

Grace's Mountain View

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Quilters.....Wednesdays...9:30 A.M.
Church Council.....3rd Tuesday...6:30 P.M

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held at First Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, from June 20-23, 2022. Grace students have been invited to join First Lutheran students as in the past. You must preregister in order to attend. See Traci Mace (701-429-4800) or Glennis in the office to register. Grace is responsible for 1 meal for the Luther Crest counselors holding the VBS. The Mace family, Susan Rasmussen (Traci's mother), and Glennis will be coordinating a BBQ meal for the counselors. If anyone would like to provide a veggie tray or another healthy snack, please contact Traci or Glennis. ***We hope to have several students attend this fun event!***



June 2022

I wonder how St. Paul would fare if he were to enter the “Great Think-off” contest in New York Mills? This year’s question is: “What should be more important: personal choice or social responsibility?” So much of the political debates we have been having in regards to issues like Covid vaccines or gun control legislation could be debated with that question.

Paul addresses the issue of the freedom of a Christian around a specific issue, but the premise of what is required of us is evident throughout the book of Galatians.

“For you were called to freedom brothers and sisters only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Gal. 13-14

“Live by the Spirit!” Gal. 5:16

“So let us not grow weary of doing what is right, we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.” Gal. 6:10

“May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.” Gal. 6:18

I think Paul could successfully argue both sides of the issue, but likely, would encourage us to live in the paradox of both/and.... or as Luther would say, we are both totally free and totally bound.

Blessings to you as we enjoy the months of summer! We will try to have most of our worship services in the sanctuary, but if it is miserably hot, do not stay away from worship! We will meet in the fellowship hall where we are air conditioned.

God’s peace,

Pastor Ann

Greetings Grace Family,

I have served on the church council for more years than I can remember now. But taking on the role as council President, brings on a whole new perspective, you are the "go to" person for answers. I promise, I will try my best to listen, digest the information and do what is best for Grace Lutheran Church.

I am going to bring up some tough subject matter in this month's column, but know it is done with love and for the betterment of our church.

There are so many wonderful things happening at Grace Lutheran, but that being said, how do we "Spring" hope into our congregation?

Thoughts...

Music, it is written that singing connects us emotionally and spiritually. Why are we not singing? Is there someone who would like to step up and lead our worship hymns? I have several ideas I would love to discuss with you. Let's let our voices be heard.

Attendance, the U.S. Christian population is declining AS IS our worship service attendance. How do we get our membership back in pews? How do we attract new members? We are a beacon on the hill and we need to let our light shine. Spread the word of God's Grace.

Tithes / Offering, this is a tough but necessary conversation. Our monthly expenses go on even if attendance and giving don't. We as a church council set a yearly budget, which has been stripped down to bare necessity, to allow for operational expenses only. Can we together make a commitment to increase our weekly, monthly, yearly giving no matter what size it be? Our future depends upon you.

Stewardship is how we do ministry together through the generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure. One of our budget cutbacks was our monthly stewardship mission of giving. Know that we are exploring other alternatives of giving as a church, one of those being monthly worship service invites to various charitable organizations in which we could take a special offering. Do you see some needs in our community that we can help support?

I just wanted to be open and honest with you as a congregation as to where we currently sit. That is what family does, right? And we are one big church family. Grace Lutheran is our home.

Spring is the season of change, and renewal. Let's step up together and watch great things blossom within our church. Together we will SPRING forward.

And last but not least, my words can not articulate my appreciation for each and everyone of you.

Blessing and HOPE to a wonderful future,

Jim Brogren

Council President



THANK YOU to Jerry Schwoboda and Gerry Nybo who fixed the West door of the church.

THANK YOU to those who stayed on Sunday, May 22nd and did some work during the clean-up day. There are still more tasks to be completed, so please stop by the office to see what tasks you could volunteer to complete. We need everyone's help to beautify our church!

THANK YOU to Schwoboda's who mowed the church lawn for the first time this summer. We will need people to volunteer to mow the lawn this summer. If you are willing to help out, please let the office know so a schedule can be made out. Thank you for your help!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- * Grace Lutheran Sunday School has finished for this school year. We had a good year and wish the students a great summer!
- * We will resume Sunday School in the fall on September 11th. More details will be coming later.

CONFIRMATION

- * Congratulations to our 3 young men who were confirmed on Sunday, May 1, 2022: Nathan Flaa, Connor Nelson, and Loghen Olson.
- * Confirmation will resume on Sept. 14th. More details will be coming later.



YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!!!

Beginning with the July newsletter, it will only be sent out via mail if a yearly fee of \$25 is paid for postage. Otherwise, you may pick up the newsletter while attending church or it will be on the website.

OTHER AREA EVENTS

* **LET'S GO FISHING**---If you are interested in scheduling a fishing trip contact LetsGoFishingDL@gmail.com

* **RUMMAGE SALE** @ Immanuel Lutheran Church in Audubon—June 3rd & June 4th. Free Will Donation.

* **MEDICATIONS: PROPER STORAGE and DISPOSAL**---Pharmacist Mark Dewey will present an informational meeting on proper storage, expiration dates, and proper disposal both of prescription and OTC drugs. This virtual event will be held Thursday, June 9---11:00 A.M.-12:00 noon.

CHURCH MEETINGS



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.



Summertime is a busy time for families with vacations, camps, and visits to the lakes.

However, the church financial obligations continue through the summertime. Please mail in or drop off your offerings if you are unable to attend church this summer. Your tithing is greatly needed during the summer as we face a decline in summer worship attendance. Remember to give to God who gave his only son for you! Thank you!



- (UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS May 17th meeting)
- † Meeting was called to order by President Jim Brogren
 - † Devotions given by Jim Brogren
 - † Correspondence was read and discussed.
 - † Pastor's Report—Will be having special music on June 12th or 26th. All worship will continue in sanctuary as long as it does not get too warm in there. Then it will be in Fellowship Hall.
 - † Secretary report approved as read.
 - † **Finance report** approved as printed.

Total Income	\$8,220.94
Total Expenses	\$10, 179.32
Checkbook Balance 4/30/2022	-\$1,218.64
Rainy Day Fund	\$10,006.54
Mission Investment Fund	\$1,198.14
Savings Balance	\$5,739.96
Mortgage Balance	\$143,699.41

A long discussion was held concerning the continuing financial strain due to low intake during worship offerings. It was decided that all donations/spending is on hold at this time due to financial situations. No further spending would be done without being approved by unanimous vote of council. No donations will be given either.

† **PROPERTY**---Thanks to the Mace family for recycling bin. Many thanks to Schwobodas for all that they do. Electrical work is on hold due to finances and having a person to do it.

† **NEW BUSINESS**---A motion was made and passed to mail out newsletters to those who pay a \$25 fee for postage. Otherwise, the newsletter will be found on the website. Jim Brogren Jr. has agreed to chair the Salad Luncheon which will be held on September 9, 2022. Planning and organizing this event will be continued. The Fall Bazaar is on hold until someone volunteers to help coordinate the event. An assessment of \$7,473 was received from the city of Detroit Lakes for curb & gutter work which will be completed this summer. Salary of the janitor was discussed and a raise was given to Lynn Ohman to the hourly wage of \$15 by the unanimous approval of the council. Lynn was very appreciative of the raise and thanks the council for their vote of support.

† Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Nybo, Secretary



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JUNE

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
June 5, 2022	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-27
June 12, 2022	Psalm 8	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
June 19, 2022	Psalm 22:19-28	Isaiah 65:1-9 Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
June 26, 2022	Psalm 16	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62

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

218-314-7045

Emmanuel Nursing Home---1415 Madison Ave.

Vern Herman

Room 116

JUNEUSHERS, GREETERS, GREETERS---9:30 A.M.

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR
June 5, 2022	Elvie Zitzow	Sonia Anderson Steve Swanson	Sonia Anderson
HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY June 12, 2022		Sonia Anderson	
FATHER'S DAY June 19, 2022	Becky Esser Ava Esser		Becky Esser
June 26, 2022	Sonia Anderson	Tarin Ladwig Will Ladwig	Sonia Anderson

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



June 1

Michelle Pary

June 4

Judy Stowman

June 5

Anita Hill

June 8

Traci Mace

June 10

Katie Sandberg

June 18

Elaine Forsell

June 22

Blace Schmidt

June 23

Dina Endersbe
Ruby Nelson

June 24

Dan Kregel

June 26

Steve Burhans

June 30

Kevin Erickson
Maggie Schmit

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



June 24

Matt & Kelly Carrier

**God Bless You
On your
Anniversary**

IT'S A GRACE THING!

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.



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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 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

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