



Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church

GATHERING IN GRACE. GROWING IN FAITH. GOING FORTH TO SERVE.

June 2019

RED OAK GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Transition Committee Update

On Thursday, May 17th the Transition Committee and Council members interviewed Pastor Darby Lawrence for the Interim Pastor position. The interview went well. Discussions continue as we determine if he is the right fit for Red Oak Grove and if the Pastor feels Red Oak Grove is the right fit for him. We will continue to provide updates as they are available.

If you have any questions regarding the interim pastor process, feel free to contact any of the Transition Committee members.

Julie Hoffman Marilyn Ulland Tom Harber Jennifer Ingvalson

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Congratulations to our 2019 High School Graduates. Graduation in Blooming Prairie will be on June 2nd at 2 p.m. in the high school gym.



**William Cardenas
Shyra Jainuddin
Alexyss Magnuson
Amy Peterson
Clint Peterson**

Each graduate received a quilt made by the WELCA ladies on May 26th.

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COUNCIL MINUTES - MAY 5, 2019

The Meeting was called to order by President, Julie Hoffman. Check in with highs and lows was completed. Julie led us with an opening prayer.

Treasurer's Report was given. Questions regarding the coffee offering and how it is recorded in the records. This will be checked and a report provided next month. A motion was made by Laura and seconded by Wendy to approve the report as presented. The motion carried. The report will be put on file for audit. Highlights included an opening balance of \$24,069.02, income was \$14,263.50 and expenses were \$9,468.01, leaving a balance of \$28,864.51. The Youth Fund has a balance of \$2,863.22. The Improvement Fund has a balance of \$18,436.78. The Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$2,981.90.

Old Business. Transition Committee reported they have contacted someone to be an Interim for us. A meeting has not yet been set to meet with this person. More details will follow. Pulpit supply has been covered for May. A walk through of the parsonage has been completed, there are a few minor repairs that will be completed. The Strawberry Social will be happy to accept any and all help from members and friends. Signage for inside the church is still being worked on.

New Business. Karl Dalager will be pulpit supply for May. Things that will be covered by church members in the next few months include; Rachael Magnuson will cover the website, Katie Z. and Jacob U. will cover Facebook, Cathy will write a letter for the LOG other duties will be covered with other volunteers as the need arises. Council will serve coffee on the third Sunday of May. Spring cleanup for outside the church has been set for Wednesday, May 15th. Inside will be done after the new light fixtures are installed in the basement. Terry will follow up on the repairs inside the parsonage. Security System, motion light detectors and a camera were discussed, more information will be needed to make a decision on this project.

The Secretary's Report was given. A motion was made by Julie B. and seconded by Wendy to approve the report as presented. It will be placed on file. The motion carried.

The Deacon's Report was given. They are working on activities for a summer Day Camp program. More information will follow. The fall plan for GIFT will be made later.

Trustee's Report. Make sure the water heater is working before the Strawberry Social.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be Sunday after church on June 9th. The Eucharist Assistant for June is John Trihus. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Tjomsland, Council Secretary

WELCA Minutes

On Wednesday, May 8, 2019 Dorothy Peterson, president, called the 9:30 WELCA meeting to order. There were 13 present. She opened the meeting in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The purpose was read. There was no opening hymn. Judy Wambeam gave devotions and read Joshua 1:9. The secretary's minutes were read from the April 3rd meeting. There were no corrections. Ardell Swenson gave the Treasurer's Report. \$1,722.46 in checking and the savings balance is \$2,539.74. Both reports placed on file. Correspondence from Grace Lutheran Church on Veteran's Sunday, May 19th. John Petzen will be honored. Oakland Lutheran Church WELCA is having a salad luncheon on Saturday, May 11th at noon.

Committee Reports: Quilting-Judy said we completed 6 weeks on Monday mornings and completed 19 new quilts. The quilt room was cleaned and packaged many bundles of fabric for future quilts. Two quilts donated to Austin ARC made \$275 and \$55 for their auction.

Prairie Manor-Joyce Peterson announced that the Auxiliary held its last meeting on March 31, 2019. It was voted to dissolve the Auxiliary due to lack of interest. With only 4 churches serving coffee and residents have special diet needs it was decided that treats will come from the kitchen on Sunday as it does all other days. There will be a Spaghetti Supper on June 14th for a fund raising project for the new hydro tub for residents with a \$3.00 charge. Update from Zumbro River Conference meeting at First Lutheran Church by Ardell. She gave highlights and up-coming events from Good Earth Village schedule. Also be thinking about the 11th Tri-ennial Convention in Phoenix, Arizona July 16th-19th, 2020.

Visitation: Joyce visited at Fieldcrest in Hayfield. Orlene was resting but Joyce enjoyed an outdoor activity of bicycles that hold wheelchairs. Many residents were enjoying a beautiful Spring day. Updates on Strawberry Social were given. Encourage folks to sign up for an area to work in.

New Business: A motion was made by Judy Wambeam to pay \$1000 to our missions. Sue Hamersma seconded. We usually pay 1/2 now and 1/2 end of the year. Motion carried. On May 19th we will bless all the quilts made. On May 26th five seniors will receive their quilts as a gift from Red Oak Grove. The seniors are William Cardenas, Alexyss Magnuson, Amy Peterson, Clint Peterson and Shyra Jainuddin.

Strawberry Social: Update and information shared. Advertising almost complete, meat ordered, care centers lined up. Getting workers lined up.

Program was presented by Naomi Circle and Orlie Grant read many items. "Consider the Lillies", "Oh What a Beautiful Morning", "Lovely Day to Praise the Lord" and Psalm 145. Offering was taken and Judy Wambeam did meditation – examples of "Glad".

Meeting adjourned by Karen Johnson and Karen Beede. Next meeting will be on Sunday, June 2nd at 10:15. Devotion will be by Ruth Circle. Rebekah serves coffee the 2nd Sunday in June.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Christianson, Secretary

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Pastoral Acts

Funeral – Dorothy Viola Kruger

thank you

Thank you to Pastor Lindsay for her visits and bringing me communion. It was very much appreciated; also to Kari and friends for the Easter Basket filled with goodies. Thank you very much. God bless you all. In Christian love,
Virginia E. Davis

To all my friends at Red Oak Grove – I want to thank you for the pretty Easter basket. I enjoyed everything that was in it. The cards, candy and cross that is outside my apartment. Doris and Nancy brought it to me so we enjoyed a visit too. Thank you so very much. **Arlene Bonnes**

Friends at Red Oak Grove, THANK YOU for your kind words, your gifts and notes, and the lovely send off you planned as my time as your pastor came to an end. I will always remember my time in ministry with you in joy and gratitude. I think of you often and pray for the ministry you will continue to do. In God's love,
Pastor Lindsay

Save the Date – Our annual **Strawberry Social** will be held on June 11th. We need **many workers** for this event. We will set up tables after worship on Sunday June 9th and could use help from some of our men in the congregation. On Monday, June 10th we will start at 9 a.m. getting ready for the Social. Remember your bake goods for the bake sale. Please pre-package your items and put a price on them.



Noisy Coin Offering for June will be sent to **Lutheran Disaster Response for U. S. Flooding**. Your Noisy Coin gifts will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by flooding.

GIFT - Growing In Faith Together

We met for the last time of this season on May 1st. We closed our time making May baskets, learning about the Mustard Seed with an activity and planted seeds to grow in God's Garden. We ate pizza, heard stories read, drew pictures and had a really fun time! We will begin GIFT in the fall after school starts. See you then!