

Highlights from September 10, 2024 Grace Advisory Board (GAB) Meeting
By: Judy Barnes, Congregational Representative

Pastor's Report:

- The Director of Christian Outreach (DCO) Call Committee has interviewed one candidate. Additional candidates have been identified, however, many are not open to receive calls at this time. Pray for the Committee and that God will provide the person Grace needs.
- Activities: Led 3 classes, attended Continuing Ed (Liturgical Institute and Christian Civic Engagement), participated in 4 meetings. He has also done Institutional visits, home/phone visits, and office visits.
- Looking Ahead: Reformation Sunday, Advent, staff replacements, SED Leadership Gathering. Family vacation December 26 – January 3, and beyond to 2025 Sabbatical.

Treasurer Report:

- Budget for July and August was presented. Question about Benevolence funds. Kathy Peterson will clarify with Donna Gesell.
- Estimate was received to repair Grace House's front and back porches. Additional quotes are anticipated.
- Water issues in the Campus Ministry Center are being addressed.
- Beautification Day with Duke Lutherans is Sept. 21 from 9-12 noon.
- Parish Administrator search is ongoing.

Vice President Report:

- Grant money being used to hire someone to improve website. Initial meeting with web designer went well.
- A text messaging system is being researched.

Congregational Representative- No report.

Discipleship-Servant Board Report:

- During this board's last meeting the question of "What is discipleship?" Arose. That's a good question for all of us to ask ourselves.
- GAB approved the formation of a new PALS Group. Details will be shared at the Town Hall meeting on September 29th.
- Possible upcoming classes: Lutheran Liturgy and Worship and learning about the LCMS.

Farmer's Market Ministry Report:

- Debut of their Prayer/Thanksgiving board. Bev sat near the board and offered prayer with people asking for them.
- August saw 2 farmers cancel. Dan is looking to reach new farmers.
- This season will end in October, but possibly a Christmas market. More forthcoming if this materializes.

Congregation Town Hall meeting September 29th 11:30-12:30.

Next meeting is October 20th at 12:30pm in person.

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