

Grace's Mountain View

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

“NEIGHBORHOOD”

ICE CREAM PARTY!

Wednesday, August 25th

From 5:30-7:00 p.m.



I Scream... You Scream...we all scream for ice cream!

Come and join us at Grace Lutheran Church, 213 Roosevelt Ave. for an ice cream party! Everyone is welcome.

Grace Lutheran would like to invite “our neighborhood” to come and join us for ice cream and fellowship with our friends living in this area. There will be games to enjoy with others.

Find out what Grace Lutheran has to offer for the people living in “our neighborhood”. Family events, Christian Education, and inspiring worship services are some of the events that Grace Lutheran is offering for “Our neighborhood”!

Hope to see you on Wednesday, August 25th as “our neighborhood” will share in fellowship while enjoying an ice cream treat and playing games!





August 2021

Even though I graduated long ago, my life is still marked by the beginning of the school year. I spent part of this morning creating this school year's confirmation calendar. We will be starting class on the 15th of September. We are on a three- year cycle and this year the topic is Catechism. We will talk about the sacraments of communion and baptism, learn the responses to "What does this mean?" in regards to the petitions of the Lord's prayer, the 10 commandments and the Apostles' Creed. Were you part of the era when the students had to stand in front of the congregation and be grilled to see if they had memorized all that information? Ultimately, the idea is that we learn to live out the covenants that God has made with us so that they are a natural part of our lives.

Each year on Reformation Day, the first lesson is from Jeremiah and assures us that the days are surely coming when God will write the law on our hearts and teaching them to one another will no longer be necessary. Until that time, as a part of the promise made to those who are baptized on the part of the congregation, we will continue to provide instruction through Christian education for all ages of Grace Lutheran.

We had to take a break because of covid for the health and safety of our community. Hopefully the Delta variant will not cause another shut down. Please let me know if you are interested in Bible study, book study or a topical study of an issue of interest and when and where you would like to meet. It could be at a restaurant, at a senior living facility when they are open to outsiders, in the church building.... see if you can drum up some interest from other members or friends outside the membership and let me know. Besides being interesting, it builds community to study and pray together.

Thanks to everyone who has already volunteered to work at the fair.... stop by the booth while you are checking out the displays in the arena. Mark your calendar for the ice cream social on August 25. We would like you to help meet the neighbors who stop by. Clean out your closets for the church rummage sale in September and please donate good used winter clothing for the October 2 coat drive which is sponsored by Trinity Lutheran but will be at Grace this year while they are under construction.

Enjoy the rest of the summer! Hope your gardens are producing! Check out the church garden and help yourself to the veggies that have been tended with love and prayer.

Stay as cool as possible...remember that if the weather is too warm, we meet in the fellowship hall which is air- conditioned on Sunday morning.

Blessings to you!

Pastor Ann

Thoughts
from the desk of
Our President...

This month I want to talk about my blessings and how I seem to forget them.

I cannot begin to tell you all of the blessings that I have had in my life. God just keeps giving them to me whether I deserve them or not. It is through his grace and mercy that I am here. There have been times that I could have not been here and yet, our loving God saw fit to keep me here.

When I was young, blessings never crossed my mind and I am ashamed to admit that. As I have gotten older, every day I seem to recognize more and more the blessings that He has given me and gives me every day. I am thankful for each day and every hour that I can spend with those I love whether it be via phone, in person or on the computer.

Where would you be without God's blessings? Would you be the same person or would you be someone totally different? **I challenge you to sit and acknowledge everyday** all the blessings that you have in your life and most of all, thank God for them.

Here at Grace, we have been given blessing after blessing from God. I recall a couple of years ago we all thought that our doors would be shut within months and yet here we are, still going.

Lillian Nybo
Council president

REASONS FOR GIVING

1. GIVING IS PLEASING TO GOD

Hebrews 13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

2. GIVING IS BEING OBEDIENT TO GOD.

1 Corinthians 16:1-2 Now about the collection for the Lord's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

3. YOU WILL BE BLESSED.

Acts 20:35 And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

4. WHEN YOU GIVE YOU ARE SERVING CHRIST.

Matthew 25:40 "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

5. TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS

Proverbs 11:25 Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

CHURCH MEETINGS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10th at 6:30 P.M.
Note that meeting is one week earlier than normal!

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Fri., Sept. 10th ---4-7 P.M.

BBQS light supper available for purchase

Sat., Sept. 11th---9:00-12:00 noon

Hot cinnamon rolls available for purchase

Be looking for items to donate to the Rummage Sale!

Thanks to Gale LaFerriere and Michelle Pary for volunteering to head the Rummage Sale.

- * A motion was made that the live streaming services should be discontinued. Motion was defeated.
- *A motion to terminate the current copier lease at the earliest date possible passed unanimously.
- *Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting is Tuesday, August 10th at 6:30 p.m. **Note: This is a week earlier than the usual date!**



(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS January 19, 2021)

- † Meeting was called to order by President Lillian Nybo
- † A presentation by Greg Lund was given on their copy machine from Metro Sales. Our lease is up on Sept. 1st.
- † Devotions given by Jim Brogren Jr.
- † Correspondence was read and discussed.
- † Secretary report approved as read.
- † **Pastor Report:** Pastor Ann suggested that we consider inviting the bishop to make a presentation on stewardship and other topics some time in February. She spoke about all the events scheduled at Grace for the coming months. Grace will be serving a lunch for the NWMN Synod meeting to be held on October 16, 2021. She stated that it's anticipated that there will be baptisms in the near future. She has requested time off on Sunday, September 26th followed by a few days the next week.
- † **Finance report** approved as printed. Several withdrawals have been made from the Rainy-Day Fund in order to meet monthly expenses. Council members were asked to increase donations which may encourage others to make greater contributions. Along with the statement listing donations, the finance committee will send a letter to parishioners encouraging greater donations.

June Total Income	\$6,670.74
June Total Expenses	\$9,871.15
Checkbook Balance 06/30/2021	\$1,938.88
Rainy Day Fund	\$20,940.65
Mission Investment Fund	\$1,025.44
Mission Investment Savings	\$1,167.48
Savings Balance	\$10,804.64
Mortgage Balance	\$157,898.93

- † **PROPERTY**---Faucets need fixing as they are leaking if not turned off properly. Thanks to Jerry Schwoboda and Gerry Nybo who have been repairing things around the church.
- † **EDUCATION/YOUTH**---Traci stated that volunteers are needed for the fair booth. Discussion followed about the ice cream social to be held August 25th. Preparations are being made for Sunday School and youth activities. Wednesday night Sunday School is being considered. Trinity Lutheran has invited Grace children to attend VBS.
- † **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE**---Monthly donations have been extremely low during the summer months.
- † **EVANGELISM/OUTREACH**---Everyone is encouraged to help with the fair booth at the Becker County Fair on July 28-31.
- † **WORSHIP**---A worship leader is needed for August 22 which Gale LaFerriere has agree to.
- † **NEW BUSINESS**—On Sept. 10-11 a rummage sale will be held at Grace. Michelle and Gail have agreed to chair the event. There will be a bbq light supper served on Friday night. Hot rolls will be served Saturday morning.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
August 1, 2021	Psalm 78:23-29	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
August 8, 2021	Psalm 34:1-8	1 Kings 19:4-8 Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
August 15, 2021	Psalm 34:9-14	Proverbs 9:1-6 Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
August 22, 2021	Psalm 34:15-22	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-59
August 29, 2021	Psalm 15	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

NURSING HOME MINISTRY:

Oak Crossing #110----- Audrey Ronning

1010 Lincoln Ave. Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Frazee Assisted Living # 06-----Wilma Leitheiser

219 West Maple Ave. Frazee, MN 56544

MEMORIAL
GIFTS



IN LOVING MEMORY

IN MEMORY OF	FUND	GIVEN BY	DATE
Marion Dwyer	Oven Fund	Lois Flatau	June 6, 2021
Ed Rodgers	Window Fund	Gale LaFerriere	June 20, 2021
Stuart Friesse	Window Fund	Gale LaFerriere	June 20, 2021
Marion Dwyer	Undesignated	Naomi Dahl	July 11, 2021
Marion Dwyer	Undesignated	Karen Jones	July 11, 2021
Gunda Gilbertson	Sunday School-Fair	Glennis Olson	July 11, 2021
Phyllis McCleod	Undesignated	Tom & Kathy Lormis	July 25, 2021

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



August 2

Sadie Schmit

August 3

Evan Westrum

August 5

Ryan Esser
Hunter Korth
Garrett Mace

August 6

Dennis Mace

August 11

Linda Hjelsand
Ardis Tollefson

August 13

Lloyd Kiihn

August 14

Machelle Kregel

August 21

Ashtyn Carrier

August 22

Brian Korth

August 23

Merry Lee Linden

August 25

Steve Swanson

August 26

Kaitlyn Carrier

August 30

Carol Hanson

August 31

Darlene McArthur

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 6

Kevin & Kathryn Erickson

August 26

Merlin & Roxanne Engum
Rob & Pastor Ann

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 Kevin Erickson who mowed the lawn.

THANKS to all who have been watering the community gardens. Thanks also to Becky Esser for being the coordinator for the community gardens. They are looking good and beginning to give us produce! Stop by and help yourself to produce!

THANK YOU to Jerry Schwoboda and Gerry Nybo who have repaired the lock on the South doors.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- * A BIG thank you to all who helped staff the church fair booth. Fun was had by all. We had many excited participants “digging for treasures” in our sand pool. Grace Brochures, flyers announcing our Ice Cream Social coming up on August 25th and upcoming events were handed out to participants.
- * Don't forget the Neighborhood Community Ice Cream Party on Wednesday, August 25th beginning at 5:30 P.M. There will be games for everyone to participate in. Come have ice cream, enjoy fellowship and music, and play games with your neighborhood community.
- * Trinity Lutheran has invited the SS age youth of Grace to join them for VBS this year! It will be held August 16-18 (Mon-Wed) at M-State (as Trinity is going through renovations).

Registration deadline is August 1.

Please sign up on their website at-

<https://www.trinitylutherandl.org/>

CONFIRMATION

* Confirmation begins Wednesday, September 15, 2021 @ 6:30 P.M. This year our topic of discussion is “The Catechism”.

PARENTS: PLEASE ATTEND THE FIRST CLASS OF THE YEAR!

* Confirmation students are encouraged to help with the Ice Cream Party to be held on August 25th. We need helpers to oversee the games which will be offered. This is a way to fulfill your Confirmation community service requirement.

Contact Trace Mace or call the office to volunteer.





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Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America

213 Roosevelt Avenue

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Church Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School Sept - May

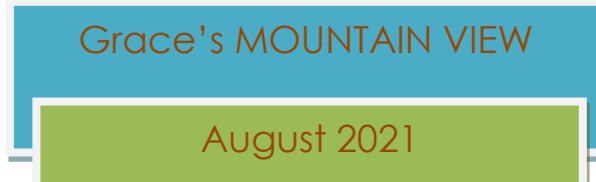
Adult Ed. Opportunities Year-round

Office Hours 9:00 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



Enjoy the Last Days of Summer
by
attending the various events
sponsored by Grace Lutheran
Church!

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