

Grace Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
August 11, 2009

- The meeting was called to order by Michelle Peterson at 6:30.
- Minutes from the May/June council meetings were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Pam Huntington reported that for June and July, the bills were paid without dipping into the summer slush fund.

Incoming for July: \$30,372.40
Outgoing: \$29,653.35

No outstanding bills as of August 10, 2009. Balance in General Fund Checking as of August 10, 2009 : \$4,923.16

Fellowship

Sandy S. reported plans to sell remaining 100 cookbooks this fall, possibly with Christmas project. They have earned approx. \$1500 so far. They also are planning a fall get-together.

Property

Barry T. reported the kitchen roof still has a leaking problem. They will continue to tar and try to pinpoint exact spot of leak. A lengthy discussion of the storm sewer hook up with Tom Ludwig's property. Barry and Kevin will talk to the contractors who are working right now to hook up our sewer line to theirs. If we wait, and do it later on our own, we would have to run it to 16th street and it would cost more. They will find out the cost and give the go ahead to prepare for our hookup.

We discussed seal coating the parking lot at a cost of \$2,399. (includes second coat on old lot and 2 new coats on new parking lot) This also includes striping. The council agreed to ask contractor to postpone one year as we can't afford it right now.

Personnel

Ron G. reported they have completed the 403 Retirement Plan, and have hired Stacy Harper as Administrative Assistant.

Education

Mark Lee reported on Rally Sunday scheduled for Sept. 13. This years theme is "Lost Coins". They will meet next week to plan details.

Youth

Brittany K. reported the Cooking group and Sports League are both going well, the Humane Society Group has successfully met once.

Worship

Sue Z. reported Fall worship starts on Sept. 13th. They are continuing work on the new projector system, and they will be looking for volunteers to operate the system. They will offer training also.

Evangelism

Ginny R. reported on upcoming events. Friendship Sunday will be held on Rally Sunday, the 13th, Sept. 20th is Newcomer's Sunday, Sept 27 is Discover Your place, and Oct. 4. Discover Grace Sunday.

Church in Society

Jean S. reported new mission statement "Making a Difference through serving others". We served 520 dinners at Neighborhood Table in June, also discussed adding a sign up for "on call" help for Neighborhood Table in the future. Highway Clean up will be Sept. 19. New ministry has been selected: New shoes and socks for kids will be collected at Grace and possibly stored/handed out at St. John's Church next to their Essentials Pantry. Details hope to be worked out in the next coming months, and collection could start in December.

Stewardship

John S. reported on the fall theme: Ultimate Ripple Effect. The idea is to pass on good and caring and it will affect us, our community, and others. They will start on Rally Sunday with handing out Fortune cookies with messages to reflect on. On Sept. 20th the confirmation kids will hand out rocks with positive messages. People take these out to distribute in the community. On Sept. 27, commitment cards are handed out. On Sept. 30, after the leaders of the church have made their pledges, announcement will be made regarding current pledges. On Oct. 4, Jim G. will lead an activity "Passing the Peace". On Oct. 18, Commitment Sunday, pledge cards will be gathered.

Pastor Kent

Pastor handed out budget proposal sheets and asked each committee to look them over to be prepared for a budget discussion earlier than the usual October meeting.

Pastor suggested we set up a task force to study, gather information, and educate the congregation on what our needs and expectations are for an Associate Pastor. We need to have a clear picture of what we're looking for before we go to the Synod to begin the call process. The Council agreed to have Joanne and Pastor begin asking people to serve on the task force and prepare for a presentation to the congregation on Oct. 4.

Pastor also reported on the successful New Orleans youth trip, and plans for a medical mission trip to Guatemala in 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.