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PASTORS' PAGE

Journeying in Grace

For many, the frenetic fall pace is underway. The back-to-school rhythms have taken hold of families, and the U of M campus is bursting with activity again. Is this normal activity that resembles pre-pandemic patterns or is this a new normal with the reality of covid still among us? Or a little of both? No matter how it is defined, the energy is certainly palpable, and we feel it at Grace as well. Many activities resume this month as we continue to journey together in the grace and love of God. Sunday morning Grace Time with faith formation opportunities for all ages, a return to two worship services (8:15 and 10:30 am), choir and music-making experiences, and an ongoing commitment to justice initiatives all contribute to full fall feel!

As part of our faith formation in tandem with our shared racial equity work, we are embarking upon an intergenerational racial justice journey this 2022-2023 program year. In the months ahead, we will be growing together as a community committed to undoing white supremacy and becoming anti-racist in our work and witness. The Intergenerational Education Working Group of the Grace's Racial Equity Team has planned a series of sessions across generations to build a shared vocabulary, wrestle with the reality of systemic racism in our communities, engage in discussions, and learn how to journey together more faithfully in Christ as a people committed to God's justice. To guide our way, we have enlisted the expertise of the Center for Leadership and Neighborhood Engagement (CLNE).

This faith-based (Lutheran-centered) non-profit offers coaching and training



CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP AND NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT
Be the work.

to develop cultural competency while seeking to strengthen neighborhood relationships to create long-term change. You can learn more about CLNE here: clne-mn.org.

On Sunday, October 9, we will have our first intergenerational gathering at 9:15 am in the fellowship hall led by CLNE. Through music, story, and conversation, we will deepen our commitment to racial equity as members of the body of Christ. Moving forward, we will meet on the

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The deadline for submissions to the OCTOBER Grace Messenger is MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

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WORSHIP *in* SEPTEMBER

Worship is in person at 8:15 and 10:30 am each Sunday.

The 10:30 service is streamed live through our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv0JsomfbqBvPD_WZUz6Lmg/live. Worship information is emailed and posted on our website weekly. We continue to wear masks, available at Grace for those who do not bring their own.

Sunday, September 4

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 *Walk in the way of life and hold fast to God*

Psalms 1

Philemon 1-21 *Paul says: Receive Onesimus as a coworker*

Luke 14:25-33 *Jesus says: Disciples, give up your possessions and carry the cross*

Sunday, September 11

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Reconnect Sunday

Exodus 32:7-14 *Moses begs the Lord to turn from anger against the Hebrews*

Psalms 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17 *Christ Jesus came for sinners*

Luke 15:1-10 *Looking for the lost sheep, silver coin: Jesus eating with sinners*

Sunday, September 18

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:4-7 *Warnings to those who trample on the needy and poor*

Psalms 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7 *One God, one mediator—Christ Jesus—who gave himself for all people*

Luke 16:1-13 *A shrewd manager: faithful in little, faithful in much; serving God/wealth*

Sunday, September 25

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 *Warnings to those who are comfortable or wealthy*

Psalms 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19 *Eager to be rich or eager to pursue richness of God's justice?*

Luke 16:19-31 *Story of poor Lazarus and the wealthy man*

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second Sunday of most months throughout the program year as we journey in grace.

While we embark upon this journey, we are nearing the completion of another journey – our *Together in Grace* inreach! At this time, at least 33 one-to-one conversations have already taken place, and at least 50 more are scheduled in the coming weeks. During the third week of September, listeners will begin meeting to share broad themes from these conversations and discern emerging priorities of the Grace community — so if you have been contacted by a listener but have not yet scheduled a conversation, please respond to them ASAP! Thank you again to our inreach co-chairs Liz Andress and Sue Engh, and all the listeners and listeners making time for these sacred moments together.

Fall is underway, and the Spirit is calling us to listen, to learn, and to embody love in God's world. Thanks be to God we get to do this together!

— *Pastor Justin Lind-Ayres*

TELLEEN FAMILY DESCENDANTS TO VISIT GRACE

On **Sunday, September 4**, visitors to Grace will include about 15 descendants of Grace Church's founding pastor, Rev. Dr. Johannes (John) Telleen, who will be gathering locally for a family reunion. Rev. Telleen served from 1903-1905 and oversaw the construction of the original building at 212 15th Ave S, Minneapolis [at Seven Corners on the West Bank]. He had founded churches in Des Moines, Denver, and San Francisco, among others.

Join us in greeting them that day in the 10:30 worship and at coffee hour following worship.

FAITH FORMATION SEPTEMBER NEWS**RECONNECT SUNDAY**

Sunday, September 11

Join us for activities between services at 9:15am

Reconnect Sunday is for all our children and youth to come and connect with each other, see where they will meet on Sunday during Grace Time between services, and register for Sunday School. We will also talk about other opportunities for our young people to participate in worship and throughout church. We will gather in the fellowship hall at 9:15am for a time of introductions and information. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Also that day: FLASH Program orientation for parents of 10th-12th graders following the 10:30 worship – gather in the Lounge. See the CYF brochure mailed out to homes for more information.

SUNDAY MORNING GRACE TIME

On Sunday, September 18, we will resume Grace Time, which is the time of learning and conversation between services. The CYF committee plans for our Grace Time to be inside our buildings in classrooms starting in September. For Sunday School, we will have a 3-year-old – Kindergarten class, a 1st-3rd grade classroom, and a 4th and 5th grade class. The Pre-confirmation class will be 6th and 7th graders. Confirmation will be for 8th and 9th graders. 10th-12th graders are invited to the Youth group. A letter and brochure about the year's events was mailed to families in August. If you didn't receive one and would like to, please reach out to Heidi at cyf@graceattheu.org.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS & TEACHER INSTALLATION

Sunday, September 18 during Worship

Bring your school bag along to worship and receive a blessing for the school year!

PUERTO RICO PRESENTATIONSunday, September 25
after the 10:30am church service

In June, 13 young people and two adults traveled to Puerto Rico for an amazing week of relationship building and learning with a community in San Juan. We will be sharing information about our trip during Coffee Hour; coffee and treats will be served following the presentation. Join us to see pictures, hear stories, connect with and support our youth!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sunday, September 11 at 11:45 am

For those desiring to become official Grace members, and those who simply would like to learn more about the Lutheran faith, we invite you to attend this orientation! A light lunch will be served. Please contact Pastor Amber at pastoramber@graceattheu.org or by phone 612-331-8125 if you plan to attend. We look forward to welcoming another wonderful group to Grace!

GRACESING:*Bringing songs for comfort and healing*

"GraceSing" is an informal singing group open to all ages and musical abilities at Grace. We sing hymns of comfort and healing for people facing hard times—in the hospital, facing a difficult diagnosis, coping with loss, transitioning to hospice, etc. We also surround people in joyful transitions—welcoming a new baby, blessing a new home or the like.

You are invited to participate! We gather on the 4th Sunday of the month from 12:00-1:00pm in the Peace Chapel. For more information, please contact Liz Andress at liz@solbrack.com.

FAITH FORMATION EVENTS IN OCTOBER

October 2 — Blessing of the Animals (in worship); FLASH Program (following worship)

October 9 — Children's Sabbath, Three-Year-Old & Second Grade Bible Presentation Milestones (in worship); Second Sunday Intergenerational Gathering (between services)

October 23 — No children & youth programming

NURSERY NOTE

Grace Staff is exploring staffing our nursery on Sunday mornings at some point this fall. We are seeking paid Nursery Attendants, who would work two Sunday mornings a month from 8:00am-12:00pm. If you know of someone interested, please share Heidi's contact information (cyf@graceattheu.org or 612-331-8125) with them or connect us via email.

SEPTEMBER MISSION SPOTLIGHT:

YOUTHLINK

Each month we'll highlight one of the ministries or organizations Grace supports through benevolence giving.

YouthLink works with youth ages 16-24 who are experiencing homelessness. Part of their work includes hosting the Youth Opportunity Center, which brings support organizations together into one place to make it easier for youth to connect with resources for health, employment, and education as well as housing. YouthLink has operated in the Twin Cities for more than 45 years.

Grace supports Youthlink through our operating budget and benevolence giving. You can learn more about Youthlink on their website (youthlinkmn.org) and are encouraged to keep this organization's work in your prayers.

INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS:

ELCA Truth-Seeking and Truth-Telling – Join the work

The ELCA is beginning a coordinated effort to research Lutheran involvement in Indian boarding and day schools dating back to the 1820s. We are seeking both clergy and lay people who want to be part of this initiative. All are welcome, with a particular need for people with skills in research, data collection, organizing, and education. The goal is for our church members to know the history of church-sponsored Indian boarding schools and their devastating impacts on Native communities, and to participate in an ongoing truth and healing process. (This work is being co-led by our own Liz Andress, liz@solbrack.com.) To learn more and to join the work of this initiative, click [HERE \(https://www.elca.org/truthandhealing\)](https://www.elca.org/truthandhealing).

GRACE LAND WORKING GROUP HOSTS SACRED SITES VISIT

Sunday, September 18, 1:00-5:00 pm

We invite you to participate in a *Sacred Sites Visit* on Sunday September 18. The visit will be led by Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs (Mohican) and offers an opportunity to learn about Minnesota history from a Native perspective through storytelling and experiencing the sites in silence and reflection.

We will visit sites located around the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers, what the Dakota refer to as Bdote, or "meeting place of rivers," including Fort Snelling State Park (which was a Dakota internment camp following the Dakota-U.S. War) and Pilot Knob Hill, a traditional burial ground.

We stand and we worship on holy ground as the Grace community. Just as our church sits on traditional Dakota land, we have an opportunity to deepen our awareness and understanding by visiting local sacred Dakota sites together as a community. Spots are limited and a contribution of \$40 is requested per person (scholarships available). Youth ages 13 and older are welcome and encouraged to participate. **(All spots are currently filled. Please reach out to Jenny Mason at masjenny@gmail.com to be added to the waiting list.)**

GARDEN PANTRY NEEDS

Grace's garden pantry is a resource for any passerby who is hungry or in need of some basic hygiene supplies. We stock the pantry 1-2 times per week with items purchased with some grant funds, monetary gifts, and donations of easy-to-grab items. Our current supply of items is running low. If you would like to contribute to our supply, you may send a check to Grace with "pantry" in the memo line, or bring items to the kitchen at Grace and label them for that purpose.

Thank you to Vicki Buttery for stocking our pantry regularly!

NURSE'S NOTE



Blood Donation

As you know, Grace University Lutheran Church hosted its first Grace Blood Drive. Congratulations to us! **Thank you to all of the Grace donors (10) who showed up to donate!!**

On Monday, August 1, we were all ready to go by 10 AM. The Red Cross staff showed up, unloaded and setup all their equipment and the volunteers were in place. Donors began to arrive and get signed in. We were told that there was a glitch in the computer system, so the waiting began. The Red Cross had updated their system over the weekend (nationwide). This glitch meant that donors across the country could not donate until the system was fixed. By about 11 AM the early donors were told that they would not be able to donate and were encouraged to reschedule. Bummer. The glitch was finally fixed and the drive started at 12:30. A few people were unable to donate related to medical issues, but all told, 13 units of blood were collected!!!

Another blood drive, hosted by medical students, will be held at Grace on September 15. You can sign up to donate at redcrossblood.org/donate/blood. Look for other opportunities at Grace in the future.

Here is what I learned about blood donations:

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. requires a blood transfusion, according to the American Red Cross. The benefits of donating blood include helping people injured in accidents, undergoing cancer treatment, and battling blood diseases, among other reasons. FYI, 40% of the blood used in the United States comes from the Red Cross (not all states have a Red Cross) and 40% of that 40% comes from the Minnesota area Red Cross.

Unfortunately, current blood shortages are leading to delays in critical blood transfusions for people in need. In January 2022, the American Red Cross announced that it was facing its **worst blood shortage in a decade** amid the Omicron surge. This spring, the New York Blood Center said it has been experiencing an **alarming drop in donations** due to school spring breaks and holiday travel. These shortages are occurring as COVID rates are once again rising. This is why blood donors are needed now more than ever before. (Baton Rouge Clinic January 19, 2022) Each unit of blood can potentially impact three lives.

***Personal note:** Over the course of my career in the hospital I have administered blood products to accident victims, new moms hemorrhaging after birth, newborn infants (premature and full term), older children after surgery and adults following surgeries such as open-heart procedures and joint replacement, and cancer patients. —Cheryl*

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Looking ahead...

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, October 9 at 11:30 am
in the Sanctuary
(note date change)**

Please put this meeting on your calendar and plan to attend! The meeting focus and agenda items will be shared in the near future.

GRACE MEN'S RETREAT

The annual Grace Men's Retreat will be at [Heartwood Resort](#) near Trego, WI on October 28-30. The men's retreat is a great annual tradition that goes back over 20 years, with an unfortunate hiatus the past two years. So many great memories and experiences. Save the dates and watch for more details and a request for RSVPs in September.

Pastor Justin will be leading the retreat this year. If you have never attended a retreat before, ask one of the members of the planning committee to share a few of their reflections on past retreats – Kristian Bejarin, Rolf Carlsen, Steve Abenth, and Steve Solbrack. If you have questions or would like more information, feel free to email steve@solbrack.com.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Births:

Caleb Marcus Whalen, child of Abby and Ben Whalen, on August 22.

Baptism:

Logan Scott Merth, son of Megan and Tracy Merth, on August 14.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tosin Alabi	2
Karen Franzmeier	2
Christopher Nelson	2
Jenny Mason	4
Peter Bauck	5
Sara Sneed Miller	5
Jim Patterson	6
Phyllis Zillhart	9
Rolf Carlsen	10
Theresa Gienapp	10
Steve Solbrack	10
Anna Flintoft	11
Lynn Bergren	13
Anna Garnaas-Halvorson	13
Blake MacKenzie	14
Rob Mason	14
Jennifer Michlitsch	14
Nora Schwab	14
John Garver	15
Claire Nusbaum	15
Julius Bejarin	18
Matt Dahl	18
Logan Sneed Miller	18
David Grandall	19
Karen Grosland	19
John Hayden	19
Matt Chadwick	20
Hanna Garner	21
Svea Larson	21
Julian Pham	21
Dan Kubisa	22
Sonya Quam	22
Aria Kjeldsen-Bergquist	23
Jens Randall	23
Vicky Hannemann	24
Claire Brady	26
Emil Smith	26
Ada Alabit	29
Dave Anderson	30
Kae Evensen	30
Henry Young	30

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Before you are allowed to donate, your vital signs will be checked to make sure you are fit enough for the procedure. This exam might turn up a condition that needs medical attention, such as high blood pressure or a heart arrhythmia like atrial fibrillation. In addition, you'll be screened for infectious diseases you may be unaware of.

"If we detect an issue with your vital signs or another health issue, we would direct you to go to a physician at that point to be checked," Dr. DeSimone says.

The health screening will also reveal if you have a rare blood type. This information can be useful if you ever face surgery or another medical situation in which a transfusion may be required. Plus, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing your donation is particularly needed. (Baton Rouge Clinic)

5 reasons to donate blood

Jan 21, 2021, Adventis Health

When was the last time you donated blood? If your answer is more than two months ago, you may be eligible to donate again. And if you've never given blood before, the process is probably easier than you think.

Donating blood doesn't just help recipients—it benefits you, too. Research has shown that helping others reduces stress and contributes to your personal sense of well-being and belonging. During National Blood Donor Month, consider these five reasons to donate

1. You'll help someone else.

Healthcare providers use blood donations daily—for surgery patients, organ transplant recipients and accident victims, both young and old. In fact, just one accident victim could need up to 100 units of blood. Most often, blood transfusions are used to help cancer patients. Your blood donation could go to many different uses, but you can guarantee that it will go to someone who needs it.

2. Every donation makes a difference.

According to the **American Red Cross**, just one donation can save up to three lives. And you may be able to donate platelets or plasma, as well. For example, type AB-positive plasma can be given to patients of all blood types. But only 3% of the population has AB-positive blood, meaning this plasma is usually in short supply.

3. You get a free health check-up.

Before you donate, a nurse checks your temperature, blood pressure and pulse. In fact, some people find out through donating blood that they have high blood pressure and need to follow up with a healthcare provider. Many locations also check your blood for COVID-19 antibodies. If you have had COVID-19, you can donate plasma that will go to help current COVID-19 patients fight infection.

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LSS GALA: YOU CAN HELP CHANGE LIVES!

Saturday, September 17, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m.
The Depot (225 3rd Avenue South, Minneapolis)

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota’s (LSS) invites people to join in the Celebration for Changing Lives on Saturday, September 17, at 5:30 p.m. This gala brings together neighbors helping neighbors to celebrate LSS’s mission of inspiring hope, changing lives, and building community. Gifts and sponsorships support life-changing services that impact 1 in every 65 Minnesotans.

This year LSS is celebrating in person with a social hour, dinner, and program, as well as an invitation to support its vision that all people have the opportunity to live and work in community with full and abundant lives.

REGISTER TO ATTEND
(<https://events.lssmn.org/page/42582/data/1>)

2022 ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

Summary of Actions

The 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly convened in Columbus, Ohio, August 8-12. Gathering under the theme “Embody the Word,” voting members [acted on key legislative business](#) on behalf of the church. Imran Siddiqui was elected to a six-year term as vice president. The assembly received a presentation on [“A Declaration of the ELCA to American Indian and Alaska Native People.”](#) Voting members acted on memorials related to the restructuring of church governance, called for reconsideration of the 2009 social statement *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*, and encouraged deeper engagement with Indigenous partners through the Land Back movement. You can find all the actions of the 2022 Churchwide Assembly in the [legislative update](#).

[Learn more in this summary from ELCA News.](#)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

<i>Adult Education</i>	Nancy Laskaris
<i>Archives & History</i>	Carolyn Winters Folke
<i>Children & Youth</i>	Candace Ehler
<i>Congregational Life</i>	Open
<i>Hawkinson Fund</i>	Stan Jacobson
<i>Outreach</i>	Susan Wooten
<i>Property</i>	Rolf Carlsen
<i>Sunday Service Coordinator</i>	Open
<i>Social Justice Coordinator</i>	Open
<i>Stewardship</i>	Karen Van Norman
<i>Worship and Music</i>	David Grandall
<i>Leadership Development</i>	Jody Stadler, Marcia Carlson

Nurse’s Note continued ...

4. **All blood types are needed.**
Many people self-disqualify themselves without realizing they can donate blood. While O-negative blood is used for emergency transfusions, other blood types are still in high demand. About 38% of Americans are eligible to donate blood each year, but only about 10% actually do.
5. **You may need a blood donation in the future.**
Statistics show that at least 25% of people will need blood at least once in their lifetime. Donating blood is an act of kindness and compassion toward others. Choose to give back—you may be in need of a blood donation yourself one day.

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”
– Mark 12:31

Blessing,
Nurse Cheryl

GRACE COUNCIL MEMBERS

<i>President</i>	Stan Olson
<i>Vice President</i>	Rose Carlsen
<i>Vice President</i>	Jean Stilwell
<i>Treasurer</i>	John Edmundson
<i>Secretary</i>	Lisa Linnell
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<i>Council-at-Large</i>	Becky Hunter
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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

Tu-Th — 9:00am-2:30pm
Fri — 9:00am-12:00pm

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Ministers The Grace Community

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Grace Council Meeting Minutes
Monday July 18, 2022 – 6:30-8:00 PM – by Zoom

Attending: Pastor Amber, Pastor Justin, Stan Olson, Becky Hunter, John Edmundson, Ruth Dalager Buuck, Jenny Mason, Jean Stillwell, Rose Carlsen, Lisa Linnell

Guest: Rolf Jacobson

Call to Order by Stan at 6:30pm

Welcome to New Council Members – Ruth Dalager Buuck, Jenny Mason, Jean Stillwell

Opening Word – Becky Hunter Reading from [The Three Questions](#), by John Muth, based on Tolstoy

Approval of the Agenda

Congregation Meeting, Minutes - Lisa

- June 5, minutes – for review, not approval; change to reflect David Anderson is starting his third term (nonconsecutive)
- May 11 Council Minutes

Action: Motion to approve minutes as distributed. Motion by Lisa, second by Rose. Motion approved with one abstention.

June Financial Reports – John

Highlights of financial reports

- Financial health of Grace is good.
- Identifiabiles are down right now, have been declining since February. Cumulative identifiabiles on track compared to other years.
- Payroll is under-budget because we did not have a music director until April; however, during that time we were also paying for guest musicians.
- A large pledge was paid in June.

Action: Motion to receive financial reports as distributed. Motion by John, second by Jenny. Motion approved.

Pastors' Reports

Pastor Amber – Pastors worked with their clergy coach to draft areas of responsibility and presented them to the congregation at the June meeting. Pastor Amber will take the lead on Staff/Administration: rolling out policies put into place with the Personnel Handbook; ensuring paystubs include vacation and sick time; create job descriptions. Aim to start January 1, 2023 with everything in place and up to date.

Temporary custodian applicant being reviewed. Volunteers needed for clean-up until that position is filled.

Looking toward the fall: New Member Orientation, 12-15 people interested in joining Grace, representing three different generations.

Regularly doing visits with homebound members; but not able to do hospital visits yet.

Pastor Justin – CYF Service Learning Trip to Puerto Rico, led by Heidi, was a success. On 9/25 there will be a report on the trip after services.

Six Grace youth attended camp at Shores of St Andrews near Spicer/New London in mid-July.

Sunday school and Confirmation schedule for fall nearly finalized. Almost every Sunday will have youth programming. Most meetings will be in-person, getting creative with some outside meetings, continuing to mask when inside. Schedule will include six intergenerational racial learning gatherings with the Center for

Neighborhood Engagement, focused on anti-racism learning together; first session will be in October.

Congregational picnic is August 14 at Roseville Central Park.

Thanks to Karen Van Norman for tending the Peace Garden and to Rolf Carlsen for taking care of property projects.

Some housing-insecure people are sleeping on our property. Working to shepherd them into a more secure situations.

Services: Baptisms coming up, communion is returning to normal, volunteers are baking gluten-free bread. We will continue with one-service (9:30am) until Labor Day, when we will resume the regular two-service schedule.

Property Matters

a) Sound and video proposal – see attachment – Pr. Justin

Proposal to update the sound and video system in the sanctuary. Any work would likely start 4-6 months after congregational approval because of staffing and supply chain issues. Upgraded system would provide better sound and video for services and other celebrations, like weddings and funerals. The upgrades would also likely make the system to be more operator-friendly.

Council is only authorized to spend up to 5% of our budget (about \$29,000). Congregation would need to approve this proposed expense. Discussion of optimal time to bring this to the congregation for consideration (waiting until the October congregational meeting would delay the project), and discussion of need to identify how to budget for the project.

Action: Motion to authorize use of an email ballot for the council to make a recommendation to the congregation related to a proposal for a new sound/video system. Motion by John, second by Jean. Motion approved.

b) Solar panels possibility – see attachment – Rolf Jacobson

Now that the roof has been replaced, we can explore solar panels (difficult to do roof work when solar panels are in place).

Initial analysis of Grace's electric bills shows highs in winter and July, lows in spring and fall. Additional analysis needed to factor in utility rate increases in the summer and declines in the winter, plus the difference between commercial and residential rates. While it is hard to calculate exactly what the payback will be, early estimate is that it would cover about half of our energy usage. Payback may not be until year 22, but possibly sooner (17) with an incentive provided by the City of Minneapolis and a pledge by a former Grace member.

Neither the Green Cost Share agreement before the Council for consideration and vote, nor the proposed engineering study, would commit us to the project.

Action: Motion to approve the Green Cost Share agreement with Minneapolis and arranging for an engineering study, with the \$1,250 cost to be paid from future needs/opportunities in the Enduring Grace Fund. Motion by Jean, second by Becky. Motion approved.

Updates/Discussion

Planned In-Reach

Listeners have been trained by Liz Andress, expect to have 100-125 one-on-one conversations completed. August newsletter will include an invitation to participate. Aim for a report back for the October congregational meeting.

Inter-Cultural Development Inventory participation by council members

Racial Equity Team has taken the Inter-Cultural Development Inventory to learn about their acumen in interacting with people from diverse cultures. Waiting for information about how the Council will participate in the process. Each individual that takes it will receive a report and debrief with an IDI staff person, then there will be a group report. A funding source has not been identified for scholarships. Individuals will be asked to pay if they can (about \$100).

Conciliation claim for loss of garage use

Conciliation claim process has been approved by the Council, seeking \$8,000 in lost revenue for the period when the garage door was damaged. We are in the process of filling out the paperwork, and a claim will be done in the next couple of weeks.

Policies & practices during the pandemic

We will continue to ask the congregation to mask indoors, and we will continue to report to the congregation if a member at services comes down with Covid.

Announcements

Fall congregation meeting will be October 16 at 11:30

Adjourn

Action: Motion to adjourn. Motion by Jenny, second by Ruth. Motion approved. Adjourned at 8:12pm.

September 2022

- US Holidays
- University Episcopal Community
- Lutheran Campus Ministry
- Wedding
- Grace Events

August 2022							September 2022							October 2022						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Office Closed – Vacation 9:30 AM Worship – OUT-DOORS & On YouTube 11:00 AM GraceSing	29 7:30 PM NAMI on Campus	30 12:00 PM Email Announcement Deadline 1:30 PM Bible Study – via Zoom	31 10:00 AM Staff Meeting	1 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline	2	3
4 8:15 AM Worship – In Person & On YouTube 10:30 AM Worship – In Person & On YouTube	5 Labor Day	6 11:30 AM Be Fed 12:00 PM Email Announcement Deadline 1:30 PM Bible Study – via Zoom	7 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM LCM Leader Meeting 6:30 PM LCM Community Meal 8:00 PM Pause Worship – LCM	8 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline	9 12:00 PM Muslim Student Prayers	10 9:00 AM Men's Breakfast
11 8:15 AM Worship – In Person & On YouTube 9:15 AM Grace Time 10:30 AM Worship – In Person & On YouTube 11:30 AM New Member Orientation 11:40 AM FLASH Program 2:30 PM University Episcopal	12	13 11:30 AM Be Fed 12:00 PM Email Announcement Deadline 1:30 PM Bible Study – via Zoom	14 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM LCM Leader Meeting 6:30 PM Church Council 6:30 PM LCM Community Meal 8:00 PM Pause Worship – LCM	15 9:00 AM Blood Drive 10am-4pm 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline	16 12:00 PM Muslim Student Prayers	17
18 8:15 AM Worship – In Person & On YouTube 9:15 AM Grace Time 10:30 AM Worship – In Person & On YouTube 1:00 PM Sacred Sites Tour 2:30 PM University Episcopal Community	19 12:00 PM Newsletter Deadline	20 11:30 AM Be Fed 12:00 PM Email Announcement Deadline 1:30 PM Bible Study – via Zoom	21 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM LCM Leader Meeting 6:30 PM LCM Community Meal 8:00 PM Pause Worship – LCM	22 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline	23 12:00 PM Muslim Student Prayers	24 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast
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