

**COMMUNITY OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Council Minutes**

April 16, 2020

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

Present: Sandy Anderson, Ken Colberg, Dennis Engman, Wendy Fitzsimmons, Maia Hendrickson, Jeff Hovis, Mike Mathisen, Dan McMahon, Jeff Montgomery, Tim Orf, Mark Schuneman, Michelle Sherman, Darrin Vick, Angie Way

Excused: All present.

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Devotions: Sandy opened with prayer. All shared highs, lows and prayer requests.

Minutes for March approved.

**Treasurer and Stewardship Report: Mike Mathisen and Jeff Montgomery**

Reviewed the financial report. Overall, we are doing very well despite not having services in the building. Total giving is ahead of 2019 actuals.

PPP: Payroll Protection Program application was submitted for \$170,000. Brehmer Bank vetted the document and it is now at the SBA. These funds can be used for utilities as well as payroll and benefits. Most of these funds will be part of the grant portion and it will be forgiven. The rest becomes a one-year loan.

**Pastor Darrin's Report:**

He reminded us that we will be changed by this experience, and the book, *Canoeing the Mountains* was prophetic and impactful. The church will never be the same. Everyone is learning through this, and we can apply much of what we learned. During this time, we are experimenting. Many letters have been coming in, and they have all been positive! People are grateful and saying, "Thank you." Through this experience, we realize that some things are not as important as we once thought.

Regarding the garage sale, the committee plans to postpone it until August 8. Vendors will have the option to pull out.

The Magnuson Gala is online Saturday. Please participate.

**Pastor Angie's Report:**

The first 3 Sundays in May are on the Book of James. Kevin Sheldon will share these messages.

May 3: Communion Sunday, we will have members serve communion at home.

May 17: We are planning another drive thru communion if permitted.

May 24: Although MN Adult and Teen Challenge cannot come, we will still have a service themed around the ministry they are doing that changes lives, and we'll celebrate what Jesus does to change ours as well.

May 27: Kevin Sheldon graduates! During this challenging time, Kevin's contract will be extended.

May 31: Pentecost Sunday, we will express appreciation for our volunteers.

Jeanne found a call-in phone number where homebound members without internet can hear the audio of our services.

The Facebook live link is available for all on our Community of Grace page.

Starting next Wednesday at 4 pm, Angie plans to hold a Facebook Live Bible Study.

The quilters have donated 81 facemasks to Vineland, 100 to Lino Lakes Correctional Facility, 42 to Ramsey County Sherriff Department, 40 to Allina Health, and 16 to Chick Fil A, 12 to The Boulders, 30 to Dungarvin Group Homes, 12 to Northeast Residence Group Homes, and 40 to Gable Pines for 373 facemasks. Surgical bonnets are also being made.

## **Core Team Reports**

### **Children's Ministries: Wendy Fitzsimmons**

From Britta, please pray for wisdom and discernment for summer activities. Some families are struggling to work at home and teach children at the same time. She is developing a plan for Vacation Bible School.

### **Student Ministries: Dan McMahon**

Refuge started over Zoom. Over 50 people attended. It was a mix of middle school and high school. Small groups starting soon.

### **Adult Ministries: Jeff Hovis**

No formal report.

### **Seniors: Ken Colberg**

No formal report.

### **Worship: Tim Orf**

No formal report.

### **Welcome/Hospitality: Dennis Engman**

No formal report.

### **Missions: Michelle Sherman**

HOOD: See Pastor Darrin's update regarding the Garage Sale date change.

## **Infrastructure Reports**

### **Facilities: Jeff Montgomery**

No formal report.

### **Secretary's Report: Maia**

No report.

### **Vice President's Report: Mark Schuneman**

No report.

### **President's Report: Sandy Anderson**

Encouraged us to learn through this time and reach out to our members as able.

**Other new business:** none

Mike closed in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Next meeting May 21, 2020.

Respectfully submitted by Maia Hendrickson