The Grace Lutheran Church Vision Board met on June 9th, 2015 at the home of Dennis Grabowski. Members present were: Tari Yates, Jessie Crooks, Doug Hanson, BreAnn Haugrud, Bernard McDowell, Deb Stang, along with outgoing board members, Dennis Grabowski and Alden Riley. Mark Hellmann, and Steve Thomason were also in attendance. Greg Ackerson was absent. The group enjoyed a delicious dinner and great conversation, welcoming in the newly elected members.

After dinner, we continued the discussion with the new and old board members and familiarized Deb and Doug as to how the board operates. The board highlighted how instead of quickly moving from one agenda item to the next, we take time to discuss, sometimes tabling agenda items as necessary to further pray for guidance as to where the Holy Spirit is leading the board and the Grace community. Dennis and Alden, the outgoing board members, had a chance to reflect on their time on the Vision Board.

The board, along with Pastor Steve, also discussed what his role(s) will be at Grace now that his Ph.D. studies are coming to completion. We are excited for the opportunities that are at hand both with his continuation at Grace with new and reinvigorated roles and also with the addition of Kristie Larson as our new Youth Director.

The meeting ended with a time of prayer for the new Vision Board as a whole and other concerns of the church.

Respectfully submitted by Jessie Crooks, Vision Board Secretary