** Kim ordered last week. We will have to see how to distribute them among the pews and how they are going to be used.

**Grace Church COVID guidelines** Jason has been relying on the CDC guidelines and State guidelines and this will continue. No communion outside of the pre-packaged elements. We cannot serve food at an open funeral. If food is served it must be a private group with invited guests only. Coffee will be allowed in small groups but must be poured by one person. Homemade food vs store bought food isn't an issue. It just has to be served individually and safely. This would cover our WNALC meetings.

Dorothy will be distributing Senior quilts on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Jim will assist contacting the recipients.

**Discussion of the disbursement of the large anonymous gift given for world missions** (disbursed as listed in the Trustees Report above). Gene moved to accept the disbursement list of the \$31,000, as recommended by donor. Ann seconded. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Complete Annual Meeting Ballot.** Motion to table by Nick. Seconded by Hollie. Motion carried.

**Approve New Policy Regarding Reimbursement for Youth Attendance at Bible Camp**

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**MISSION DISTRICT, con't.** conversations continue with churches in Canada and Mexico who are interested in joining the NALC.

Given its growth, the structure of the NALC in the U.S. is going to be adjusted somewhat to better serve the 37 mission districts. The U.S. is going to be divided into four areas, each served by an Assistant to the Bishop. The Minkota Mission District will be in the Midwest or Western Region. This change will add about \$400,000 to the NALC's budget. In addition, the NALC will begin operating out of a centralized office in the Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX area. Currently, most of the members of the NALC staff work from their homes. Bishop Selbo and his wife, along with the General Secretary, Director of Communications, and financial and support staff will be relocating. It is projected the centralization of some of the staff will only add \$30,000 more to budgeted expenses over what is now spent for significant staff travel. Bishop Selbo encouraged congregations to be in tune with young or older members of their congregations who might be interested in going into the seminary. Approximately nine out of ten NALC pastors are over the age of 40. Seventy-five percent are over the age of 60. The North American Lutheran Seminary is committed to training 300 pastors for NALC congregations in the next ten years. In addition, he encouraged each

mission district to have a designated church to be a site for training a pastoral intern. That intern would be financially supported by each church in the respective mission district.

Meeting participants then separated into their respective mission districts to conduct necessary business. Mission District Dean Lyle Belleque called the meeting to order with those in attendance introducing themselves to the group. Mission District Secretary Pastor Mike Sletto briefly highlighted the meetings held in 2019 and 2020. Then Mission District Treasurer Jim Ferden presented the Treasurer's Report. The mission district currently has \$10,244.62 in the bank.

The main order of business was elections for positions on the mission district council. Newly elected was Pastor Steve Bliss (Riverside Lutheran Church, Bethesda Lutheran Church, Pine Grove Lutheran Church all in and around Wannaska, MN) to serve as the Mission District Dean.

Pastor Paul Reiff (Faith Lutheran Church, Sturgeon Lake, MN and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Kettle River, MN) was newly elected as the Mission District Evangelist to replace Pastor Steve King who moved to North Carolina. Finally, Pastor Scott Block (currently works with SOLA Publishing) was elected to serve on the mission district council as a pastoral member representative to replace Pastor Steve Bliss. Re-elected to their current positions were Pastor Mike Sletto, Jim Ferden, and

Jason Schneider (Riverside Lutheran Church). Mr. Schneider serves on the mission district council as a lay member representative. Pastor Mary Schave (not currently serving a church), Mary Sanders (Holy Trinity Lutheran Lutheran Church), and Gary Walter also continue to serve as pastoral and lay member representatives on the mission district council. Current ministerial openings within the mission district were discussed as well as future meetings.

After lunch, presentations were given by Pastor Daniel Daum of New Hope Christian Camp, Platte, NE; Mary Bates of NALC Disaster Response; and Pastor Scott Block representing SOLA Publishing. Pastor Selbo then installed the newly elected mission district council members and deans.

*Submitted by Jim Ferden*

#### **GRACE COUNCIL, continued**

Jim brought a Bible Camp Tuition Reimbursement Policy as follows. *For any Grace Lutheran Church youth in grades Pre-K through Grade 12 who wants to attend bible camp, the church will provide reimbursement for one trip per year per student. Specifically, the church will pay half of the remaining portion of the tuition after a \$100 deposit is paid (if applicable). A Grace Lutheran Church youth is defined as someone who attends Sunday School*

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**GRACE COUNCIL, continued**  
and/or church at Grace Lutheran Church. A receipt must be provided to the church treasurer for reimbursement. Gary moved to accept the new policy. Dean seconded. Motion carried.

### ***Designation of Oil Mission Funds for 2021***

We decided that we would not designate the funds until the balance grows. Wade made the motion, Nick seconded. Motion carried.

### **Announcements**

Next council meeting is May 12 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Adjourn**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

*Yvonne Salvador*

#### **School Kit – High School**

- 1 backpack or duffle bag
- 4 notebooks
- 4 pocket folders
- 4 pencils, 1 pencil sharpener & 1 eraser -or-
- 4 mechanical pencils
- 4 pens
- 1 high school calculator

#### **Miscellaneous** (pack like items together)

- masks (bundle/pack each type separately)
  - painting
  - sanding
  - N95
- baby diapers (disposable, assorted sizes)
- high school calculators
- any school supply can be donated in bulk quantities.
- mops, brooms & dustpans
- rakes, shovels, etc.

#### **Gift Cards**

- Home Depot
- Lowes
- Walmart



### **KIT PACKING LIST**

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#### **Bibles**

- new or used (hi
- children's, teen
- Spanish
- large print
- prayer books

*We encourage you to write messages of hope in the front pages*

#### **Flood Bucket**

- 1 five-gallon bucket with lid
- 1 jug bleach
- 2 large trash bags
- 1 roll paper towels
- Comet or scouring cleanser
- Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
- scrub brush
- gloves, 1 pair each, size L preferred
  - rubber (reusable, i.e. Platex, dishwashing type)
  - leather
  - cotton

#### **Health Care Kit**

***(Pack in 2-gallon Ziplock bag or tote bag)***

- 1 bath towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 shampoo (regular size or 2 travel size)
- 1 bar of soap (regular size or 2 travel size)
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 pack of floss
- 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)
- 1 comb
- 1 deodorant
- 1 nail clippers

#### **Quilts and Blankets**

- any size
- any fabric including religious, patriotic/military theme, seasonal

#### **School Kit – Elementary**

- 1 backpack or duffle bag
- 4 notebooks
- 4 pocket folders
- 1 blunt scissors
- 1 ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 4 pencils
- 2 pens
- 1 eraser
- 1 box of crayons

### **HOW TO PACK YOUR DISASTER KITS:**

- Pack completed kits, in sturdy boxes (not overly large).
- Label contents and quantity in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS and place labels on at least one end and one side of the box so the contents will be visible regardless of how box is stacked.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box with a label that says: *A GIFT FROM [church/group name and address]*

# WNALC WANTS TO CELEBRATE THE WOMEN AT GRACE.

It has been a while since we have come together and we are ready to celebrate the women of Grace church who serve on committees, who have raised families, who have prayed on bended knees. We may wear many of these hats: mother, sister, daughter, niece, grand-daughter, grandmother. But for certain were made to be awesome.

**Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm at our regular WNALC meeting** we would like to display pictures of your mother in her heyday and or you as a baby. These pictures can be copies (no frames please). Identify them on the back for return purposes. You could drop them off or mail them to the church office or place them directly in Mary Bratrud church mail cubby no later than May 9<sup>th</sup>. We encourage you to participate with the photos even if you are unable to attend! All women of Grace are part of this fun event.

Wear a fancy hat or a cap for a fun photo op. Bring a baby item\* for Lake Crisis Center, Detroit Lakes . And bring your enthusiasm as we celebrate one another. Give it a try. **WNALC** can be just the group you were hoping to be a part of, and you are **already a member!**

**Mask and distancing are still required.**



## \*Children's Services Supplies:

- Kids shampoo & conditioner.
- Baby wipes
- Baby lotion
- Sippie cups
- Diapers - all sizes (particularly sizes 4-6)
- Pull-ups (both boys and girls)
- Baby Grooming: nail clippers, brushes, combs
- Children's underwear (all sizes)
- Children's clothing (3 Month to 4T)
- Pacifiers
- Wipeable bibs for toddlers
- Activities and toys for ages 8 and up including teenagers
- LEGOs
- Magna Tiles
- Lincoln Log or gears
- Model car/plane building kits

# MAY 2021

# Grace Lutheran Church

\*CIRCLES\*  
 Hope at the church  
 Rebecca at the church  
 Mission no meeting

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8:30am-ABS 10:30am- Worship w/Holy Communion	3 9:30am-LBS 10am- Worship Re- broadcast	4 8am-MBS 3pm-BSF 8pm-AA mtg.	5 7pm-Rebroadcast	6	7	8 9am- Rebroadcast
9 <b>Mother's Day</b> 8:30am-ABS 10:30am- Worship w/Holy Communion	10 9:30am-LBS 10am- Worship Re- broadcast	11 8am-MBS 8pm-AA mtg.	12 7pm-Council mtg. 7pm-Rebroadcast	13 10am-2pm-Food Shelf is open 2pm-WNALC	14	15 9am- Rebroadcast
16 8:30am-ABS 10:30am- Worship	17 9:30am-LBS 10am- Worship Re- broadcast	18 8am-MBS 8pm-AA mtg.	19 7pm-Rebroadcast	20 10am-2pm-Food Shelf is open	21	22 9am- Rebroadcast
23 8:30am-ABS 10:30am- Worship	24 9:30am-LBS 10am- Worship Re- broadcast	25 8am-MBS 8pm-AA mtg.	26 7pm-Rebroadcast	27 2pm-Hope Circle 6:30pm-Rebecca Circle	28	29
30 8:30am-ABS 10:30am- Worship	31 9:30am-LBS 10am- Worship Re- broadcast					

Ushers :

Communion Assistants:

Altar Flowers:  
 Hope Circle

Altar Guild:  
 Betty Lundin

R= Reader  
 V=Video

A=Acolyte  
 MAY 2nd:

R~Kris Nornes  
 V~  
 A~

MAY 9th:  
 R~ Mary Bratrud  
 V~

A~  
 MAY 16th:

R~ Yvonne Halvorson  
 V~  
 A~

MAY 23rd:  
 R~ Jeff Nornes  
 V~

A~  
 MAY 30th:

R~Hollie Stewart  
 V~  
 A~