

# Grace's Mountain View

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## REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Quilters.....resumes in the Fall  
Church Council.....3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday...6:30 P.M



**SYNOD ROAD TRIP**--- *The Synod Staff is coming to you!* On Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> the Synod Staff will be at Trinity Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, for a light meal and conversation starting at 5:30 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend and meet Bishop Bill Tesch; Rev. Genelle Netland, associate to the Bishop; and Rev. Rebel Hurd, Director for Evangelical Mission.



August 2022

There is an old story about a man watching his wife preparing the Easter ham. Before she put it in the pan, she carefully cut off each end. He wondered why? "That's the way my mom did it." At the dinner he asked his mother-in-law why she cut off the ends.... "That's the way my mom did it." The next time he visited his wife's grandma, his curiosity compelled him to ask why she cut the ends off the ham before she baked it. "My pan was too small, and so I had to cut the ends off to make it fit!"

It's always important to wonder why we behave as we do.... Is it because that's the way we have always done things? Does it still work for us, have meaning for us, does it serve a purpose?

According to Rev. Charles Lane, when it comes to stewardship, we really need to look at the reason that God has told us to give from our first fruits. It serves two purposes....to provide for those who do not have what they need and more importantly....to remind us that all that we have comes from God....it is a faith exercise.... we give knowing that God has promised to provide what we need.

At a previous congregation, we decided to have a time and talent auction with the purpose of raising money for scholarships for students from Africa who were attending Concordia College.... It was a great success and lots of fun.... the auctioneer talked people into paying \$5 if they wanted a second cup of coffee and a dozen dinner rolls went for \$20.... we knew that the purpose was to raise scholarship money and people were on board. Some thought that the church should have taken a portion of the money, so the next year, part went to scholarships and part to the budget...not nearly as successful, not nearly as much fun and by the third and final year when the sense of purpose had diminished, we gave up.... The focus had shifted to "What's in for us?"

Think what a difference it might make if the fund raisers here at Grace would be for particular purposes in the community rather than means to balance the church budget. Might there be more enthusiasm rather than fear of falling short? If you are willing to head up the bazaar committee let the council know.... If you have other ideas of where our time and talents should go and you are willing to share your enthusiasm, please volunteer.... God has given each of us all that we need for daily life and has given us the purpose of letting our lights so shine that others can see our good works and can thereby glorify our Father in heaven!

God's peace . *Pastor Ann*

Greetings Grace Family,

I am listening to your questions and concerns, but I am also going to ask you to help provide answers. Grace Lutheran is "our" church and together we can provide a welcoming house of worship. I will start with the heavier and fall into the lighter (see how I played on words, fall for the season approaching).

Honesty and transparency are crucial to the success of our path forward.

So, I am going to ask you a tough question in which I hope you answer with sincerity, "Are we a church divided"?

To your knowledge, what are some of the reasons members are not attending, as well as not tithing?

Your council is diligently working on a fiscally responsible plan moving forward. But how do we meet budgeted expenses with limited income?

God has been good to us here at Grace Lutheran Church. We have come so far over the years and together we have many, many more years to come.

I appreciate the great conversations we are having during coffee fellowship.

One main topic that keeps coming up is our music selection. What hymns do you want to hear? Do you prefer piano or organ? Do you know someone who plays an instrument?

Your input will help the WORSHIP COMMITTEE in selecting future music. Would you like to serve on the worship committee? If so please let me know.

There are many more volunteer opportunities within our church. Each of us has a strong suit and together we are stronger. Contact any council member for more information on volunteering.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Have a blessed August,

*Jim Brogren*      **Council President**



**THANK YOU** to all those who volunteered to sit at the Grace Lutheran Fair Booth the last week of July. Your presence was much appreciated.

**THANK YOU** to Kevin & Kathy Erickson who have been mowing the church lawn the past weeks.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

\* We will resume Sunday School in the fall on September 11<sup>th</sup>. More details will be coming later.

\* Confirmation will resume on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>  
More details will be coming later.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
August 7, 2022	Psalm 33:12-22	Genesis 15:1-6 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
August 14, 2022	Psalm 82	Jeremiah 23: 23-29 Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
August 21, 2022	Psalm 103:1-8	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
August 28, 2022	Psalm 112	Proverbs 25:6-7 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14



# CHURCH MEETINGS

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.  
*Lillian Nybo has devotions and treats.*



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!

\*More income is needed to keep Grace financially sound. Suggestions were given for more income.  
 \*Discussion was held about the Fall Bazaar. At this time, we do not know if the event will be held due to lack of people to lead the event.  
 \*Personnel contracts were tabled.  
 † Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Glennis Olson*, Secretary Pro Temp

## (APPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting)

† Meeting was called to order by President Jim Brogren  
 † Devotions given by Michelle Pary.  
 † Correspondence was read and discussed. Synod Road Trip on August 31<sup>st</sup> at Trinity Lutheran Detroit Lakes at 5:30 P.M.  
 † Pastor's Report—Pastor Ann is on the planning committee for the Sept. Pastor Retreat. She has contacted the local grocery stores for donations for Blizzard Bags which will be assembled on Sept. 11. Continues to visit shut-ins and those in long-term care. Gave dates for her vacation.  
 † Secretary report approved with the correction that City voting will be on September 6<sup>th</sup> rather than the 9<sup>th</sup>.

### † Finance report approved as printed.

Total Income	\$8,738.03
Total Expenses	\$8,202.45
Checkbook Balance 6/30/2022	\$452.87
Rainy Day Fund	\$7,507.96
Mission Investment Fund	\$1,198.14
Savings Balance	\$5,740.19
Mortgage Balance	\$141,833.79

Question was raised as to why Lynn's wages were higher than usual. It is because of raise and working more hours. Discussion about the number of accounts. A special account for Bible Camp Scholarships was recommended. 6-month financial statements will be mailed out along with a stewardship letter. The Girl Scouts will be donating the stamps for the use of the building.

† PROPERTY---Thanks to Kevin & Kathy Erickson who have been mowing the church lawn. Repairs needed: leakage when the rain is heavy, railing outside kitchen, Geo-Thermal fluid will be ordered, and air conditioning for the sanctuary will be checked on.

† EDUCATION---Traci reported on fair booth. Schedule has been posted on Facebook for help with the booth. Quilt will be raffled at the booth. Education Committee will meet on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

† OLD BUSINESS--- Discussion was held about the music during worship service. Complaints about unfamiliar music, music too slow, music either too high or too low, and would prefer piano to be used instead of organ.

\* The Liberty copier proposal was discussed. Will contact Chris to further discuss the copier.

\*Grace is responsible to help serve Picnic in the Park on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

\*Blizzard Bags will be assembled as previously on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

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# AUGUST USHERS, GREETERS, GREETERS--9:30 A.M.

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR
August 7, 2022	Shirley Gulden	Bob & Michelle Pary	Michelle Pary
August 14, 2022	Ardis Tollefson	Jim Zick Sonia Anderson	Sonia Anderson
August 21, 2022	Elvie Zitzow	Gerry & Lillian Nybo	Lillian Nybo
August 28, 2022	Sonia Anderson	Tom & Kathy Lormis	Tom Lormis

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

### August 2

Sadie Schmit

### August 3

Evan Westrum

### August 11

Linda Hjelsand  
Ardis Tollefson

### August 13

Lloyd Kiihn

### August 5

Garrett Mace  
Ryan Esser

### August 6

Dennis Mace

### August 23

Merry Lee Linden

### August 25

Steve Swanson

### August 14

Machelle Krengel

### August 21

Ashtyn Carrier

### August 26

Kaitlyn Carrier

### August 30

Carol Hanson

### August 31

Darlene McArthur

God Bless You  
On your  
Anniversary

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

### August 2

Tom & Kathy Lormis

### August 6

Kevin & Kathy Ericson

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.

### August 26

Merlin & Roxanne Engum  
Robb & Pastor Ann Newgard-Larsen

IT'S A GRACE THING!

**NURSING HOME MINISTRY:**

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

Oak Crossing-1415 Madison Ave.

**Audrey Ronning #110**

Lincoln Park 207 Park St.

**Wally Shodean #212**  
218-314-7045

Emmanuel Nursing Home---1415 Madison Ave.

**Vern Herman #13**

**2022 MINI-GROUP**  
**SERVING *REVISED***

**SCHEDULE**

Coffee/Fellowship Hour

July 24

Kevin & Kathy Erickson  
Bill & Anita Hill  
Bob & Michelle Pary  
Heather Peterson

July 31

Sonia Anderson  
Milt & Joyce Hanson  
Lyle & Terry Renner

August 7

Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda  
Gerry & Lillian Nybo  
Katie Sandberg

August 14

Sheri Blaney  
Joann Eliassen  
Merlin & Roxanne Engum

August 21

Irene Sloan  
Ardis Tollefson  
Milt & Joyce Hanson  
Julie Herman

August 28

Gale LaFerriere  
Terry Bowers  
Matt & Eleesha Olson

September 4

Naomi Dahl  
Sheila Longfors  
Elvie Zitzow  
Lue Rawson

September 11

*(God's Work...Our Hands)*  
Lois Flatau  
Marlys Brasel  
Jim & Clarice Zick

## September 18

Dan & Tarin Ladwig  
Ryan & Rebecca Esser  
Jim Brogren Jr.

## September 25

Linda Leitheiser  
Jeff & Linda Leitheiser

## October 2

Karen Jones  
Dan & Machele Krengel  
Chad & Jessica Burhans  
Steve Burhans

## October 9

*(Pastor Appreciation Sunday)*

Dennis & Elaine Forsell  
Shirley Gulden  
Elaine Jenson

## October 16

Dennis & Traci Mace  
Dave & Sue Rasmussen  
Shane & Kim Renner

## October 23

Irene Carnegie  
Brad & Dina Endersbe

## October 30 (Confirmation)

Karen Jones  
Dan & Machele Krengel  
Chad & Jessica Burhans  
Steve Burhans

## November 6

Matt & Kelly Carrier  
Blair & Kelly Westrum

## November 13

Bev Berg  
Lloyd & Ruby Kiihn  
Vivian Wittnebel

## November 20

*(Thankoffering Sunday)*

Kevin & Kathy Erickson  
Bill & Anita Hill  
Bob & Michelle Pary  
Heather Peterson

## November 27

Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda  
Gerry & Lillian Nybo  
Katie Sandberg

## December 4

Darlene McArthur  
Aaron & Sara Larson  
Maggie Schmit

## December 11

*(S.S. Christmas program)*

Glennis Olson  
Ranae Sexton

## December 18

Lois Flatau  
Marlys Brasel  
Jim & Clarice Zick



December 25  
NO WORSHIP SERVICE

January 2, 2023  
Linda Leitheiser  
Jeff & Linda Leitheiser

January 9, 2023  
Matt & Kelly Carrier  
Blair & Kelly Westrum

January 16, 2023  
Sheri Blaney  
Joann Eliassen  
Merlin & Roxanne Engum

January 23, 2023  
Keith & Merri Lee Linden  
Annette Korth  
Dave & Judy Stowman  
Blace & Myrna Schmidt



## **CHRISTIAN HUMOR**

One beautiful Sunday morning, Samuel, a priest, announced to his congregation:

"My good people, I have here in my hands, three sermons...a \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a \$10 sermon that lasts a full hour.

"Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver."

As a teenager I had a summer job pumping gas. One week an older guy drove up and said he wanted a fill-up. Then he got out of the car with an umbrella, opened it, and followed me around as I worked, holding the umbrella over my head to keep the sun off me. I awkwardly thanked him as he paid his tab and drove away. A week later, he came back for a fill up. Again, he got out of the car with the umbrella and opened it, but this time he just stood there watching me work. I asked, "So you're not gonna use that to keep the sun off me this time?" Fuel me once shade you. Fuel me twice shade me!

**\* What do you pay to enjoy the beach for a day? Sand dollars.**

**\*What is the difference between a fish and a piano? You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish.**

A young blonde girl in her late teens, wanting to earn some extra money for the summer, decided to hire herself out as a "handy woman" and started canvassing a nearby well-to-do neighborhood.

She went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any odd jobs for her to do. "Well, I guess I could use somebody to paint the porch" he said. "How much will you charge me?"

Delighted, the girl quickly responded, "How about \$50?"

The man agreed and told her that the paint and brushes and everything she would need were in the garage.

The man's wife, hearing the conversation, said to her husband, "Does she realize that our porch goes ALL the way around the house?"

"That's a bit cynical, isn't it?" he responded.

The wife replied, "You're right. I guess I'm starting to believe all those dumb blonde jokes."

A few hours later the blonde came to the door to collect her money.

"You're finished already??" the startled husband asked.

"Yes," the blonde replied, "and I even had paint left over so I gave it two coats."

Impressed, the man reached into his pocket for the \$50 and handed it to her along with a \$10 tip.

"Thank you," the blonde said, "And, by the way, it's not a Porch, it's a Lexus.

## GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS

Donations are need for our God's Work...Our Hands Sunday which will be held on Sunday, September 11th. We will be assembling "Blizzard Boxes" for the Meals on Wheels Program in Detroit Lakes. These "Blizzard Boxes" are given during a time when snow or a blizzard prevents them from deliveries. The following items are needed:

- A can of chicken and tuna (or 2 chicken or 2 tuna)
- One 14-15 oz. can of fruit or two 4-ounce containers of fruit
- One 14-15 oz. can of vegetables or two 4-ounce containers of vegetable
- 4 packs or saltines or 2 packs of cheese/peanut butter crackers
- 2 hot cocoa packets
- 2 desserts (granola bars, pudding cups, small packs)

*Bring donations to the office by September 8th! Please help assemble them on September 11th!*

*Join us for*

**"God's work. Our hands."**

A dedicated day of  
service in our community.



## GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS

We will also be assembling "Birthday Bags" for those children who are celebrating birthdays and mothers have no resources to get the supplies. These bags will be given to Mary's Place where mother's and children are given refuge. Needed items for the bag:

- Cake mix
- Frosting
- Cake decorations such as candles and numbers
- Birthday plates & napkins
- Little birthday toys (optional)



**God's work.  
Our hands.**



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

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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.”*

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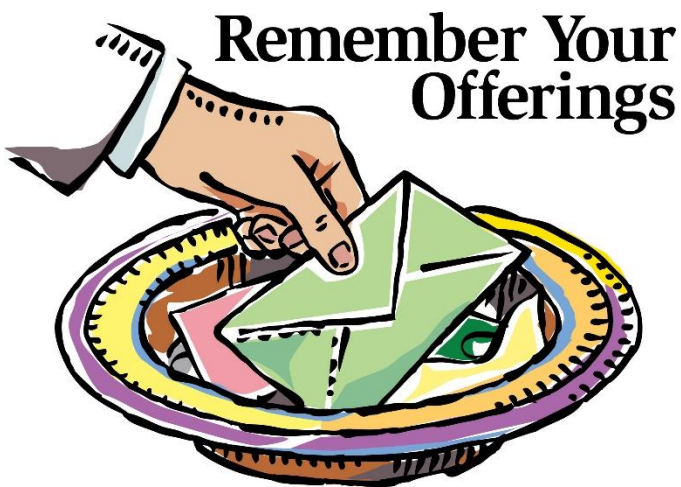
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Grace's MOUNTAIN VIEW

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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*