

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH
Sunday, September 13, 2020
Grace Lutheran Church

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

President Allan Kingsbury called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Pastor Sarah gave devotions.

The secretary's report has been previously approved via email/text. After several questions were asked, the treasurer's report was accepted as sent via email.

There was no Parish Nurse report. Rachel is busy making masks and phone calls to members.

Pastor Sarah's report includes Confirmation for 6 young people. It was held September 13th. Confirmed were Noah Thompson from Grace, Josie Brown and Sommer Holtegaard from North Prairie, and Brayden Horsman, McKenzie Jones and Katelyn Luehmann from Pilot Mound. Zoom classes are being set up for the coming year for the 7th-8th grade Confirmation students. The students will also be doing a service project in the community each quarter.

Pastor has been able to do nursing home visits by appointment.

Funeral services were held for Karol Horsman (PM) on August 14th.

Due to COVID-19 Global Pandemic the baptism for Zoey Jean Dessner was held at the home of her parents, Darrin and Leah Dessner (members of Grace) on August 20th. Sponsors for Zoey were Brian and Angie Erickson.

The wedding of Anna Hanson and Zachary Vick was held at North Prairie on Saturday, September 12th.

Business: We had an update/discussion on the PPP loan. The paperwork for loan forgiveness has been submitted to the lending bank.

Sunday worship is on the minds of many ULP members as well as its Council members. Individual council meetings will meet shortly to discuss their concerns about returning to in-house worship services, making decisions on what each feels right for their particular congregation and following CDC guidelines. It will be up to the individual to decide if they feel it is safe for them to attend or not. More information will be posted via Facebook pages and the website regarding this issue.

Sunday school was also discussed. Pastor Sarah has mentioned to President Allan about what and how NP/A are doing with their Sunday School. Pastor Sarah will talk with NP/A SS leaders about including other SS joining in with their online instruction.

Next on the business agenda was 'VANCO giving' option. There would be several ways to do online giving – ATM, DC, CC. This would help keep offerings consistent throughout the year. It can be scheduled monthly, bi-monthly, other-your choice. Each church will have its own account. More discussion in individual church councils will follow.

The 4 congregational presidents' met to discuss Pastor's review and salary prior to the regular meeting. On the recommendation of the four Presidents, no increase in salary at this time will be made. This is not a reflection of Pastor's performance. It will be reviewed again in February.

When we return to in-house worship details regarding Christmas will be included in announcements.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Sunday, February 21st, 2021 following worship.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm was made by Brent Olson and seconded by Keith Agrimson. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Drinkall, Secretary