

The Grace Lutheran Church Vision Board met on Tuesday, August 11th, 2015 at the home of Mark Hellmann. All Vision Board members and Sr. Pastor Mark Hellmann were present. The group enjoyed a delicious meal and had good conversation.

After dinner the board regretfully accepted the resignation from Bernard McDowell due to work and family challenges. The board will greatly miss Bernard's wise contributions. We are pleased to announce that Neil Hawkinson will be taking Bernard's position on the board. Neil will be a strong asset to the board.

The board then discussed how we as a church can mature our membership. Now that Pastor Steve has completed his Ph.D (praise God for his completion and the accomplishment!) he will be able to focus more of his time on Spiritual Formation. We are also excited to have Kristie Larson as our full time Youth Director working alongside Tom Baker to continue to grow and mature our youth program.

The board also discussed:

- Upcoming Sunday Evening at Grace class offerings
- Octoberfest - a celebration of Vocation and Stewardship
- Upcoming and finished projects at church including new carpet and a new computer software system.

The meeting ended in a time of prayer.

Respectfully,
Jessie Crooks, Vision Board Secretary