



On Sunday, September 29, we welcomed these disciples into Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church: l to r - Esther Clouse, Doug Dietz, Brittany and David Pace, Mike Wiese, Don Diurba, and Brad & Katie Toler.



The Pastor's Column

Which Lens are You Looking Through?

Something funny happened to me last week. I am forever misplacing my reading glasses. I must own five or six pairs of the drug store variety but there are times when I can't find any of them. I leave them in the car or in a coat pocket or at my daughter's house or who knows where? Once I even lost them in a worship service and found them, of all places, tangled up in the Easter lilies. I won't go into that story here. I blame this habit on the fact that most of my shirts don't have pockets and I don't like having a cord around my neck to keep them attached. But here's what happened last week.

I was wearing some cargo pants recently. Trying to keep my readers with me while I was going about, without realizing it I put a pair in one side pocket and another pair in the other side pocket. Guess what? I didn't take them out and both pair went through the washing machine cycle, full spin and all. Then they went through the dryer too! When my wife opened the dryer door there were both pairs neatly folded and presented on top of the warm fluffy laundry as much as to say, "here we are!" The lenses were not scratched or broken as one might think, but instead were clean and sparkling.

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The frames were slightly bent from the heat but that turned out to be a good thing because they fit better.

I figured there must be a lesson in this for the October church newsletter.

For me, October always brings to mind the Reformation and Martin Luther. Luther developed a profound vision of God as he searched Scripture and discovered that a person of faith must focus on Christ and the cross. It was the apostle Paul's words in his first letter to the Corinthians that gave Luther the vision that

would help shape the church during the turbulent times and historic events through which he lived. Paul was audacious in saying that he "decided to know nothing except Christ, and him crucified."

For Luther, the crucified Christ found in scripture was the lens through which he viewed everything. Inscribed on Luther's pulpit in the Wittenberg Church are his words: "The church is the pupil of Christ, sitting at His feet and hearing His Word so that she may know how to pass judgement on everything, how to serve in one's calling, how to administer public offices, aye, also how to eat, drink, and sleep, that there may be no doubt about the proper conduct in any walk of life but, surrounded on all sides by the Word of God, one may constantly walk in joy and in the light."

Luther viewed all of life through the lens of Jesus Christ. Optical lenses are wonderful inventions (if you don't lose them). Every day, millions of people wake up unable to see clearly the world around them until they pick up their glasses or put in their contacts. Then, what is blurry and distant suddenly becomes clear through the frame that sits on our nose or is placed directly on our eye. Everything we view comes into focus.

Another lens that is even more important is how we view our world. Let me suggest that we view it through the lens of Christ. In our work, in our daily routine, as we listen to the news, as we walk in health or through sickness, in family and community relationships....in everything, view it through the lens of scripture.

Tom does. Tom is a man I know from the fitness center where I exercise. When we meet he asks, "Pastor, what's the scripture for the day?" I've learned to have something ready. Tom is one of those people who looks at all of life through the lens of scripture's Jesus every day. There are many lenses we might look through. Which lens are you looking through?

Pastor Walston



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October Supper Club

**Ted's Montana Grill,
6195 Sawmill Road,
Dublin,**

Thursday, Oct. 17th

On November 20th Supper

Club will be at the Olive Garden on Polaris Parkway.

There will be no supper club in December as it falls too close to Christmas. Look forward to January at the Polaris Grill again.

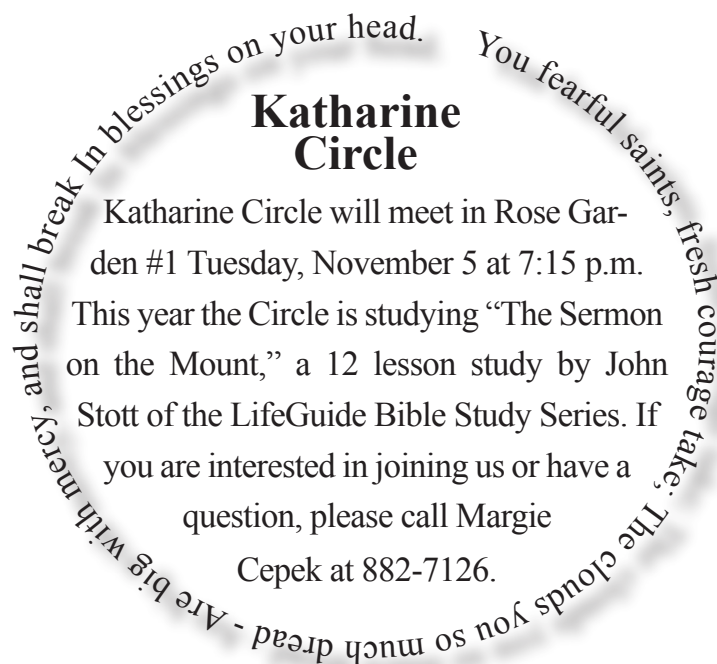
Blood Drive

The next blood drive
at Grace

will take place on
October 8.

Noon to 6 p.m.

Make plans to donate!



Katharine Circle

Katharine Circle will meet in Rose Garden #1 Tuesday, November 5 at 7:15 p.m.

This year the Circle is studying "The Sermon on the Mount," a 12 lesson study by John Stott of the LifeGuide Bible Study Series. If you are interested in joining us or have a question, please call Margie

Cepek at 882-7126.

MEN OF GRACE KICKOFF NEW SEASON

Saturday, September 21 was a GREAT start to the new program year for MOG. It consisted of a pancake and sausage breakfast and the first of a powerful and thought provoking video series about men's courage and the church. Twenty Men of Grace attended the first of this high quality series. The MOG Leadership looks forward seeing you at the October 19th breakfast.

Stepping out in courage step by step!

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Westerville Grace Dartball Schedule for 2013-2014 Season

- 9/19/13 at Grace of God
- 9/26/13 at Epiphany
- 10/03/13 Home with Emmanuel
- 10/10/13 Home with Rome
- 10/17/13 at Gahanna
- 10/24/13 at Emmanuel
- 10/31/13 Home with Lockbourne
- 11/07/13 at Christ
- 11/14/13 at Reynoldsburg
- 11/21/13 Bye
- 12/05/13 Home with Reynoldsburg
- 12/12/13 Home with Grove City
- 12/19/13 at Obetz
- 1/02/14 Home with Grace
- 1/09/14 at Trinity
- 1/16/14 at Rome
- 1/23/14 Home with Christ
- 1/30/14 Home with Grace of God
- 2/06/14 Home with Epiphany
- 2/13/14 at Grove City
- 2/20/14 First round of tournament



Stewardship Corner

Ten Principles for Graceful Giving*

Principle Nine: - Christian giving is a reflection of our theology.

St. Paul writes: *11You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; 12for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. 13Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others* (2 Corinthians 9:11-13).

There is always more to Christian giving than meets the eye. Paul minces no words when he writes to the believers in Corinth and beyond that their giving to the churches in Judea is a powerful symbol of their “obedience to the confession of the gospel of

Christ” (vs. 13). This is vividly apparent when one considers the context of Paul’s words about Christian giving.

Paul is not speaking about the geographical symbolism of the transfer of cash from the churches in Greece to the churches in Judea. Neither is he talking about the economical symbolism of the rich giving to the poor. Paul’s words testify to the theological statement their giving makes.

What these Gentile Christians in Greece give to their Jewish sisters and brothers in Christ in Judea symbolizes Jewish-Christian solidarity under the Cross in the body of Christ.

That Jews and Gentiles are members of the body of Christ as equal heirs is the essence of Paul’s proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is the ‘mystery’ that

had been revealed to Paul (see Ephesians 3:1-9), one he elaborates in Romans 15:25-28. And for Paul these are not mere words. They are the gospel truth he lived for, was imprisoned for and for which he died.

In the same way what we give is not simply a matter “between

God and me.” What we give in response to God’s gracious love is as much a public statement of our faith, an expression of our theology, as are the

words we sing, pray, and confess in our public worship as we gather around Word, Water, Bread and Wine.

Next: Principle Ten: Christian giving is an offering of praise and thanksgiving to God

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“We’re so glad you asked....”

...a response to questions and concerns on a variety of topics. If you have a question, please put it in writing and deliver it to the Church Office or email it to: office@grace43081.org. Questions must be signed.

Question: *There seems to be more applause during worship. Is it appropriate?*

Response: Chances are if you’re a long time Lutheran Christian you were either explicitly taught or you simply learned by example that applause is not appropriate in worship. A common explanation was that applause belongs to the world of entertainment and performance not church. Times change. For example, there was a time when everyone agreed it would be inappropriate for women to wear slacks to church or have their heads uncovered in worship.

The same may be said of applause. We live in an age in which applause serves as an expression of joy as well as a way of expressing appreciation. Applause can indeed be appropriate in church worship as an expression of thanksgiving and joy in response to a musical offering that has touched hearts, minds and souls and enriched our worship of God. Of course, it is anybody’s guess what might happen were there to be applause in response to a sermon!

“O come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!” (Psalm 95:1-2)



SHARING GOD'S BOUNTY

"Honor the Lord with your substance and the first fruits of all your produce." (Proverbs 3:9)

The 2013 harvest is complete. Produce has been enjoyed, canned or frozen for future consumption. If you were able to share some with W.A.R.M., thank you. Many, less fortunate, had the opportunity to enjoy God's fruits first hand.

Patti Keene, W.A.R.M.'s coordinator for the Food Pantry, compiles a list of needed items for each month so that these may be shared with all of you. Please continue to take this list with you. As you shop, please purchase some of the items that are needed to maintain the shelves at W.A.R.M. and be available to clients as they shop.

October's Grocery List Includes:

- ☐ **Canned items**--applesauce, mandarin oranges, any bean product EXCEPT green beans.
- ☐ **Boxed & Packaged Items**--potato sides and rice sides.
- ☐ **Hygiene items**--deodorant and diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6), and hotel/motel toiletries from your trips.

Non-perishable items may be placed in our grocery carts anytime during the month with our emphasis on the first Sunday of each month. Money may be placed in an envelope marked "WARM". Checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church with a notation to "WARM".



PLEASE NOTE:

Grace no longer collects used clothing, bedding, small appliances, etc. for redistribution.

Place connect with Volunteers of America, Amvets, Kidney Foundation, etc. for such donations. Thank you.

Jill Morrison

September Donations

Food/Hygiene = 109.2 pounds

Monetary = \$485

Totals to date in 2013

Food/Hygiene = 1,593.4 pounds

Monetary = \$3,358

Last year at this time
Grace had contributed:

Food/Hygiene = 2,964.3 pounds

Monetary = \$3,422

**Next FIRST FRUITS
is October 6
and then November 3**

More people are getting jobs. The problem is that the job market is seeking more part-time help than full time employment. That income doesn't feed a family, plus trying to maintain all of the other necessities of life. For those of us who have much, much is required. ***Please make it a priority to donate something. Every contribution helps.*** Thanks to all who are making Grace's outreach to W.A.R.M. a monthly part of their giving.

The Annual Westerville Area CROP Walk

Sunday, OCTOBER 13 at 1:00 p.m.
It begins at the Westerville Community
United Church of Christ.

Please prayerfully consider participating as a walker or sponsor. Not only do donations help to end hunger and poverty around the world, they also help the local Westerville community.

(25% of donations collected for the Westerville CROP walk goes to W.A.R.M.)

Look for the Crop Walk Display in the Gathering space. For more information, contact a member of Social Concerns,

Linda Hoch (740-879-3617 -

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Marissa Banks - cbanks5@gmail.com



"I have never understood why anyone would roast the turkey and shuck the clams and crisp the croutons and shell the peas and candy the sweet potatoes and compote the cranberries and bake the pies and clear the table and wash the dishes and fall into bed exhausted when they could just as easily sit back and enjoy a hamburger or a pork sandwich."

—The Turkey



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/01 Grace Sima	10/10 Michelle Martin	10/19 Dylan Bertelsen
Molly Oakleaf	Todd Brown	10/20 Kristi George
Kirby Campbell	Nathan Hensley	Linda Hoch
10/02 Emma George	Marisa Bernhardt	10/21 Aaron Bally
Thomas Hahn-Minor	10/11 Julie Hotchkiss	10/22 Jan Pfeifer
10/03 Amanda Harding	Michael Bale	Roger Estrada
Claire Saunders	10/12 Terrence Fully	Regina Place
10/04 Cathy Cochenour	10/13 Mary Lou Soltesz	Finnian Hughes
Abigail DeTemple	Phillis Drakulich	10/23 Cameron Soster
10/05 Llewellyn Swanson	Barbara Schultz	10/24 Hal Holland
Andrew Hager	Jarrold Will	10/25 Rebecca Miller
Katie Snead	10/14 Michael Cohagen	Haley Hawkinberry
Zaida Jenkins	William Warrell	Zoe Oakleaf
10/06 Karen Vann	Krista Fuld	10/26 Michelle Clark
David Quast	10/15 Kenneth Fischer	Susan Hotchkiss
George Braatz	Melissa Hodek	10/27 David Bale
Christina Drakulich	Rebecca Young	Michael Shuman
Steve Crain	10/16 Bradley Blakley	Jessica Schultz
10/07 Charlotte Shafer	10/17 Amy Landacre	10/28 Amber Hockstok
10/08 Cecil Budd	essica Manly	10/29 Tami Workman
Ray Althoff	Keira Russell	Kent Patterson
Janet Roshon	10/18 Dan Okonak	Derek Heckler
Anne Goodman	10/19 John McMahon	Wyatt Oakleaf
10/09 Paul Whitacre	Roberto Casline	10/30 David Schroeder
Ashlee Cuevas	10/19 Erin Dugan	Jerry Bobb
Calista Bright	Dustin Todd	10/31 Joan Hassler

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



10/01 John & Audrey Clark	10/11 Randy & Lisa Stoll
10/03 Connor & Llewellyn Swanson	Bill & Tamara Warrell
10/06 Eric & Cheryl Bush	10/15 Mark & Janice Will
Kevin & Carrie O'Neil	10/20 Skip & Carolyn Eberly
10/09 Jim & Martha Busse Newton	Aaron & Jacqueline Bally
10/10 Larry & Annie Gehlhar	10/21 Rex & Kim Harris
Richard & Janet Roshon	Brant & Sarah Peters
Stephen & Lisa Kuhar	10/25 Richard & Lori Dychala
	10/27 Andy & Julie Shuman



Welcome Lora Moore

On September 15, Lora Moore was installed as the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Director of Music.



We are grateful to God for the gifts that Lora brings to Grace.

We look forward to this relationship and our music ministries.



The new Children's Choir will begin Rehearsals on Sunday, October 13 at 9:45 a.m.

"All God's Creatures (Children) have a place in the choir! Some sing higher! Some sing loud on the telephone wire, Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they've got now!"

What a great song and how true it is of our children here at Grace! The adults have a choir, the teens are forming instrumental groups, so why not the children? The new Director of Music Lora Moore would like to form a choir for children during the 9:25-9:45 hour on Sundays. All children and teen leaders are encouraged to join in on the fun and singing! If your son/daughter would like to be included, please email Lora at llmoore@columbus.rr.com and/or sign up on the Children's Choir clipboard located in the Welcome Center.

In the meantime, enjoy this children's song! YouTube: SEARCH - Celtic Thunder Heritage: *"A place in the choir"*

Joyful Noise

Concert Series

Sunday, October 20, 7:30 p.m.

Bohemian Highway

Bohemian Highway is an exciting blend of singer/songwriter original and reimagined traditional folk--at once intimate and universal, their music speaks to the heart. These are songs that stay with you long after you leave the show.

Sunday, November 10, 7:30 p.m.

The Mark Flugge Trio

The Mark Flugge Trio is a mainstay in Central Ohio jazz. They've performed many regional venues, including a 13 year stint at Hyde Park Restaurant on Old Henderson, the Columbus Jazz and Ribs Fest, with Ron Jenkins and the First Community Church Chancel Choir, and at countless concerts, restaurants, and private events. Visit markflugge.com for more information.

The Joyful Noise! Concert Series brings many member of our community to Grace. We are in need of volunteers to help direct the parking of cars, greet our visitors and take up the freewill offering. If you would like to help, contact Carolyn Martin at (614) 206-8678 or email martin1529@sbcglobal.net.

Please consider helping make a visit to the Joyful Noise! Concerts an enjoyable experience for our guests. Thank you!

SPECIAL NOTE CONCERNING THE CHURCH BUS

Grace's church bus will be available to members who would like to be picked up to attend the concerts.

Location and Time:

Friendship Village 6:45 p.m.

Villages of Westerville - 7:00 p.m.

The bus is available for Grace members and their guests.

Please sign up on the sheet available from your Activities Director by Wednesday preceding the concert date.



Presenting the 2013-2014 Sunday School Teachers:

High school and college: Larry Beckwith
Ted Ray
Middle school: Dan George and Carrie O'Neil
4th/5th grade: Tami Banks and Kim Haynes
2nd/3rd grade: Kathy DeLozier and Randy Stoll
Kindergarten/1st grade: Bob Ayers
Linda Fichtelman
Preschool: Christine Heilmann
Molly Oakleaf
Adult: Randall Saunders



PARENTS PLEASE
NOTE: As an effort to
ensure the safety of
all the children partici-
pating in any form of
programming, as well
as follow best prac-
tices, we request that
each youth/child have

emergency health and contact information on file. Forms
can be found on the website under "children" and turned
into the child's Sunday School teacher. Thank you for
helping us maintain best practices.

The Youth and Family Ministry and Learning Ministry
want to emphasize that all children are welcome to partici-
pate at any time throughout the year. If your child is only
able to participate once or sporadically through the year,
we still welcome his/her involvement.

Sunday School Lesson Focus

During the beginning weeks of Sunday School, the
classes are focusing on the following:

- **Preschool** - getting to know God and the church
- **Kindergarten/1st grade** - creation, Samuel and Eli, David and Jonathan, and Elijah
- **2nd/3rd grade** - Moses and the tabernacle/Ark of the Covenant, battle of Jericho, Samson, and Ruth and Naomi
- **4th/5th grade** - King David, King Solomon, and proverbs
- **6th/7th/8th grade** - basic genealogy, books of the Bible, seasons of the church year, Operation Christmas Child, and King David
- **High school and college** - topics on FaithLens, a youth oriented lesson based upon the lectionary (*provided weekly on ELCA website*)



Operation Christmas Child

Abigail Kotik is overseeing
this project with the assist-
ance of the 6th/7th/8th grade
Sunday School class. Stay
tuned for more information.



Rally Day In Jerusalem

Our kickoff to the new Sunday School year was a success thanks to the collective efforts of many people. Thank you to all who volunteered to serve as money changers, bakers, carpenter, tax collector, basket weaver, cloth dyer, and beggar.

On the Masthead: Teachers Molly Oakleaf, Christine Heilmann, Linda Fichtelman and Bob Ayers listen as Carolyn Gibboney and Rachel Gangestad explain the art of baking to our little ones.



Above: Cloth dyer Joy Longfellow exhibits her skill to the 2nd/3rd graders as teacher Randy Stoll looks on. Left: Amy Quinn instructs the 4th and 5th graders in the art of basketweaving. Teachers Tami Banks and Kim Haynes observe.



Our Biblical beggar
Eric Bush



Below: Our Biblical money changer and carpenter John Hicks explains the trade of carpentry to middle and high schoolers. Teacher Larry Beckwith looks on.



Actors Joy Longfellow, Bill Bopp, and John Hicks pose with the shekel box.





Faith Trek: An Adventure in Christian Leadership and Service

Faith Trek highlights God's mission and provisions for people of all ages as they journey in faith together. It provides several creative and practical entry points for exploring the role of leadership within a call to discipleship. This year's Faith Trek began in February with an Inaugural Banquet at the Confluence Park Restaurant in Columbus. Our two Faith Trekkers, David Kile and Abigail Kotik, have written summaries of their experiences. Following is Abigail's thoughts and her report on the experience. In November, David will give us his insights to Faith Trek. The

cost of the Trek was provided through the generosity of an anonymous Grace member.

“Being a Trekker taught me to see things differently” - by Abigail Kotik

Pastor Will chose David and me to be part of the Faith Trek program. Faith Trek is an experience offered every two years for high school students from throughout the synod to explore their Christian faith with the Bishop through a variety of meetings and activities. We each chose a mentor to work with from our congregation. Larry Beckwith was my mentor. Our first meetings consisted of a dinner with the Bishop and our families, a retreat at Camp Lutherdale with our mentors, and several other sessions to get to know each other and ourselves better.

The final activity was the mission trip that all of us Trekkers went on in July to Wisconsin. We stayed four nights at Camp Lutherdale in Wisconsin. We left for the mission trip on Sunday and we came back on a Friday night. Sunday, was mostly spent driving. However, on Monday, we did our first day of service. We pulled weeds at “Alice’s Garden”, a community garden. We managed to pull around 50 trash bags full of weeds from the pathways surrounding the gardens. On Tuesday, we were split into two groups and my group, which David wasn’t a part of, visited **Cross Lutheran**. This church had beautiful stain glass windows. They ran a clinic and dentistry downstairs in their basement. We spent the majority of the day playing with the little kids who went to a summer program there. On Wednesday, the two groups switched and we ended up at another church, **All People**. Here, we did some things that I’m really glad I got the opportunity to be a part of. For lunch, instead of serving the meal to the people who showed up, we actually ate with the people. We learned how we could help people just by being there and offering them a person to talk to. We also got a chance to shad-

ow a person as they walked through the food pantry the church had set up. On Thursday, we left the camp and headed to the ELCA headquarters in Chicago. Here, we listened to people from different departments speak. My favorite group was the World Hunger and Malaria department. Instead of us getting lectured, we went on a water walk, where we carried jugs of water around to get a feeling of what it’s like for people who don’t have water at their disposal all the time. It was very eye-opening for all of us. Afterwards, we got a chance to walk around Navy Pier and for dinner, the Bishop took us to Medieval Times, where we got to eat medieval food and watch a jousting tournament. We

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spent the night at Valparaiso University in their dorms. On Friday, we got a tour of the campus and then we were on our way back to Ohio.

Being a part of this experience opened me up to new ideas, people, and experiences. The LOMO counselors that came on the trip with us were incredible and they made it so much fun! One of the counselors, Julie, taught me that the terms “normal” and “weird” were so controversial and she opened me up to the idea of using “inside my experience” and “outside my experience” instead. The girls that I got a chance to room with were super great people and we all have each other’s contact information. I would like to thank Pastor for nominating me for this experience, my parents for agreeing to let me go, Larry for agreeing to be my mentor, and the whole church congregation. Faith Trek has allowed me to be a part of a group of people who love God in the same way I do. Being a Trekker taught me so much and it has allowed me to see things differently. It was such a great experience and I couldn’t imagine not being a part of it.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting: September 12, 2013

Minutes

Members present: Bill Kulju (President), Julie Abrams (Vice-President), John Hicks (Treasurer), Jeff Brenning, Randy Stoll, Pastor Will Hartfelder

Members absent: Joanne Figge, Ron Hoch, Vanessa Stewart

President Bill Kulju called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Devotions: Julie Abrams – Strength, God provides all the strength you need to endure! References to 1 Peter, Philippians 4:13, and Psalm 4

Approval of August, 2013 meeting minutes

Upon consideration of the minutes from the August, 2013 meeting, John Hicks moved to accept the minutes, supported by Jeff Brenning with a second. Motion passed.

Topic 1

Kathy Snead offered two estimates for having all windows of the church cleaned with the recommendation to go with Globe Window Cleaning. Upon consideration John Hicks move to accept the bid and move forward, supported by Julie Abrams with a second. Motion Passed.

Topic 2

Carolyn Martin, as Director of Peoples Ministry, continues the task of sourcing members on the various committees. There will be a People in Ministry Continental Breakfast on Sunday, October 6th during the Sunday school hour and council members are invited to be there.

Topic 3

The consensus of council is that the annual business meeting for the Grace congregation will be held on November 17, 2013 immediately after the 11:00am service.

MINISTRY UPDATES

The call process for an associated pastor is on-going. There are several factors that have influenced the time factor of this search i.e. Grace is asking for a very specific skill set for the associate position, there were only 3 recent graduates from the seminary that were assigned to the SOS, and lastly the recent void in the synod staff with the retirement of the former Bishop Callon Holloway.

REQUIRED REPORTS

Monthly Report: Pastor Will Hartfelder submitted his monthly report earlier in the week. It is included as part of these minutes.

Statistical Report: Pastor Will Hartfelder submitted his monthly statistical report for July, 2013. It is included as part of these minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer John Hicks reviewed the financial report. Growing People of Faith pledges total \$573,332. Pledges collected through August 2013 were \$327,214. The 2014 budget process will begin in September.

Approval of required reports

Jeff Brenning made a motion to accept the financial report, and was seconded by Randy Stoll. Motion passed.

Adjournment with prayer

Julie Abrams offered a prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next church council meeting is October 10, 2013. Joanne Figge is responsible for devotions and closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Kulju, Council President

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