



October 2025 Messenger of PEACE

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Dear Church Family member,

Blessings to you and your family!

The Apostle Paul wrote to the young minister Timothy to pray for all people. He said, I urge that supplications, prayers, and intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all people.

1 Timothy 2:1

I want you to know that I am praying for you and your family.

This past summer God moved me to grab our old church directory and our current list of members and name by name pray for each family and each person in our church. I am super excited that we will have a new directory with everyone's smiling faces to match with your names. It is my goal to learn everyone's names in this second year of my ministry with Peace Lutheran.

It is hard to believe we are already moving forward into another amazing year together. I want to encourage you to pray daily for one another. We are so blessed to have our prayer chain to lift up all the challenges and joys of our members as well as our pastors and elders and staff to pray. What a blessing!

I encourage you to join me and get to know the folks at church and pray for them. In the book of James 5:16 it says, Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 says, Therefore encourage one another and build one another up..

There are a lot of amazing people at Peace Lutheran. All of us could use prayer at one time or another. I think a new friend is just one prayer away.

PEACE WORSHIP TIMES

SATURDAY

6:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary

SUNDAY

8:30 - Worship in Sanctuary

10:30 Worship in Peace Center

ONLINE WORSHIP

Livestream

plchutch.org Watch Live@8:30am



FacebookLive

www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMN

YouTube

www.youtube.com/PeaceHutchinsonmn

CABLE TV - HCVN

chan 10 - Nuvera, chan 8 - Mediacom

Sun. 7 pm & 10 pm

Wed 5 pm, Thurs 10 am



What can we pray for one another? Ask your neighbor, Can I pray for you? What would you like me to pray for? Then Pray for God to Bless your fellow church family member. Pray for God to bless their family members by name. Pray for God's healing if needed, Pray whatever the Holy Spirit leads you to pray.

I've heard said before at wedding ceremonies, "the couple that prays together stays together" Perhaps that applies to being a church too, "the church that prays together stays together"

In this Fall season as we go about our day and our weeks serving God and our families and our church family, I encourage you to start with a prayer and end each day with a prayer to our loving Heavenly Father and his Son Jesus Christ. We pray.

Dear Jesus, you taught your disciples to pray, hear our prayer today. We thank you for all your Blessings, Guide us to be a blessing to one another! Amen

See you at church!

Pastor Kurt Weber

Associate Pastor's Corner

Pastor Weber and I are off to fast start this Fall season. He has been with us for only year and what a great year it has been. God is SO good. One year ago, I said to the congregation, the Best is yet to Come. Folks it won't come all at once. We will work with diligence for some time yet and the "it" that we are looking for will be among us and it will seem to normal and usual, like we have been doing this all along.

I teach 7th Grade Confirmation. Parents – thank you for bringing to us such wonderful children, students. A very big change this year will be the opening devotion that begins our time. Pastor Weber and I did a skit for the first week. The following weeks will be done by the classes. This should be interesting – let's see, how do we put what we learn into words and action? You may want to pass on some creative ideas. We use as topics our classroom subjects.

GRIEF SHARE – We are off to a wonderful beginning again this year. Folks, you can join or pop in for a visit anytime. We ask that you stay for at least 3 sessions just to receive a fuller view of how the sessions work. Topics for October are: Being overwhelmed, Anger, Regrets, helping grieving family members, being honest with your grief. Remember also, we will have a ONE session only on the topic of SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS. That session will be November 20 form 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

SHUT IN MINISTRY – Paul Otte and I make every attempt to visit our shut-ins. If you know of a member that we are not connecting with please let us know by contacting the church office.

God's Peace,
Pastor Miller

Adult Choir – We are looking for new members who are willing to join their voices with us as we sing a joyful song to the Lord! We meet on Wednesdays at 5:30pm in the choir room. No experience is needed.

NEW! Youth Handbells – Come join the fun and ring with us! Wednesday, October 1st during early release time after school. Please contact Dr. Joan for more information. Middle school students can remain at church for confirmation class.

OFFICIAL ACTS

Baptism

September 14 – Oaklynn Vivian Jean Setter, Daughter of Colton and Ashley Setter

FUNERALS

September 8 – Allen Fuchs, 65, Passed August 30
September 13- Sharon Schroeder, 79, Passed September 4
September 19- Elsie Alsleben, 94, Passed September 12
September 20- William Christensen, 80, Passed September 13

Memorials

Emil Starke - \$100 - Cemetery Fund
Allen Fuchs - \$20 - General Fund



October

Ushers

Saturday 6:30pm

Oct 4: Patty Thul & Brian Baysinger
11: Dick & Corinne Higgins
18: Rhonda Tronick & Kathy Hochsprung
25: Dean & Lisa Kirchoff

8:30am

Team 1 & 2
Glenn Witte
Doug Witte
Brian Koehler
Rusten Huls
Kevin Buss

Saturday 6:30pm

Oct 4: Micah Perrault
11: Dick Higgins
18: JoAnn Keilen
25: Annette Koehler

October Readers

Sunday 8:30am

Oct 5: John Lietz
12: Matthew Thomforde
19: Annabel Luthens
26: Mary Haag

10:30am

Aiden Fromm
Sharon Christensen
Evelyn & Violet Kaping
Kevin Pfau

October Greeters

October 5

8:30 Dale & Sheri Ziemann
10:30 Wayne Vinkemeier

October 12

8:30 Bev Czmowski & Diane Neubarth
10:30 Anita Miller

October 19

8:30 Jerry & Mary Haag
10:30 Wayne Vinkemeier

October 26

8:30 Norb & Dee Hemmann
10:30 John & Linda Kalenberg

Occasional Sale Update

September occasional sale proceeds were \$2,028.83. Half of the proceeds, \$1,014.41 went to debt reduction, local food shelf received \$507.21, and the same amount went toward utilities and maintenance. As always, we are so very thankful for our volunteers and donors. It is only because of the generosity of your time and donations that we are able to make this happen each month.

The next drop-off date is Monday, October 27, from 4:00-6:00 P.M. Volunteers are always welcome to help sort and price donations on Monday and Thursday mornings from 10:00-noon. Items can also be dropped off during those times. Please ring the doorbell, and volunteers will receive your donations. We are accepting clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, home décor (especially Fall and Christmas), towels, bedding, small rugs, kitchen items, lamps, pictures, small appliances, crafts, yarn, toys, books, puzzles, DVD's, CD's, vinyl records, and sport collector cards.

The next occasional sale date is October 2nd from 10:00-6:00. This month's special is 50% off of all shoes. A quarter of the occasional sale proceeds will be given to Safe Avenues. Please contact Lynn at 320-582-0193 or Gayle at 320-583-2487 if you have any questions about donations.

***NOTE In the 12 months the store has been operational their total sales have been \$27,389.91 (this included \$14,589.61 for the debt fund & \$6,479.15 for various charities.) We have an amazing crew of volunteers that continue to work countless hours to make this such a success! THANK YOU ALL!!!!

GRIEF SHARE

Last year a new program was initiated to help those who have lost loved ones. We experience a good number of funerals each year, and survivors often need to talk about their loss. Griefshare is that opportunity. What is said at those meetings stays there. A group of members who lead the sessions are folks who have experienced loss. The format for each meeting is to talk about a specific topic, watch a video of experts talk about a specific topic in grieving, and share personal experiences. We meet every Mondays from 4 – 5:30 pm in Room 210 at Peace. You can call the church office at 320-587-3031 to register. You are welcome even if you just show up. Welcome.



Common Cup Ministries is pleased to announce its move to a new location at 405 California Avenue NW, Hutchinson, (located across the street from Jimmy's Pizza). The new location will be able to accommodate all our needs, including office space, packing weekend food bags and client appts. Community members are invited to celebrate the move and tour the new facility during an Open House on Thursday, November 13, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Warm Coat Distribution — Wednesday, October 15th, 9am - 1 pm at Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Hutchinson. Infant thru adult sizes, some boots, snow pants and mittens. No appointment needed. For more information about Common Cup Ministries and its programs, please visit www.common-cup.org or contact 320-587-2213.

Parish Health will be helping to pack lunches for the Common Cup backpack program on Nov 10. If you are interested in helping, please contact one of us.

Thank you,
Shirley Wurdell, Renee Clabo, Mary Haag, Marith Witte, Sally Moehring, Sharon Olson, Parish Health Ministry Team



CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY

It is time again for us to do a picture directory of our members. We have the following photo sessions reserved (October 3 & 4; and November 6, 7 & 8). More dates will be added if needed. Each individual or family unit having their photo taken will receive a free 8 X 10 color picture, a copy of the completed book (which will be 8½ x 11, spiral bound) and the option to order Christmas cards or additional pictures in various sizes which will arrive prior to Christmas for gifts. This will be a “one stop-shop” - pictures will be taken and you will immediately be able to view them and select the photo you want in the book (and if you want a different one as your free 8x10) and also place an order for additional pictures or Christmas cards. Your photos will be mailed directly to you. The books should be available for pickup by mid-January at the Church. Please plan on having your picture taken for this book. Sign up after worship services in the Commons area. OR- sign up on-line at ucdir.com - 1. go to 'Photography', 2. click on 'Photography session sign up', 3. our Church code is MN609. • 4. our Password is photos. You can access this site from 12:01am on Sundays until 11:59pm on Fridays. The site is not accessible on weekends, however, you will be able to sign up in person here at Church. If you have questions, please contact Sue in the office.

*Register on our website at www.plchutch.org



TIGER TWEENS

What: an after-school program
When: Wednesday from 3:15-4:30
Who: 4th and 5th graders
Where: met by Tiger Tween leaders at "the rock"
We'll have a snack, interactive Christian curriculum plus visits with Prince of Peace residents throughout the school year. Sign up on PLC website or on registration forms in the Commons.



Confirmation | Wednesdays
Begins Sept 10 | 2:30 pm | Grade 6,7,8

The confirmation program at Peace Lutheran provides an opportunity for students in grades 6-8 to continue their spiritual journey, that they may come to have a greater understanding of the Bible and Luther's Catechism in their daily lives. If interested in joining, please feel free to contact Jill in the office at 320-587-3031.



Release Time Grades 2-5

Wed. Morning Church Basement **Beginning Oct. 22nd**
This is a great mid-week program in which children are released from school for one hour to go to a church of their choice for religious education.

****REGISTRATION must be done prior to attending to be excused from school. Forms are returned TO THE SCHOOL.**



Help Needed! We are looking for parents/adults who are interested in helping with our youth programs. What better way to serve at Peace Lutheran than through helping children deepen their love for the Lord! If interested please call the church at 587-3031, and talk with Jill and she can help you find the best way you can serve. We have many activities, come see where you fit in!!



It's time for the ANNUAL TRICK OR TREAT for FOOD SHELF!
Wednesday, October 29th Food Pick-up 4:30 - 7:00 pm
As part of the HAY Ministry, (Hutchinson Area Youth) Youth will be going door-to-door throughout Hutchinson to collect non-perishable food items for the food shelf on Wednesday, October 30 from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. All youth and volunteers will meet back at the Peace Center for a well deserved pizza party.

YOU CAN HELP!

Turn your light on and have donations ready to give when students come to your door. You can also set outside your door for pick up. All food collected will be donated to McLeod Emergency Food Shelf. God has called us to help and serve others. Let's all help ease the burdens of others by choosing kindness, mercy, and generosity.



Peace Lutheran will be serving Free Lunch at Cross Point Church for all the High Schoolers on October 23rd. If you are interested in helping serve, or would like to be involved please call Jill in the church office.



Sunday School

We are delighted that so many students (preschool through 8th grade), teachers, parents and helpers are joining us on Sunday mornings to learn more about the Bible. Our October lessons will be: October 5 Giving of the Law, The Ten Commandments; October 12 Joshua and the Walls of Jericho; October 19 Samuel; October 26 David and Goliath. In addition, the PRAYZ team will sing on October 5th at 10:30 and Sunday School will sing on October 19th at 10:30am.



Sunday School Missions

Our fall mission project is purchasing animals through Lutheran World Relief. Animals are part of LWR programming because healthy, thriving animals contribute to healthy and thriving communities. LWR works in rural farming communities because those in poverty often live in rural settings and rely on agriculture for survival, including livestock. Sunday School offerings will go toward this project.



Children's Christmas Pageant

Children's Christmas pageant forms are due November 1st so we can assign and distribute parts and costumes. Saturday, Dec. 13 - 10-11:30am Christmas rehearsal + 11:30 Family pizza party (please RSVP). Sunday, Dec. 14 - No lesson. Meet at 10am, 10:30am Children's Christmas pageant.



Parish Health would like to participate in Samaritan's Purse Shoebox program again this year. We will be using regular shoe boxes again this year. We will publish the plans for assembly and a list of items we might need. Please watch the bulletin and messenger for details. One item we always need is bar soap, small color books, crayons or colored pencils and pencil sharpeners incase you want to start shopping.



We have an URGENT need for additional Audio-Video team persons. Please consider this vital ministry. Call or text Dr. Joan at 952-277-9961. The computer training isn't difficult but some "techy" skills are helpful.

Bloodmobile

TUESDAY, Oct 14th
TUESDAY, Nov 11th
12 pm - 6 pm - Peace Center

• Appointments can be made on line at
redcrossblood.org



Save the Day!

Save the date information:

Tuesday November 18, 2025 6:30 PM

Peace Center, Peace Lutheran Church.

Speaker: Benjamin Hylden.

At age 16 Ben was in a severe life threatening, life changing, single car rollover. Found by his parents who at first did not recognize their son or his vehicle. God intervened!!!

Target audience: Teens & parents and adults.

No admission charge. Free will offerings accepted.

Coffee, Lemonade and Cookies will be available.

Come and hear his story! Tell a friend--Community is welcome!

Taxi services available to worship services by calling for a ride. 552-0195 We have started serving coffee and treats for Sunday Bible study. The money taken in will be used to fund the Taxi. We encourage everyone to be generous. We have quite a few regular riders and it costs \$30 for each rider, each time. It is a wonderful service that allows members to attend services and as much as we would like to give rides we know it isn't something we would be able to do. This is our way to do it. Thank you



Quilting Begins on the 15th



The season is changing and we are loving these Fall colors. Nothing beats the beauty of Fall colors in Minnesota - a Gift from God! Another change coming for us is our Holiday Tour of Home Open House event will be taking place a month early. Keep your eyes open for more info in the Messenger this month and next. We pray that this season God blesses you all with strength, joy, and plenty of reasons to be grateful.



Blessings,
Destini Doring
Executive Director
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Sat, Nov. 22nd ★ 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Come for a led tour and enjoy...

- * Entertainment by Trisky Duo
- * Coffee, treats, & more
- * 20 + Themed Christmas Trees

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Peace Lutheran Women in Mission

Peace Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)



LWML Sunday is October 5th. To find out more about the mission of the LWML check out the display table in the commons area, the LWML bulletin board in the ramp area or go to the website: www.lwml.org.

The LWML Crow River Conference Fall Rally will be on October 18, 2025 in Green Isle at St. Paul Lutheran church. Information is posted on the LWML bulletin board.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The Minnesota South District LWML is seeking volunteers to help at the 31st District Convention on June 18-20, 2026. The Crow River Conference, which is made up of the Arlington Zone, the McLeod Zone and the Litchfield Zone, will be the Host Committee for the convention. Around 30 volunteers are needed from the three zones. Please consider attending the convention and being a volunteer. More information will be coming soon. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AN LWML MEMBER TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION.** If interested, contact Nona Anderson (583-6745).

Concordia Seminary has assigned a new Seminarian for us to support as he studies to become a Lutheran Pastor. His name is Alexander Nelson and he is the grandson of Pastor and Pat Bode. We donate \$500 twice yearly to support him. We invite the congregation to contribute to his education with a monetary gift to Peace Lutheran LWML and we will forward it to his account.

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*Dear Church family,
It's time for a New Directory!*



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.





October 2025 Prayer Calendar



1. Pray: "May the words of my mouth and the medication of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord my rock and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14.
2. Pray that God's plan for your life and the lives of others becomes fulfilled.
3. Help us to pray for our enemies and show love and mercy to all.
4. Pray song "Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure." (Lutheran Service Book (LSB) Hymn 685)
5. Pray Psalm 103:1 "Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name."
6. Pray song "Give Thanks with a grateful heart". (LSB 806)
7. Pray song "Let us ever walk with Jesus". (LSB 685)
8. Pray and know: "with God, all things are possible!" (Matthew 19:26)
9. Pray Psalm 46:7 "The LORD almighty is with us; the God Jacob is our fortress."
10. "Selah" did you ever wonder it mean? Pause, Slowdown, Stop and think.
11. Pray 1 John 4:16 God is love. Let us be a blessing to everyone we meet today.
12. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen." (LSB 805).
13. Pray Hymn 729 (LSB) today. Verse 1: "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, trusting only Thee; trusting Thee for full salvation, great and free."
14. Pray Verse 2: "I am trusting Thee for pardon; at thy feet I bow, for Thy grace and tender mercy trusting now."
15. Pray Verse 3: "I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood; trusting Thee to make me holy by Thy blood."
16. Pray Verse 4: "I am trusting Thee to guide me, Thou alone shalt lead, every day and hour supplying all my needs."
17. Pray Verse 5: "I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail, Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me must prevail."
18. Pray Verse 6: "I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; never let me fall. I am trusting Thee forever and for all."
19. Pray this again for Family, Friends, and loved ones, for our country, and for our enemy's. May they all find the love of God in their lives.
20. Pray Hymn 715 (LSB) Verse 1: "Jesus Savior Pilot Me, Over Life's tempestuous sea. Unknown waves Before me roll, Hiding rock and treacherous shoal. Chart and compass come for Thee. Jesus Savior pilot me."
21. Pray Verse 2: "As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild; Boisterous waves obey Thy will When Thou say'st to them "Be still!" Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Jesus, Savior pilot me."
22. Pray Verse 3: "When at last, I near the shore And the fearful breakers roar Twixt me and the peaceful rest, Then, while leaning on Thy breast, May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will Pilot thee."
23. Again, please pray this for Family, Friends, and loved ones, for our country, and for our enemy's. May they all find the love of God in their lives.
24. Pray Psalm 25: 4 "Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; 5. guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long."
25. Pray, Praise, and give thanks today and each day to follow!
26. Sing and pray "My Hope is Built on Nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand." (LSB 575, verse 1)
27. Read Proverbs 16:9 "In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps."
28. When you feel overwhelmed: stop, sit down, relax as you breath in long and slow and say, "My soul finds rest" then breath out while saying "in thee alone" Repeat three times. Then read Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."
29. Pray Psalm 46:1-3 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
30. Pray again! "Let the words of my mouth and the medication of my heart be acceptable in your sight O Lord my rock and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14.
31. Give thanks to God for Martin Luther on this Reformation day celebration. To God be the Glory! Amen.

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OFFICE HOURS Monday- Closed
 Tuesday – Thursday 9 am - 4 pm
 Friday – 9 am – 1 pm

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:30 Worship/Communion 9:40 Bible Study 9:40 Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Communion	4:5:30 Grief Share Office Closed	6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 10:00 Women's Bible St 3:00 Parables 6:00 Women Talk 6:30 Promise Keepers 6:30 Elders	Early Release 10:00 Body & Soul 11:30 Worship & Lunch 12:30 Youth Handbells 2:45 Confirmation 4:30 Teen Bible Study/Youth 5:30 Adult Choir 6:30 Handbells	Occasional Sale 10-6	2-8:30 Photos	6:45-7:45 Men's Bible 6:30 Worship/Communion 10-4 Photos
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Peace Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

August 11, 2025

Present: Melissa Weckwerth, Chuck Jones, Justin Evenson, Kathy Hochsprung, Dean Kirchoff, Gary Havemeier, Lynn Brown, Pastor Weber, Sue Kroyer

AGENDA

Welcome

Opening Prayer and Devotion by Pastor Weber, Proverbs 29:18, 1 Peter 4:10, 11

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Gary to approve the June 10, 2025, Council minutes as presented, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried.

A Congregational Fund update was presented by Mike McKimm, Chair of the Committee. They will be presenting a complete report at the Annual Congregational Meeting in February of 2026.

Reports

1. Pastor's Report

Pastor Weber reported that the Call Committee is continuing to search for a Director of Child, Youth and Family Ministry after our potential candidate removed himself from consideration. Pastor gave a positive report on the Youth Conference which he recently attended with two other chaperones and 13 of our youth in New Orleans. He mentioned the next LCMS Youth Conference will be in three years in San Antonio TX, but that we are hoping to plan other mission trips prior to that. He also reported that plans are being finalized for the fall start of Sunday School, Bible Study, Confirmation, Grief Share. He also shared that we are looking into offering a Divorce Care series in the new year.

2. Administrator/Office Report

Sue reported that the Church computers have been upgraded which was necessary as Windows 10 support will no longer be available as of October 14th. As there was not a July Council meeting, the report for the Occasional Sale was for two months – Total sales were \$5,454.28 with \$2,727.14 to debt reduction, \$1,363.57 for utilities and building maintenance, \$727.78 in July for Common Cup and \$635.79 in August to Safe Avenues.

3. Treasurer's Report

Justin presented the year to date P & L for review and discussion

4. Elder's Report

No report

Old Business:

1. Carpet Installation – Justin reported that the Sanctuary carpet project will start on Sunday August 17th and hopefully will be completed within a week. Extensive cleaning will also be done at this time.

2. Church Directory – Sue reported that a company has been secured. This is the same company that has been working with other area churches and received good references. Each family photographed will receive a free 8X10 colored photo and a picture book. Sign up will be before and after worship services and on-line the rest of the week. The photo sessions will start soon with purchased pictures available prior to Christmas and the book completed in January

3. Guiding Light Update – Pastor reported that a Director has been hired and pending licensing. they anticipate opening the beginning of November

4. Governance Documents – These will be distributed to the Council for review and vote to accept at the September meeting.

New Business:

1. Youth programming – a new Bible Study for high school age will be starting in September. There are also plans for monthly events for our youth

2. Goal setting for next year – discussion was held on various areas we can focus on

3. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 9th

Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted

Kim Borca

Church Council Secretary

Melissa Weckwerth

Church Council President

In Kim's absence, the minutes were recorded by Sue Kroyer, Administrator