

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH
Sunday, May 2, 2021
Grace Lutheran Church

Members present: Pastor Sarah; Paul Boyum, (A); Allan Kingsbury, LeRoy 'Ike' Johnson, Karen Thompson, (G); Doris Horsman, Sonia McCabe, (PM); Anita Brown, Diane Drinkall (NP). Absent: Keith Agrimson, Dana Knudsen, Steve Erickson, Brent Olson

President Allan Kingsbury called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pastor Sarah gave devotions reading from Galatians.

The secretary's report has been previously approved via email/text. There were no additional comments regarding the February and March treasurer's reports. Accepted as presented.

There was no Parish Nurse report. Noted: Rachel had a meeting with members of the parish nurse committee. She will also start making visits. Faithfully Fit group is considering restarting their gatherings mid-May. Rachel has been diligent to keep us all up to date on CDC guidelines.

Pastor Sarah's report: Confirmation classes ended on April 21st. Confirmation will be held on May 23rd with a joint worship service at 9:30 am at the Peterson Bandstand. Those being confirmed are Grace Goddard from Pilot Mound and Lauren Olson and Macy Rye from North Prairie.

With some restrictions being relaxed, Pastor Sarah has been doing more home visits.

Pastor Sarah had a graveside service for Donald "Lewie" Olson (G) April 30th at the Minnesota State Veteran's Cemetery in Preston; Memorial Service for Muriel Holland (A) will be at Hoff Funeral Home Chapel on May 15th; Graveside Committal Service for Robert Boyum (A) at Arendahl Cemetery will be May 29th.

Good Shepherd has begun weekly worship services with visiting pastor rotation. Pastor Sarah scheduled for this coming May Thursday.

Area clergy have been invited to attend the Lanesboro Awards Banquet scheduled for May 19th. Pastor Sarah plans to attend. We have two seniors that are ULP members.

On May 9th at North Prairie, Isabelle Faith Haake will be baptized.

Rachel Boyum and Bertha Boyum will be “virtually” attending the Synod Assembly on Saturday, May 8. Rachel is a delegate representing Arendahl.

Pastor Sarah has also been doing multiple zoom meetings with SE MN Synod staff and attending a plethora of “Continuing Education” zoom classes.

Our July 4th Sunday service will be a ULP joint service at the Peterson Bandstand at 9:30 am.

Pastor will be on vacation -- July 6th – July 18th.

Old business: No more action is being taken regarding a ULP youth program at this time.

Our first order new business: Pastor Sarah would like the 4 congregations meet with Peter Soli (Synod Staff) to engage in conversation regarding where are we at, what does the future hold, current/future finances, where are we going and how do we get there. What are the needs of our congregations individually and as a parish and what/where is the mission of the church is in our community. Where do we see the mission of the church? After a lengthy conversation, it was decided to first bring it to each congregation where we can start a conversation to gather feedback/insight into how to grow as a faith community while reaching out to others.

Other business: President Allan said the PPP loan applied for in 2020 has been forgiven. He also stated that he did not know if we would qualify for a second PPP as the qualifications were more restrictive.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 8th, 7:00 pm at Pilot Mound.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm was made by Ike Johnson and seconded by Sonia McCabe. Meeting was adjourned.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Drinkall, Secretary