

Grace's Mountain View

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SPRING CONFIRMATION DAY

Sunday, May 1, 2022



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Quilters.....Wednesdays...9:30 A.M.
Confirmation.....Wednesdays...6:30 P.M.
Church Council...3rd Tuesday...6:30 P.M.
Games & Fellowship...Weds....1:30 P.M.

Being confirmed will be the following:

Nathan Flaa

Connor Nelson

Loghen Olson

Cake will be served during coffee/fellowship time



RUMMAGE SALE will be held on Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th. As you do your spring cleaning, please save those good used items you no longer need. You will be able to bring them anytime to be sold at the Rummage Sale. Set-up day will be on Thursday, May 5th. Your help is much appreciated!!!



May 2022

I saw it, its real! However, it was six hours away in Rochester. I am talking about Spring. There was green grass, warmth and sunshine...remember those? Thanks to Gail for leading worship the Sunday after Easter so we could go visit Robb's mom. When we were asked where we going, the woman at the quilt shop in St. Cloud said "That's too bad." Then we explained that his mom's home is in Rochester and she brightened up.

It reminds me of the Easter stories in the gospels.... people are left wondering until somebody explains things to them. The disciples were blessed to hear the word directly from Jesus, though Thomas wasn't in the room when Jesus showed up the first time. No wonder he wanted to have the same experience for himself. I think we do him a disservice by calling him "Doubting Thomas" since what he yearned for was to see Jesus' face to face and to touch his wounds. Jesus invited him to do so, but Thomas declared "My Lord and my God" and never did put his hands on Jesus' hands or side. The blessing for those who can believe without seeing is for us years later who depend upon the witness of the saints before us.

Thanks to Becky Esser for teaching the First Communion classes to the 5th grade students. Maundy Thursday worship included First Communion and it was a joy to see the love and support of family and the congregation evident. I look to forward to the Confirmation service this coming Sunday as we mark another milestone for the young men who will affirm their faith. You all have had a part in nurturing their faith and they have looked to you to bear witness to the generation that follows you.

Life keeps changing, but the love of God is steadfast and sure. That may be hard to remember in the midst of war, pandemic, economic uncertainty and crazy weather. "They who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not weary, they shall walk and not faint." Bear witness to the love of God and make a difference in the corner of the world where you are....it all adds up!

Blessings,

Pastor Ann

Greetings Grace Family,

The season of Easter was a special time at Grace Lutheran Church as we again shared supper and Lenten services in person. Maundy Thursday was First Communion Recognition for Sydney Mace, Ruby Nelson and Lanikai Olson. And Easter Sunday the aroma of fresh flowers filled the sanctuary for Resurrection Sunday.

Spring is upon us and we have so much to celebrate.

The rite of Confirmation will be held Sunday, May 1st as three students become members of our congregation. Please join us in welcoming them to our Christian family.

Mark your calendar for the annual Rummage Sale set for May 6th and 7th... as always volunteers are needed.

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th, the Sunday School Children will sing for us, along with the "Quilt Sunday" presentation. Our quilters have been busy sewing quilts which will be donated to Lutheran World Relief the week of May 9-13, 2022.

The last day of Sunday School will be May 15th as they enter upon summer break.

And as I mentioned the much anticipated arrival of spring, Becky will again oversee our community gardens. These gardens provide nourishment to many, as well as a connection to our surrounding neighborhood. Being good stewards to our community is an important part of our mission. That being said, it takes a village to water, weed and tend to these gardens. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex for volunteers each week.

Each and every one of you are a special part of this church. It is through your support and generosity that we are able to continue our mission. And for that I thank you.

Have a blessed month,

Jim Brogren, Council President

CHURCH MEETINGS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. Devotions and treats will be provided by Glennis Olson.

CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 17th at 5:45 P.M.

Happy Mothers Day

*A Mother gives her children stepping stones to the stars,
Her love is unconditional her heart has no bars.*

*A Mothers teaches her children to be confident and bold,
Her special love to her children is more valuable than silver or gold.*

*A Mother picks up her children and wipes away life's tears,
She chases away monsters in the night and silences their fears.*

*A Mother celebrates her children's accomplishments in life,
She hurts and cries with them when life brings times of strife.*

*A Mother shares her love freely with her tender loving way,
She grows more beautiful to her children with each passing day.*

*A Mother is one of God's greatest gifts to you and me,
Her love will remain locked in our heart and soul for all eternity.*

CHURCH COUNCIL

(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS, 2022)

- † Meeting was called to order by President Jim Brogren.
- † Devotions given by Michelle Pary.
- † Correspondence was read and discussed: Motion made and passed to continue the subscription to Church of The Lakes at a cost of \$159 for two years.
- † Pastor's Report—She continues to make home visits and provides Holy Communion to those that want it.
- † Secretary report approved as read.
- † **Finance report** approved as printed.

March Total Income	\$
March Total Expenses	\$
Checkbook Balance 3/31/2022	\$
Rainy Day Fund	\$
Mission Investment Fund	\$
Savings Balance	\$
Mortgage Balance	\$

† **PROPERTY**---Electrical work will begin in approximately 1 month to finish wiring on furnace and connecting A/C

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH**---Last day of Sunday School is May 15th. Children will be singing on May 8th.

Confirmation Sunday is May 1st with 3 being confirmed. Last day of Confirmation is May 4th.

† **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE**---no report

† **EVANGELISM/OUTREACH**---We will again participate in the Becker County Fair, July 27-31, with a booth as in the past.

† **WORSHIP**---Confirmation Sunday on May 1st with Nathan Flaa, Connor Nelson, and Loghen Olson being confirmed.

† **OLD BUSINESS**---Events at Grace must be reviewed by the council and approved before beginning planning.

† **NEW BUSINESS**---The serving of communion will be done by the council member who has devotions and treats for that particular month. Communion will be at the rail as usual starting forward.

It was discussed and decided that Grace Lutheran Church would provide a subsidy of \$40 per day per child to enable each child who wishes to attend Camp Emmaus through Pathways would be able to do so. It was also decided that Camp Emmaus requirements beyond those already established would be required.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. with Glennis Olson provided treats and devotions.

Lillian Nybo-- Secretary



THANK YOU to Gerry & Lillian Nybo and Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda for helping with getting and setting up a rack to store financial report boxes.

They also helped in the kitchen to make a shelf for the dishwasher racks.

THANK YOU to Ranae Sexton for cleaning and organizing the kitchen. She has also been helping with office duties such as folding bulletins etc.

THANK YOU to Traci Mace, Kathy Lormis, and helpers who have served as teachers this year for Sunday School. The youth of Grace have benefited from your dedication to the youth Christian Education program!

THANK YOU to Becky Esser for teaching 1st Communion instruction to the 5th graders. They celebrated this milestone on Maundy Thursday.

THANK YOU to Gale LaFerriere who is coordinating the Rummage Sale. Thanks to those people who are volunteering to help her set up the sale.



**Thanks
to Our
Volunteers!**



SPRINGTIME AT THE LAKES” Brunch will be held on Saturday, May 7. It will be hosted by the Belles Club of St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church. Tim Eggebraaten (motivational speaker and entertainer) will be the featured speaker. Lunch and entertainment will be held from 11:00-1:00

P.M. Tables will be decorated in different themes which can be viewed at 10:30 a.m. See poster on Narthex bulletin board for more details.



WORK DAY at the CHURCH

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY will be held on Sunday, May 22nd. The clean-up will begin after worship and/or coffee-fellowship. There will be both inside and outside tasks that need to be completed. A list is on the bulletin board outside the office. Please consider helping out this day at church. The more hands we have will make the work go faster!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- * The Sunday School children will be singing on Mother's Day, Sunday, April 8th.
- * The last day of Sunday School is set for May 15th.
- * Sunday School children are encouraged to help on Church Cleanup Day on Sunday, May 22nd. The lawn needs to have sticks and pine cones picked up for mowing!

CONFIRMATION

- * Confirmation will be held on Sunday, May 1st. Being confirmed are Nathan Flaa, Loghen Olson, and Connor Nelson. Cake will be served during coffee/fellowship.
- * Confirmation students are encouraged to help on Cleanup Day which is Sunday, May 22nd. Many hands make easy work!



NURSING HOME MINISTRY:

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

Oak Crossing-1415 Madison Ave.

Audrey Ronning

Frazeo Assisted Nursing Home

219 West Maple Ave., Frazeo, 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)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
May 1, 2022	Psalm 30	Acts 9:1-20 Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
MOTHERS' DAY May 8, 2022	Psalm 23	Acts 9:36-43 Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
May 15, 2022	Psalm 148	Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
May 22, 2022	Psalm 67	Acts 16:9-15 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14:23-29
May 29, 2022	Psalm 97	Acts 16:16-34 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26

MAY USHERS, GREETERS, GREETERS--9:30 A.M.

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR
May 1, 2022	Sonia Anderson	Steve Swanson Sonia Anderson	Steve Swanson
MOTHERS'DAY May 8, 2022	Dan & Kari Lane	Lois Flatau Sonia Anderson	Lois Flatau
May 15, 2022	Vivian Wittnebel	Irene Carnegie Sonia Anderson	Ruby Kiihn
May 22, 2022	Vivian Wittnebel	Gary & Dona Rosell	Glennis Olson
May 29, 2022	Ardis Tollefson	Sonia Anderson	Sonia Anderson



MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1

Katie Blaney

May 2

Gerry Anderson

May 4

Ruby Kiihn

May 10

Mary Ann Brogren

May 11

Kennedy Erickson
Tom Lormis
Elvie Zitzow

May 12

Ava Esser
Heather Peterson

May 16

Linda Leitheiser

May 21

Devin Ladwig

May 22

Beverly Berg

May 24

Clarice Zick

May 26

Bill Hill

May 30

Mason Carrier
Noah Olds
Susan Rasmussen

MAY 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!

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Rummage Sale



Some of the
proceeds will be
given to a local

Friday,

May 6, 2022

4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, May 7, 2022

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon

Many quality items for everyone!

Next to New Shoppe!!

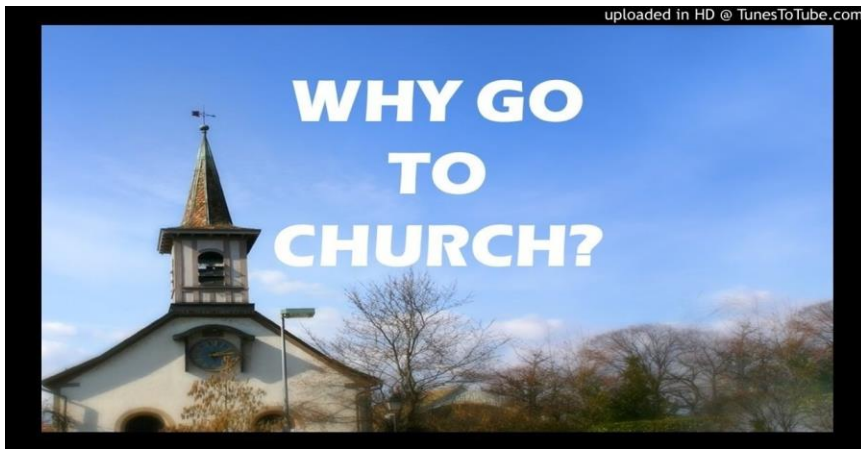
*BBQ meal served
on Friday night!*



*Cinnamon & caramel
rolls served on
Saturday morning!*

BBQ meal served also.





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16 Reasons Why You Should Go to Church Grow Your Faith:

1. Going to church helps you grow your faith. The messages, the people, the singing...everything about church is designed to teach you more about God and the Bible.
2. Practice Gratitude: Going to church helps us practice gratitude.
3. Develop Relationships: Going to church makes it easier to develop relationships with others.
4. Strengthen Marital Bonds: Going to church is good for your marriage.
5. Feel Peace: Our lives are constantly filled with noise and distraction. Going to church brings the sense of peace we've longed for all week.
6. Serve Others: Most people want to help others...church makes this easy.
7. Receive Encouragement: Life is hard. Rather than trying to battle alone, go to church.
8. Learn to Forgive: Forgiveness is hard, and if you hold onto a grudge, anger, hurt, resentment...it only hurts you. Going to church helps you to learn to forgive.
9. Worship Together: We feel connected with others when we do things together.
10. Uncover Your Gifts: God has given us unique gifts. At church, your unique talent is needed to help the church function as a whole.
11. Be Prayed For: If you need prayer...go to church.
12. Improve Your Health: There have been many studies about the correlation between faith and health...with church attendance bringing positive benefits.
13. Spend Time as a Family Unit: Church provides an opportunity to do something together as a family.
14. Discover New Resources: The church has a wealth of resources to help you.
15. Find Meaning: The church helps us find the meaning of what truly matters by pointing us to our Savior.
16. **Most important: WE GO TO WORSHIP GOD!**



Northwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

*He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire. "Be still and know that I am God!" – Psalm 46:9-10a*

Dear Ones in Christ of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod,

As Russia's dangerous and unjust war against the people of Ukraine continues into its second month, we find ourselves in what has become the all too familiar space of being dismayed at what is unfolding in our world and asking with God's people of old, "How long, O Lord?" Our hearts go out to the Ukrainian people as we see the horrific images of their suffering. We also acknowledge that we come into this feeling "crisis fatigue." We are worn out from two years of unending crises: a pandemic, political unrest, racial reckoning and a war. Beloved, we must not allow our weariness to undermine our faithful response as followers of Jesus Christ.

Jesus experienced crisis fatigue, too. Crowds of desperate people confronted him with their diseases, demons and intra-family conflicts. Followers looked to him to free their occupied nation. So, Jesus sought out "lonely places" where he dwelled with his Father in prayer and was refreshed by God's word. In quiet times with God, we discover that we "are like trees planted by streams of water" whose "leaves do not wither;" (Psalm 1) and that, "the law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul." (Psalm 19) So, our faithful response to crisis must begin by being still and knowing that God is God. Like Jesus, we seek out the quiet place, not as a way of avoiding the issue, but to empower us to be more deeply involved and led by the Holy Spirit.

After that, there are so many faithful ways to respond. Here are just a few.

- PRAY for a swift, just and peaceful end to this war, and for a continuing compassionate response by nations of the world. And pray for ALL refugees around the world. This crisis is a reminder that there are still millions of other refugees fleeing wars in Syria and Afghanistan who also stand in need of our care.
- COMMUNCIATE with your representatives in Congress and the president, urging them to continue to do all that is prudent to bring this crisis to an end.
- GIVE to [Lutheran Disaster Response \(LDR\)](#), [Lutheran World Relief \(LWR\)](#) or other charities working in and around Ukraine and other areas of conflict in our world. (NOTE: 50% of your gifts to our Easter Appeal/Synod Assembly Offering will go to LDR.)
- GIVE to [Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services \(LIRS\)](#), our partner ministry that works to resettle refugees.
- LEARN how you and your congregation can help with refugee resettlement with LIRS's partner here in Minnesota: [Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota](#).

Then, when you find yourself tired, discouraged, worn out - RETURN to the Lord your God who is faithful and merciful and abounding in steadfast love.

Thank you for your faithfulness in proclaiming the Gospel, and for your partnership in ensuring that the Gospel has free course in the world and that every neighbor is loved and cared for.

In Christ our brother,

Pastor Bill Tesch, Bishop of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA



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Church Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School Sept. - May 10:00 A.M.

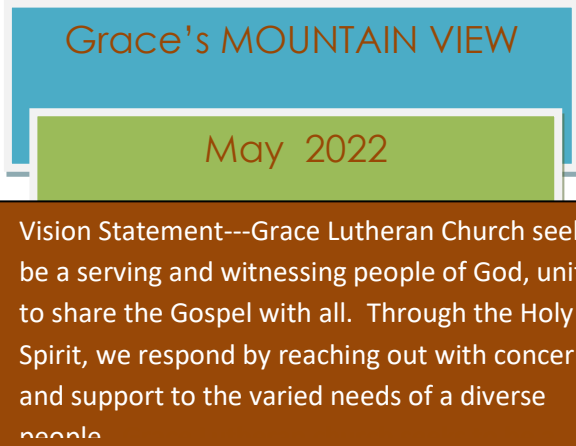
Adult Ed. Opportunities Year-round

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



Address Service Requested

DON'T FORGET TO VOLUNTEER YOUR HELP DURING:



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