

**Living Grace Fellowship
Council Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2009
Joe Kitt Residence
10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon**

First 15 – 20 minutes of the meeting were spent calling everyone in the congregation to tell them that Church Service had been cancelled due to the heavy snowfall overnight.

1. Local Church Purpose & Mission Statement – do we have one, do we need one? Why would someone attend our church? Don't try to sell ourselves as better than another part of the body. Our Mission Statement for now will be "Real Church for Real People." Council will set a new statement in January 2010.
2. What are our goals for the year? Evangelism? God or us? We will concentrate on Campers for now.
3. Theme Services – update (Joe). April 26 Theme Service will be "From the Heart." There are no problems with the contributions.
4. Prayer List – Do we need one, should it be Print, Web, Both or Neither? If anyone has an item for the Prayer List they should let Colin know if it something that can go public.
5. Ministries Outline – Is it complete? We went through the list and added names which were missing from certain Ministries and changed others. Colin will redo the list.
6. Is there a benefit and interest in having a Mid Week or after Sunday Services Bible Study? Colin will gauge the interest in having a Bible Study, either midweek or after services on Sunday.
7. Congregational needs – Pastoral care – update. To date Colin has visited 2/3 of the congregation and hopes to have visited 100% by the end of summer.
8. Assistance Fund \$ – how do we determine who gets assistance and for how much? This money is paid from the Love Fund. Pastor and two council members will assess the request for assistance. Carry forward to next meeting.

9. Switch Worship Service times in July & August to Evening? Maybe a shorter service – check for most suitable time. Colin will check on the hall.
10. Cleaning of church hall – do we need to start doing this after services? Lakeview United Church has a paid caretaker. Use common sense, if you see something around the area where you are sitting or in the fellowship hall, pick up or clean it up.
11. What to do in case of an emergency when Colin can't get into Calgary.
We have a supply of:
Sermon Videos by Charles Price
Nooma Videos
Other Resources on hand
12. Perspectives Service next week: Setup plans.
13. For upcoming services – Thess Aquino will sing “Via Dolorosa” for the Remembrance of the Crucifixion Service.
Elizabeth Deveaux, wife of Terry Deveaux, of Halifax will be worship leader for the service.
Southside Small Group will still perform “In Christ Alone.”