

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.
 Church Council.....3rd Tuesday...6:30 P.M

3rd Annual
Minne "Soda"
 Hotdish Challenge & Dinner

Sunday, February 9, 2020 — 4–6 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church

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Recipe for a Good Time!

The great Minne "Soda" Hotdish Challenge will feature the best-of-the-best hotdish recipes from area churches and businesses.

Back by popular demand the best-of-the-best dessert bar recipes!

Celebrity Judges will determine the 3rd Annual Minne "Soda" Hotdish Challenge Champion... trust me, you'll want this trophy!

Free Will Donation to benefit Grace Lutheran Church and their Charity of Choice.

Hotdish, dinner roll, dessert bar and soda provided (while supplies last).

Get here early and enjoy this traditional Lutheran church social.

Contact Jim Brogren for more information — 218-841-2986

Please submit your entry by Sunday, February 2nd.

Some of the proceeds will be given to the Becker County Food Pantry.



LENTEN SEASON IS APPROACHING!!!

ASH WEDNESDAY is on Wednesday, February 26, 2020. We will begin with a meal at 6:00 P.M. and worship service at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday night Lenten worship services will be held at Grace at 7:00 P.M. with the meal beginning at 6:00 P.M. There will be a round robin format of area pastors at each Lenten service.

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 10th.



February 2020

Thank you to Lillian Nybo who has served as president of the Grace church council for the last two years. Y'all are a faithful servant of Christ and shared your love and passion well! Thanks to Gerry Nybo as well who has been THE property guy on the council and whose term is also up. We are glad you will continue to troubleshoot around the building and thank you to Lillian for taking on the responsibility of being the funeral coordinator!

This coming Sunday is the annual meeting, so we do not yet know who is going to be coming onto the council, but thank you in advance! We look forward to seeing your talents flourishing as well!

There was a conference at Grace a short time ago focused on transformational ministry. One of the points made is how changes are made by a group of people. Contrary to conventional thinking, it takes only about 15% of a group to make things happen. Many groups wait until most everyone is on board before trying something new. There will always be resistance to change (the only one who likes change is a baby with a wet diaper after all) and waiting for everyone to agree saps the energy of those who are ready to try something different. Sometimes you just have to put the shovel into the ground to get started. Think about how small a group Jesus started with, but how 2000 years later, what an impact!

Part of our calling as Christians is to notice where God is at work in the world and to determine how we can be a part of God's mission. It's always good to pay attention to WHY we do things AND sometimes it's good to ask new questions, because without doing so, we may miss new answers in front of our faces.

Remember you as members of Grace are welcome to attend council meetings and can request time for conversation at the beginning of each meeting when you have ideas or concerns to share.

Blessings to you as this new year unfolds! With all that is going on out in the world, give yourself some time alone with God in prayer and scripture and give yourself time in community worshiping God with one another. Whenever two or more are gathered in Christ's name, Jesus is present as he promised!

God's peace,

Pastor Ann

Thoughts
from the desk of
Our President...

Well, here it is the end of my second term as President and I must say it has been a very busy year. Time flies when you are having fun they say.

When I began this journey 3 years ago never did I think I would be the President for 2 terms. I have to say though; it has been with the very knowledgeable help of my partners on the council that we have been able to keep the doors open and actually continue to make our mission as a church a priority. A wise person told me that once a congregation figures out what their mission is, they are able to focus and make things come together.

While I know that some might think that we should close the doors, I absolutely refuse to believe that and I'll tell you why. I have said from the beginning of my journey that I believe that God will make a way for us at Grace to continue to spread His word and to operate our mission support plans in the fashion that He wants us to go. I know that some may not believe me but I will continue to say that until my last days here at Grace.

Now, do I wish that we had a larger congregation that would enable us to pay our bills and support all the missions that we want to? Yes! Do I wish that our income was better? Yes, but it isn't right now. That doesn't mean it won't ever be; it means that we need to continue to have faith and pray for God's help and for Him to show us the way to go. It means that for now, we have to be frugal with our money and use it in the most effective ways we can.

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served on the council and I want to say that I was blessed with a council that is willing and able to make things happen. They are motivated and care deeply about Grace Lutheran. They are a super bunch of people!

I would also like to thank Pastor Ann for her words of encouragement and knowledge that most certainly helped me both as a person and as President of the council.

I couldn't have done it without all of you and the moral support that you have given me for the past three years.

I am not going away. I will continue to support Grace and our leaders as much as I can. I will be assuming the Funeral Coordinator Position after my term. Grace is important to me and I will continue to encourage all of you to hold onto your faith and believe that God has a plan for Grace. Offer your encouragement to the new council and offer to help in any way that you can.

God's Blessings to you all!

Lillian

CHURCH MEETINGS



FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, February 13th at 12:30 P.M.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18th at 6:30 P.M.

CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee will meet Sunday, February 16th at 11:00 A.M.



† **OLD BUSINESS**---Nominating committee update, discussed sale of property ensuring that the property will be used for affordable housing.

† **NEW BUSINESS**---Cabin Fever Supper on March 7th. Part of proceeds will be used towards children programs.

* Transforming leadership recap. Council voted not to participate as the training is similar to what we have had.

* Federal and State Labor posters need purchasing.

* Grace is serving at the Synod training on February 15th.

* Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer.

* Next meeting will be determined after election of new council members.

* Annual meeting is January 26th.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Esser, Secretary

(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS January 21, 2020

† Meeting was called to order by outgoing president, Lillian Nybo.

† Devotions given by Glennis Olson

† Correspondence was read and discussed.

† Secretary report approved as read.

† **Finance report** approved as printed.

December Total Income	\$12,231.44
December Total Expenses	\$11,279.52
Checkbook Balance 12/31/2019	\$2,946.09
Rainy Day Fund	\$6,557.28
Mission Investment Fund	\$1,108.72
Mission Investment Savings	\$1,014.10
Savings Balance	\$3,479.63
Mortgage Balance	\$175,651.88

* Income is higher due to Christmas giving, memorials, and special donations.

* We overspent approximately \$10,000 during 2019. This was taken into consideration in developing the proposed 2020 budget for the Jan. 26th Annual Meeting.

* In 2021 we will not pay to list the church in the yellow pages.

† **Pastor's report**---Pastor gave a report with her activities during December.

† **PROPERTY**---Jerry Schwoboda repaired lights in Youth room. Need to buy more antifreeze for Geo-Thermal furnace.

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH**---working to bring Pathways Rep here in February. Council voted to pay \$50 per camper to attend camps. Explore teaming with Youth programs at other area churches. Mari Gras Pancake family event on Feb. 23rd. Substitute Christ in our Home instead of Portals of Prayer for devotional books. S.S. kids sing Feb. 9th. Date needed for Graduation Recognition.

† **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE**---Council gave Pastor permission to follow up with any members whose annual giving has dropped significantly as a wellness check.

† **EVANGELISM/OUTREACH**--- Polar Fest activities were explained by Jim. There will be a "Polar Fest News Desk" where events such as the Feb. 9th Hotdish Challenge held at Grace can be advertised. Souper Bowl of Caring will be held February 2nd. 10% of the proceeds from the Hotdish Challenge will be given to the Becker County Food Pantry. Girl Scouts are using the Youth Room two times a month.

† **GLCW**---No volunteers have stepped forward to lead GLCW so appears that group will be dissolved. If no one steps up at the annual meeting, a vote will be taken on what their money is used for. Ideas were Camp Scholarships, Confirmation Photo display case.

† **WORSHIP**---Ash Wednesday is Feb. 26th with meal at 6:00 p.m. worship at 7:00 P.M. Looking into round robin format with local Pastors.

More minutes to the right



FEBRUARY USHERS, GREETERS, GREETERS--- 9:30 A.M. Service

Sonia Anderson, Coordinator 847-8555

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	READER
February 2, 2020	Andrew Honer	Gary & Dona Rosell	Kathy Coyle
February 9, 2020	Andrew Honer	Lois Flatau, Steve Swanson	Lois Flatau
February 16, 2020	Marlys Brasel	Gary & Dona Rosell	Mason Carrier
February 23, 2020	Elvie Zitzow	Kelly & Mason Carrier	Mason Carrier

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
February 2, 2020	Psalm 15	Micah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12
February 9, 2020	Psalm 112:1-10	Isaiah 58:1-12 1 Corinthians 2:12-16	Matthew 5:13-20
February 16, 2020	Psalm 119:1-8	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
February 23, 2020	Psalm 2	Exodus 24:12-18 2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR JANUARY

DATE	SERVERS
February 2, 2020	Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda, Gerry & Lillian Nybo, Katie Sandberg
February 9, 2020	Sheri Blaney, Joann Eliassen, Merlin & Roxanne Engum
February 16, 2020	Irene Sloan, Ardis Tollefson, Milt & Joyce Hanson, Vern & Julie Herman
February 23, 2020	Gale LaFerriere, Terry & Laurie Bowers, Matt & Eleesha Olson

NURSING HOME MINISTRY:

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

Oak Crossing Nursing Homes-1040 Lincoln Ave.

Darlene Nordlund

Frazee Assisted Living # 20

Wilma Leitheiser

Emmanuel Nursing Home-1415 Madison Ave.

Red Sloane

Norm Danielson

Phyllis McLeod

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



February 1
Kelly Westrum

February 2
Elijah Ritchie

February 7
Zachary Schumann

February 10
McKenna Krengel
Kim Renner
James Zick

February 16
Marian Dwyer

February 23
Terry Bowers
Brad Endersbe

February 26
Jim Brogren Jr.

February 28
Heather Peterson

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



February 13
Gerry & Lillian Nybo

February 22
Chad & Maggie Schmit

**GOD BLESS YOU
ON YOUR
ANNIVERSARY**

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.

IT'S A GRACE THING!





THANK YOU to Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda for fixing the lights in the Sunday School room.

THANKS to Gerry Nybo and Blace Schmidt for keeping a close eye on the geo-thermal fluid and filling it when needed.

THANK YOU to Gerry & Lillian Nybo, Anita Hill, Blace Schmidt, and Glennis Olson who served the delicious meal to the Northwest MN Synod participants of the January 9th training. We will be serving them again on Saturday, February 15th. If you wish to help by providing muffins or to help in preparing the meal, please let Glennis or Lillian know.

THANK YOU to Lillian Nybo for faithfully serving as Church Council President for the past 2 years. Much has been accomplished under your leadership! We will miss you on the council! Thanks also to Gerry Nybo who also will be going off the council. He, however, has agreed to stay on the property committee! Enjoy your time off, because we look forward to you both coming back onto the council in the future!!!



MEMORIAL GIFTS



IN LOVING MEMORY

<i>IN MEMORY OF</i>	<i>FUND</i>	<i>GIVEN BY</i>	<i>DATE</i>
Joan Delp	Current Expenses	Gale LaFerriere	December 24, 2019
Joan Delp	GLC Improvement	Duane Glander	December 31, 2019
Lowell Moser	GLC Improvement	Duane Glander	December 31, 2019
Jamie Olson	Current Expenses	Glennis Olson	December 31, 2019
Andy Anderson	Sunday School	Lois Flatau	December 31, 2019
Andy Anderson	Current Expenses	Glennis Olson	December 31, 2019
Andy Anderson	Undesignated	Gale LaFerriere	December 31, 2019
Andy Anderson	GLC Improvement	Gary & Dona Rosell	December 31, 2019
Andy Anderson	Current Expenses	Dr. Paul Hendrickson	January 5, 2020
Andy Anderson	Undesignated	Elvie Zitzow	January 5, 2020
Andy Anderson	Undesignated	Clarice Anderson	January 5, 2020
Andy Anderson	Undesignated	Dennis & Elaine Forsell	January 5, 2020
Andy Anderson	Undesignated	Shirley Gulden	January 5, 2020
Gene Miller	Undesignated	Glennis Olson	January 5, 2020
Andy Anderson	Confirmation Stand	Bev Berg	January 12, 2020
Andy Anderson	Undesignated	Darlene McArthur	January 12, 2020
Andy Anderson	Undesignated	Dave & Judy Stowman	January 12, 2020
Andy Anderson	Undesignated	Dan & Kari Lane	January 12, 2020
Andy Anderson	Undesignated	Naomi Dahl	January 12, 2020
Andy Anderson	Undesignated	Irene Carnegie	January 12, 2020
Andy Anderson	Undesignated	Bill & Anita Hill	January 12, 2020
Jeff LeJourneau	GLC Improvement	Gary & Dona Rosell	January 12, 2020

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is moving along after the Christmas break. We are practicing 2 songs which we will sing on February 9th. It is important we have everyone attend Sunday School so that they have the opportunity to sing with us on Feb. 9th.

Students are encouraged to bring an offering or bring a non-perishable food item for the "Souper Bowl of Caring" which is being held on Sunday, February 2nd. The contributions will be given to the Becker County Food Pantry.

We will be making valentines for our shut-ins and for the people in the Nursing Homes.

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

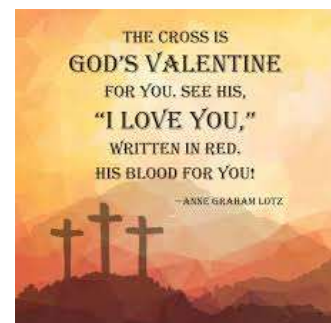
Confirmation students have been given information on the upcoming Sr. High Synod Gathering on Friday, February 21---February 22nd. It is held at Luther Crest in Alexandria with the cost being \$135 if you register by January 22nd. After that the cost will be \$155. The church will help with some of the cost. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Ann. Remember the deadline of January 22!!!

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.



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN



The GLCW met Dec. 9th with six ladies attending. Not too much business at this time of year. We usually make a budget and also make a list of events which we did not do.

Ruby asked if we should send some money for a gift of chickens, pig, etc. through the program we have used in the past. Glennis said we need a coffee pot so Ruby will make a sign to start collecting funds for it. We understand they are quite expensive.

I have always thoroughly enjoyed organizing and it has been a privilege and a great blessing to be a part of the Grace Lutheran Church Women for so many years. I have some helpful information for whoever it may concern.

**It is always better to have an ANNUAL event about the same time each year. Last year Trinity Lutheran had their supper ONE week before Grace Lutherans Cabin Fever Supper. They also had the exact same menu! As you may remember, our supper was moved to March because the hotdish event was held in Feb. instead.

**When there is someone to head up the womens group, those names need to be sent to the MN NW Synodical Womens Organization and also to the Conference Six Cluster Coordinator.

**Spring Conference will be about in April and Bakke and Richwood Lutheran are the hosts.

**The national convention will be in Arizona in July. The information is in the narthex on the board.

**The fall conference will probably be in Sept. or Oct. and Augustana and Cormorant are the hosts. The spring and fall conferences should be attended by women of Grace Lutheran. There is always lots of information to bring back.

**Nov. on a Sunday should be a Thankoffering Service put on by the women of the church. There is a guideline in the womens information.

**2021 SPRING it will be Grace Lutherans turn to host the conference six gathering. This involves 13 churches and about 100 women. We will need morning coffee and muffin (or whatever) and also noon lunch. We will also be responsible for the program.

Hope this helps a bit. You have lots of time to prepare.

MANY BLESSINGS!

RUBY KIIHN

JOHN 16 33 I HAVE SAID THESE THINGS TO YOU, THAT IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE. IN THE WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TRIBULATION. BUT TAKE HEART; I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD.



GLCW FINANCIAL REPORT
Checking & Savings Account

December 31, 2019

INCOME

November 30, 2019---Balance brought forward	\$1,201.15
December Coffee Money.....	\$129.31
Confirmation Display.....	\$15.00
Serving of Funerals.....	\$925.00
Church offerings (wrong account).....	\$1,395.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS.....	\$2,464.31

EXPENSES

Transfer to Grace Checking.....	\$1,395.00
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$1,395.00

DECEMBER 31, 2019 CHECKBOOK BALANCE.....\$2,270.46

SAVINGS PLUS ACCOUNT

November 31, 2019---Balance brought forward	\$774.94
December 31, 2019 interest earned	\$.30
December 31, 2019---Savings account balance	\$775.24

Confirmation Display Stand-----\$565.00

"For God so lo**V**ed the world
That He g**A**ve
His on**L**y
Begott**E**n
So**N**
That whosoever
Believes **I**n Him
Shall **N**ot perish,
But have **E**verlasting life."

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>2 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 9:30 a.m.-----Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.--- Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 9:30 a.m. Quilters 1:30 p.m. Fun & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>6 10:30 a.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 9:30 a.m.-----Worship Service with S.S. students singing and Noisy Offering 10:00 a.m.---Sunday School 10:15 a.m.---Coffee/Fellowship 4:00-6:00 p.m. Polar Fest Hotdish Challenge</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 9:30 a.m. Quilters 1:30 p.m. Fun & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>13 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Finance meeting</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day </p>	<p>15 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Workshop 1 NW MN Synod "Transforming Leadership Training" @ Grace</p>
<p>16 9:30 a.m.-----Worship Service with Holy Communion NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 a.m.---Coffee/Fellowship 10:15 a.m.---C.E. Meeting</p>	<p>17 </p>	<p>18 6:30 p.m. Council meeting</p>	<p>19 9:30 a.m. Quilters 1:30 p.m. Fun & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>20 10:30 a.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 9:30 a.m.-----Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.---Sunday School 10:30 a.m.---Mardi Gras Pancake Family event</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:00 p.m. meal 7:00 p.m. worship</p> 	<p>27 10:30 a.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>



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Sunday School Sept - May 10:00 A.M.

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“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



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING---On February 2nd Grace will be holding a “Souper Bowl of Caring” for the Becker County Food Pantry. Please bring in a non-perishable food and/or a money donation. A special offering will be taken for the food pantry.

The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer said by Reverend Brad Smith at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina: *Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.*

In the first year, 22 churches raised \$5,700 for their area food bank. In 2019, 4,500 groups collected over \$9 million in food and contributions.

Young people started this program and they continue to mobilize annually around the Superbowl to raise money to fight hunger.

All money and food collected at Grace Lutheran will be given to the Becker County Food Pantry. Thank you!

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