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Grace United Methodist Church
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RE: Grace Church's Participation in the
Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen in Brainerd

Greetings:

This letter is to inform you of a change in staffing which will affect Grace's participation, potentially, for the monthly services provided at the soup kitchen in Brainerd.

Grace, under the leadership of Ginny Arvig, has provided food and service since March of 1995, some 26-years, at the soup kitchen in Brainerd, serving from 20 to 70 folks in need of a hot nourishing meal on the third Monday evening of each month. It works out to 312 months at an average of 35 folks served, equals 10,920 meals, she's been responsible for preparing. To be sure she has enlisted volunteers from our church a core group of 'regulars' are listed below, who have been loyal over nearly all 26-years.

On March 3, 2019, Ginny was recognized by the church for her dedication and service to the soup kitchen "project", at the 25-year mark. She graciously thanked all of those who have served with her during those many years, and the difference their service made to the way in which Grace church reached out to serve others.

After last month's meals were served, the group of 'regulars' decided it was time to retire from their roles and allow others from Grace church, or another volunteer organization, to have the opportunity of serve at the soup kitchen. Ginny was also in agreement that the time had come to make this retirement decision and so inform the Administrative Council.

In all fairness to the soup kitchen executive director, Shannon Mills, it was felt that a 60-day notice of Grace church's intentions to continue (with another group from within the church) or a complete termination, would be fair. Therefore, Ginny's group will continue for three (3) more months (90-days) through the end of 2021 - - so if another group should want to form, they would have 3 opportunities to 'train-in', and see how it goes.

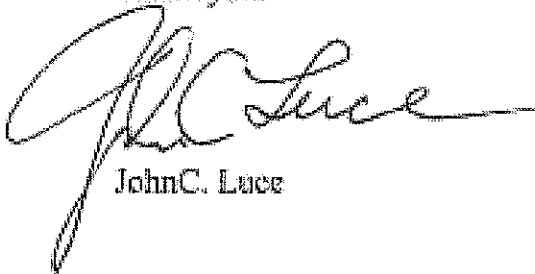
It is with heart-felt thanks for the opportunity to be 'God's hands and feet' in His service in this way, that each of those who have served express their feelings of this service.

Grace church has been very supportive of the continued on-going effort put forth under some trying times of, weather, the COVID pandemic and sometimes unknown attendance by those in need - - - but God's love for all His children also prevailed.

The regulars: Nancy Adams
Wayne Holtmeier
Jerry Swenson
Sharon Swenson
Marlowe Fortune
Art Prinsen
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We are all available to discuss the matter of this action with the Administrative Council or any group formed to consider this opportunity to continue this service.

Thank you.



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