

# Grace's Mountain View

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ANNUAL MEETING has been postponed to Sunday, April 18, 2021 following the worship service. Consider serving as a council member. We need your help! Let Lillian or

Jerry Nybo know if you are interested.

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS**

Confirmation.....Wednesdays...6:30 P.M.  
 Church Council.....3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday...6:30 P.M

**TATER TOT HOTDISH DRIVE-THRU**



February 6, 2021  
 4:30-6:30 P.M.

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**LENTEN SEASON IS APPROACHING!!!**

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Lenten worship service will be held at 6:00 P.M. There will NOT be meals served at this time due to the Pandemic.

Worship services on Maundy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, will be at 7:00 P.M.

Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, worship services will be held at 7:00 P.M.

Easter worship services will be at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

As a part of Polar Fest 2021, you can enjoy the traditional MN favorite casserole---TATER TOT HOTDISH! You will be able to "drive through" and pick up your dinner meal consisting of tater tot hotdish, dinner roll, green beans, and a brownie! Cost is \$10 per meal. Please have exact money or check. Take it home and enjoy!

Some Proceeds will be given to Becker County Food Pantry.





*Pastor Ann*

February 2021

Hope you are hungry! Since the drive through potatoes and pork dinner went so well in the fall, Grace is hosting a drive through hotdish meal on February 6 since we cannot safely host the hotdish cook-off which has become a part of Polar Fest in Detroit Lakes. Your help is needed, food preparation will be on Friday, February 5 starting at 9:00 a.m. Your help is also needed before, during and after the meal service from 4:30-6:30 Saturday afternoon. Thanks in advance!

We are hoping to get back to in-person worship on February 7. That's also Superbowl Sunday and is the custom, please bring a can or two of soup with a dollar or more attached as an offering for the Becker County Food Pantry. It was such a simple idea when it started.... a youth group had discussed how much snack food is sold for people to enjoy during the game and wondered what would happen if they were to ask people to donate to their local food pantry. Multi-millions are now raised on Superbowl Sunday throughout the country and as we know, the need for food is greater than ever this year. Part of the proceeds from the drive through meal will also be donated to the food pantry.

The season of Epiphany is winding down. Transfiguration Sunday marks the end and Ash Wednesday will be on February 17. The service will be at 6 in order that the confirmation class can meet following worship. During a meeting on -line someone remarked that they would be imposing ashes with Q-tips. We will do the same.... with disposable Q-tips so we don't spread germs! Plans for Lent are not yet final, but we will alert you ASAP!

We're almost through January, which hasn't been ridiculously cold this year. Each day is bringing more light and thank goodness for the vaccine! I am glad students are getting back to class, confirmation can meet in person and I look forward to looking people in the eyes and know that they are smiling beneath their masks! God is with us at all times and God is GOOD!

Blessings to you each!

Pastor Ann

February 2021

Good Morning to all!

As you well know, April is coming and will be time to elect new church council members. Gerry and I are the nominating committee this year. I realize that some of you are currently on the council. I don't have every one's email so I will be asking Glennis to post this in the newsletter as well.

Gerry and I are considering serving again but we need help in this endeavor. It has been a rough year for everyone I realize but somehow, we must step up to help our church.

Many of us are Charter members and have lots of memories at Grace Lutheran. Grace has been there for many of us at times of sadness as well as happy times. Now it is time that we step up for Grace and come together as a congregation to help Grace continue.

It is only approximately 2 hours once a month for the meetings. Of course, if and when we can start our fundraisers again, it will take some more time but it is always worth it.

Please consider serving. I know that many of you have served many times over the years but because we have a small congregation repetition is necessary.

Thank you for serving!

Gerry and Lillian Nybo  
Nominating Committee



# CHURCH MEETINGS

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

## CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee will meet Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 A.M.



Don't forget to bring or mail in your HOPE offering! Thank you!!!

### LOOKING AHEAD:

- \* Ash Wednesday is on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. with confirmation to follow at 7:00P.M. Lenten Services will be weekly at 6:00 p.m. with no meal served.
- \* Easter Sunday is April 18, 2021.
- \* Annual Meeting, Sunday, April 18, 2021 following the worship service.
- \* Synod Assembly is virtual and one day, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer. Next Council meeting is February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rebecca Esser*, Secretary

### (UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS January 19, 2021

- † Meeting was called to order by President Michelle Peterson.
- † Devotions given by Glennis Olson
- † Correspondence was read and discussed.
- † Secretary report approved as read.
- † **Finance report** approved as printed.

December Total Income	\$10,562.74
December Total Expenses	\$11,488.94
Checkbook Balance 12/31/2020	\$20,903.39
Rainy Day Fund	\$38,994.43
Mission Investment Fund	\$1,022.82
Mission Investment Savings	\$1,147.63
Savings Balance	\$9,078.03
Mortgage Balance	\$164,388.38

Expenses for December were a little higher due to utilities. Generous special donations were given at the end of 2020 Cancelling Dex media. Looking for a new contractor/vendor for copier. 2020 Contributions stewardship letter will include "Hope" envelope for special donations. 2021 proposed budget was approved. 2020 audit will be completed on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

† **PROPERTY**---Watching Geo-Thermal system and refill as needed. Still waiting on windows, other windows will be ordered when the first set is installed. Chad Schmit will donate time and labor to paint the Sanctuary—THANK YOU!

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH**---Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open for Pathways Camp. Each camper who attends will receive \$50 towards their registration fee.

† **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE**---Thank you to everyone who continue to give offerings during the pandemic and all those who have given special offerings in 2020. A motion was made and approved to give \$100 each month to a charity as determined by the Stewardship Committee. January's recipient is Pathways Bible Camp.

† **EVANGELISM/OUTREACH**--- Facebook Live continues. Polar Fest drive-thru hotdish will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup> with Jim Brogren planning the event. The meal will consist of tater tot hotdish, green beans, bun, brownie for \$10.00. Council members will help as well as members from congregation.

† **WORSHIP**---Virtual worship continues. Grace will resume in-person worship service on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Souper Bowl Sunday will also be held that Sunday. Members are encouraged to bring in a can of soup and/or monetary donation to be given to the Becker County Food Pantry.

† **OLD BUSINESS**---It has been decided to refinance our mortgage. Blace is working with Bell State Bank.

† **NEW BUSINESS**---Reports from Committees needed prior to Annual meeting—by March 31 or sooner please! Annual meeting agenda discussion tabled to the February meeting.

More minutes to the right



DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
February 7, 2021	Psalm 147:1-11, 20	Isaiah 40:21-31 1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
February 14, 2021	Psalm 50:1-6	2 Kings 2:1-12 2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
ASH WEDNESDAY February 17, 2021	Psalm 51:1-17	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
February 21, 2021	Psalm 25:1-10	Genesis 9:8-17 1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
February 28, 2021	Psalm 22:23-31	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38

**NURSING HOME MINISTRY:**

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

Frazee Assisted Living # 20 Wilma Leitheiser

**MEMORIAL  
GIFTS**



IN LOVING MEMORY

IN MEMORY OF	FUND	GIVEN BY	DATE
Red Sloane	Undesignated	Karen Jones	January 10, 2021
Phyllis McLeod	Undesignated	Karen Jones	January 10, 2021
Phyllis McLeod	Undesignated	Dennis & Elaine Forsell	January 10, 2021
Red Sloane	Undesignated	Dennis & Elaine Forsell	January 10, 2021
Carol Duoos	Undesignated	Dennis & Elaine Forsell	January 10, 2021

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Phyllis McLeod	Undesignated	Gary & Dona Rosell
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**February 1**  
Kelly Westrum

**February 2**  
Elijah Ritchie

**February 7**  
Zachary Schumann

**February 10**  
McKenna Krengel  
Kim Renner  
James Zick

**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 Jim Brogren Jr. for arranging the Tater Tot Hotdish Drive-Thru as a part of Polar Fest. Thanks to those who have volunteered to help! Prep day is Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 A.M. If you are able to help, please contact the office.

**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 all those people who have given IRA distributions to Grace Lutheran. It is much appreciated!

**THANK YOU** to Myrna Schmidt who made doll clothes, and Cathy Schwoboda who made kitchen towels to sell during the Christmas season! Sales amounted to \$265.50 which was deposited in the Savings Account.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

\* Sunday School will resume in-person on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be happy to see the children!

\* Bible Camp registration has begun! Early Bird deadline is March 21<sup>st</sup>. Students will receive information when they return to Sunday School. Students attending camp will receive \$50 towards their registration. If you have questions, contact Traci Mace 701-429-4800.

\*" Souper Bowl of Caring" will be held on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Students are asked to bring in a can of soup and/or money to donate to the Becker County Food Pantry.

### **CONFIRMATION**

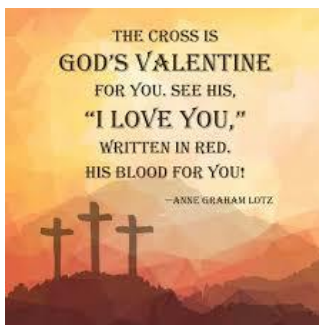
\* Confirmation has resumed classes again. They meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M.

\* Confirmation students are encouraged to attend 6:00 P.M. Lenten services with class following.

\* Any students who can help during the Drive-Thru Hotdish dinner on February 6<sup>th</sup> will earn points!

We need your help!

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



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**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**---On February 7<sup>th</sup> 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!