

Grace's Mountain View

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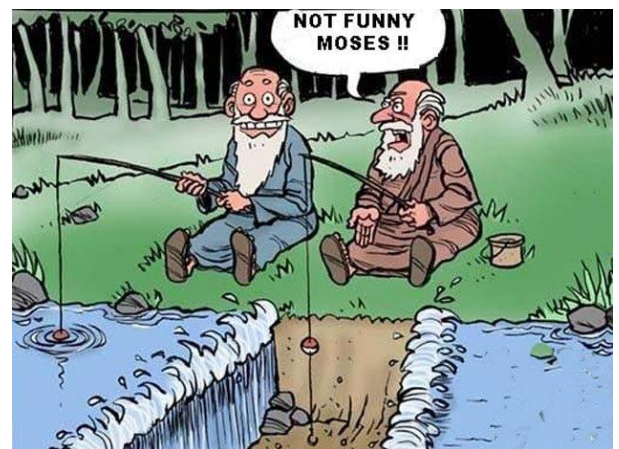
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WHAT IS HAPPENING @ GRACE LUTHERAN?

- * The Church Council has decided to keep the worship service schedule as is through the month of August. The outdoor worship services are being well attended and the Facebook worship services are being viewed by several people. We ask for your patience through these challenging times and appreciate your participation in our worship services.
- * The office will continue to be open from Monday-Friday from 9:00 A.M.-12:00 noon. Please continue to mail in your offerings or drop them off at the office. Thank you!
- * Holy Communion will be held on Sunday, August 9th, during the outdoor worship service. All are welcome!
- * Church Council will be meeting following the worship service on Sunday, August 9th.





August 2020

Where has the summer gone? The fields suddenly are amber, not green. The tomatoes are almost ready for the first BLT of the year. School supplies are on sale and the fawns at the edge of the road are getting bigger and losing their spots....

On the one hand, I enjoy fall and don't miss the sticky hot weather, but I am never quite ready for August. On the other hand, eventually it will be too cold to continue to hold worship in the parking lot and other plans will have to be made. We will continue to evaluate the best advice we can find and will keep you people of Grace apprised accordingly.

Our education committee will be meeting after decisions are made about MN schools and will take that decision into account in regards to Sunday school and confirmation classes. Again, we will keep you all apprised of decisions.

I heard a story about a young man who was to be crowned as king of his small country seeking advice from the wisest people in the land.....The advice he found most helpful was the phrase, "This too shall pass." It reminded him that difficulties don't go on forever, likewise, that which is good also will come to an end. Don't take anything for granted!

We seem to be able to endure problems when we see an end in sight, when we have a measure of hope, but it's important that we have genuine hope, not wishful thinking. Discerning the difference calls for wisdom. Be skeptical when you hear of something that seems too good to be true, consider the source of your information and determine who benefits from you believing what you are told.

Our lives are in God's hands...God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Psalm 145:8

Keep your eyes and hearts open to seeing God at work in the world around you and share God's love with others.... you may be the means of helping someone see God's love at work in their life.

Blessings to you!

Pastor Ann

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PSALM</u>	<u>LESSONS</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
August 2, 2020	Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21	Isaiah 55:1-5 Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
August 9, 2020	Psalms 85:8-13	1 Kings 19:9-18 Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
August 16, 2020	Psalms 67	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15:10-28
August 23, 2020	Psalms 138	Isaiah 51:1-6 Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
August 30, 2020	Psalms 26:1-8	Jeremiah 15:15-21 Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28



THANK YOU to Thanks to Jim Brogren Jr. who is posting our virtual worship service on Grace Lutheran’s Face Book page and our web page www.gracelutherandl.org

THANK YOU to Lois Flatau who is watering our plants inside, watering and weeding the flower gardens, and providing beautiful displays of flowers. Your helpful work is showing through the beauty that surrounds Grace Lutheran.

THANK YOU to Blace Schmidt, Becky Esser, and Gerry Nybo who have been spraying the weeds around the church grounds. Hopefully, our grounds will be weed free—at least for a little while! ☺

THANK YOU to all our lawn mowers who are taking turns mowing our lawns. They are Kevin & Kathy Erickson and Gerry & Kathy Schwoboda.

JULY FINANCIALS 7/31/2020

Total monthly giving	\$6,389.00
Total monthly expenditures	\$9,651.49
Checkbook balance	\$958.86
Rainy Day Fund balance	\$18,309.50
Savings Account balance	\$2,507.62
Mission Investment Fund	\$1,128.00
Mission Investment Savings	\$1,018.89



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



August 2
Sadie Schmerhorn

August 3
Evan Westrum

August 5
Hunter Korth
Garrett Mace
Ryan Esser

August 6
Dennis Mace

August 10
Anne Stowman

August 11
Ardis Tollefson

August 13
Tanner Lane
Lloyd Kiihn

August 14
Machelle Kregel

August 15
Alice Vangerud

August 21
Ashtyn Carrier

August 22
Brian Korth

August 23
Merry Lee Linden

August 26
Kaitlyn Carrier

August 30
Carol Hanson

August 31
Darlene McArthur

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



August 2
Tom & Kathy Lormis

August 6
Kevin & Kathy Erickson

August 26
Merlin & Roxanne Engum
Pastor Ann & Robb Larson

**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.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY:

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

<u>Emmanuel Nursing Home-1415 Madison Ave.</u>	<u>Frazee Assisted Living</u>
Red Sloane, Phyliss McLeod	Wilma Leitheiser
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IT'S A GRACE THING!