

# Grace's Mountain View

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## Grace Lutheran Church

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## REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Quilters.....Wednesdays...9:30 A.M.  
Fellowship/Game Day...Wednesdays...1:30 A.M.  
Confirmation.....Wednesdays...6:30 P.M.  
Church Council.....3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday...6:30 P.M



# ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN: Sunday, January 23, 2022  
Following the worship service

Come one, come all, and be a part of the decisions that guide  
Grace Lutheran Church!



January 2022

Blessings to you as we now enter the shortest season of the church calendar. Christmas is only 12 days long but has a disproportionate impact on the rest of the year. Easter had primary focus for many years. During the time of the Puritans, leaders were alarmed at the excesses of celebrations, banned Christmas parties, and all the hoopla which accompanied the feasting and drinking so many people anticipated each year.

We frequently hear people bemoan how Christmas has been spoiled by too much, by too many expectations, by too much spending. This time of the year can be difficult for those who are grieving, by those experiencing financial problems, by those who have problematic relations with their families.

The pandemic of course has exacerbated problems. That which was fraught before, has become even more a flash point for disagreements. More than ever, we need to remember how Luther explained the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

“We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead, we are to come to their defense, speak well of them and interpret everything they do in the best possible light.”

That might make a good New Year’s resolution for each of us.... that we try to reweave the fabric of our connections with people through honest conversations which serve the purpose, not of proving who is right, but of owning our own opinions, taking into account those of the other, agreeing to disagree at times, but trying to find resolutions to problems which require co-operation to resolve.

The annual meeting will be on January 23<sup>rd</sup> this year. Those who are confirmed members have voice and vote. Let me know if you have been a visitor who would like to become a member before the 23<sup>rd</sup>.... We promise you will not immediately be put on the church council!

God’s peace be with you...the true Light has come into the world!

*Pastor Ann*

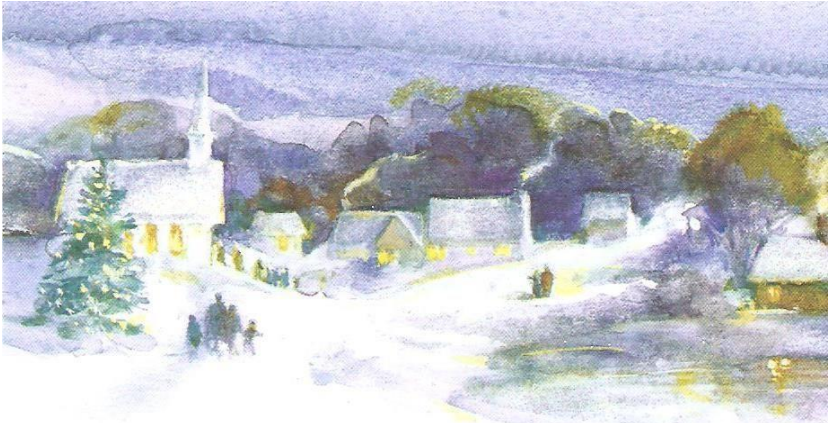
It has been a busy year simply figuring out how to deal with the Covid issue here at Grace.

We have been blessed to have a congregation such as you who is willing to come together and help when needed. For that and all our blessings this year I thank God and you all.

We have made it through the past couple of years only through God's grace.

I hope that you all continue to be blessed and willing to work to keep Grace going for this next year.

Happy New Year to you all!  
*Lillian*



*Prayer for the New Year*

Give us the kindness to hear with compassion,  
to offer support,  
loving comfort, and care.  
Give us the courage to do what is needed,  
the wisdom to choose  
what is right and most fair.  
Give us the vision to see what is possible.  
Give us the faith  
that will help pave the way  
for a present that's hopeful,  
a future that's peaceful--  
give us the heart to bring joy to each day.





As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much. You can't serve from your sofa, you can't have community of faith on your sofa, you can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa. Christians aren't consumers. We are

contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We Sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together. The Church needs you and you need the church! (Taken from First Lutheran newsletter)



**THANK YOU** to Jerry Schwoboda for fixing the snowblower and getting it ready for winter.

**THANK YOU** to Gerry Nybo who has been using the snowblower to blow the snow from the sidewalks and shoveling in front of doors.

**THANK YOU** to Jeff Leitheiser who clears the snow from the parking lots. A special thank you for doing an extra swipe in the mornings so that Glennis can make it into work!

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- \* Congratulations, Sunday School students, for doing such a terrific job on the Sunday School Christmas Program!
- \* Classes will resume Sunday, January 9, 2022. We encourage all children to attend Sunday School. The children will be singing one Sunday a month. We will be trying to arrange a fun day each month.
- \* Thanks to Traci Mace who is the Sunday School teacher. Your dedication is much appreciated.
- \* 5<sup>th</sup> grade First Communion classes will be held beginning, Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Time will be set later.

### **CONFIRMATION**

- \* Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.
- \* Students who will be confirmed this Spring are reminded that there are requirements that need to be completed before you are confirmed.
- \* Lenten Season begins on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ash Wednesday. Confirmation students will attend Lenten Services followed by a shortened Confirmation class.



# CHURCH MEETINGS



## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.

## CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M.

## CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES will be coming to Fargo, ND!

This fun filled event will take place on Friday, April 8, 2022 at the Fargo Theatre. Tickets can be gotten in person at the Tickets300 Box Office 302 N. University Drive. Call for tickets at (866) 300-8300 or visit JadePresents.com



(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS December 14, 2021)

- † Meeting was called to order by President Lillian Nybo
- † Devotions given by Lillian Nybo
- † Correspondence was read and discussed. Donations will be made to Mary's Place and Place 2 Belong.
- † Pastor's Report—A baptism is scheduled for Jan. 9, 2022. Pastor Ann is on jury duty and may be called at any time to serve. Synod Meetings will be held at Grace Lutheran along with First Lutheran and Trinity Churches.
- † Secretary report approved as read.
- † **Finance report** approved as printed.

November Total Income	\$6,604.56
November Total Expenses	\$10,211.
Checkbook Balance 11/30/2021	\$928.26
Rainy Day Fund	\$14,158.52
Mission Investment Fund	\$1,187.79
Savings Balance	\$8,203.60
Mortgage Balance	\$149,317.62

† **PROPERTY**---Blace reported that the old geothermal furnace was malfunctioning and needed extensive repairs. The committee recommended that it be replaced with a gas furnace. Bids have been received and it was unanimously approved to purchase a new furnace from Lakes Plumbing and Heating. Jerry Schwoboda fixed the snowblower.

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH**---Sunday School Christmas program was very successful. No Sunday School on December 26 & January 2. Goal is to keep up attendance after Christmas.

† **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE**---December monthly benevolence is being given to Mary's Place and Place 2 Belong.

† **EVANGELISM/OUTREACH**---Participation in the Polar Fest Hot Dish Challenge was unanimously approved. Bishop Bill Tesch will attend and conduct the worship service on February 13, 2022 with a lunch to follow.

† **WORSHIP**---Lillian Nybo and Gale LaFerriere will conduct the service on January 2, 2022.

† **OLD BUSINESS**---10% of the Bazaar proceeds will be split between Essentia Health for incubator blankets and Lutheran Disaster Response.

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The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.

*David Stowman*, Secretary

# SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
January 2, 2022	Psalm 147:12-20	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:1-18
January 9, 2022	Psalm 29	Isaiah 43:1-7 Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
January 16, 2022	Psalm 36:5-10	Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
January 23, 2022 ANNUAL MEETING	Psalm 19	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21
January 30, 2022	Psalm 71:1-6	Jeremiah 1:4-10 1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30

## **NURSING HOME MINISTRY:**

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

Oak Crossing-1415 Madison Ave.

**Audrey Ronning**

Frazee Assisted Nursing Home

219 West Maple Ave., Frazee, MN 56544

**Wilma Leitheiser**

Lincoln Park Apt. 212 207 Park St.

**Wally Shodean**

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# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



January 7  
Mary Ritchie

January 15  
Tucker McDermond

January 24  
Joann Eliassen

January 26  
Sara Nelson

January 31  
Tyler Leitheiser

# JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



None this month

**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!**



**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in**  
**America**

213 Roosevelt Avenue

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Church Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School Sept - May 10:00 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*

Grace's MOUNTAIN VIEW

January 2022

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**



Sunday, January 23, 2022  
Following the worship service

It is important that we have  
church members attend this  
vital meeting!

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