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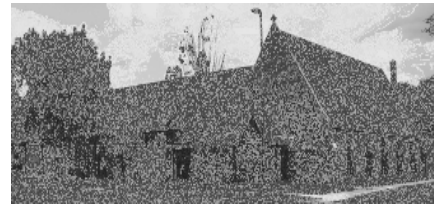
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GRACELINES

Grace Lutheran Church ~ It works because of you!

July 2011

The deadline for the August 2011 newsletter is Wednesday, July 20th at NOON.

JULY COFFEE AND COOKIE SERVERS

July 3	Lynn Schultz, Dorothy Fredrickson
July 10	Deanna Akkerman, Marlis Tipp
July 17	Judy Bergstadt, Judith Bergstadt
July 24	Youth
July 31	Jean Hawkins, Kelly Kehr

AUGUST COFFEE AND COOKIE SERVERS

August 7	Jaci Boxrud, Leah Berry
August 14	Renee Capra, Lee Moody
August 21	Barb Ennis, Anita Anderson
August 28	Shirley Klepsa, Judy Roeschlein

We need new faces to help Serve coffee & cookies Sunday mornings. Please call Dianne Larson at 679-2412 or the church office at 679-1062 if you are willing to serve! It's an easy volunteer position and a great way to share your talents!!

Attention Servers: Please bring 8 dozen goodies each to share. Thanks for your help- it's much appreciated!

COFFEE SERVING TIME: Coffee will be served between the services **and after the 9:15 service.** Please be at the church by 8:15 to get the coffee started and things set up. Please keep this copy, we will list your name in the bulletin the week before you are to serve.

If you are unable to serve on the Sunday listed please change a Sunday with someone else AND please let Dianne Larson know of the change at 679-2412.

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS

July 11 – 12 Laird Mork, Earl & Betty Fredrickson



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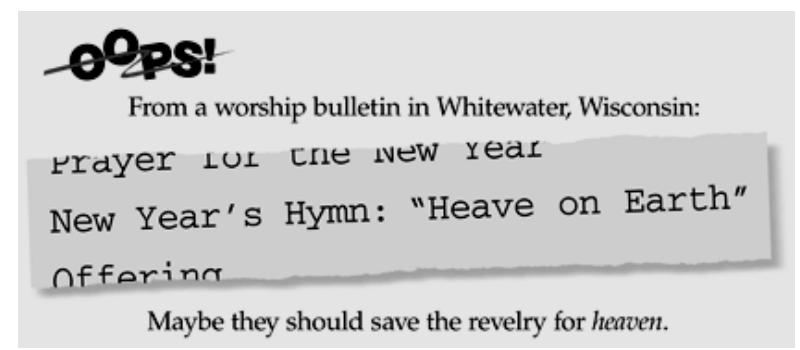
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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS~ JULY 2011

	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</u>
			8:00	
7/3	Lester & Caroline Lindquist	John & Lynn Paulson	John Paulson	John Sandy
7/10	Kevin Nikodym	Roger Peterson & Rollie Fredrickson	Rollie Fredrickson	
7/17	Sarah Berry	Jim & Lynette Skolte	Sarah Berry	Bonnie Boyer
7/24	YOUTH SUNDAY			
7/31	Dennis & Sharon Holmstrom	Glenn & Carol Allman	Brianna Winters	
			9:15	
7/3	Keith, Stephanie, & Zachariah Girard	Glenn Lobdell & Don Franko	Mary Olson	Dave & Shirley Ulstrom Don & Mary Olson, Randy Lemke
7/10	Jeff & Kathleen Hamme	Jeanne & Marshall McGrew	Marty Roby	
7/17	Aaron, Kim, Landon, Ava, Halvorson	Craig & Jodi Schultz	Randy Lemke	Randy Lemke, Doyle & Vicki Jelsing, Wayne & Jody Udstuen
7/24	YOUTH SUNDAY			
7/31	Mike, Kris, Jack, & Max Sampson	Wade & Chana Lennox	Wade Lennox	



	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	
	8:00	9:15
7-3	Korisa Lindquist Courtney Lindquist	Grace Marhohn Slade Fore
7-10	Jacob Janousek Hunter Baxley	Daniel Peterson Dakota Hamme
7-17	Cassidy Carlisle Kayla-Goude Ringler	Jared Fladebo Alyssa Erickson
7-24	Mahayla Mensing Shawn McGrew	Jake Anderson Brooke Elvehjem
7-31	Taylor Nowling Aaron Tetnowski	Jonathan Owens Sara Kottke



If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please exchange your Sunday with someone else on this list and then let the church office know of the change as soon as possible (679-1062). Thank you for your willingness to serve.



SUNDAY, July 3
Third Sunday after Pentecost
 8:00 a.m. – Traditional Communion Worship
 9:15 a.m. - Contemporary Communion Worship

SUNDAY, July 10 –
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
 8:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship
 9:15 a.m. – Contemporary Worship

SUNDAY, July 17 - Friendship Sunday
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
 8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, July 24 – Youth Sunday
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
 8:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship
 9:15 a.m. - Contemporary Worship

SUNDAY, July 31 - Baptismal Anniversary
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
 8:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship
 9:15 a.m. - Contemporary Worship



Fun Page

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| Summer | Picnic | Family |
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| Jesus | Pastor | |

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 • The church office is looking to compile •
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Soup For The Soul

Volunteers serve a free meal to those in need every Monday from 4:00-7:00 at Emma's Pizza in Mora.

We could use people to help with dish washing and clean up.

Dish washing early shift: 4:00-5:30

Dish washing late shift: 5:30-7:30

Clean-up (vacuuming, floor washing, garbage, tables and chairs put away): 7:00-7:45

Donations are always welcome to keep this worthwhile community outreach program going! Money can be given to Dianne Wachsmuth in the church office or can be placed in the offering plate designated-Soup For The Soul.

Check out our Needs List! Items can be left at the Social Concerns display area.

Thanks! Kris Pulford

To volunteer call Bert Anderson: 320-223-3242

Questions call Kris Pulford: 679-3249

From Pastor Doug

I have on the church sign the following: HUMANKIND-BE BOTH. I saw this somewhere and it caught me right away. The more I think about it, it seems to fit into what Jesus said were the two most important commandments: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, strength, soul and love your neighbor as yourself. When we seek to be human and not God, we are in the proper place as humans. When we seek to be kind, we end up loving others. HUMANKIND---in one word so much meaning for our life is found. I think Jesus came to restore us to a proper place in creation by His death and resurrection. Through Jesus and His salvation granted to us, we can be human and kind.

Church Council Roundtable Discussion-Last week the Council had a quick meeting and then opened a discussion with the various ministries. The Council intends to have these roundtable discussions a couple times a year. The purpose is to enable the Council and others from the ministries to share what is going on and also to put our collective heads together to see what happens. By this I mean, that when people come together and start talking about what they are doing, there often is an energy created that brings forth new ideas and perspectives. This last roundtable was good in that respect too. Here are some of the thoughts or ideas that came up at that meeting:

- the ministries of the church are doing a lot of wonderful things
- there are opportunities such as Via de Cristo and Charis that we need to get more people involved with
- we all care about our children and youth—now we need to get more volunteers to help in the programs that will help them be involved in the church and faith
- we have done some good things in making the church “green” and more to do in working with the community and other churches in being good stewards
- the Library is wrestling with the question of how to use technology more
- sometimes volunteers are overwhelmed with requests once they say yes
- Family Life Ministry is more than children and youth, but a whole mentality of seeing the church community as involved in passing on the faith
- too many parents of Confirmation kids are not involved in church worship
- keep asking visitors to raise their hands on Sundays. It’s scary, but people talked to them and made them feel welcome and they joined because of that.
- people want to know how to get involved in some of the ministries—maybe another “Mission Fair” this fall would be good
- financial support of the church has been just enough through the hard times
- more members of the church need to come forth to help without being asked
- this church has a great attitude of welcoming people
- we are doing a lot of good ministry and it feels “alive” here. Praise God!

So, some things to think about!

CLOSING THOUGHTS-there is money and still time to help send kids and families to Luther Point Bible Camp. We have seven girls and two adults who will be going on a mission trip to Traverse Reservation in South Dakota in July. Three youth and two adults attended a PEER Ministry training event that helps youth minister to one another. Confirmation Sunday will be October 9th. We found a book based on Luther’s Small Catechism that will be great for some things in Release Time.

Have a God-filled summer by keeping thoughts of God in your daily life,

Pastor Doug

General Information from Grace Lutheran Church

Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, contact Barb Sjoberg 679-5373 or the church office, 679-1062. If you would like to be added to the e-mail prayer chain, e-mail Barb Sjoberg at encourager4him@hotmail.com or the church office at church@gracechurchmora.org



YOU ARE NEEDED! IT'S NOT HARD! We need to have some new faces helping with coffee and cookies on Sunday mornings. You would only need to serve once per year. We would like to have three people each Sunday morning as there are more and more people attending Sunday morning services. Please contact Dianne at 679-2412.

GRACE LUTHERAN ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Laird and Louise Mork	320-679-3491	Eldora Pearson	320-679-2406
Pearl Peterson	320-679-0470	Irene Johnson	320-679-2743

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS go out to:

~ Mike & Stacey Peterson and family on the death of Mike's sister Joanie Shear.

Pastoral Acts

BAPTISMS:

Date	Name	DOB	Child of:	Sponsors:
06/26/2011	Cale David Strandlund	12/07/2010	Luke & Jill Strandlund	Wendy VanBergen & Wanda Strandlund
06/26/2011	Colt Allan Strandlund	12/07/2010	Luke & Jill Strandlund	Wendy VanBergen & Wanda Strandlund

WEDDINGS:

06/18/2011 Amber Dowling and Reese Eckman by Pastor Brenda Wicklund



We Are On The Radio

The 8:00 a.m. Worship Service is broadcast on KBEK 95.5 FM at 9:15 am every Sunday morning. It is recorded by the station and then played back at this time. If you can't make it to church, or have to work, but have access to a radio, you can tune in and be a part of worship that way.

A RADIO SPONSOR sign up chart is posted by the FLOWER CHART, located by the elevator, if you are interested in helping to sponsor a radio broadcast in honor of a birthday, anniversary, wedding or other special dates, or in memory of a loved one. The cost of each Sunday is \$115. Thanks to those of you who give to this important ministry of Grace!

Invite a friend to worship on Sunday or any event at church!



Banner Ministry "Expressing the Faith"

Contact: Barb Sjoberg

January, February, March –Barbara Larson, Sharon Forster
July, August, September – Martha Gotfredson, Lee Moody

April, May, June –Lucille Schultz

Oct., Nov., Dec. – Sharon Holmstrom, Barb Sjoberg

"We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God." Psalm 20:5

WHERE ARE WE IN THE CHURCH YEAR
AND
WHAT ARE THE LITURGICAL COLORS FOR
JULY?

We are currently in the Time after Pentecost.

This is a long season of life and growth when we learn much about our faith and life in Jesus.

Green is the liturgical color for this church season. **Green**, seen everywhere in plants and trees, symbolizes life and hope. **Green** is used, to indicate our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ.

We focus on the growth of the church as the Body of Christ - a community of faith.

Scripture Readings for the Time after Pentecost July 2011 – Year A

The Time after Pentecost consists of the Sundays after Pentecost but before Advent. It varies in length, depending on the date of Easter Day. This season is also called "ordinary time," because the Sundays do not have special names, just ordinal numbers.

Third Sunday after Pentecost - July 3, 2011

Zechariah 9:9-12, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - July 10, 2011

Isaiah 55:10-13, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - July 17, 2011

Isaiah 44:6-8, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - July 24, 2011

1 Kings 3:5-12, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - July 31, 2011

Isaiah 55:1-5, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

FESTIVALS & SEASONS OF THE CHURCH DURING THE MONTH OF JULY; Time after Pentecost

Theme: The Church fulfills the Great Commission

This is the final season of the Christian year, is the longest season and is the time where the church focuses on outreach and fulfilling the call Jesus gave right before His ascension- "...to go and baptizing every nation" using His power given through the Holy Spirit.



Dates: **The Time after Pentecost**, lasts from the day after Pentecost to the day before Advent. It is the longest season of the church year, encompassing 23 - 28 Sundays. Thus it begins on June 13th and ends on November 26th, 2011.

WHAT IS THE TIME AFTER PENTECOST – Time of the Church – Ordinary Time?



This is the non-festival portion of the liturgical calendar during which the church focuses on Christian living, evangelism, stewardship, and service to others.

It is a season for growth in the church, as we listen to the call of the Holy Spirit to respond in faith.

Churches emphasize Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of God. They engage issues of daily life and concerns of the community, nation, and world. The season comes after we have remembered

Christ's sacrifice on Good Friday and celebrated his resurrection on Easter and the gift of the Holy Spirit at Easter and Pentecost. We come to this season, then secure in the knowledge that God is with us at work and leisure, when we give and receive love, and when we are anxious, afraid, joyful, lonely, struggling with decisions, succeeding, and failing.

Because Pentecost is the day that God poured out His Holy Spirit on Christ's disciples, the Time after Pentecost is centered on sanctification, the work of the Holy Spirit in the day-to-day life of the Christian. Through the gift of faith that comes only from the Holy Spirit, Christians are able to believe in Christ as Lord and proclaim Him in their daily lives by service to their neighbors.

The Sundays after Pentecost comprise the liturgical year's longest period and include a variety of emphases in the life of the church. While the other liturgical seasons relive the life of Christ, this season focuses on the ongoing work of the church.



A SYMBOL FOR THE TIME AFTER PENTECOST



The Chi Rho is a Christian symbol that dates from the early Church. It is comprised of the first two letters of the Greek word for Messiah, *Christos*—the letter Chi looks like the letter "X", and the letter Rho looks like the letter "P." This abbreviation became a symbol representing Jesus Christ.

Worship

Council liaisons: Jill Kent, Tricia Otto, Pat Weiss-Meyer

Worship, Music, & Arts Ministry

Members: Todd Sjoberg, Judy Radeke, Linda Parson, Jacki Peterson, Dick Schultz

Altar Guild

Contact: Sharron Ahonen

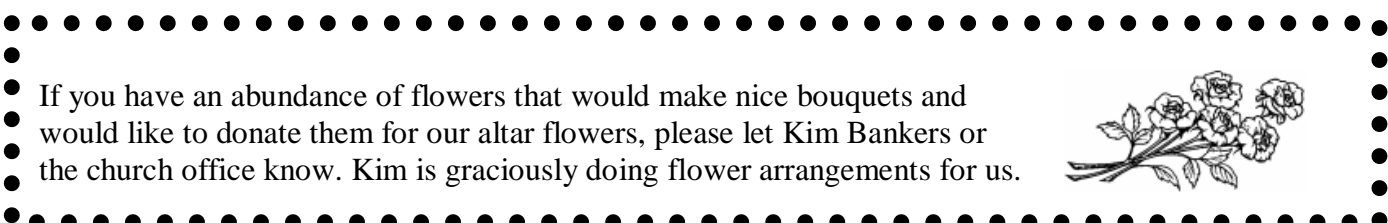
July 2011: Lorna Eastlund, Judy Roeschlein

August 2011: Althea Danielson, Lois Nelson

September 2011: Dianne Wachsmuth, Ruth Mattison

October 2011: Mary Schwartz, Evelyn Lobdell

November 2011: Sandy Broehl, Diane Blegen



If you have an abundance of flowers that would make nice bouquets and would like to donate them for our altar flowers, please let Kim Bankers or the church office know. Kim is graciously doing flower arrangements for us.



Hello Green Church Members

I attended the ELCA Women's Convention this month. The seminar I attended was one on caring for God's green earth. God created the Garden of Eden and placed Adam and Eve in it. To them he gave a message, "Tend my garden". Shortly after attending the Convention, I received an email that I am going to share with you. Some of you may have received the same one.

GOD: Frank, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there? What happened to the dandelions, violets, milkweeds and other stuff I started long ago? I had a perfect 'no maintenance' garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abundance. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attract the butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But all I see are those green rectangles.

St. Francis: It's the tribes that settled there, Lord, you know the Suburbanites. They started canning your flowers and weeds and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD: Grass? But it is so boring. It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees, only grubs and sod worms. It's sensitive to temperatures. Do these suburbanites want all that grass growing there?

St. Francis: Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD: The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make them happy.

St. Francis: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it, sometimes twice a week.

GOD: They cut it? Do they bale it like hay?

St. Francis: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

GOD: They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

St. Francis: No Sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

GOD: Now let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And then when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

St Francis: That is right Sir.

GOD: These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth.

St. Francis: You are not going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing they drag out the hoses.

GOD: What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. And in the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil to protect them. Its a natural cycle of life.

St. Francis: You better sit down, Lord. As soon as the leaves fall they rake them up in piles and haul them away.

GOD: What do they do to protect the tree and shrub roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

St. Francis: They go out and buy something called mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD: And where do they get the mulch?

St Francis: They cut down the trees and grind them up to make mulch.

GOD: Enough! I do not want to think about this anymore. St. Catherine, you are in charge of the arts. What movie do you have scheduled for us tonight?

St Catherine: "Dumb and Dumber". It is a story about.....

GOD: Never mind. I think I heard the whole story from St. Francis.

This really hit home. What are we thinking!!!!

If any one is and has the time to share things that can be done to save Gods' Green Earth, please contact me with a time that works for you and if we can share, I would appreciate the help.

Thoughts from Pastor Brenda

Do you have a tattoo?

I don't have one and it's safe to say, I think, that I never will. But we are told "Never say never!" Pretty sure though! When my two middle daughters were close to the age of 18 it was very cool to get a tattoo and they wanted one. I would not let them get one with my signature because I wanted them to be responsible later in life when and if they didn't like it! Guess what they did on the youngest daughter's birthday? You guessed it; they each got a tattoo, a half-matching one on of each of their feet which bound them as sisters! I was a little miffed, but mostly because they owed me money! They were very proud of their tattoo because now they were bonded with each other. They had this seal because they loved each other and wanted that reminder forever.

Deuteronomy 6 speaks about how important God wants the Ten Commandments and the law to be in our life. "The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." He goes on to say to recite them to your children, keep them in your heart at all the times. God also says to bind them as a sign on your hand, as an emblem on your forehead, to even go ahead and write them on the doors of your houses!

What does that look like? How is that going for each of us?

I have thought about the people in my life that I love and care for and they are many. But I love God so much just as you do, so much that I picture myself with an imaginary tattoo. One that says I love God and he loves me. One that says this will always be so. One that says I am bound to God and he loves me so much he is bound to me. "Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm." Song of Solomon 8:3. We have that tattoo that happened in our baptism, "You're are sealed with the sign of the Holy Spirit forever." All of us have that tattoo.

So what about tattoos? It's permanent and there all the time! Might we work on keeping in our lives a "tattoo" of sorts that binds us to God and his great love for all of us?

I'm not advocating for any of you to go out and get a tattoo! I'm probably not going to! But I am advocating to bind yourself to the Word of God, to sing His praises, to pray in times of need and in times of joy, to come together with your family and friends to worship Him.

Imagine that seal and stamp of God on you always, wherever you travel or land this summer! You are bound, sealed, tattooed and loved by God!

Peace, Pastor Brenda

Vocation Time

It's powerful to know that God is using you to accomplish amazing things. Summer can provide opportunity for such experiences. Call it a "vocation vacation"! (A vocation is something God calls you to do.)

If you're planning a family trip, for example, call ahead and offer to donate some time at a local homeless shelter or urban ministry. Ask for a short tour, as well. If you want to hike in the mountains, contact a Bible camp to see if they need volunteers. Or call a local YMCA, parks-and-recreation department or volunteer hotline to see where assistance is desired. Other possibilities include volunteering for programs that allow people with special needs or the elderly to enjoy outdoor activities.

You'll enjoy summertime fun (vacation) and the knowledge that God is working through you (vocation).

**Helping Hands For
July**



Coordinators:
Lynn Paulson

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Barnick, Dale & Wendy
Bergstadt, Kenneth & Rhonda
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Broehl, Randy & Karen
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THANKS!

This is the 120th anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church. We were founded in 1891, the same year the village of Mora was incorporated. Benjamin Harrison was president, and Thomas Edison was experimenting with impulses that had the possibility of becoming a telephone. We were founded by Swedes. Our first name was the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church. Twenty-three people met at a private home realizing in this new country that they needed the preaching of God's Word and the Sacraments administered.

At first, Services were held only once a month at the Methodist Church, which was not where it is presently located. If you wanted to attend church every Sunday, you had to get to Brunswick, Comfort, and Knife Lake the other Sundays of the month. The pastor was paid \$100 plus 385 bushels of oats and two loads of hay.

Five years later the congregation decided to build a church at the southwest corner of Park Avenue and Hersey. They began acquiring funds, laid the foundation, and hauled in lumber, but abandoned the project due to differences of opinion. I guess the art of compromise wasn't perfected in those times either. In 1899 it was decided to build a church right where Grace is today. This also caused a split in the congregation. Sixteen members left over the project, leaving 21 members plus 22 children. It would be interesting as to what the issues were that caused this division. I suspect money.

Our original church structure was traditional with a tall steeple, white siding, and arched windows on each side. The altar rail and balustrade stair leading to the pulpit were all painted white with ornament detail in gold. The pews in the balcony are from this church. This building didn't have a basement or plumbing and by 1926 a fund was started in hopes of building a new church. In 1938 a group of 46 members met and unanimously agreed to build the church, which is our present sanctuary. The cost was \$18,000. Most of the windows were donated as memorials. Converting to today's dollar the cost was \$274,000.

A big issue at Grace in the 1930's was how much of the Swedish language was to be used. The congregation voted to have three Swedish services a month. Pastor Bjorkquist decided to have two services on those Sundays, one in English, one in Swedish. So originally having two services was about language, not time. I wonder which pastor was the first one who didn't speak Swedish.

After 120 years, naturally, many things have changed. What hasn't changed is the yearning those settlers had in their new world for the preaching of God's Word and administering of the Sacraments. We can all admit that our fast-changing world can seem like a new world as well, one where we seek the preaching of God's Word and administering of the Sacraments.

If you are interested in learning more about our history, come in and be part of archives.

~ Sue Halsey, Volunteer Coordinator



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A GRACE COUNTRY HARVEST FALL BAZAAR UPDATE

By now the flower and vegetable gardens should be growing and blooming. Soon the fruits will be ripening. Please remember the fall bazaar when you are making your homemade jams and jellies. These are popular items at the **HARVEST SWEET SHOP**. Hopefully some of you will have extra produce such as squash, potatoes, and apples to donate to the **GARDEN OF GRACE**. Don't forget about drying some of your flowers or even weeds from the fields and road ditches. Beautiful bouquets can be made with these items.

Again this year we are asking for your help. We need a variety of craft items--"year-around" items as well as seasonal items. Use your imagination and get crafting!

The 10th Annual **GRACE COUNTRY HARVEST FALL BAZAAR** will be on Saturday, November 12, 2011. In the past the congregation has responded very generously with their time and talents. The money raised at the past bazaars has been used for a variety of needs and projects here at Grace as well as various special needs in the community. We hope all of you will get involved using your talents and abilities in order to continue the success of our bazaar.

We invite you to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry here at Grace Lutheran Church.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet formally for the summer, but ministry members can remember to bring your knitting/crocheting with you when you go on your summer vacations. Vacations are a special time to connect with the Holy Spirit through the construction of a "Prayer Shawl".

We continue to distribute them even in the summer and they bring God's warmth and love to the receiver.



WINDOWS TELL THE STORY. Through the history of churches and cathedrals, stained glass windows have told the story of the Bible. Our windows at Grace Lutheran in the Family Life Center continue this tradition. Twelve windows are now being made and will be ready sometime in August for installation. The six east side windows will tell the story of God working in the Old Testament: Creation and Fall, Burning Bush and Ten Commandments, Worship and Psalms, Prophets preaching and waiting for the Messiah. The west side windows will proclaim the Birth of Jesus, Teaching Parables, Miracles and the Passion Week.

Just under half of the cost of these windows has been paid for at this time (\$22,700). A full window costs \$3,800. You may purchase any portion of a window you wish. The remainder to be paid is \$22,900. You will find the donation sheets at the church office.

Family Life Ministry

The *Mission Trip Garage Sale* was a huge success! We raised over \$850 towards our mission trip goal!

Please keep the following youth in your prayers as we prepare to go on our *Mission Trip to Lake Traverse Reservation in South Dakota: Rachel and Amy Scullard, Kailey Berry, Cassidy Carlisle, Ally Erickson, Grace Marohn and Sydney Anderson*. We will be having a commissioning service on Sunday July 10th. We leave that afternoon and return on Friday July 15th. This will be a faith filled journey and we look forward to doing God's Work with Our Hands!

We have scheduled our annual *Valley Fair trip for Monday July 18th*. We will leave the church parking lot by 8:30. There is a sign up on the Family Life table or you can call the church office. Cost will be under \$30. We will need drivers! If you are interested in driving please let Jessica or Diane know.

We have scheduled another date for *Feed My Starving Children! We will be going down Wednesday August 17th, our shift is from 9:30-11:30*. Please sign up on the FLM table so I have an idea of how many will be going. If you have room for youth to ride with you please let Jessica know that as well! We look forward to this time of service together as a church family.

Have a great summer! ~ Jessica

Release Time

Leaders: Pastor Doug, Pastor Brenda, Tricia Otto, Jessica Thomson, Kristin Nelson

Luther Point Bible Camp

If you have any questions regarding Luther Point Bible Camp, feel free to contact our Camp Ambassador, Tricia Otto at 679-9818.

There is still time to register to attend camp this summer! Pick one you and/or your family would enjoy!

Traditional In-Camp FLOOD	Sr. High Servant Camp Day at Camp	FLOAT Canoe Camp
River Kayak Camp Road & River	Pioneer Outpost Sea Kayaking	Trailblazers Outpost Guitar Camp
Drama Camp GoFishN Camp	Fine Arts Camp Grandparent/child Camp	Horse Camp Family Camp
Family Weekend Camp		

Don't miss out on the Camp excitement this summer!

Stewardship – 'Caring from the Faith'

Council liaisons: Laura Daher, Bonnie Boyer, Lynn Anderson, Mike Sampson, Beatta Hillman, Matt Felger, Pat Weiss Meyer

Finance Ministry

Members: Doyle Jelsing, Roger Peterson, Bonnie Boyer, Kristin Nelson, Betty Smith, Sara Kopka, Matt Felger

Checkbook information:

Beginning balance	(4,756.97)
Donations	29,473.76
Expenses	<u>(33,178.12)</u>
Ending balance	(8,461.33)

Dedicated Account Balance:

Undesignated General - \$10,000	
Renovation - \$322.40	
Banner - \$5.92	
Youth Mission trip scholarship- \$2,162.66	
Nelson's receipts/Pastor Contingency – \$310.69	
Fair Trade – \$23.98	
Library \$500.00	

Mortgage Information:

First of month balance	366,108.64
monthly payment	(2,154.31)
additional principal pmt	<u>(699.00)</u>
End of month balance	363,255.33

Property Ministry

Ron Stark, Galen Brelie, Bill Moody, Larry Simonich, Gene Weckwerth, Jim Skolte, Gary Broehl

Stewardship Ministry

Members: Bill Daher, Rollie Fredrickson, Pastor Doug

Personnel:

Members: Rich Rasmusson, Sharron Ahonen, John Sandy

Nominating Committee:

Members: Dave Ulstrom, Dale Hawkins, Bev Deis, Jason Thomson, Ruth Mattsion, Greg Myers, Jodi Schultz

Memorial Ministry

Members: Kris Johnson, Mary Nordenstrom

Foundation Ministry

Members: Doyle Jelsing, Deb Schultz, Laura Strand, Jeff Bangma

Mutual Ministry:

Pam Johnstone (679-3311), Karen Rasmusson (679-5636), Walt Olen (679-1570)

If you have a spiritual concern or comment, let one of these people know. They are there for you!

Social Justice Ministry,

Deb Schultz, Barb Orstad, Pam Hallauer, Mary Brelie, Kris Pulford, Jessica Olen, Ruth Mills

Next Meeting: Sept.14, 2011 - We would like to move the meeting back to 5 PM for those who also want to attend Choir rehearsals, but will talk with Pastor Brenda about the time for the Women's Bible Study.

SERRV - Fair Trade ~ The Gift That Gives Twice
We have our glass cabinet by the office filled with items for sale. Just ask for assistance during the week from Dianne or on Sundays from Barbara or Mary.

We want to thank everyone for supporting SEERV - people across the world have a better life because of your purchases.

All Fair Trade Coffee is now being sold at cost.

Please support this mission that supports The Coffee Farmers and their families.
Thanks you.
Coffee makes a great gift, too.

In our last order I received a note that the prices are increasing by \$.50. There is a decreasing supply of coffee beans with an increasing demand. Global warming and related climate changes are wrecking havoc with coffee productions. The situation is further complicated by speculation in the commodity market.

Fair Trade is making careful decisions to continue to invest and reinforce the structures that empower and change for the small farmers. As always they depend and greatly appreciate our support.

We have a great selection of coffee (ground and whole bean), including the new coffees.

We also want to thank WELCA for their ministry of supplying Fair Trade Coffee for all our Sunday morning fellowships and events at Grace.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Barb 679-3523.

Education – ‘Passing on the Faith’

Council liaisons: Beatta Hillman, Mike Sampson, Pat Weiss-Meyer, Tricia Otto, Jill Kent, Lynn Anderson, Preston Carlisle

Living Grace Library Ministry



Members: Kailey Berry, Sarah Berry, Penny Casavant, Lynnae Christianson, Jeanne Granlund, Sue Halsey, Mary Lykins, Char Mayer, Ruth Mills, Jane Myers, Karin Simonich, Laura Strand, Jackie Thompson

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

Mission Statement

The Grace Lutheran Library Mission will support all the members of Grace using the library resources to help them interpret what they read, hear, see and experience within the context of the Christian Gospel.

Author of the Month - Lauraine Snelling

Our library has a number of books by this author on our shelves including the Red River of the North Series. These books are the story of immigrants to North Dakota and the Red River Valley. Titles include: An Untamed Land, A New Day Rising, A Land to Call Home, The Reaper’s Song, Tender Mercies, and Blessing in Disguise. This is only one of the “series” books by Lauraine Snelling on our shelves. Lauraine Snelling has also written other “stand alone” books. One of these books is The Healing Quilt. This book is dedicated to the author’s daughter, Marie, who died of breast cancer at the age of 21 in 1986. The 4 main characters in this book are dealing with this issue - each in her own way. There is Kit who struggles with anger and grief over the loss of her daughter. There is Beth who cannot forgive herself. There is Teza who trusts God - but still fears. There is Elaine who seeks to get even and sees no need to forgive. The story revolves around the creation of a quilt to be sewn and auctioned off to raise money for a new mammogram unit.

Lauraine Snelling has also written books for young people. The High Hurdles series and the Golden Filly series are good books for young horse lovers. Book 3 in the High Hurdles series is called Setting the Pace. DJ must deal with her mother’s engagement and trouble at the Briones Riding Academy. How will her plans effect her performance in the show ring. Book 10 of that same series is called Class Act. This book finds DJ dealing with severe burns sustained while rescuing horses from a burning barn. Will this cause her to lose her ability to ride and jump competitively?

Summer is a good time to make use of Living Grace Library to **Read! Read! Read!** There are many, many books waiting to be read for pre-schoolers, early readers, elementary school readers, pre-teen readers, teen readers and adult readers. There is a large section of adult fiction - but you may want to try some non-fiction too.

Don’t forget movies. The library has added a selection of new DVD’s for you to check out and enjoy.

Living Grace Library is open whenever the church is open. Come in any time.

Please remember to return your finished library books. The book you may have forgotten to return may be just the book someone else is patiently waiting to read. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School - June 13-17, 2011

VBS was AWESOME this year! We had over 250 kids participate from our community, along with another 75 youth helping as teachers, helpers, rec supervisors and craft helpers! A big thank you to all who donated food, supplies and time, we could not do it without you!

Confirmation Ministry

Coordinator: Kris Sampson

Recorder: Kelly Erickson

Milestone Ministry

The Milestones Ministry seeks to **RECOGNIZE, RESPOND, and REACH OUT** in celebration of the milestones of our Faith Journeys

God comes into our world and graciously claims us for the Kingdom of God. This great event is often under-used in our life. On July 24th those baptized into new life by God’s Word and water will be invited to gather around the Baptismal font to celebrate this great gift of God. Following is a list of members that were baptized this month:

Baptismal Anniversaries

Adams, Domanik	Funk, Gregory	Larson, Barbara	Rome, Maurna
Adams, Dyllan	Funk, Michael	Loren, Christine	Runquist, Gary
Ahlness, John	Geving, Shane	Lykins, Mary	Sampson, Kris
Anderson, Jake	Gilbert, Ella	McGovern, Noah	Schroeder, Alec
Beckman, Joyce	Gilbert, Samantha	McGrew, Jordan	Seel, Merlin
Berry, Richard	Goude-Ringler, Kayla	Myers, Greg	Sogn, Alice
Blaisdell, Dolores	Haggenmiller, Bella	Ollestad, Hunter	Stassen, Dean
Callander, Emily	Hanson, Harold	Olson, Samuel	Strand, Laura
Christianson, Ryan	Johnstone, Abby	Overson, Don	Strandlund, Shelby
Danielson, Althea	Kent, Paul	Overson, Marlys	Stromberg, Vernon
Felger, Jakob	Klepsa, Shirley	Parson, Kaden	Weckwerth, Gene
Funk, Gerald	Knutson, Diane	Peterson, Mikala	



Birthdays

Kosel, Tyler	1	Rasmusson, Richard	11	Zilliox, Kristine	22
Petrin, June	1	Schritz, Logan	11	Roeschlein, Judy	23
Simonich, Karin	1	Limanen, Jesse	12	Skolte, James	23
Gotfredson, Karl	2	Myers, Greg	12	Wolf, Nakisha	23
Schley, Isabel	2	Schritz, Jennifer	12	Graves, Reid	25
Sundberg, Bob	3	Anderson, Lynn	13	Miller, Patti	25
Warner, John	4	Olson, Kirby	13	Patterson, Jessica	25
Elvehjem, Ethan	5	Wren, Sara	13	Callander, Russell	26
Allman, Rebecca	6	Rowley, Deloris	15	Carlson, Wesley	26
Bangma, Pauline	6	Wolf, Sidney	16	Dalbey, Eric	26
Ennis, Barb	6	Callander, Donna	17	Qual, Darcy	26
Rasmusson, Karen	6	Mann, Jennifer	17	Mayer, Char	27
Steffen, Coleton	6	Mensing, Grant	17	Rinerson, Megan	28
Ahonen, Sharron	7	Peterson, Tyonn	17	Lobdell, Glenn	29
Funk, Dean	7	Barnick, Wendy	18	Mitchell, Parker	29
McGrew, Jordan	7	Tetnowski, Zachary	18	Oehrlein, Sue	29
Ulstrom, Nicolette	7	Thompson, Seth	18	Beckman, Art	30
Carlson, Randie	8	Ellingson, Jacob	19	Capra, Ernie	30
Johnson, Irene	8	Ollestad, Lacey	19	French, Julie	30
Kapinos, Sandra	8	Schultz, Robert	19	Lindquist, Lester	30
Pearson, Kelsey	8	Ellingson, Jennie	20	Paulson, John	30
Kopka, Jerson	9	Schultz, Lucille	20	Bayerle, Diane	31
Nelson, Mackinzie	10	Ulstrom, Cheryl	21		
Backlund, Deb	11	Voss, Peggy	21		
Blaisdell, Dolores	11	Broehl, Sandy	22		
Brandt, Elizabeth	11	Carlson, Roxann	22		

Wedding Anniversaries...

Berry, Matthew & Leah	JUL 2 2009
Elvehjem, Ethan & Krista	JUL 2 1994
Teich, Roger & Gerri	JUL 6 1963
Oelkers, C&y & Stephen*	JUL 7 1967
Smith, Alan & Betty	JUL 7 1969
Fredrickson, Roland & Dorothy	JUL 9 1955
Skramstad, Jane & Gregory	JUL 9 2005
Jacobson, Lynn & Mike*	JUL 12 2008
Ennis, Paul & Barb	JUL 14 1973
Loren, Christine & Eric*	JUL 15 2000
Oxberry, James & S&ra	JUL 15 1967
Christianson, Ordean & Lynnae	JUL 17 1971
Patenaude, Anna & Timothy*	JUL 18 2009
Simonich, Larry & Karin	JUL 18 1970
McGovern, Charles & Debee	JUL 20 1974
Runquist, Gary & Diane	JUL 20 1968
Skolte, James & Lynette	JUL 20 1993
Brelie, Galen & Mary	JUL 22 1989
Girard, Keith & Stephanie	JUL 22 2000
Holmstrom, Dennis & Sharon	JUL 23 1966
Kent, Paul & Jill	JUL 24 1976
Petersen, Jaime & Jeffrey *	JUL 24 2004
Sandy, John & Karen	JUL 24 1971
Gravich, Mark & Verona	JUL 25 1970
Peterson, Roger & Jacki	JUL 25 1981
Olen, Lucas & Jessica	JUL 26 2008
Schultz, Richard & Deborah	JUL 28 1973
Wicklund, Dan & Allison*	JUL 31 2010

Via de Cristo 2011 Weekend Dates

Dates	Church & Address	Weekend	Area
July 14-17 & 21-24	Grace Lutheran, 110 Third Avenue East, Ada, MN	564, 565	North
October 13-16 & 20-23	Cross of Glory Lutheran, 5929 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Center, MN	566, 567	Metro
October 13-16 & 20-23	Gethsemane Lutheran, 901 4th St S, Virginia, MN	568, 569	North
November	TBA	570, 571	South

Sunday School Ministry: Coordinator: YOU ARE NEEDED!, Co-Coordinator: Marlene Marohn; Gathering and Music Leader: Sherri Haggenmiller, Teachers: Kindergarten – Kristin Nelson, Preschool B – Jenny Berry & Darcy Qual, Preschool A – Marlene Marohn & Julie Mulford, Preschool Assistants: Kailey Berry

“Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”

“**Well done thou good and faithful servant**”, to Barb Sjoberg who has organized and led Sunday School for at least the last eight years. Barb is stepping down from her role as coordinator and the church will be looking for a new coordinator. If you are interested in helping in one way or another or want to know more about the roles that are needed, contact one of the pastors.

The question has been asked whether we plan to continue using the Rotational Sunday School Program and the answer is YES. It was put together seven years ago to do a number of things. One was to give more time for the Biblical stories. The same story is taught over 4-5 weeks. This way, the student is exposed to a number of ways to look and experience the Bible story. A second advantage is that for students who are absent a Sunday or more, they get to learn the story and don’t miss it if it was taught only once.

A third reason for using the Rotational Program is that teachers or presenters can sign up for a month at a time. More and more leaders find it hard to commit for a semester or year. Some like to teach but don’t want to miss worship and sermons for that amount of time. Lastly, we will continue the present program because it seems to be working. Both leaders and students find it to be helpful.

The Rotational Sunday School Program schedule was put together by Barb Sjoberg, Marlene Marohn and Pastor Doug in the summer of 2005. It started in the fall of 2004 with the first year and then expanded to a six-year program in 2005. So there is a complete program of stories and ties to seasons of the year in it. Pre-school and Kindergarten classes use a variation of it. The actual lessons are based on a six-year cycle and we are into the second year of it again.

Again—continue thinking about how you will help “pass on the faith” through our Sunday School Ministry.

Council Minutes from May Continued

New Business:

John Paulson and Gene Weckworth, representing the mortgage reduction committee, met with the Council to share the recommendations and plans of the committee, to reduce the mortgage by one-half in the next three years. The Committee has used Jeremiah 29:11 as its scriptural reference: “For I know the plans I have for you”, declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” The Committee has been working with the Stewardship and Property Committees, and plans to unveil the new program to the congregation in September on Rally Sunday. Two meetings will be held in June (June 15 and June 19) with those who supported the “Building Upon a Firm Foundation” Drive, which has now concluded.

After the presentation, all Council members present, individually reaffirmed the plans of the mortgage reduction committee and pledged their support.

The Council discussed the need for an update to the congregation regarding the Church’s financial position, after which a motion was made by Lynn Anderson, seconded by Pat Weiss-Meyer, that an informational letter concerning the financial position of the church be sent to the congregation. Motion Carried.

The Amazing Grace Walkers and Talkers Relay for Life Team, gathering under co-chairs, Jeanne McGrew and Dar Wicklund, are accepting donations and will be hosting bake sales to raise monies for this endeavor, to be held June 17, 2011, at the Trailview School Track.

No additional correspondence was presented.

Future meeting dates were noted as follows:

GLC Youth Rummage Sale at Church, June 9 and 10

Regular Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m., June 14, 2011, followed by the Ministries Round-Table, at 7:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School, June 13-17

Grace Walkers and Talkers, Relay for Life, Trailview, June 17

GLC Youth Aluminum Can Drive, Church Parking Lot, June 19-23

No concerns were presented at Open Forum.

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion to adjourn was made by Bonnie Boyer, seconded by Pat Weiss-Meyer, carried.

Grace Lutheran Church Council By: Beatta Hillman, Recorder for Tricia Otto, Secretary

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL – May 10, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Nick Schroeder, Matt Felger, Jill Kent, Pat Weiss-Meyer, Bonnie Boyer, Pastor Doug Larson, LynnAnderson, Pastor Brenda Wicklund, Beatta Hillman. Members Absent: Tricia Otto, Laura Daher, Mike Sampson, and Preston Carlisle.

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Nick Schroeder. Pat Weiss-Meyer led in devotions.

Motion to approve the Agenda, after the addition of “Review of Resolutions from the Synod Assembly”, was made by Lynn Anderson, seconded by Pat Weiss-Meyer, and carried.

The minutes of the April, 2011, regular meeting, were not available. The Council waived the reading and approval of those minutes until the next regular Council meeting in June. Beatta Hillmans was asked to record the minutes of the May meeting, in the absence of the Secretary.

The Financial Report and Statement of Activities of Grace Lutheran Church as of April 30, 2011, was submitted, and included itemization of the April Budget Balances as well as April Actual Expenses. All bills were current as of April 30, 2011. It was noted that the negative checkbook balance of (\$4,756.97) will be reduced by a credit for overpayment of the monthly utilities account of approximately \$1200. Motion was made by Jill Kent and seconded by Lynn Anderson, to approve the Financial Report as submitted and place the report on file for audit. Motion Carried.

There was no monthly financial report from the Grace Lutheran Church Women.

There was no Council President’s Report.

Pastors’ Reports:

Pastor Doug discussed his written report which provided information about the Synod Assembly, and special speaker, John Nunes, President of Lutheran World Relief. Planning is moving forward for the Grace mortgage reduction effort. Also, the congregation is invited to a special showing of the video, “Soul Searching” , and a Carnival, at 4:00 p.m., on May 15, 2011. The first Kettle River Conference Congregational Council meeting has been scheduled for May 17, 2011, here at Grace. The new-member class is, also, meeting. Pastor Doug noted that he will be on vacation May 19-25.

Pastor Brenda, also, discussed her written report including the special observances of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. She stated many meetings of leaders continue to seek ways to fulfill the Grace Mission. There are three students planning to attend the Peer Ministry Training and to share this information with the congregation and their peers upon their return. At the present time, programs for Release Time, assisting parents, and assisting all people to grow in faith using Scripture, are being studied.

Pastor Brenda, also, reported on the Synod Assembly and provided copies of the **Resolutions** for information which were enacted at the Assembly. There were **five (5) Resolutions enacted**, briefly summarized as follows: **#1)** that the members of the NE MN Synod of the ELCA call upon the Minnesota Congressional delegation to support and work for immigration reform; **#2)** that the members of the NE MN Synod encourage the Minnesota Legislature and Governor to defeat Arizona-style anti-immigration laws; **#3)** that congregations, administrative offices, and other ministry facilities related to the NE MN Synod be encouraged to renew their commitment to energy stewardship and that the NE MMN Synod memorialize the ELCA at its 2011 Church-wide Assembly to challenge all expressions of the ELCA to reduce their energy-related carbon emissions by at least five percent (5%) per year with an ultimate goal of reducing overall emissions by 25-40 percent by 2020 (relative to 2000); **#4)** that the Northeastern Minnesota Synod memorializes the 2011 ELCA Church-wide Assembly to encourage, support, and publicize new partnerships in ministry that emerge in our church addressing the prevention of bullying, harassment and related forms of violence, especially with higher risk populations; **#5)** that the conferences of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod provide opportunities for conversation about stewardship, including financial stewardship, at least once a year at gatherings of leaders, and that the Synod Council find ways to equip congregational leaders in this Synod to teach and model stewardship as a way of life.

Ministry Reports were reviewed by the Council as submitted by the Family Life, Social Concerns, and Worship ministries. No other ministry reports were received.

Unfinished Business:

The ministries round-table will be scheduled for June 14. The Council will meet at 6:00 p.m., and the ministries’ leaders round-table discussion will begin at 7:00 p.m. Council Liaisons will contact their ministry leaders regarding the meeting and written notice will, also, be provided.

Discussion ensued regarding the new Defibrillator unit, purchased at a cost of \$1118 and paid for with donations from WELCA and others. Dates for training people in the use of the Defibrillator will be announced later to the congregation.

The matter of the Associate Pastor’s health care insurance was discussed; Pastor Brenda will provide the Council with updated information and will proceed with whatever arrangements are necessary to ensure that her coverage is effective by July 1. The Council will take final action at its regular meeting on June 14.

Pastor Doug discussed the Conference Congregational Council meeting to be held at Grace on May 17 and invited Council members to attend as schedules permit.

The final selections of colors and designs for the stained glass windows in the Family Life Center will be completed by the Committee soon. The cost of the stained glass windows will remain the same, i.e., \$3800 for an entire window; \$1900 for one-half of a window; \$950 for one-quarter of a window; donations may also be given in other amounts. Information about donations for the stained glass windows will be provided to the congregation.

Council Minutes Continued after Class of 2011 Picutes!

Congratulations Class of 2011!



Ryan Anderson

Son of Dean and Gayle Stassen and Wayne and Gabe Anderson

Ryan will be attending the University of Wisconsin at River Falls. He will be working towards a degree in Agricultural. He will also be playing football for River Falls.



Brianna Kapinos

Daughter of Brian and Cindy Kapinos

Brianna plans on attending Central Lakes College to play volleyball and pursue a degree in nursing specializing in pediatrics.



Nicole Tetnowski

Daughter of Dan and Ann Tetnowski

Nicole will be attending Central Lakes College in Brainerd. She will be majoring in Child Development to become a K through 6 grade teacher.



Preston Carlisle

Son of Eric and Sandi Carlisle

Preston will be attending Carleton College in the fall. He will be studying Math and Economics, and playing football and running track at Carleton as well.



Jeremy Peterson

Son of Lori Peterson and John Peterson

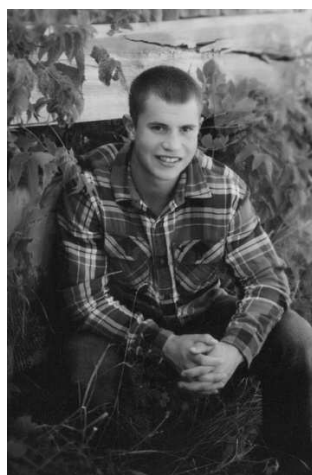
Jeremy will be attending Lake Superior Community College in Duluth.



Bailey Turnacliff

Daughter of Mike Turnacliff and Kris Lilienthal

Bailey plans on attending Cambridge Community College, her major is undecided.



Michael Johnstone

Son of Pam and Dave Johnstone

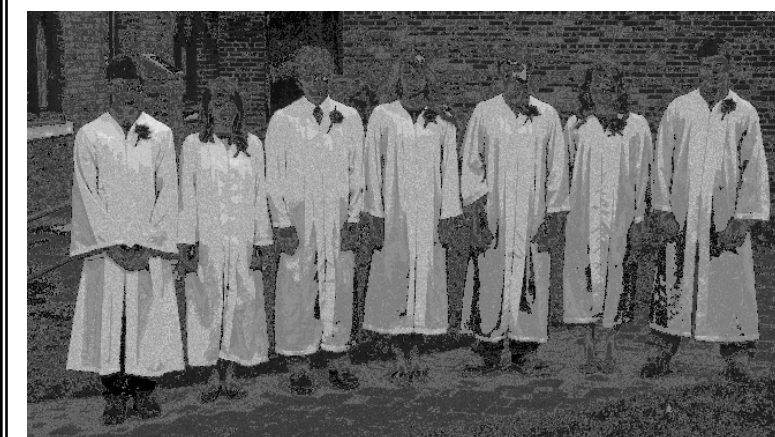
Michael plans on attending Itasca Community College in the fall where he will work towards a Business Management Degree.



Rachel Scullard

Daughter of Jeff and Julie Scullard

Rachel will be attending Winona State University to pursue a degree in nursing.



When they were confirmed!

“Give therefore ... to God the things that are God's”
Matthew 22:21