

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE

Dear Grace Lutheran Congregational Members,

We're into August 2018, over half of the calendar year gone (already?) and we're also at the halfway mark of Grace Lutheran's fiscal year (Feb. – July). In lieu of a separate Congregational meeting, this insert (also posted to the Grace website) is intended to update you on several matters of importance to the entire Congregation.

Fire Hydrant

The neighboring Carrollwood Place condominiums have verbally agreed to let us access one of their hydrants as the source for our hydrant. The Hillsborough Fire Marshalls have said the results of pressure testing of the condo hydrant are satisfactory to support the flow to a hydrant on Grace property. The engineering plans have been delivered. Based on the quote received from the hydrant installation firm, Grace has funds available to cover the entire cost of the installation without the need for additional funding. Currently awaiting final legal approval document from Carrollwood Place.

Security

The security plans for Grace Lutheran are envisioned as being implemented in three (3) distinct phases.
*

Phase I: The installation (in process) of 4 cameras; 1 each to monitor the Holmer Hall and Connections entrances and the other 2 covering most of the parking area. Simultaneously to being recorded, that activity will display on 2 monitors located within the administrative offices, providing staff with increased awareness and security. Gracious thanks to Jerry & Aida Fardella for donating this initial surveillance equipment.

Phase II: Additional cameras (9 total) with higher resolution will be installed to monitor the entire Grace Lutheran premises. The recording device(s) will also be upgraded. Grace security specifications are being finalized prior to the project being sent out for bids.

Phase III: Change the access method (currently keyed door locks) to all entrances. Preliminary thoughts are to explore utilizing electronic access devices to replace physical keys. Much research needed. Congregational input will be essential as Phase III exploration progresses.

- ★ Financial resources will determine the extent to which Phase II and Phase III will provide coverage.

Treasurer's Report July 2018

Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/Under YTD+(-) to Budget	Annual Budget
Income	215,236	213,998	1,238	459,340
Expenses	221,469	234,462	(12,993)	459,340
Profit/(Loss)	(6,233)	(20,464)	14,231	

Financials

Year-to-date results through July are favorable to budget by \$14,000; however, this is due to expense management as giving is flat compared to budget and almost \$12,000 below prior year. Summary pages from the July month-end Treasurers report are available at the Welcome Center. For a more comprehensive report, please contact the Grace office.

Yours in Christ,
Fred Borchers
Congregational President