

Grace's Mountain View

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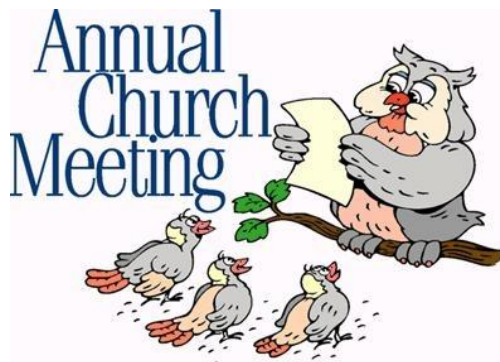
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REGULARY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Pastors' Text Study.....Tuesdays...11:30 A.M.
Quilters.....Wednesdays...9:30 A.M.
Fellowship/Game Day...Wednesdays...1:30 A.M.
Confirmation.....Wednesdays...6:30 P.M.
Bible Study.....Thursdays...10:30 A.M.
GLCW.....1st Monday...6:00 P.M.
Church Council.....3rd Tuesday...6:30 P.M.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of Grace Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2019 following the worship service. Everyone is encouraged to attend this important meeting. The Council has proposed the following change in the church bylaws concerning the length of council terms. *It has been proposed to change the length of council terms from 3 years to 2 years.* This proposal will be voted on by the congregation. Also on the agenda is the election of 2-3 council members.

SERVE ON THE CHURCH COUNCIL!---The Nominating Committee for our church council is seeking candidates for two 2-year council positions, to be elected at the annual meeting. Council duty is not 'light work', requiring a 2-year commitment of time and energy, but can be very rewarding and enlightening in being intimately involved in our Lord's work at the grass roots. Anyone interested in serving, or having questions about council work, please contact one of these Nominating Committee members: Kevin Erickson, Dave Nybo, and Kathy Coyle. You are welcome to talk to any of the other current Council members. **PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER BECOMING A COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATE WHEN ASKED!!**



January 2019

This is the year for the catechism in the three-year cycle we use for confirmation. We have just finished up with the 10 commandments and will move on to the Apostles' Creed after the new year.

What looks like constraints on the surface are a gift from God which if followed by everyone, would make life better for all. Luther understood that when he reminded us to fear and love God and then he goes on to give positive examples of keeping the commandment such as "Do not kill" also means to look out for your neighbor's every need. Not only are we to "Not bear false witness", but we are to speak well of and explain our neighbor's actions in the best way possible (there goes talk radio!) See, I just broke the commandment!

Since many people make New Year's resolutions, looking at the guidance of the Small Catechism is a good place to start! If that doesn't work, then Lent begins on March 6th and the seven weeks is about the time it takes to establish a new habit. Focused attention and even small changes can add up over time.

In an article in Gather, the magazine for the Women of the ELCA, Karen Bockelman tells of an experiment she tried when her daughter suffered from "night terrors" those bad dreams which are common for young children. An article in a magazine had suggested that when her daughter started crying uncontrollable, she should wake her just a little and ask if she was having a bad dream. She said, "When my daughter answered yes, I said no wonder. You are sleeping on the bad dream side of the pillow. Let's turn it over so you can sleep on the good dream side." She responded immediately, her tears dried, she snuggled back to bed and fell asleep. It worked repeatedly.

Brockelman continued, "Children need a concrete reason to change their thinking, Adults too can benefit from a different perspective, although it's a bit more complicated than flipping over a pillow."

Her primary example is that our culture focuses on "Scarcity" and the idea of a "zero-sum" game, where whatever others have takes away from us.....

To "flip the pillow" we need to remind ourselves that God is a God of abundance! Over and over again we read in the gospels that God provides more than enough.... more wine, more bread and fish, more living water and even life itself....

Can you in the new year, both look for God at work and also BE a sign of God's abundant love for others?

Let me know what happens.

God's abundant and ever-present love be with you all!

Pastor Ann

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!



As we end 2018 and begin 2019, I recall the things that we as a congregation have accomplished. Most importantly, we have been able to continue God's mission for us as a church. For that I am grateful.

I too, am grateful for all the help and support that we as a council have received from all of you. It is so very important that the council makes decisions that the congregation wants. You have been supportive in every way and I have felt the prayers that have gone up for us as we have done our daily work for God.

There have been some major repairs that have had to be made and has cost a little more than we liked but, in the end, we hope that they will last for a while.

The budget has been a little tighter due to the fact that Grace had to assume a little higher ratio in regard to the contract with Bakke but again, we have made through by the grace of God and your donations. Also, the Boys & Girls Club have moved out to a larger facility and we did lose a little there too. But again, God has been gracious to us and helped us through. My wish is that we continue to grow and move forward!

Lillian

CHURCH MEETINGS

GLCW

Grace Lutheran Church Women will meet on Monday, January 7th at 6:00 P.M.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, January 10th at 12:30 P.M.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Monday, January 15th at 6:00 P.M.

CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee will meet Sunday, January 13th at 11:30 A.M.

GRACE LUTHERAN ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019

FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!



(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—December 18, 2018)

† Meeting was called to order Devotions given by Jim Brogren.

† Secretary report approved as read.

† Finance report approved as printed.

November Total Expenses	\$12,257.99
November Total Income	\$11,093.14
Savings Balance	\$11,753.04
Rainy Day Fund	\$12,570.87
Mission Investment Fund	\$1,061.98
Mission Investment Savings	\$1,004.08
Checkbook Balance 11/30/2016	\$1,467.50

† Motion made and carried to designate \$24,000.00 for Pastor Ann's housing allowance in 2019.

† **PROPERTY**---Jerry will check to see if furnaces could be converted to natural gas and get bids. Will check with city on any rebates. Large window in Narthex was caulked.

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH**---Sunday School kids/confirmation youth put on a fabulous Christmas program. Kids voted on where to donate the money raised from their Advent Store. Money will go towards buying a goat for an impoverished country. Confirmation youth went shopping for gifts from names off the Angel Tree.

† **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE**---Christmas letter was sent to congregational members.

† **EVANGELISM/OUTREACH**---Noisy offering used to purchase gifts from the Angel Tree. Large number of adults and youth went caroling at the nursing home and enjoyed a light supper at the church afterward. Big thank you to Jim for all the time he has donated to working on updating our website.

† **GLCW**---\$200.00 was given to ELCA Lutheran Relief Fund and Churches United for the homeless from the profits from the Bazaar.

† **WORSHIP**---Pastor Ann will be on vacation from December 25th to January 2nd. Gale and Kathy will be leading the "Carols and Lessons" worship service on Sunday, December 30th.

† **OLD BUSINESS**---Motion made and carried to donate the money given in honor of Norm Danielson's 80th birthday to be placed in the maintenance fund.

† **NEW BUSINESS**---It was suggested that Grace and Bakke have a meeting, possibly in March.

† Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

† Annual Congregational meeting will be held January 27, 2019 following the worship service.

† Next council meeting is set for Tuesday, January 15th at 6:00 P.M. Members are to bring sack lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale LaFerriere, council secretary

JANUARY USHERS, GREETERS, GREETERS---

10:00 A.M. Service

Sonia Anderson, Coordinator 847-8555
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DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	READER
January 6, 2019	Annette and Hunter Korth	Blair and Marin Westrum	Kathy Coyle
January 13, 2019	Dan & Kari Lane	Gary & Dona Rosell	Becky Esser
January 20, 2019	Marin & Kelly Westrum		Glennis Olson
January 27, 2019	Shirley Gulden	Gale LaFerriere	Kathy Coyle

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
January 6, 2019	Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14	Isaiah 60: 1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
January 13, 2019	Psalm 29	Isaiah 43:1-7 Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
January 20, 2019	Psalm 36:5-10	Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
January 27, 2019	Psalm 19	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR JANUARY

DATE	SERVERS
January 6, 2019	Sonia Anderson, Kathy Coyle, Norm Danielson
January 13, 2019	Matt & Kelly Carrier, Blair & Kelly Westrum, Donovan & Paula Quam
January 20, 2019	Bev Berg, Lloyd & Ruby Kiihn, Vivian Wittnebel
January 27, 2019	Kevin & Kathy Erickson, Bill & Anita Hill, Michelle Peterson, Heather Peterson

NURSING HOME MINISTRY:

Don't forget our members in Nursing Homes and Care Facilities.

Emmanuel Nursing Home-1415 Madison Ave.

Dorina Sundeen

Oak Crossing Nursing Homes-1040 Lincoln Ave.

Darlene Nordlund

Frazee Assisted Living # 20

Wilma Leitheiser

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



January 7
Mary Ritchie

January 15
Tucker McDermond

January 17
David Nybo

January 24
Joann Eliassen

January 26
Sara Nelson

January 27
Kaja Quam
Parker Quam

January 31
Tyler Leitheiser

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

**GOD BLESS YOU
ON YOUR
ANNIVERSARY**

No Anniversaries this month

IT'S A GRACE THING!

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, PLEASE let us know so that we can add your birthdays and/or anniversaries into our computer. Thank you.

THE LENT SEASON IS APPROACHING!!!



ASH WEDNESDAY is on Wednesday, March 6th. Ash Wednesday worship service will be held at Bakke Lutheran with a meal being served at 6:00 P.M. with worship service at 7:00 P.M. We will be alternating Wednesdays with Bakke. Lenten Service will be at Grace on March 13th with meal at 6:00 P.M. and worship service at 7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday worship service will be at Bakke on Thursday, April 18th with meal at 6:00 P.M. and worship service at 7:00 P.M. Good Friday worship service will be held at Grace on Friday, April 19th at 7:00 P.M. Easter worship services will be held at 7:00 A.M. on Sunday, April 21st at Bakke. Grace will hold Easter worship services at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, April 21st.



**THANKS TO ALL THOSE
WHO CONTRIBUED TO
“THE GIVING TREE!”**

THANKS YOU to everyone who helped decorate our church for Christmas.

THANK YOU to all who went caroling on December 9th. The residents enjoyed the music as well as the carolers had a good time also!

THANKS to the Sunday School who performed so well on their Christmas Program. A special thank you to Traci Mace and Becky Esser who worked so hard on props and encouraging the children to do their best at the program. Thanks also to all those who helped with the program in various ways. Many compliments were heard about how well the children performed!

THANK YOU to Jerry Nybo who does the repair work when needed. He is prompt as he comes when something needs repair!

MEMORIAL GIFTS



IN LOVING MEMORY

<i>IN MEMORY OF</i>	<i>FUND</i>	<i>GIVEN BY</i>	<i>DATE</i>
Alice Olson	Mortgage	Carol Hanson	December 2, 2019



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, January 6th. *We encourage all students to return to classes following the Christmas break.* There is still lots to learn about Jesus and how he lights up our lives!

NOTE: Please sign-up to help during Sunday School as well as bringing healthy treats for the students. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for you to sign at your convenience. Thank you for helping out Grace Lutheran Sunday School.

CONFIRMATION

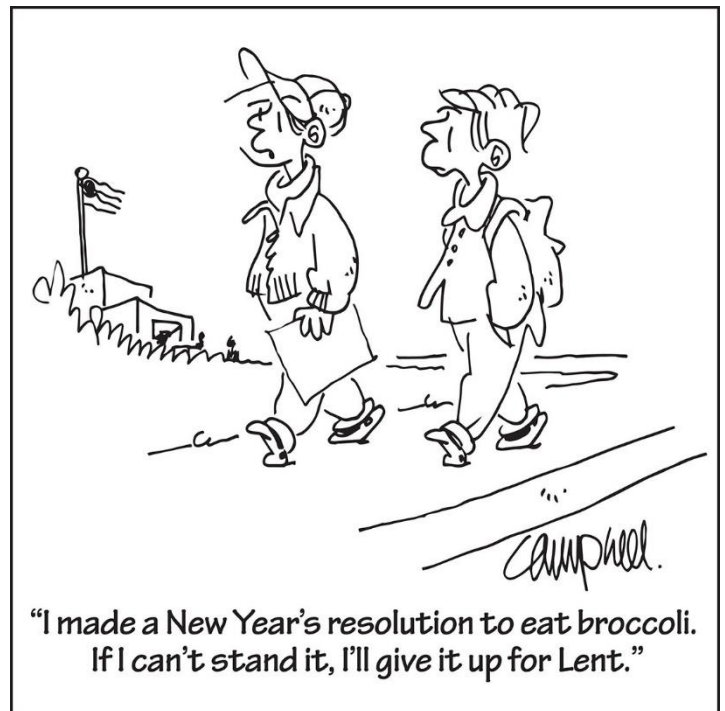
Confirmation classes will resume on Wednesday, January 9th at Grace Lutheran Church.

Confirmation classes will not be held during the Lenten season; however, the students are to attend the Lenten worship services held on Wednesdays.

Just a reminder to **students**, that you should be continuing to work on obtaining the required points (10 sermon notes, 5 times of service during worship service, and 2 service projects) to complete your current Confirmation year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Ann or Glennis.

Ninth graders should have chosen a mentor and are to meet 4 times during the year.

PARENTS, please check with your students on their Confirmation progress. Together with your child, Confirmation will be an educational and inspiring time for the Confirmation students.



Given in Memory

Or

In Honor of...



**POINSETTIA
DONATIONS**

Thank you to all those who ordered poinsettias to adorn our sanctuary for the Christmas season.

❁ 2 red small poinsettias in memory of Arvid Anderson given by Clarice Anderson and family.

❁ 1 red large poinsettia in memory of Vern, Nicholas, and Stacie Zitzow given by Elvie Zitzow

❁ 1 pink large poinsettia given in memory of Jamie Olson, and Clifford & Gerdes Hovelson and in honor of children and grandchildren given by Glennis Olson.

❁ 1 red large poinsettia in memory of Marlin Gulden given by Shirley Gulden & family.

❁ 1 red small red poinsettia in memory of Frantz and Goldie Venable given by Tammy Ives and Francine Lunde.

❁ 1 red large poinsettia in memory of Ben Carnegie given by Irene Carnegie and children & grandchildren.

❁ 1 white large poinsettia in memory of Myron (Bud) and Barbara McLeod given by Keith & Merry Lee Linden.

❁ 1 red large poinsettia in memory of Marlin Gulden given by Shirley Gulden and children and grandchildren.

❁ 1 red small poinsettia in memory of all our past loved ones and honor of children given by Matt & Kelly Carrier.

❁ 1 red large poinsettia in memory of Arne, Elizabeth, Arne Jr. and Gerry Nybo Jr. given by Gerry & Lillian Nybo.

❁ 1 red small poinsettia in memory of Stan Lunde given by Sheila & Justin Longfors.

❁ 1 red large poinsettia in memory of Robert Eliassen given by grandchildren and great-grandchildren

❁ 1 red large poinsettia in memory of Jann Herman given by Vern Herman Family.

❁ 2 red small poinsettias in honor of Gale LaFerriere and Terry Bowers given by Dr. Paul Hendrickson.

❁ 2 red small poinsettias in memory of George & Lucille Rotz, and Bud & Ann Schwoboda given by Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda.



If you have not taken your poinsettia home,
please do so as soon as possible.

Your names will be on the flowers you ordered.

Thank you.

Recipe for a Happy New Year

Author: Unknown

Take twelve whole months,

clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy.

Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut each month in to twenty-eight, thirty, thirty-one different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once.

Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.

Mix well into each day one part of faith, one part of patience, one part of courage, and one part of work.

Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity, and kindness.

Blend with one-part prayer, one-part meditation, and one good deed.

Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun,

a pinch of play, and a cupful of good humor.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love. Cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with a smile, and serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness.

Your final results may vary depending on your attitude.

HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



January 2019

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Grace Lutheran Church 213 Roosevelt Ave. Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 218-847-4568 gracelutheran@arvig.net</p>	<p>Pastor Ann Newgard-Larson Home--218-844-7270 Bakke Church-218-847-7073</p>					
6	9:15-9:50 a.m.--Coffee/Fellowship 10:00 a.m.-----Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.----Sunday School resumes!						
7		6:00 p.m. GLCW meeting					
8							
9				Confirmation resumes! 9:30 a.m. Grace Quilters 1:30 p.m. Games & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation			
10					10:30 a.m. Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Finance & Budget Meeting		
11							
12							9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Sr. High Retreat @ Luther Crest
13	9:15-9:50 a.m.-- Coffee/Fellowship 10:00 a.m.-----Worship Service with Noisy Offering 10:30 a.m.----Sunday School 11:30 a.m.---C.E. meeting Sr. High Retreat @ Luther Crest						
14							
15			6:00 p.m. Church Council (Bring sack lunch)				
16				9:30 a.m. Grace Quilters 1:30 p.m. Games & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation			
17					10:30 a.m. Bible Study		
18							
19							
20	9:15-9:50 a.m.--Coffee/Fellowship 10:00 a.m.-----Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.----Sunday School						
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23				9:30 a.m. Grace Quilters 1:30 p.m. Games & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation			
24					10:30 a.m. Bible Study		
25							
26							9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. NW Synod workshop @ Grace
27	9:15-9:50 a.m.----Coffee/Fellowship 10:00 a.m.-----Worship Service with Noisy Offering 10:30 a.m.----Sunday School 11:15 a.m.---- ANNUAL MEETING						
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31					10:30 a.m. Bible Study		



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Sunday School Sept - May 10:30 A.M.

Adult Ed. Opportunities Year-round

Office Hours 8:00 till Noon M – F

*“Come and join us in growing into God’s
amazing Grace.”*

EXPERIENCE GRACE AT GRACE

Grace Lutheran Church...a place to belong



Vision Statement---Grace Lutheran Church seeks to be a serving and witnessing people of God, united to share the Gospel with all. Through the Holy Spirit, we respond by reaching out with concern and support to the varied needs of a diverse people.

Address Service Requested



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, January 27, 2019
following the 10:00 A.M.
worship service
PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH COUNCIL

We are in need of 2-3 members to be added to the 2019 Grace Lutheran Council. With God’s help, please consider becoming a member of the Grace Lutheran Church Council. Call if you are willing to volunteer for a position on the Council. Voting takes place January 27th.

Serve God by serving on the Church Council!

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M....COME JOIN US...YOU ARE INVITED