***Constitution of***

***Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church***

***301 East Conan Street, Ely, MN 55731 (Revised January 2014)***

Purposed changes (ELCA Synod Model Constitution Guidelines 2016) to the Constitution of Grace Lutheran:

Changes Purposed are **bolded** and **underlined**:

Chapter 11.

OFFICERS

Currently reads:

C11.01. The officers of this congregation shall be a president, vice-president, secretary.

Change reads:

C11.01. The officers of this congregation shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, **and treasurer**.

Add-in:

D11.01. **If the Congregation Council elects its officers, the president, vice president, and secretary shall be selected from the elected membership of the Congregation Council. [If the treasurer is not selected from the elected membership of the Congregation Council, the treasurer shall have voice but not vote at the meetings of the Congregation Council.]**

Chapter 12.

CONGREATION COUNCIL

Currently reads:

C12.02. The voting members of the Congregation Council except the pastor(s) shall be elected at a legally called annual meeting of the congregation. Their term of office shall be for 3 years (with the exception of the youth member who serves a one year term) with the term of office beginning the month following the annual meeting at which they are elected. Newly elected Congregation Council members shall be installed at worship on a Sunday prior to the date they assume office. **The Congregation Council shall appoint a treasurer who will be a non-voting ex-officio member of the Congregation Council**.

Change reads:

C12.02. The voting members of the Congregation Council except the pastor(s) shall be elected at a legally called annual meeting of the congregation. Their term of office shall be for 3 years (with the exception of the youth member who serves a one year term) with the term of office beginning the month following the annual meeting at which they are elected. Newly elected Congregation Council members shall be installed at worship on a Sunday prior to the date they assume office.

Chapter 13.

CONGREGATION COMMITTEES

Currently reads:

C13.03. A ***Nominating Committee*** of six voting members of this congregation, two of whom, if possible, shall be outgoing members of the Congregation Council, shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible for consecutive re-election.

Change reads:

C13.03. A ***Nominating Committee*** of **four (4) or more** voting members of this congregation, two of whom, if possible, shall be outgoing members of the Congregation Council, shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible for consecutive re-election.