

**Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**8:00 P.M.**

**Members Present:** Julie Grunwald, Julie Oslund, Ward Ask, Matt Dettmer, Pastor Roger Haug, Brad Connors, Sarah DenOuden, Robin Dulas, Matt Potter, Mark Christiansen Not Present: Mike Parry, Cap Peterson, Diane Beckman

Matt D. called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. Pastor Roger opened the meeting with prayer.

Matt called for a motion to accept the minutes from both the March and April council meetings. The motion was seconded and approved.

**SCRIP-Report** submitted. Scrip sales for the same time frame last year are down approx. \$9,000.00. Scrip sales continue to be steady from week to week. Exciting scrip news: Total Scrip sales from March 2001 to Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 total \$2,826,000.00.

**Grace Garden-Report** submitted.

**3<sup>rd</sup> GEAR-Report** submitted. Marty continues to visit the High School weekly. May is a month of balance awareness for students involved in 3<sup>rd</sup> Gear because of all of the activities that go on at the end of the school year. Senior recognition will be held at Grace on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and at St. John on May 30<sup>th</sup>. A date in June will be announced for the Cardboard City Homeless Awareness. May/June will bring the Graduate open house tour! June 18-28<sup>th</sup>, 2010-Boston Mission trip #1!!

A motion was made to accept the above reports. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Treasurer's Report-Report** submitted. Mark submitted a detailed report outlining the current financial situation of the church. We have a revenue problem, not a spending problem. Income to the general fund is extremely short. Endowment monies cannot be used to fund the operating budget of the church. Brad added that this is a transition year for the church and that Stewardship needs to step up by maybe doing a mailing or survey and maybe review actual pledges to giving. How will the Synod help? Pastor Roger explained that the Synod has also had to make cuts. Mark will put a financial plan together to discuss at the June meeting. Brad, Mark and Robin will look closer at the church's finances. Also included in this discussion was a question regarding time spent working with the endowments. This includes Pastor Roger and Robin taking many requests by phone, cutting checks etc. Maybe we need to charge the endowment fund for services rendered by church staff and move said fee to the contingency fund. What would this dollar amount be? Brad, Mark and Robin will analyze and try to come up with a figure. Other ideas to raise money included fundraising or borrowing money. We will continue to pray about this. Mark also added that he will arrange to broadcast our Sunday service a second time in the evening during the week. Day and time is still in the works. A motion was made to accept this report. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Property Ministry Team-Report** submitted. Thanks to all who helped with the church clean up on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Management Ministry Team-Report** submitted. We have been busy interviewing and discussing the interim over the past month. Also, a note that I'm proud of how Roger and Robin have been handling things since Dan has been gone. Also, regarding the Endowment funds, if any of you that also sit on the Investment committee could communicate to the group where we are at with the long term investment policy statement it would be appreciated as well as the current allocation of the funds and future plans for the investments this year.

**Stewardship Ministry Team-Report** submitted.

**Worship Ministry Team**-Report submitted. The summer worship schedule will start on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> with one service at 9:00 a.m. Sunday services will be held in both contemporary (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) and traditional (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday) versions. Thursday evening services will start on June 17<sup>th</sup>. This 6:30 service will be held in the fellowship/social hall and will be a casual “come as you are” service with snacks and beverages being served. A worship service at the “Garage” in conjunction with the community meal may also be planned. A music/worship coordinator was suggested and we will continue to talk about this. John Stagman will speak about his mission trip on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Connie Larson will join the worship ministry team.

**Evangelism Ministry Team**-No report. Pastor Roger added that the Evangelism Ministry Team will be working with Sacred Heart to coordinate volunteers to help those that need help with odd jobs, lawn work, etc.

**Education Ministry Team**-Report submitted. May 16<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of Sunday school. We will also have recognition for the Sunday school teachers during church service. Twylla Vetsch has agreed to be a Sunday school superintendent to replace the open position of Karen Doering. VBS is scheduled for August 8 through the 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6:15pm to 8:30 pm. It will be a joint ministry with St. John’s and will be held at Grace. All is going well with Confirmation and 3<sup>rd</sup> Gear. As always, we are constantly looking for ways to involve parents and the congregation as a whole to be actively participating in the education of our children. Also in conjunction with the education report a discussion was held regarding the Pine Ridge policy. It was suggested that Matt P. and Ward attend the next Education Ministry Team meeting. The Education Ministry Team will come back to the council with a recommendation as to whether the policy will change or remain as is.

**Pastor Roger**-No report.

**Council Action Items**-None

**Old Business**-None

**New Business**-After a brief discussion it was decided that Grace Lutheran Church will offer our interim position to Barbara Peterson. Barbara is diaconal minister, a minister of word and service. She has exciting ideas, plays guitar and currently leads contemporary worship in Blooming Prairie, MN. She is available May 17<sup>th</sup> to start. A motion was made to hire Barbara Peterson as our interim Pastor with a contract for 6 months that will include the start date of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the parsonage and first year out of seminary compensation. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Discussion Items**-Due to the later start and length of this meeting a general discussion on the endowments will be moved to the June meeting.

**Listening Post**-None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Pastor Roger closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Grunwald  
Grace Lutheran Council Secretary