

Grace Lutheran Church Council
Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2009

The Confirmation Youth started the evening by reading their faith statements to us. WOW! They were awesome!

The meeting was called to order by Michelle Peterson.

Treasurers Report

- Summer Savings are gone.
- All of the CD's have been exercised.
- May need to prioritize payments – Mortgage 1st, and other bills follow.
- The estimate for the monthly sewer bill is approximately \$100.

Fellowship

- Tailgate party was a huge success!
- The annual Pie Social will again be after Thanksgiving services on Tuesday evening, November 24.
- Another fun Family Movie and Lunch social after Sunday Services is being planned for a future date.

Education

- Sunday School is almost done with the 1st rotation.
- SS will be performing the 3 Wisemen Christmas Story
- Operation Christmas Child will again be service project for the SS. The kids will need lots of shoe boxes.

Youth

- Fun youth event is being planned for the month of November.
- December the youth will again be purchasing gifts from names on the tree. A suggestion was made for the youth to possibly adopt a youth group home in Adams and Juneau County for a year.
- Cooking nights for youth will be starting up soon.

Evangelism

- Discover Grace Luncheon on October 4, had 12 new families in attendance.
- This year the board will be asking congregation members to participate in the Grace Connection and sponsor a college student or military person with prayers and treats. This will be announced at church in the future.
- Dorothy Freiman has joined the board.

Church in Society

- Continue to collect for the Lutheran World Relief health kits. Will be asking congregation members to help wrap the kits.
- Looking for some additional help and new members.

Stewardship

- This Sunday is Commitment Sunday.
- Email will be sent out this week to remind people about commitment Sunday.
- Over the next few weeks the board will follow-up with congregation members that may have forgotten to turn their commitments in.

Property

- Pastor Kent had awesome news! A congregation member stepped forward and has provided the necessary funding to finish the sewer project! By Thursday, we should have the sewer hooked up! Everyone was surprised and grateful!
- Hands will go up in back and hopefully we can seed yet this fall.

Other Business

- Budget – updated budget will be sent out prior to November meeting. Congregational meeting for approval will be after services on December 6. Some areas for discussion will be the increase to our Benevolence Fund as well as the salary for the Associate Pastor.
- Associate Pastor – we feel there is a lot of enthusiasm to fill this position. Michelle will be putting together a group to keep this momentum going. Pastor Kent has some names he will share with Michelle for this committee. May have a meeting with the Bishop for him to ask us questions to better understand the match we are looking for. We will need a separate congregational meeting to form a call committee.
- Thanks from Pastor Kent – Thanks to all involved in Appreciation Sunday.
- Mission Trip – Dr. Price has some medical friends who are applying for the mission trip to help us meet the medical needs of the mission. Will meet Wednesday night to review applications. 30 people have already signed up to be on the ground crew. WOW! 1st Sunday in November will start the noisy offering.
- Building use request – The Boy Scouts have requested to use the entire church for their Eagle Scout Awards. After inquiring about a charge, we have decided to suggest that they can help us with a future project!
- December Board Meeting – Pastor Kent and Ginny have volunteered to host the December Meeting.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 10 AT 6:30 P.M.