



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 26, 2021

Dear Fellow Members of Grace,

It is only appropriate that at a time when we are turning our hearts and minds toward a brighter future, we as a congregation complete the pastoral transition process. The Council met on February 18th and chose to recommend to the congregation that Pastor Amanda be called to the lead pastor role at Grace Lutheran Church. A congregational meeting has been scheduled for 11 a.m. on March 21 to consider and vote on her call.

A quorum of 50 voting members is required, and Pastor Amanda's call must be approved by the congregation with a two-thirds majority of those in attendance through a paper ballot. (Please see second sheet for meeting information.)

In God's Peace,

The Council

The Church Council of Grace Lutheran Church, Woodstock, Illinois, recommends Pastor Amanda Bergstrom to the congregation to change her call to that of Lead Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church.

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Instructions for participating in the congregational meeting

Because of the COVID-19 restrictions in place the congregational meeting will be held by Zoom video conference. At this meeting the congregation will vote on changing Pastor Amanda's call to that of Lead Pastor. Special procedures are put in place to hold elections remotely in accordance with Illinois law for non-profits. We will need a quorum as usual so please plan to attend. Voting procedures are described on the second page.

The meeting is at 11:00 am on Sunday, March 21.

The link below will get you into the meeting. If it is your first Zoom, it will automatically install the app when you click the link. We will also show you how to use the controls and send notes by chat. The chat is how we will field questions. Zoom is pretty easy to use once you become familiar with it.

It is much preferred that you attend using a computer, tablet, or smartphone. A computer is best but a tablet or smartphone running the Zoom app will also do. If it is absolutely necessary to call in on an ordinary phone, please let the church office know immediately. Arrangements will be made to give you phone access.

To join the session, click [this link](http://ow.ly/FqIU30rqZO6) or type into your web browser: <http://ow.ly/FqIU30rqZO6>

If your computer does not have a microphone and speakers, it is possible to use the screen and call in by phone. To do that, follow these steps:

- Join the meeting by computer
- After you join, a box will give the choice of connecting audio by computer or phone call. Choose phone call.
- Dial one of the phone numbers shown. When asked, enter the **meeting ID** and **participant ID** shown in the box. Once you do that, you will be able to speak and hear as well as see. (The password is not usually needed but use it if asked.)

Any questions, give Andy Bellavia a call in the evenings at 1-847-910-7667.

Voting procedures

Election by ballot

To call a pastor a paper ballot is required. Only members present at the meeting may vote; additionally 2/3 of those present must approve. (Attending but not voting is like a "no" vote.) Please follow these procedures:

1. In advance of the meeting, print the included ballot page and give one ballot to each voting family member. (See below if you are unable to print the ballot.)
2. Immediately after the meeting ends, indicate your choice on the ballot.
3. Write the name of every voting member on an envelope and put all ballots inside. Do not write your name on your ballot.
4. When the meeting is finished, bring your ballot envelope to Grace or wait for pickup if you arranged for it in advance.

Names on the envelopes will be checked against the list of attendees, then discarded. The ballots within will be placed in a box for counting separately.

Most important: We are asking that voting members bring their completed ballots to the church within one hour after the meeting closes. If that is not possible, arrangements can be made to have your ballot picked up at your home. You must request ballot pickup in advance by calling or emailing the church office. Please make your request before 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 18.

Include with your request:

- Name
- Address
- Telephone number

Call in or email your request to Grace at:

- (815) 338-0554
- grace@gracewoodstock.org

If you cannot print the included ballot, you may also request one in advance from the office.