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PASTOR’S PAGE

There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love.

—Washington Irving

Courtney Wells, Assistant Professor of Social Work at the University of Wisconsin – River Falls, in an excellent Adult Forum on Mental Health, spoke of the strong connection between unexpressed grief and mental dis-ease.

Loss comes in many different ways in our lives. We experience loss in our relationships. A loved one dies. A marriage ends. A friendship changes. We find we have lost a friend. Children move away to far off places. Along with our human relationships, the loss of a beloved animal can bring deep sadness.

We experience loss in physical illness or injury. We can no longer do the things we once could do. As we age, we may experience loss of mobility, loss of memory, loss of our homes. We might lose our job or the means to make a living.

As a nation, it seems to me, we have lost so much in the past decade: a loss of civility, loss of decency, loss of respect, loss of trust, loss of love. In the present moment, the loss of these things is crystal clear.

All of this loss brings with it deep grief. Which brings us back to Professor Wells, and her research, which shows a deep and strong connection between disease, physical and mental, and unexpressed grief.

The dominant culture in our country is not well taught regarding the need to grieve our losses. We need each other in times of grief, in times such as these, but often we tend toward isolation when we experience loss.



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The deadline for submissions to the November Grace Messenger is Monday, October 15.

WORSHIP in OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 3

9:00 pm – *pause* Worship led by Lutheran Campus Ministry

Sunday, October 7

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Grace in the World Sunday: Sharing the Harvest

8:15 & 10:30 am – Worship with Holy Communion, Grace member Dan Guenthner is preaching

Genesis 2:18-24 *Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12*
Psalms 8 *Mark 10:2-16*

Wednesday, October 10

9:00 pm – *pause* Worship led by Lutheran Campus Ministry

Sunday, October 14

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Children's Sabbath

Presentation of Second Grade Bibles

Participate in the Book Bank Fundraiser (see p. 3 for more info under "God's Work, our Hands")

8:15 & 10:30 am – Worship with Holy Communion, Table of Mercy Setting

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 *Hebrews 4:12-16*
Psalms 90:12-17 *Mark 10:17-31*

Wednesday, October 17

9:00 pm – *pause* Worship led by Lutheran Campus Ministry

Sunday, October 21

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

8:15 & 10:30 am – Worship with Holy Communion
No Sunday School, Youth Group, Confirmation or Wee Ones

Isaiah 53:4-12 *Hebrews 5:1-10*
Psalms 91:9-16 *Mark 10:35-45*

Wednesday, October 24

9:00 pm – *pause* Worship led by Lutheran Campus Ministry

Sunday, October 28

Reformation Sunday

8:15 & 10:30 am – Worship with Holy Communion

Jeremiah 31:7-9 *Hebrews 7:23-28*
Psalms 126 *Mark 10:46-52*

Wednesday, October 31

9:00 pm – *pause* Worship led by Lutheran Campus Ministry

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At Grace, many, if not all of us, have experienced loss in our lives, some of us have experienced deep loss. We need each other to grieve well. We can learn from each other. We can sometimes simply sit with each other in silence.

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross writes, "The most beautiful people we have known are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss, and have found their way out of those depths."

In late October, we will be offering opportunities for people to gather to learn more about grief and the grieving process. We will be planning some educational sessions and then will offer opportunities for a grief support group. Again, we need each other, and we can also learn so much from each other.

Marcia Carlson, Jo Quanbeck, and I will be the planning team. We hope many will participate.

Pastor Dan

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7:

BOOK FAIR

9:00 am–1:00 pm

Nancy from Red Wagon Books will be back with us to offer book club titles, children's books, gifts and more. A portion of the sales comes back to Grace!

GRACE IN THE WORLD: SHARING THE HARVEST

In the 8:15 and 10:30 am worship services

In worship we'll focus on issues of food production and distribution, giving thanks for those among us who are part of the process, and seeking justice for all in our food system. Grace member Dan Guenthner is preaching. Read more about a new food outreach opportunity at Grace on p. 4.

FALL HARVEST POTLUCK

Following the 10:30 am worship

Please plan to attend our potluck this fall! Following the 10:30 worship, we'll gather for delicious food in the Fellowship Hall (and probably also the Lounge) —please bring a dish to share. Students and visitors are our guests.

YOUNG ADULT* FALL CHILI SUPPER

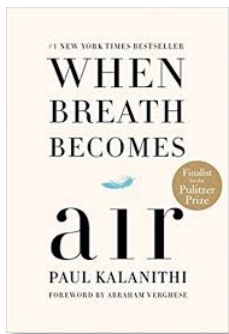
at Pastors Mary and Dan's home

Friday, October 5, 6:30 pm

682 Kenneth St. S, St. Paul (two blocks south of St. Kate's)

If you are a Grace member, friend, frequent guest, new to the community...we invite to you at our home for an informal meal, a time to get to know others, enjoy good company, and a campfire, weather permitting. Please RSVP to pastormary@graceattheu.org or call/text 651.263.3707. Bring a friend along, we have plenty of room. Hope to see you there.

* 21-35 years!



GRACE READS: BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

Sunday, October 28th @ Noon

@ Noodles on Washington

When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi

Contact Pastor Melanie if you have questions or to RSVP to participate:

melaniehh@usfamily.net

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS:

Sharing the Joy of Learning with Our Tanzanian Families

Since 2008, the Grace children have organized a fundraiser (Walking with Kongei) to partner with Kongei Primary school in Tanzania to improve education. These have included teacher housing and septic system, a library, text books, a school kitchen and brick oven, and a water roof collection system for their daily water supply and erosion control. Last Year the Grace children followed Kongei teachers Dany and Spora and their family to their new school in Nkombo Village, Tanzania — we partnered with the Nkombo Community to build 5 bridges making a dirt path into a road people would walk and ride motorcycles safely to town and their health clinic.

Grace Church is partnering this year to provide the funds for two of our teacher families' children to attend high school. Our goal is to raise \$2000 — \$1000 for each student to attend high school. **On Sunday, October 14th, you will have the opportunity to participate in giving to this project.** The children will have the "book banks" they made on Rally Sunday and we will have containers on tables in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support.

ADULT FORUMS

Adult Forums are held each Sunday at Grace in the Peace Chapel at 9:20 am. Find the coffee in the kitchen, and then find a chair in the peace chapel! All are welcome.

October 7—*Depression and Trauma: A Personal Story*

Join Grace member Becky Kjeldsen as she shares her story of surviving sexual abuse and recovering from depression. Through writing, therapy, and honoring her need for self-care, she is gradually re-establishing her self-concept as a strong and independent woman. Becky welcomes your questions and looks forward to this conversation.

October 14—*The Midterm Elections: Making Your Voice Heard*

The 2018 midterms are shaping up to be among the most important elections in decades. How can we make a difference? Led by Barbara Lundblad, Paul Ostrow, and Judy Stuthman, we will talk about ways to be an engaged citizen and share our experience as volunteers. We will also discuss the "mechanics" of voting, including registration and absentee ballots, as well as how to vote if you are a student.

October 21—*Safeguarding the Mid-term Elections: Too Little Too Late?*

Voting is the foundation of a healthy democracy. However, security experts agree that voting systems in many states are vulnerable and incorrect results could go undetected because of inadequate audits. The discussion will include lessons learned from the 2016 election, preparations for possible cyber attacks and why online voting is a bad idea. Mark Halvorson is the founder, former director and current board member of Citizens for Election Integrity Minnesota. Max Hailperin is

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Professor Emeritus of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Statistics at Gustavus Adolphus College.

October 28—Faith on the Move: Immigration Stories—Ours, Yours, Theirs

Using resources from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, we will look at biblical stories of migration and reflect on our own connections to migration stories and the stories of those around us. We'll ask ourselves about meanings and consequences. Led by Stan Olson.

GREAT DECISIONS

Monday, October 22

Global Health:

Progress and Challenges

7:00 pm in the Peace Chapel

Over the last 30 years, the collective action of countries, communities and organizations has saved millions of lives around the world. Yet stark inequalities in health and well-being persist. Old and new health challenges face us, including the preventable deaths of mothers and children, continuing epidemics of infectious diseases, and rising rates of chronic disease. We also remain vulnerable to the emergence of new and deadly pandemics. As a result, the next several decades will be just as important as the last in determining well-being across nations. This discussion will be led by Jeffrey Anderson, an Associate Professor in the Peace Studies Department at St. John's University and the College of St. Benedict's.

Everyone is welcome. There is a small charge to attend if you are not a member of the group. Questions: Please contact Janet Jacobson at janetannjacobson@gmail.com.

FOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY THROUGH THE BRIAN COYLE CENTER

After more than thirty years of preparing and serving meals through Loaves and Fishes at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Grace is in the process of making an exciting transition to a new food distribution and benevolence outreach ministry with the Brian Coyle Community Center. The Brian Coyle Community Center is located in the Cedar Riverside neighborhood near the West Bank of the University of Minnesota. The center is a hub for new immigrants in our community to receive services including employment assistance, English Language Learners classes, Immigrant Women's Program, Refugee Social Services, Youth after school and summer programs, older adult Health and Wellness, and Basic Needs Programs.

The Brian Coyle Center operates a market-style food shelf, which serves over 500 individual families each month. The food shelf staff work hard to provide healthy and culturally specific foods to diverse neighbors ranging from East African, Vietnamese and Korean, Latino/a, European and African Americans. An emphasis is placed on offering as much fresh, nutrient-dense food as possible. However, limited funds means that on many distribution days only a small amount of produce is available. One reason for this shortage has been that the food shelf currently doesn't have a walk-in cooler to store fresh perishable produce in order for it to be more evenly distributed. At our January congregational meeting we made a decision to use a portion of the funds from the sale of the parking lot to help the Brian Coyle Center purchase and install a much needed walk-in cooler. The new cooler should be installed and operational by the end of the year.

This new outreach ministry will give us as a congregation a chance to meet and interact directly with new immigrants in our community through providing both financial and volunteer support for monthly food distribution at the Brian Coyle Food Shelf. This new ministry is a collaboration with Grace, Lutheran Campus Ministry and Common Harvest Farm. If you would like to learn more talk to Pastor Mary, Dan Guenther or Margaret Pennings.

Look for opportunities to sign up to help with monthly food distribution on the fourth Thursday of every month.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Birth:

Julius James Bejarin, son of Anna and Kristian Bejarin, on September 18.

Baptisms:

James Mishra, on September 16.

Solveig Lori Wolf, daughter of Kara and Stefan Wolf, on September 23.

YOUTH MINISTRY, REVISITED

*By Heidi Johnson McAllister,
Director of Faith Formation and Member Engagement*

Back when it first came out while I was in high school, I loved the song by Alanis Morissette called, "Ironic." That is one word that describes my comeback at Grace. When Pastor Dan called me this summer to ask if I would be interested in working at Grace again, I was not searching for work in a church, yet, coming back to Grace has felt natural and I am so excited to be back! I am loving it!

My title has changed since I was Youth Director back in the early 2000s and the role incorporates the Youth Director responsibilities as well as the Sunday School Superintendent. When I was in the process of being hired, I shared my vision for the future of youth ministry at Grace, which is to transform youth ministry from a model led by the Youth Director to a more integrated ministry of the whole church, led by members of the congregation. There are many reasons for this vision, which include:

1. Integrating Youth Ministry into the congregation is a best practice and the uplifted model for how to do youth ministry: transitioning youth ministry from one reliant on a staff member to a ministry every member of the congregation sees themselves involved in. What young people do you know in the congregation? How would Grace be different if everyone in the congregation picked one or two young people to talk with regularly on a Sunday morning? How would that transform our congregation?
2. Youth Directors can only have so many relationships, so what happens to the young people that don't have a relationship with the youth director? Also, what happens when the Youth Director leaves?
3. Logistics. For me to lead the High School group every Sunday morning means it is hard to be present to the rest of the Sunday School teachers and students from 3 year olds to Confirmation. (Would you be interested in leading the high school youth on a Sunday morning? I would love to talk with you if you are.)

A ministry led by the congregation is a healthy model, continues past the tenure of staff, and provides young people with relationships to help them navigate and form their faith. This is a culture shift and will take time. To begin with, the young people and parents are invited to be a part of shaping what Youth Ministry will look like next:

Parents as well as youth, you are invited to attend a meeting from 12:00pm-1:00pm on Sunday, October 28th in the Peace Chapel.

Youth, in addition to the parent meeting on the 28th, we will be finding a time to gather the high school youth for more conversation on their own.

I am looking forward to hearing what you have like and appreciated about youth ministry as well as what opportunities we have for the future. Please come on the 28th to share.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Ashley Sluis	1
Joey Wehrman	1
Ann Graham	2
Peter Laska	2
Christina Oasheim	2
Will Pennings Guenthner	2
Annika Koukkari-Mason	3
Neema Mulashe	6
Steve Anderson-Hermann	7
Odin Sutton	7
Carl Swanson	7
Ingela Haaland	8
Richard Mann	9
Michael Wilson	9
Ingrid Haaland	10
Sam McAllister	10
Doug Ernst	11
Ruth Kjeldsen-Bergquist	12
Bailey Pham	12
Laura McDowell	13
Tony Pham	13
Judy Stuthman	13
Ruby Laska	14
Katie Schoeppner	16
Gordon Folke	17
Sara Larson	17
Kelly Schwab	17
Linnea Swenson Tellekson	17
Finnegan McBride	19
Hudson Warren	19
Sarah McGuinness	21
Brett Michlitsch	21
Kadin Anderson	22
Mary Halvorson	24
Jeff Marr	24
Anne Pennings Guenthner	25
Ethan Sutton	27
Al Negstad	28
Jon Ness	28
Charlese Ode	28
Brigid Dahl	29
Lisa Linnell	29
Carl Kjeldsen-Bergquist	30
Rolf Jacobson	31

EVERY MONTH at GRACE

Gopher AA Meeting meets in the Peace Chapel each Wednesday at 12:15 pm.

NAMI on Campus meets in the Peace Chapel twice a month on Mondays at 7:30 pm – see Grace’s calendar for dates.

Men’s Breakfast is the 2nd & 4th Saturday of every month at 8:30 am. Locations rotate—Pastor Dan emails in advance.

Food shelf donations needed: Please bring non-perishable food items on Sundays. Thank you to Colin and Phyllis Fong and Mariann Tiblin for delivering the food to CES.

SEPTEMBER-MAY REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

Bible Study meets each Tuesday (except 2nd Tuesdays) at 1:30 pm, at Grace in the Peace Chapel.

OWL’s (Older Wiser Lutherans) meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 1:30 pm at the home of Peggy Anderson and Richard Mann. Contact Peggy with questions, 612-978-3757.

Adult Choir Rehearsal: the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of the month at 9:20 am in the Sanctuary, then sings in the 10:30 am worship. One additional rehearsal is held on a Saturday 9:30-11:30 am (dates will be announced). You are invited to participate.

Handbell Choir rehearses on the 2nd Sunday and plays in the 10:30 am worship that day. All ages are invited to participate.

Sundays: *Grace Time* (9:20-10:20 am)

Adult Forums

Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday School (ages 3-grade 6)

Youth Group (grades 9-12)

Confirmation Class (grades 7-8)

Wee Ones Storytime (birth-age 3 + parents)

Sunday School Music (2nd Sundays, led by Youth & Children’s Choirs directors)

Handbell Choir (2nd Sundays)

Occasional book reads for parents and children

Coffee is always on!

NURSE’S NOTE



Sleep

Welcome to fall—the daylight is less every day and our lives seem to get ever busier with each passing day. I read an article by Dawn Kaiser in my newsletter for faith community nurses and I would like to share part of it with you as it pertains to sleep.

“We were made for sleep. Scripture reminds us, ‘In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves’ (Psalms 127:2). Life is a balance between run and rest. When I share my message ‘Breathe and Be’, a key concept is taking pause in life. That means slowing down and getting rest. Understand sleep to be a self-care tool that helps cultivate more joyfulness in life.

“Think about what would happen if you went to bed thinking ‘Thank you, God for the six hours of sleep I am going to get tonight. My body can generate an abundance of energy no matter how many hours of sleep I get. I chose to wake up tomorrow feeling joyful, energized and excited to create an amazing day.’ You can choose to let go of the busyness of the day, let go of the worry and transform your mind to be the best person you can be. Try this practice yourself. Consciously decide every night to activate your mind-body connection by setting positive expectations for how you will wake up the next morning. Remember, your first thought in the morning is usually the last thought before going to bed!”

(credit: Dawn Kaiser)

Announcements

1. The date for the end life planning workshop has been changed to Saturday, November 3 (see article on p. 7).
2. I am now in the church office on Sunday mornings between 9 and 10 am. I am available for blood pressure checks, consultations or conversation! Stop by!
3. Coming soon: The congregational survey is almost complete and ready to be distributed. After a pilot run, it will be finalized and sent out by email (paper copies will also be available).

Be well, be blessed,

—Nurse Cheryl

WOMEN’S RETREATS

Grace Women’s Retreats at ARC Retreat Community

Fridays 7pm—Sundays, 2pm

Advent: November 30-December 2, 2018

Epiphany: January 18-20, 2019

Lent: March 1-3, 2019

\$210 per person, includes meals and linens. Maximum 18 women at each retreat. Scholarships available upon request. Sign up on the office door or contact Jill or Pastor Mary.

ADVANCED CARE PLANNING CONVERSATION

Saturday, November 3
9:00 am–1:00 pm at Grace

Please join us for a beginning conversation about creating a document of goals, values, and wishes through advanced care planning. This may include end of life issues, but is actually a resource appropriate for anyone and everyone at any stage: a means of making your wishes known ahead of time should you be unable to advocate for your own care when it's needed. Our time together will be a place to start the conversation rather than a place to make quick decisions and fill out documents.

Brunch will be served.

We previously advertised this workshop as an end-of-life planning conversation. It has been rescheduled from October 13 to this date.

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

Sunday, December 2nd, 4:00-5:30 pm

Join us for a late afternoon workshop on the first Sunday in Advent. We will make a beautiful advent wreath—fresh greens, blue candles, silver and blue accents—for you to take home for personal/familial use during Advent.

Because a fair amount of ordering of materials needs to happen, we're asking for you to buy a ticket for this event by Sunday, November 4th. Pastor Melanie and Heidi Johnson McAllister will have them available on Sundays. You can also buy one from Jill in the office during the week. Tickets are \$25 (cash or check) per wreath—fresh greens, floral foam and other infrastructure, and quality blue candles are not cheap! These will be beautiful! All ages are welcome! Individuals, couples, families—come all ye faithful!

At 5:30, after The Blessing of the Advent Wreaths, all are invited to join up for dinner at Punch Pizza on Washington. (If you or someone in your party needs to go home, that's fine, too.)

ANOTHER GRACE WEEK AT HOLDEN VILLAGE

June 22-28, 2019
Do you want to go?

Please sign up outside the office door in the main hallway by **November 15th** if you are interested. To find more information go to holdenvillage.org. If we get a good sign up, we will receive a group discount.

EVERYONE'S IN SUNDAY

November 11th is the day!

Big pledges or small, they all add up on Everyone's In Sunday! As the Grace community looks ahead to what we want our congregation to do in 2019, the stewardship committee continues its tradition of asking everyone to prayerfully consider pledging financial support and turning in those pledges on Everyone's In Sunday, November 11. Keep an eye out for a letter that will contain a pledge form OR a link on Grace's website where you can pledge electronically!

Stay tuned! More to come...

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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<i>Council-at-Large</i>	Judy Stuthman
<i>Council-at-Large</i>	Joe Carlson

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

<i>Adult Education</i>	Janet Jacobson, Nancy Olson & Stan Olson (open)
<i>Archives & History</i>	Becky Kjeldsen
<i>Children & Youth</i>	Heidi Johnson McAllister
<i>Congregational Life</i>	
<i>Outreach</i>	Susan Wooten
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STATEMENT of MISSION

The primary mission of Grace University Lutheran Church is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ as an instrument of God's reconciling love in the world. We do this so that reconciliation with God may become a reality for all. (2 Corinthians 5:18-21)

STATEMENT of AFFIRMATION

Grace University Lutheran Church is a spiritual community that celebrates the gifts of God that empower us to engage in the struggles of life, to care for each other, and to serve Christ where we work and live. Grace is a Reconciling-in-Christ congregation. We welcome the participation of people of all ages, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, educational backgrounds, and economic conditions—all who want to join in community to honor God and be of service to people.

OFFICE/BUILDING HOURS

*The church office is staffed:
Monday—Thursday 9am-3pm
Friday 9am-12pm*

THE PEOPLE of GRACE

Ministers The Grace Community

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October 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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August 1, 2018 Grace Council Minutes

Present: Pastor Mary Halvorson, Pastor Dan Garnaas, Pastor Melanie Heuser Hill, Steve Solbrack, Nina Guertin, Drew Schwab, Judy Stuthman, Joe Carlson.

Absent: Niki Johnson, Tony Pham, Sara Martin.

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:49PM.

Devotion with check-in question was led by Drew, who read from the book, A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota. Discussion was around racial disparity, the hunger gap, and feeding the hungry through programs such as Loaves and Fishes. Input included insight around service bringing joy while serving a purpose, fear and anxiety around scarcity of food, the realization that hunger is still too hidden in our society. Drew informed Council that, through a phone call to Common Harvest, and then Untiedt's, he learned that 6 million pounds of food was donated to Second Harvest Heartland. Imagine that; and now imagine that, although so much, there is still so much need.

Following was the approval of Minutes. Judy made a motion and Drew seconded to approve the June 2018 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. There was no further discussion; the vote was called and the motion passed. Drew made a motion and Mary seconded to approve the June Congregational Meeting Minutes as presented. There was no further discussion, the vote was called, and the minutes were approved.

Financials: Steve presented the Financial Report. Nina made a motion and Drew seconded to approve the June 2018 Financial Report as presented. There was no discussion, the vote was called, and the motion passed.

Pastor Mary then gave an overview of the Council Member Handbook and our roles as members. She shared the philosophy around the size of Council and how that encourages participation and accountability. She also explained how the Council is the hub and the Mission Board and Committees surround the hub, supporting and doing, and how the congregation as a whole supports Grace's Mission.

Next was an overview by Steve on the current status of the proposed Building Addition with further input from Pastor Dan regarding the history of the last Building Addition. Following was an overview of the Capital Campaigns of 2005 and 2009 by Steve; Council members then talked about the proposed Capital Campaign Goal, various scenarios around that, pledges, and thoughts about a mortgage if the Capital Campaign falls short.

Council also reviewed the Architectural Services Proposal from Miller Dunwiddie. Drew made a motion and Judy seconded to approve the July 19 Proposal from Miller Dunwiddie for Architectural Services Design Development, Steps 7 – 10 for the Grace Building Addition and Renovation, approving costs not to exceed 9.75% of the estimated construction cost, and based on a \$3MM project budget. Some clarifying questions followed and were answered; with that, the vote was called and the motion passed.

The next agenda item was a discussion regarding the Capital Campaign Task Force and their campaign goal. Nina made a motion and Judy seconded that the Building Task Force and Miller Dunwiddie proceed with the design phase of the Building Addition and Renovation based on a budget of \$3MM. There being no further discussion, the vote was called and the motion passed.

Steve then gave a short history of Grace's former parking lot and its income history. Grace will be taking over the new parking garage on August 16. Proposals to manage the space have been received from three Management Companies. After a short overview of the proposals, Nina made a motion and Joe seconded to approve the contract agreement with Fairview Health Services and Cornerstone Parking Group for the lease of 40 parking spaces for a monthly fee of \$5000, term ending on December 31, 2021. There was no further discussion, the vote was called and the motion passed.

Pastor Dan updated the Council on open staff positions, which include Sunday School Director and Youth Director. The hours per month are estimated to be approximately 15 if the positions are combined. Nina made a motion and Drew seconded to approve the pursuit of an experienced candidate for the combined position of Youth and Sunday School Director at a pay rate that falls within Synod guidelines; the actual hiring to be approved by Council at a future date. There was no further discussion, the vote was called, and the motion passed.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday September 12th at 6PM at Grace.

Judy made a motion and Pastor Dan seconded to adjourn the meeting. With no further discussion, the vote to adjourn was called and approved, and the meeting adjourned promptly at 8:31PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nina E. Guertin, Secretary