

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH
Sunday, October 10, 2018
Grace Lutheran Church

Members present: Pastor Sarah; Keith Agrimson, Paul Boyum, Dana Knudsen, (A); Allan Kingsbury, Bill Grindland, (G); Steve Erickson, Doris Horsman, Sonia McCabe, (PM); Diane Drinkall, Brent Olson, (NP). Absent: LeRoy Johnson, (G); Beth Vitse, (NP)

President Brent Olson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Pastor Sarah led devotions and prayer.

The secretary's report was read. A motion was made by Bill Grindland to approve. Sonia McCabe seconded the motion. Motion passes.

The treasurer's report was reviewed as presented. Steve Erickson made a motion to approve and seconded by Dana Knudsen. Motion passes.

There was no Parish Nurse Report.

Pastor Sarah reported her pastoral acts including two funerals (outside the parish) and Trenton Merkel funeral. She also had baptisms for Lincoln Richard Dessner and Evelyn Ann Hall, both at Grace. First Communion Class was held today with 9 members participating. There will also be 7 members attending the 7th grade Confirmation class. Pastor Sarah led our worship services, did pastor visits and also attended a two Continuing Education workshops.

Pastor Sarah will have Confirmation and First Communion as part of the Reformation services at Grace on Oct. 21 and at North Prairie on Oct. 28. Grace Confirmands are Olivia Thompson and Ryan Lund and First Communion participants are Caitlin Bauer, Trygg Hegland, Tait Hegland and Conor Poepping. North Prairie Confirmands are Hannah Bain and Grady Schott and First Communion participants are Cora Mayer, Boone Moen, Lauren Olson, Irelynn Pappenfuss, and Camdyn Rye

There was no old business.

New Business: The 4 congregational presidents met to discuss Pastor's review and salary prior to our regular meeting. On the recommendation of the four Presidents, Bill Grindland made a motion to approve a 3% increase in salary. Keith Agrimson seconded the motion. Motion passes. There will also be a slight increase in the Portico payment.

We also discussed the future of the churches finances. It was decided after the annual meetings, the percentage of ULP expenses will be re-evaluated.

Our church calendar for the coming months has been updated as follows:

Nov 22 – Thanksgiving Day, NO service
Dec 24 – Christmas Eve, G - 4 pm, PM - 5:30 pm
Dec 25 – Christmas Day, NO service
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March 6 – Ash Wednesday (PM)

March 13 – (NP)

March 20 – (A)

March 27 – (G)

April 3 – (PM)

April 10 – (NP)

April 14 – Palm Sunday (NP-PM)

April 18 – Maunday Thursday (A)

April 19 – Good Friday (NP)

April 21 – Easter (PM - 7 am) (G – 9 am)
(A - 10:30 am)

Then next item discussed was getting the ULP Secretary's minutes of our 4-pt Council meetings to the parish members in a timely fashion. A motion was made by Steve Erickson and seconded by Paul Boyum to have council members approve the minutes via email with any corrections or additions approved before being printed in the current newsletter.

The Presidents received information on a "Living Well and workshop" event presented by Chris Miller. No action was taken.

Next we discussed having a "ULP event" bringing all 4 congregations together raising funds for missions. Ideas included a 4-pt worship service with soup/sandwich dinner, yearly event hosted at a different church each year, and advertised – open to the community.

Council discussed going back to quarterly meetings. Tabled for now.

The next meeting will be the ULP Annual meeting with election of officers. It is scheduled for February 10, 2019 at Pilot Mound.

A motion to adjourn was made by Allan Kingsbury and seconded by Sonia McCabe at 8:05 pm. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Drinkall, Secretary