

Grace's Mountain View

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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 26, 2020 following the worship service. Everyone is encouraged to attend this important meeting. The Council has proposed some changes in the funeral and wedding guidelines.

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: Becky Esser and Gale LaFerriere. You are welcome to talk to any of the other current Council members. PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER BECOMING A COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATE WHEN ASKED!!



January 2020

Christmas blessings! Did you know we are only two months away from Ash Wednesday?

Since it moves around according to the lunar calendar, we have to check every year to see where in the six weeks of possibilities it lands.

I have found over the years that if I want to make changes in my life, Lent works better than making New Year's resolutions. Maybe it's because 40 days works better than having something open ended, or maybe it's because it takes about six weeks to change a habit and that's about how long Lent lasts.

If you are of the mindset to make a resolution this year, may I suggest asking yourself the question **WHY AM I DOING THIS?** So many people complain about being too busy, or as someone has suggested, we sometimes "brag" about how busy we are to make ourselves feel more important or to have an excuse to refuse to do something we don't really want to do.

Some people suffer from FOMO.....Fear Of Missing Out, so they put more things on their calendar than they are comfortable doing.

Some people find that they cannot say no, so they agree to do things they don't really want to do and many times back out at the last minute with an excuse so they don't have to do something they never should have agreed to in the first place. It can be aggravating to the person who asked in the first place if they cannot count on a yes meaning "Yes."

The book, *Margin*, encourages people to build some leeway into their lives.....with their time, money; emotional energy and physical energy.....when we don't stretch ourselves too thin to begin with, we will have more space to genuinely say Yes to events that come our way.

God commanded that we honor the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. God knows that we both need to worship and to rest when needed. Look at your life at the beginning of the year and see if you are living it faithfully and intentionally. You are created by God to be the unique individual that you are, you are beloved as you are and don't have to prove anything to anyone by your busyness or by what "stuff" you have accumulated. Simplifying your life is a gift you can give yourself and opens up margins and breathing room so that you can live in each moment you have been given.

Have a wonderful 2020!

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

I wanted to share this with you all this month. This comes from The Gospel Daily that I receive each morning. I think it is something that we all can reflect on and perhaps adjust our way of thinking when it comes to helping others or, even helping our church to continue it's mission by our own giving each week. By remaining steadfast and consistent in our giving this allows us as a congregation to truly live our baptism by spreading God's word and His love to others, as well as keep our church alive and working. I always think: if the doors are closed, we can't do anything.”

Today's Verse

Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want. - Proverbs 11:24

There's a saying, "the more you give, the more you get." The above scripture passage supports that saying, and it is the truth. Sometimes I find myself in the company of a stingy or greedy person. Their attitude is toxic and self-sabotaging. They think about nothing but themselves. Their automatic response is, "what's in it for me or how will I benefit from this situation?" They have this me-first mentality and even when they get the things they want, they are still not satisfied. Somehow, happiness and contentment have become elusive to them. That is because God loves a cheerful giver and the more we share with others, the more we will reap joy, fulfillment, and favor. To "grow all the richer" does not necessarily mean material wealth all the time. There are much greater things than being affluent, and that is having peace of mind as well as being in good standing with God. So do not hesitate when you are in a position to lend a helping hand. Assist one another without expecting anything in return and you will be a blessing to others. - Commentary by Mark Natividad

Today's Prayer

Heavenly Father, help us to be a cheerful giver like Your Son who did not withhold necessities or miracles from people. Give us the compassion and generosity to help others without being resentful or expecting anything in return. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Lillian

* Taken from "The Gospel Daily"



(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—December 17, 2019)

- † Meeting was called to order.
- † Devotions given by Jim Brogren.
- † Correspondence was read and discussed. Action taken: Given the number of benevolence requests, suggest one of the entities receive a % from Polar Fest Hotdish Cook-off and another from the Cabin Fever Supper. In addition, Treasurer will provide a monthly list of benevolence to Council each month to help visualize budgets and tracking of giving through the year.
- † Secretary report approved as read.
- † Finance report approved as printed.

November Total Expenses	\$9,656.46
November Total Income	\$6,780.57
Savings Balance	\$3,478.66
Rainy Day Fund	\$6,554.71
Mission Investment Fund	\$1,108.72
Mission Investment Savings	\$1,013.16
Checkbook Balance 11/30/2019	\$1,895.17
Mortgage Balance	\$176,666.21

- * Expenses were normal, but income was low. There is a question on D.L. Disposal bill. Property committee will check into this.
- * Recommendation to ask current Thrivent Members to consider using their “Thrivent Dollars” for projects that the Church puts on like the upcoming Cabin Fever supper. It really helps to get that \$250 gift card to use for expenses.
- * In the 2020 Budget, there is intent to add more \$ to the Rainy-Day Fund. Grace Council recommended the budget be submitted for the annual meeting.
- * Also, would like monthly treasurer reports to include present data verses the budget.
- * Blace explained the need for a Business Ready Reserve to avoid overdraft charges. The cost is \$50 for 3 years. This was tabled until January 2020 meeting.
- * 2019 Audit is lined up. Recommended to do the audit BEFORE the annual meeting.
- * Will be purchasing a new finance program, “Quicken”. Blace will get the program and it will be set up by the first of the year.
- † Motion made and carried to designate \$24,000.00 for Pastor Ann’s housing allowance in 2019.
- † Committee reports for the Annual Report need to be in by Friday, January 10th
- † Pastor gave her report of hospital visits, funeral, meetings, etc.
- † **PROPERTY**---Coffee maker has been repaired thanks to Gerry Nybo and Blace Schmidt. Glycol was been added to the geothermal but costly, will explore ways to save money. Blace reported on what he has found out about the possibility of selling off some of the land. There are 4 lots currently zoned as residential but could be rezoned business. This will be brought up at the annual meeting. Rental space was also discussed. (See box to the right.)

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH**--- Confirmation retreat went well. Church paid \$60 of the fee and the student paid \$60. There were 4 boys along with Pastor Ann that attended. The Advent Store and Barnyard Giving brought in \$160 to purchase from ELCA Good Gifts. Christmas program was a hit given only one Saturday 2-hr practice. 100% attendance and assistance by Confirmation class.

† **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE**--- Recap of Confirmation Student hair challenge and benevolence. \$500 was sent to Lutheran World Relief. Confirmation students and church members took the 50 names off the Angel Giving Tree and purchased gifts for the children.

† **EVANGELISM/OUTREACH**--- Salvation Army Ringing at L&M Fleet on Sat. Nov. 30th. Caroling didn’t work due to all kinds of challenges: suggestion to change time and go right after worship. Grace Cards have been successful, fund, great feedback, continue...

† **GLCW**---Ruby stepping down from being leader. Need for new leader will be in Bulletin. Fall Bazaar net profit was \$2,773.14. A portion was sent to Mary’s Place and rest to be used for current expenses.

† **WORSHIP**---Recap of Nov. 24th Thankoffering Service, Christmas Eve Service will be at 5:30 P.M.; Correspondence from Bakke gave their times for Easter and Holy Week. Grace will hold Holy Week services at 7:00 P.M. Easter service will be at 9:30 A.M. Pastor will be here for the Dec. 29th worship service, but will be on vacation following the service through Jan. 5th. Lessons & Carols will be on Jan. 5th.

† **OLD BUSINESS**---Need to nominate at least 3 new members to Council. Facebook administrators are Lilian, Traci, Jim, Glennis, and Kelly C.

† **NEW BUSINESS**---Discussed changes/additions to Annual Meeting agenda; Funeral Guidelines updated, will be presented at Annual Meeting; workshop for Pastors and lay ministry will be held at Grace on Jan. 9th.
 * Meeting adjourned with Lord’s Prayer.
 * Next meeting is Jan. 21, 2020 with Glennis giving devotions and serving Treats.

COMMITTEE REPORTS DUE JAN. 10th!

CHURCH MEETINGS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, January 16th at 12:30 P.M.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30 P.M.

CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee will meet Sunday, January 19th at 11:00 A.M.

GRACE LUTHERAN ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!



JANUARY USHERS, GREETERS, GREETERS---

9:30 A.M. Service

Sonia Anderson, Coordinator 847-8555
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DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	READER
January 5, 2020	Shirley Gulden	Sonia Anderson, Sheila Longfors	Kathy Coyle
January 12, 2020	Nathan Sandberg	Kevin & Kathy Erickson	Katie Sandberg
January 19, 2020	Irene Carnegie	Dina Endersbe, Sonia Anderson	Ruby Kiihn
January 26, 2020 ANNUAL MEETING	Naomi Dahl	Bill & Anita Hill	Kathy Coyle

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
January 5, 2020	Psalm 147:12-20	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:1-18
January 12, 2020	Psalm 29	Isaiah 42:1-9 Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
January 19, 2020	Psalm 40:1-11	Isaiah 49:1-7 1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Matthew 4:12-23
January 26, 2020	Psalm 27:1, 4-9	Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Corinthians 1:10-18	John 1:29-42

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR JANUARY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
January 5, 2020	Glennis Olson, Clarice Anderson
January 12, 2020	Matt & Kelly Carrier, Blair & Kelly Westrum
January 19, 2020	Bev Berg, Lloyd & Ruby Kiihn, Vivian Wittnebel
January 26, 2020	Kevin & Kathy Erickson, Bill & Anita Hill, Michelle Peterson, Heather Peterson

NURSING HOME MINISTRY:

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

Oak Crossing Nursing Homes-1040 Lincoln Ave.

Frazee Assisted Living # 20

Darlene Nordlund

Wilma Leitheiser

Grace Lutheran extends their sympathy to the families of:



*Clarence (Andy) Anderson who passed away on December 25, 2019. His funeral will be held on December 31, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. at Grace.

*Dorina Sundeen who passed away on December 23, 2019. Her funeral will be held at 11:00 A.M. on January 4, 2020 at West Kjos Funeral Home.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



January 7
Mary Ritchie

January 15
Tucker McDermond

January 24
Joann Eliassen

January 26
Sara Nelson

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 LENTEN SEASON IS APPROACHING!!!



ASH WEDNESDAY is on Wednesday, February 26, 2020. Ash Wednesday Lenten Service will be held at Grace on February 26 with meal at 6:00 P.M. and worship service at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday Lenten worship services will be held at Grace at 7:00 P.M. with the meal beginning at 6:00 P.M. Worship services on Maundy Thursday, April 9th, will be at 7:00 P.M. with First Communion for our 5th graders. Good Friday, April 17th, worship services will be held at 7:00 P.M. Easter worship services will be at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday, April 12th.



THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO "THE GIVING TREE!"

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

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 all who helped with the Fall Bazaar held on November 9th. We had great helpers before and after the bazaar, people who made items and food items to sell. A BIG thank you to the section leaders who set up their sections/booths at the Bazaar. *Without you, we wouldn't have a bazaar!*

THANK YOU to our Salvation Army Bell Ringers: Blace & Myrna Schmidt, Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda, Gerry & Lillian Nybo, Kelly & Maren Westrum, and Jim Brogren Jr.



Blace Schmidt ringing the Salvation Army Bell at L & M Fleet.



Confirmation Students gather for a group picture after purchasing gifts for the Angel Tree.



Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus (AKA as Jim Brogren and Julie Herman) visit Grace member, Norm Danielson

Lillian Nybo and Pastor Ann Newgard-Larson presented the Becker County Food Pantry a donation of \$500.00.





IN MEMORY OF	FUND	GIVEN BY	DATE
Joan Delp	Sunday School	Glennis Olson	December 8, 2019
Joan Delp	Undesignated	Shirley Gulden	December 8, 2019
Joan Delp	Undesignated	Karen Jones	December 8, 2019
Joan Delp	Undesignated	Kathy Coyle	December 15, 2019
Joan Delp	Undesignated	Andy & Bertha Anderson	December 15, 2019
Joan Delp	Sunday School	Connie Peterson	December 15, 2019
Joan Delp	Sunday School	Lois Flatau	December 15, 2019
Lowell Moser	Undesignated	Kathy Coyle	December 15, 2019
Lowell Moser	Undesignated	Andy & Bertha Anderson	December 15, 2019
Lowell Moser	Sunday School	Connie Peterson	December 15, 2019
Lowell Moser	Sunday School	Lois Flatau	December 15, 2019

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, January 5th. *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 8th 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.

"His Name Is Jesus"

2019 Grace Lutheran Sunday School
Christmas Program

Given in Memory

Or

In Honor of...



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

- ❁ 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 Frantz and Goldie Venable given by Francine Lunde, and Tammy Ives
- ❁ 1 white small poinsettia in memory of Stanley Lunde given by Sheila & Justin Longfors
- ❁ 2 red small poinsettias in memory of Arvid Anderson given by Clarice Anderson and family.
- ❁ 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 large poinsettia in memory of Ben Carnegie given by Irene Carnegie and children & grandchildren.
- ❁ 1 red small poinsettia in memory of Dave Nybo given by Matt & Kelly Carrier & family.
- ❁ 1 white small poinsettia in memory of Nena Bartnes and all our past loved ones and in honor of their children given by Matt & Kelly Carrier.

- ❁ 1 red large poinsettia in memory of David Nybo. and Gerry Nybo Jr. given by Gerry & Lillian Nybo.
- ❁ 1 pink large poinsettia in memory of David Nybo given by Sheila Nybo.
- ❁ 1 red large poinsettia in memory of Jann Herman given by Vern Herman Family.
- ❁ 1 pink large poinsettia in memory of Roger & Yvonne Johnson and Richard & Deloris Bowers and in honor of grandchildren given by Terry & Laurie Bowers.
- ❁ 1 pink small poinsettia in memory of our parents given by Blace & Myrna Schmidt.
- ❁ 2 red small poinsettias in memory of Elmer & Billie Rosell and Kim McArthur and in honor of grandchildren given by Gary & Dona Rosell.
- ❁ 1 red and 1 pink poinsettia in memory of Chad Wojahn and in honor of children given by Matt & Eleesha Olson.

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.

~ January 2020 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>5 9:30 a.m.-----Worship Service with "12 Days of Christmas" and Noisy Offering</p> <p>10:15 a.m.---Coffee/Fellowship</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 11:30 a.m. Pastors' text study</p>	<p>8 9:00 a.m. Grace Quilters 1:30 p.m. Games & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation classes resume</p>	<p>9 9:30 A.M. Synod Training @ Grace 10:30 a.m. Bible Study resumes</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 9:30 a.m.-----Worship Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:00 a.m.---Sunday School</p> <p>10:15 a.m.---Coffee/Fellowship</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 11:30 a.m. Pastors' text study</p>	<p>15 9:00 a.m. Grace Quilters 1:30 p.m. Games & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation classes</p>	<p>16 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Finance meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 9:30 a.m.-----Worship Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:15 a.m.---Coffee/Fellowship</p> <p>10:30 a.m. C.E. Committee</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 11:30 a.m. Pastors' text study 6:30 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>22 9:00 a.m. Grace Quilters 1:30 p.m. Games & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation classes</p>	<p>23 10:30 a.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 ANNUAL MEETING 9:30 a.m.-----Worship Service with Noisy Offering and Sunday School singing</p> <p>10:00 a.m.---Sunday School</p> <p>10:15 a.m.---Coffee/Fellowship Annual meeting following worship</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 11:30 a.m. Pastors' text study</p>	<p>29 9:00 a.m. Grace Quilters 1:30 p.m. Games & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation classes</p>	<p>30 10:30 a.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Notes:</p>



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Church Worship Service 10:00 A.M.

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 26, 2020

following the 9:30 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 2020 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 26th.

Serve God by serving on the Church Council!

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M....COME JOIN US...YOU ARE INVITED