



# GRACEVINE

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## FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

**W**hen was the last time you took a few minutes to take a look at the bulletin board in the Narthex? As you walk through the front church door, go past the steps leading to the basement level and turn left before you enter the sanctuary.

There is a variety of information about what is going on in our own church, our Shore Lutheran shared ministry, the ELCA church-wide, community events, and contact information on programs that can improve not only your life but the life of someone in need you happen to encounter.

Here are some of the Grace and Shore Lutheran items: List of church council members, council meeting

minutes, monthly calendar, sign-ups for assisting with services, Grace at 5:15 Bible study, and sign-ups with assisting at the Talbot Interfaith Shelter on the 17th of each month.

Other information includes how donations to ELCA are allocated, a free local soup kitchen, supporting the bee population, pro bono guidance on (end of) life planning and struggles with rent payments, donating your vehicles to help fund the Lutheran Mission Society Compassion Place, and services at the Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center.

So, please take a few minutes periodically to scan what is on the bulletin board. Stay connected; stay informed.



**PASCHALSONG: AN  
EASTERTIDE CELEBRATION  
IN SCRIPTURE, HYMNODY,  
AND MUSIC**

Sunday, May 5 at 4:00pm at Grace

**YOUTH BOWLING DAY**

Saturday May 11 at Easton Bowl,  
101 Marlboro Avenue,  
from 12:30 - 2:30 PM

**ROGATION DAYS - FARM  
AND GARDEN BLESSINGS**

Mon May 6, Tues May 7, and  
Wed May 8



- 1 Gary Edsall
- 13 Skyler Endzel
- 22 Jay Kilbourne



24 Annabel & Ron Leshner



### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*We lift up those in special need of God's hope and healing ...*

**F**or: Peace in Israel and the Holy Land, Dick & Ellie Filbird – Covid, Doug Krut (Jan Krut’s brother-in-law - hospitalized with multiple illnesses), Christopher Fetters (friend and former student of Dave Nicholson - cancer diagnosis), Amber Vitanovec, Pr. Karen Larsen (Grace’s pastor 2012-2018, breast cancer surgery), Brandon (diagnosed with leukemia - nephew of Jan Krut), Mollie Kilbourne (mother of Jay Kilbourne), Deacon Mike Hiner, Laura Jahn and family (cancer treatment), Ben Biers, Faith Howarth, Nancy and Don Zepp, Johanna Aust (Annabel & Ron Leshner’s

granddaughter - illness), Bev & Chuck Radvan, Pat, Suzanne, Joe (friend of Jan Krut - esophageal cancer), John Burfeind, David Edsall (son of Gary), Rosemary Kanner (friend of Melissa Corbin - cancer), and Patricia Hill-Kaplan (Faith Howarth’s sister).

**T**he Church throughout the world and our bishops: Bishop Bill Gohl, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, St. Peter’s Lutheran Church (Ocean City, MD – Pr. Frank Harpster, Pr. Harry Biles), Mosaic of Delaware, and the Lutheran Church world-wide.



## BLESSING BOX



**T**hank you all for your ongoing help in keeping our Blessing Box full. Tuna and chicken salad with crackers, Mac and cheese in microwave cups, hearty soups, and Hormel complete meals are still the favorites. We have also placed a collection box by the baskets for those who don't want to shop but want to contribute. Please put your gift in an envelope with your name on it so we know who to thank. Thanks again for your kindness,

Vicki Zobel



### WOMEN OF GRACE LUNCH

Saturday April 27 at 12:00 noon  
 Harrison’s Harbour Lights Restaurant  
 St. Michaels Harbour Inn, 101 N. Harbour Road  
 St. Michaels, MD

Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## MON, FEB 19, 2024

### APPROVED

Present: Dieter Bauer, Jan Krut, Mariana Leshner, Chuck Midyett, Pastor Jonathon Moyers, Linda Nabb, Vicki Zobel

Not present: Deacon Mike Hiner, Amber Vitanovec

**1. Opening Devotion** – The meeting started at 3:42 PM with Pastor Moyers reciting Psalm 52.

#### **2. This Meeting's Agenda Review and Approval -**

Linda made a motion to revise agenda by adding the approval of the election of new council member following item #3. Pastor Moyers seconded.

Dieter added an agenda item under new business (#6): better communication between Grace council and the Shared Ministry Council.

With these revisions, the agenda was approved by voice vote.

#### **3. Meeting Minutes January 29, 2024**

Felice, please send out the draft minutes to all council members.

Pastor Moyers made a motion to approve January minutes, Vicki seconded, and they were approved by voice vote.

**Added item:** Linda made a motion that Charles (Chuck) Midyett be appointed to the Grace council for a one-year term. Jan seconded and the motion was approved by voice vote.

#### **4. Review of all Council Member Activity Written or Verbal Reports**

As stated in Dieter's email of February 13, 2024

Treasurer's Report – Mariana reported on the revised end of year report emailed to the council. New revision includes end of year gifts sent out. After only one month (January) receipts are a bit down but there are adequate funds in Grace's bank and investment accounts. Linda made a motion to accept the treasurer's financial report, Vicki seconded, and the report was accepted by voice vote.

Pastor's Report – For this month, everything is included in the Shore Lutheran's Lent and Holy Week

publication which includes the complete schedule and further information. Christian Education which is dinner and a movie continues on Wednesdays at 5:15pm. Confirmation class is up and running with participation from both congregations. The class includes 7 St. Paul's children. Ron Leshner teaches the bible portion and Pastor Moyers teaches the rest. The Bishop will be here at end of September for first communion. That day there will be a joint Grace/St. Paul's worship service. Tuesday morning bible study includes about half Grace and half St. Paul's attendees.

Mission Team meeting report – Linda reported that the team is considering using one of the noisy change collections to purchase food items that are needed for blessing box. They also considered having a permanent collection box every Sunday specifically for blessing box contributions. Pastor supported having 2 permanently and separate efforts: (1) the bucket for noisy change and (2) a locked box specifically for funds used to replenish Grace's blessing box. A third option would be to designate one of the noisy change collections as a blessing box collection, if needed.

Council was asked if there was consensus to provide a small petty cash box with ledger for blessing box donations. This is for people who want to contribute but who don't want to/cannot do the actual shopping. If the donor wished to identify themselves, their donation could be included as a contribution and this information would go to Melissa Corbin, Financial Secretary. Vicki offered to report amount received in Gracevine.

Outreach meeting – No discussion of Talbot Interfaith Shelter at their meeting.

#### **5. Old Business**

A. Letter of Understanding (with Deacon Mike Hiner) to be updated and renewed - (Current LOU expired 1/31/2023)

This item was tabled until the next council meeting.

B. Church Council Retreat - Date and Location?

This item is still being researched and was tabled for now.

#### **6. New Business**

A. Shared Ministry Council plus Grace's and St. Paul's Council Meeting with Pastor Robin - Any

Reflection or Thoughts?

Discussion of Grace council minutes being shared with SMC in order to improve communication between the 2 groups. Discussion of looking for a person to be liaison between SMC and each church. Discussion about one of the SMC reps from Grace being that liaison to make sure that minutes and communications go back and forth. The SMC would ultimately decide on the liaison.

B. Installation Date of the 2024 Council?

Installation date for 2024 will be Sunday, March 10 during worship and all council members are asked to try to attend worship that day.

C. Still Open Appointments - Ministry Support Group Reappointment and Audit Committee

Previously appointed members are Evelyn Corbin, Sandy Banko, and Thea Bauer. This item was tabled for now.

Audit Committee – Linda made a motion to appoint Ron Long, Cheryl Midyett, and Craig Bester to the audit committee pending their acceptances. Jan seconded, and the motion was approved by voice vote.

D. 2024 Grace Council Calendar Draft, prepared by Linda

Linda, please send also to all council members by email in addition to this draft also  
the Outreach Committee February 5, 2024 report  
the Grace Council Meeting Minutes, February 13, 2023  
the Budget 101 (MSP)

Discussion of calendar details including annual meeting date (November 17, 2024), date of publication of the combined annual report, and date of the budget forum. These dates should be nailed down in the next couple of months.

E. Include Council Meeting Minutes in the monthly Gracevine?

The consensus was to include the minutes in their entirety in Gracevine after they’re approved.

F. Include the monthly Financial Report in the monthly Gracevine?

Mariana will send or provide details on how to get this information for inclusion in Gracevine.

**7. For Information Only**

A. Bishop Bill Gohl will be at St. Paul’s Church for a joint Church Service on September 29, 2024.

B. Noisy Change Donations/Collections will be done 4 times a year  
Felice will send out a reminder email the day before each Noisy change collection.

**8. Any other topics or concerns before closing this meeting?**

Jan offered to send out birthday cards and proposed that Vicki or possibly Sharon Sievers might be interested in helping.

Discussion about whether to send a “We missed you” card to people who haven’t attended worship for 2-3 weeks. Linda thought that this should be decided in a conversation with Pastor.

**9. Next Council Meeting Date - Please bring your calendars**

The next council meeting will be Wednesday April 3 at 6:00p. Since there will be no meeting in March, anything that needs to be handled before the April meeting will be handled by email.

**10. Adjournment and Lord’s Prayer**

The meeting adjourned at 4:55pm. The Lord’s Prayer was offered.

Minutes recorded by Felice Scher, Recording Secretary

Rev. Jonathon Moyers, Pastor  
Deacon Michael Hiner, Minister of  
Word & Service  
David A. Nicholson, Organist & Choir Director  
Felice Scher, Office Administrator

Dieter Bauer, Council President  
Linda Nabb, Vice President  
Jan Krut, Secretary  
Charles Midyett, Amber Vitanovec,  
Vicki Zobel  
Mariana Leshner, Treasurer  
Melissa Corbin, Financial Secretary



# April 2024 at Grace



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>*Pastor's Office Hours</b> Mon &amp; Wed (please call before coming)</p> <p><b>*Office open</b> 10a-2p Tues - Thur</p> <p><b>*BYOL in FH</b> 12:15-1:15p Mon-Fri</p>	<p><b>1</b> <i>Annunciation of Our Lord</i></p> 	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 6:00p Council Meeting</p> 	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>
<p><b>7</b> <i>2 Easter</i></p> <p>9:00a Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10:45a Holy Eucharist</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>5:00p Vespers</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> 12:00p Holy Eucharist</p> 	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>14</b> <i>3 Easter</i></p> <p>9:00a Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10:45a Holy Eucharist</p>	<p><b>15</b> 5:00p Vespers</p> 	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> 12:00p Holy Eucharist</p> <p>Talbot Interfaith Shelter</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>
<p><b>21</b> <i>4 Easter</i></p> <p>9:00a Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10:45a Holy Eucharist</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>5:00p Vespers</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> 12:00p Holy Eucharist</p>	<p><b>25</b> <i>Mark</i></p> 	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> 12:00p Women of Grace Luncheon, @ Harrison's Harbour Lights, St. Michaels</p>
<p><b>28</b> <i>5 Easter</i></p> <p>9:00a Choir rehearsal</p> <p>10:45a Holy Eucharist</p>	<p><b>29</b> 5:00p Vespers</p> 	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>What's Happening at St. Paul's</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Sunday Holy Eucharist worship -8:45a</li> <li>* Sunday School - after worship</li> <li>* Confirmation class - Sundays - 12:15p</li> <li>* Matins service - Tues 8:30a (not 4/2/24)</li> <li>* Lectionary Study - Tues 9:00a</li> </ul>			