Grace's Mountain View

Mission Statement---Grace by Grace, Seeking to be God's Faithful

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STOP BY THE GRACE LUTHERAN BECKER COUNTY FAIR BOOTH!



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...6:15 P.M

The Grace Lutheran Sunday School children and their parents will be manning a booth at the Becker County Fair. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up on the sheets found on the narthex bulletin board. You may also contact Traci Mace, Jim Brogren Jr., or the office to sign up. The booth will be similar to last year's booth. Thanks again to the Grace Quilters for donating a quilt for a quilt drawing.

<u>DONATIONS NEEDED</u> for our God's Work...Our Hands Sunday which will be held on Sunday, September 15th. We will be assembling "Blizzard Boxes" for the Meals on Wheels Program in Detroit Lakes. These "Blizzard Boxes" are given during a time when snow or a blizzard prevents them from deliveries. The following items are needed:

- A can of chicken and tuna (or 2 chicken or 2 tuna)
- One 14-15 oz. can of fruit or two 4-ounce containers of fruit
- One 14-15 oz. can of vegetables or two 4-ounce containers of vegetable
- 4 packs or saltines or 2 packs of cheese/peanut butter crackers
- 2 hot cocoa packets
- 2 desserts (granola bars, pudding cups, small packs)

Bring donations to the office. Please help assemble them on September 15th!



Words have power! In Hebrew..."debar" means both word and power....in Genesis, God spoke and the world was created.

In the opening of John's gospel, we are told that Jesus is the Word made flesh who came to dwell among us.

When Martin Luther created the Small Catechism he carefully explained the commandments....not only what we were NOT to do, but also how we could act in a positive manner that builds community.

The 8th commandment deals with how we use words....."You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor" What does this mean? "We are to fear and love God so that we do not betray, slander, or lie about our neighbors, but defend them, speak well of them, and explain their actions in the kindest way."

We know we live in contentious times. People are quick to judge, quick to accuse, and quick to take offense.

We as the church can lead by example in how we lovingly treat our families, our friends, our neighbors and each other. We can decide not to pass along rumors. We can decide to seek out accurate information from the source of decision makers and speak with them privately if we have a disagreement with a decision made. We can speak the truth in love and act kindly towards one another. We can set a tone of mutual support and care for each other and for the mission of the church, Grace Lutheran specifically.

You are always welcome at church council meetings and will be invited to share at the beginning of the meeting in order that you do not have to wait through other business (unless you want to stay for the whole meeting!)

Please share your ideas and concerns with members of the council or with me. We are in a time of change which can be uncomfortable, but can also be exciting.

God's mission has a church. We work hard to not only discern that mission, but also to be the hands, feet and heart of God's mission.

Peace be with you!



August 2019

Thoughts from the desk of Our President...

Well, here we are going into August and it won't be long until the Fall activities here at Grace will begin.

I do have some news to announce as a result of our monthly Council meeting held on July 23rd. First and foremost, we now have a signed agreement with Pastor Ann accepting our proposal for a change in her compensation and benefits package for her Call here at Grace. This has changed to 40% which is less than the 55% that we had been paying while partnered with Bakke. We do need to realize that it will cost more since we are no longer partnered with Bakke. And because we have been paying a higher share of expenses while partnered with Bakke and, we are in the middle of our "slow season" our finances have suffered. This combined with a hard winter that created higher utility bills and extra snow removal expenses, increased maintenance costs related to our old furnaces, as well as a decline in our weekly offerings now puts us in a position that requires all of us to reevaluate our giving habits.

It is not time to close the doors of Grace but it does require us to be concerned and to now do some catching up in order to live up to our budget. So please, consider doing an automatic deposit through VANCO or other means to insure that your giving gifts come regularly even when you cannot be in worship. Better yet, come to worship. You will be receiving your quarterly giving statement shortly. I sincerely encourage you all to take a hard look at it and think about what you can do to help Grace continue its mission.

On a lighter note we are excited that on September 1 our worship time will change to 9:30 AM. Sunday School remains at 10:00, coffee and fellowship will follow worship which will enable us to invite visitors for fellowship at that time.

Sunday School Rally day remains on September 8, 2019 and we are excited to see our children coming back to worship with us. It has been exciting to see our SS registration increase in the last year. This is in no small part, thanks to the efforts of our SS teachers Becky, Tracy and Glennis as well as the helpers that have volunteered to assist them and of course Pastor Ann. We are grateful for their knowledge and willingness to help Grace grow.

As you all know, we lost our brother in Christ, friend, cousin and partner in crime, David Nybo on July 12th. He always had a smile and positive attitude and was always willing to help in any way that he could. The kids loved him and his legacy will be that he touched the lives of so many during his time here with us. I suggest that we all think about that. I know I certainly have. He will be missed greatly by all who knew him.

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CHURCH MEETINGS

GLCW

Grace Lutheran Church Women will meet **Monday, August 5**th at 6:00 P.M.

CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee will meet on **August 18**th following worship.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee will meet on *Thursday, August 15th at* 12:30 P.M.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on *Tuesday, August 20th* at 6:30 P.M.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Worship Committee will be held on **Sunday, August 25**th following worship service.



- * During the summer months, if the sanctuary is uncomfortable due to the heat, worship services will be held in the Fellowship Hall.
- * If you are unable to attend worship services, PLEASE try to bring or mail in your weekly offerings. You may also stop in the office and we can use our VANCO swipe card system. OUR MONTHLY EXPENSES CONTINUE WHETHER IT IS SUMMER OR WINTER!



(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS---July 23, 2019)

- † Meeting was called to order by President Lillian Nybo.
- † Devotions and treats given and served by Machelle Krengel.
- † Secretary report approved as read.
- † **Finance report** approved as printed.
- ± Expenses were down in June, however so was income. Lots of fund transfers depleted accounts. The good news: 2 IRA checks were given to Grace that totaled nearly \$7,000.00. Decision was made to deposit most of money back into Rainy Day Fund. Finance letter will be sent soon to all members along with their statement of giving.
- <u>† PASTOR NEGOTIATIONS</u>---Compensation Package agreed upon between Council and Pastor. Discussion on schedules, flexibility, and expectations.
- † CORRESPONDENCE---Red Pine Quilt Shop request for use of Fellowship Hall for a workshop. Churches United holding an open house at La Barista to answer questions about membership and how to make donations. We will continue with donations as we can without becoming members.
- <u>† PASTOR'S REPORT</u>---Pastor Keith Zeh has been asked to lead worship service on either August 18 or October 6.
- † PROPERTY——Thank you to Kevin Erickson for mowing the lawn multiple times. Also thanks to Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda for mowing and weeding. Bench for Mt. Calvary garden given by family of Barb McLeod. Another may be given in memory of Troy Linden. A sign/banner "All Are Welcome" will be donated by Gerry & Lillian Nybo to be placed on the wall of the church.
- † EDUCATION/YOUTH----Rally Sunday will be on Sept. 8th along with Blessing of the Backpacks. Confirmation begins on Wednesday, Sept. 11th. Parent & Confirmation students meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 4th. Christian Ed. Meeting on August 18th following worship service.
- <u>† STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE</u>---Thanks to all who are helping with garden. Finding out more information on Stewardship conference from Pastor Zeh. Discussion on future benevolences and donations.
- † EVANGELISM/OUTREACH---Fair booth deposit has been made with the same place and same activity as last year. Sign-up sheets have been made and placed for volunteers. Traci donated prizes and candy. Brochure will be updated. Quilt donated by Grace Quilters ". Blizzard Boxes" project will be completed on God's Work...Our Hands Sunday, September 15th.
- † WORSHIP---New worship time of 9:30 A.M. will begin on Sept. 1st. Special music on July 28 and August 11.
- <u>† OLD BUSINESS</u>---Pastor negotiations in progress. Grace serves Picnic in the Park on July 23rd.
- **† NEW BUSINESS**---Request by Linda Leitheiser for use of Fellowship Hall for Dennis Jacobson memorial reception on Saturday, August 10th for Dennis Jacobson. Donation has been made for the use of the Hall

Respectfully submitted, Becky Esser, Secretary

Becky Esser, council secretary

AUGUST USHERS, GREETERS, GREETERS--10:00 A.M. Service

Sonia Anderson, Coordinator 847-8555

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	READER
August 4, 2019			Ruby Kiihn
August 11, 2019		Blace & Myrna Schmidt	
August 18, 2019			
August 25, 2019			

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
August 4, 2019	Psalm 49:1-12	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
August 11, 2019	Psalm 33:12-22	Genesis 15:1-6 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
August 18, 2019	Psalm 82	Jeremiah 23:23-29 Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
August 25, 2019	Psalm 103:1-8	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR AUGUST-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
August 4, 2019	Sheri Blaney, Joann Eliassen, Casey Bennett
August 11, 2019	Irene Sloan, Ardis Tollefson, Milt & Joyce Hanson, Elaine Jenson
August 18, 2019	Naomi Dahl, Sheila Longfors, Elvie Zitzow, Lue Rawson
August 25, 2019	Lois Flatau, Marlys Brasel, Carol Hanson, Jim & Clarice Zick

NURSING HOME MINISTRY:

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

Emmanuel Nursing Home-1415 Madison Ave.

Phyllis McLeod, Dorina Sundeen, Red Sloan

Oak Crossing Nursing Homes-1040 Lincoln Ave.

Darlene Nordlund

Frazee Assisted Living # 20

Wilma Leitheiser

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



August 2

Sadie Schmit

August 3
Brian Burhans

Evan Westrum

August 5

Hunter Korth Garrett Mace Ryan Esser August 6

Tori LaFerriere Dennis Mace

August 10

Anne Stowman

August 11

Ardis Tollefson Andy Anderson August 13

Tanner Lane Lloyd Kiihn August 14

Machelle Krengel

August 15

Alice Vangerud

August 21

Ashtyn Carrier

August 22

Brian Korth

August 23

Merry Lee Linden

August 26

Kaitlyn Carrier

August 28

Jackie Bennett

August 30

Carol Hanson

August 31

Tyran Carrier

Darlene McArthur



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 2

Tom & Kathy Lormis

August 6

Kevin & Kathryn Erickson

August 26

Merlin & Roxanne Engum Pastor Ann & Robb Larson



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.





IN MEMORY OF	FUND	GIVEN BY	DATE
Dave Nybo	Sunday School	Ryan, Becky, Ava Esser	July 14, 2019
		Dennis, Traci, Sydney &	
Dave Nybo	Sunday School	Garret Mace	July 14, 2019
Dave Nybo	Undesignated	Gerry & Lillian Nybo	July 14, 2019
Dave Nybo	Undesignated	Dennis & Elaine Forsell	July 21, 2019
Dave Nybo	Maintenance Fund	Elvie Zitzow	July 14, 2019
		Clarice, Ernie & Lindsey	
Dave Nybo	Maintenance Fund	Anderson	July 14, 2019

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION will be served on Sunday, August 4th and Sunday, August 25th.

NOISY OFFERINGS Sundays will be August 11th and August 18th.

<u>SIGN UP TO HELP AT THE FAIR BOOTH</u> which Grace is having at the Becker County Fair from Wednesday, August 7th to Saturday, August 10th. Sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex or the church office. If you have any questions, see Traci Mace or Jim Brogren Jr.

DENNIS JACOBSON MEMORIAL LUNCHEON is being held on Saturday, August 10th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. See page 8 for more details.

<u>COME AND HEAR THE "FLUTES"</u> on Sunday, August 11, 2019 during the worship service. Dotz Johnson, Connie Woods, and Carol Turner will be providing special music during the August 11th worship service.

KENNEDY ERICKSON and DESMOND NDUKA WEDDING will be held on Saturday, August 24th. *Congratulations on your marriage!*

CHURCH WORSHIP TIME CHANGED!!!

Beginning Sunday, September 1st, Grace Lutheran will be holding their worship service at 9:30 A.M. with children leaving following the sermon or Holy Communion for Sunday School. Coffee/Fellowship

time will be following the worship service.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR DENNIS (JAKE) JACOBSON

August 10, 2019 @ 4:00 P.M.

Grace Lutheran Church

213 Roosevelt Ave.

Detroit Lakes. MN 56501

There will be a meal served following the service.

In lieu of flowers and plants we ask that you give to your favorite charity, Grace Lutheran

Church or to The Dall Sams Scholarship Fund.

C/O Rodney Sams 25615 County Hwy 24 Staples, MN 56479

Installation of Reverend William T. Tesch
New Bishop of the Northwest MN Synod
September 8: 400 - 9:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church, 210 7th St S, Moorhead MN



Pastor Tesch's personal mission statement is: "A Follower of Jesus: Creating Gospel Collaborations with Faithfulness, Authenticity and Love."

Pastor Tesch has served in South Dakota since his Ordination in 1989. Before his election to Bishop, he served first as Pastor of a two-point rural and small- town congregation (St. Paul and St Peter in Humboldt and Orland) and then as the Founding Pastor and later Sr. Pastor of Messiah New Hope in Sioux Falls, and finally as Director of Evangelical Mission and Associate to the Bishop on the South Dakota

Synod staff. Pastor Tesch also serves in the United States Military (South Dakota Air National Guard) and is a senior leader holding the rank of Colonel. Pastor Tesch's responsibilities with the military will come to a close near the end of 2020. **Education:** Pastor Tesch is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Madison and Luther Seminary as well as the USAF Air War College, Air Command and Staff College, the Air Force Basic Chaplain's Course and Officer's Training School. He is married to Chris Tesch who teaches Nursing at the University of South Dakota. He and Chris have two adult children. In his spare time Pastor Tesch enjoys exercise, hunting, fishing, book club, entertaining friends and family... and a host of other hobbies for which he really has no time.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Every Tuesday night, local musicians & bands will perform in the DL City Park's Band shell, near the Pavilion, at **7:00 pm.** If it rains, concerts are moved inside the Pavilion. Prior to the **FREE** concert, there will be a picnic style meal from **5:45 – 7 pm.** This is a fund-raiser for Habitat for Humanity and the Community Connections Series of the Historic Holmes Theatre.

Aug. 6 Ulen Centennial Band Aug. 13 Doc & the Scrubs Aug 20 Jan Severson Aug 27 Lakes Area Community Concert Band

<u>TASTE OF ECUADOR</u> will be held Saturday, August 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at Cormorant Lutheran Church. See poster on narthex bulletin board for more information.

<u>LAKES CRISIS & RESOURCE CENTER</u> will be holding an open house on Thursday, August 8th from 2:00-7:00 p.m. Come and see how the Center helps people in the community during difficult times. See poster on narthex bulletin board for more details.

Celebrating Support & Empowerment! Come and celebrate successes with LCRC!

A LITTLE CHURCH HUMOR





Worried about the little country church's tough financial Straits, its pastor asked the parishioners to dig deep into their pockets. "Dig deep," she said over and over as the collection plate was passed down the pews. "Dig deep!"

At the end of the service, a young boy tugged on the pastor's robe. "Did you get the money you needed for the church?"

The reverend shook her head sadly. "I'm afraid we didn't dig deep enough today, young man."

"I know just how you feel, Reverend Sonya. I've been in the back yard digging to China all summer, and I'm still not there either."











Stevie had just completed a drawing in Sunday School that he had titled "Moses." The teacher was impressed, and asked him which person in the picture was Moses. "Can't you tell?" said Steve. "He's the one in the mountain climbing boots, carrying the fire extinguisher and bug spray."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SUNDAY SCHOOL

* Grace Lutheran will be having a booth at the Becker County Fair, August 8-10. Traci Mace and Jim Brogren Jr. are asking for help from Grace families. There will be a sign-up sheet (in the church narthex) to be at the booth during this time. If you have questions, please talk to Traci or Jim. The Grace Quilters have donated a quilt for a quilt raffle.

Come visit us!

CONFIRMATION



- * Confirmation students needing service projects are encouraged to help at the Fair Booth. See Traci or Pastor for more details.
- * 2019-2020 Confirmation informational meeting will be held at Wednesday, September 4th at 6:30 P.M. All parents and students are encouraged to attend this very informative meeting.
- * Confirmation class will resume on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 P.M.
- * Mark your calendars! The Jr. High Youth Gathering will be held at Luther Crest Bible Camp from Friday, November 22nd and Saturday, November 23rd. *Come and enjoy fun and fellowship with fellow campers!*



THANK YOU to Kevin & Kathryn Erickson for mowing during July. Jerry Schwoboda also mowed the end of July. Cathy Schwoboda pulled weeds around the flowers.

THANKS to the "Downs Boys" for providing special music during the July 21st worship service.

THANKS to Norm Danielson and Gale LaFerriere who helped with the worship service when Pastor Ann was on vacation.

THANKS to Gerry Nybo & Jerry Schwoboda for getting the speakers up & running in the youth room.

THANKS to Steve Nybo (Gerry's brother) for leveling the back parking lot and filling in the holes.

THANKS to all who helped at the Dave Nybo funeral. Your help was much appreciated.

THANKS to the members of Grace who have been especially generous with their time and financial donations above and beyond their usual giving!

THANKS for all the volunteers who worked at the Picnic In the Park. 302 people were served.

THANKS for those who have or will be donating blood on Monday, July 29th!

NW MN SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION ANNUAL CONVENTION will be held on September 20-21, 2019 at Luther Crest Bible Camp near Alexandria, MN. "Loving the Least of These" (Matthew 25:40) is the theme for this year's Convention. A physical offering to benefit Churches United for the Homeless and Public Health Family Home Visiting will be taken. There is a list of products that can be donated and a box to put the donations in on the table in the narthex. Please consider purchasing any of these products and place in the provided box.

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Grace Lutheran Church



Evangelical Lutheran Church in

America

213 Roosevelt Avenue

Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Church Worship Service---10:00 A.M. Sunday School---Sept. - May 10:30 A.M. Adult Ed. Opportunities Year-round Office Hours---8:00 A.M. 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

Grace's MOUNTAIN VIEW

August 2019

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



Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 8th. Students Should bring their backpacks for "Backpack Blessings"



Sunday, September 5th
We will be making
"Blizzard Boxes" for
Senior Citizen Food Program.
See list of needed items on
First page of newsletter.

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1ST