

# Grace's Mountain View

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Ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 5-12 years.

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS**

Quilters.....Wednesdays...9:30 A.M.  
 Fellowship/Game Day...Wednesdays...1:00 A.M.  
 Confirmation.....Wednesdays...6:30 P.M.  
 Church Council.....3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday...6:30 P.M

## PALM SUNDAY DINNER

A ham & baked potato dinner will be served on

April 2, 2022 from 11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. at

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

213 Roosevelt Ave. Detroit Lakes, MN





March 2023

I got stuck today. It happens about once a year since we live on a hilly gravel road. Normally, other people have already headed to town and I just follow their tracks and all is fine. Not today. The plow has not come through yet. Robb hadn't been out in his 4-wheel drive pick-up yet and it didn't look too bad where we are, but I couldn't make the small hill by the house with the goats. So, I started to back up thinking I could turn around in at the next drive way and make my way back home.... but you know how it goes, I caught the edge and got sucked into the snow bank, so I walked back home, got Robb, the shovels and the truck and now I am safe and sound and not going anywhere until the plow comes through.

It could have been worse....it could have been dark, or we didn't have the tools we needed or I was by myself.... we do have AAA, but it would have meant a long wait and frustration.

While I was looking for something else in my file cabinet yesterday, I ran across a presentation on prayer which referenced a delightful book called, HELP, THANKS, WOW written by Anne Lamott. She makes the claim that we are familiar with what she calls "The good China" prayers.... the ones that are eloquent and public and formal and really the kind of prayers that make people think that they are not "good" at praying. People want to use the right words and make a good impression on other people and a good impression on God for that matter as if God doesn't already know what is on our minds and in our hearts!

Prayer is meant for relationship.... it's meant to be honest and when we are in trouble.... what is the natural thing to do but call HELP! When we pray "Help" .... that's a complete sentence! In the course of our time with God we may be able to figure out the source of the problem, and the possible solutions, but starting with Help is a good beginning.

Likewise, saying thank you to God doesn't have to be elaborate.... even the noticing of the many gifts that God gives us is a great beginning. Sometimes, what to be thankful for is obvious, like healing from a disease, a new baby, a great sunset, a needed job.... sometimes, we need to have our eyes open to recognize gifts for what they are....cultivating an attitude of gratitude can go a long way to making our lives more generous and pleasant and can lead us to express the "Wows!"

Walk outside on a stary night, take a good look at a seashell or a flower or even think about how incredible our bodies are, how much information can be stored in a human brain, how much variety there is in creation and we have more than enough reasons to say "Wow!" or we catch our breath and then express our wonder to God.

The season of Lent is a good time to pay attention to all the reasons we have to be grateful to God.... it's a time of intentionality as we practice acts of charity, worship and giving. We are not floundering down a snow covered road, likely to get stuck and frustrated.... we have a well-marked path that leads to the cross of Good Friday and the resurrection to come on Easter....Join with your partners in ministry on the journey.... see you at worship on Wednesdays and Sundays!

Lenten blessings, *Pastor Ann*

# POLAR FEST HOTDISH CHALLENGE



## DESSERT BAR:

1st Place • [Traci Rasmussen Mace](#) and Sydney Mace and their Salted Caramel Chocolate Chip Bars

2nd Place • Bev Berg and her Frito Bars

HOTDISH:

1st Place • [Zeke Fuhrman](#) and his Chicken Divan Hotdish

2nd Place • TIE

[Jeff Stowman](#) and his Loaded Mac and Cheese

[Glennis Olson](#) and her Wild Rice Hotdish

## PEOPLES CHOICE:

HOTDISH • Jeff Stowman and his Loaded Mac and Cheese

Runner Up • [Kara DeVries Schumann](#) and her Jack the Pig Hotdish

DESSERT BARS • Traci and Sydney Mace and their Salted Caramel Chocolate Chip Bars

Runner Up • Vivian Wittnebel and her Can't Leave Them Alone Bars

Thank you [Michelle Anderson Knutson](#) and [Pepsi](#) for the "Soda"

[Detroit Lakes Polar Fest](#)



**THANK YOU** to Group 1, 2 & 3 for serving Lenten Meals.

**THANK YOU** to Jeff Leitheiser for keeping the parking lots clean!

**THANK YOU** to Lois Flatau for changing the paraments for each season of the church year.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- \* Sunday School is still going!!! Please try to have your child/children in attendance.
- \* There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Sunday School students will be singing on Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- \* Sunday School students will be singing on Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Last day of Sunday School is on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **CONFIRMATION**

- \* Confirmation students should attend Lenten Services.
- \* Students who could be confirmed this Spring are reminded that there are requirements that need to be completed before you are confirmed.

Graduates' recognition Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> during the worship service. Congratulations to our graduates:

-  Ethan Carrier
-  Hunter Korth
-  Marin Westrum

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# MARCH BIRTHDAYS



## March 2

Dennis Forsell

## March 6

Kraig Erickson

## March 7

Joyce Hanson

## March 16

Kacee Brogren Jr.

## March 25

Dan Lane

# MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



NO Anniversaries

**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.

(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS February 21, 2023)

- † Meeting was called to order by President Jim Brogren Jr.
- † Devotions given by Glennis Olson
- † Correspondence was read. Thank you from Becker County Food Pantry and First Lutheran for donations.
- † Pastor's Report—Baptisms will be held in the near future. Attended Homeless Shelter meeting at 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran.
- † Secretary report approved as with corrections.
- † **Finance report** approved as printed.

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| January Total Income        | \$11,261.77 |
| January Total Expenses      | \$13,015.20 |
| Checkbook Balance 1/31/2023 | \$1,375.71  |
| Rainy Day Fund              | \$17,110.53 |
| Savings Balance             | \$49,178.03 |
| Mortgage Balance            | \$          |

† **PROPERTY**---Geo-Thermal fluid ordered again. Members will be asked about supporting a campaign to raise the money for air conditioning of the sanctuary. The danger of the kitchen outdoor step and snow was discussed. Need volunteer to offer to shovel the kitchen step. The ramp into the church is in need of repair. Work will be done in the spring. Volunteers are needed to help with fixing the ramp.

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH**---Mardi Gras celebration a success with many positive comments. 3 students will be attending Bible Camp this summer. Each student will get financial support from Grace at the rate of \$40 per night. Pastor reported that she has completed the lessons with the confirmation students. They were told they were to attend Lenten worship services.

† **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE**—Proceeds from the Mardi Gras Celebration and Food Pantry collection were given to the Becker County Food Pantry. Proceeds from the Polar Fest Hotdish Challenge were given to the Homeless Shelter Project.

† **EVANGELISM/OUTREACH**--- Polar Fest Hotdish was successful. Grace will be paying for the trophies as they are no longer donated. Blood drive was also successful. Thank you to Glennis Olson and Gale LaFerriere for putting tables & chairs in place following the blood drive.

† **WORSHIP**---Ash Wednesday worship service will be held in the sanctuary. Baptisms will be forthcoming.

† **OLD BUSINESS**—Thank you to Jim Brogren for presiding so well over the annual meeting. Memorials were discussed. The memorials (up to \$300) given by Bertha Anderson's family will be used to buy better kitchen utensils. A commercial mixer will also be looked into.

† **NEW BUSINESS**—Election of officers was held. The following were elected: President-Jim Brogren Jr.; Vice-President-Dave Stowman; Secretary-Glennis Olson; Finance Chairman-Blace Schmidt; Worship chairman-Gale LaFerriere. Council sign-up sheets were also handed out for council members for various duties.

**Minutes continued →**

## CHURCH MEETINGS

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. Ranae Sexton & Traci Mace have devotions and treats.

### CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:45 P.M.



March Council meeting is on March 21, 2023. Ranae Sexton & Traci Mace will have devotions and treats. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

*Glennis Olson*

Council Secretary

# SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH

| DATE           | PSALM     | LESSONS                                | GOSPEL       |
|----------------|-----------|--|--------------|
| March 5, 2023  | Psalm 121 | Genesis 12:1-4a<br>Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 | John 3:1-17  |
| March 12, 2023 | Psalm 95  | Exodus 17:1-7<br>Romans 5:1-11         | John 4:5-42  |
| March 19, 2023 | Psalm 23  | 1 Samuel 16:1-13<br>Ephesians 5:8-14   | John 9:1-41  |
| March 26, 2023 | Psalm 130 | Ezekiel 37:1-14<br>Romans 8:6-11       | John 11:1-45 |

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

| DATE           | GREETERS                     | USHERS                | LECTOR     |
|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| March 5, 2023  | Will & Tarin Ladwig          | Blace & Myrna Schmidt |            |
| March 12, 2023 |                              |                       |            |
| March 19, 2023 | Sheri Blaney<br>Liam Bennett | Kathy & Tom Lormis    | Tom Lormis |
| March 26, 2023 |                              |                       |            |

### **NURSING HOME MINISTRY:**

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

Oak Crossing #110 1040 Lincoln Ave.

**Audrey Ronning**

Emmanuel #13 1415 Madison Ave.

**Vern Herman**



This gathering will feature a variety of engaging opportunities including inspiring worship, meaningful speakers, and workshops on the five areas of our FACES of Leadership initiative. Additionally, all annual conference assemblies will be held at this event, as well. We encourage all pastors, deacons, SAMs, Synod Assembly voting members, and other church leaders in our synod to participate in the “Get-Together” which will be held at First Lutheran Church, 900 Bemidji Ave N, in Bemidji on Saturday, March 18. The theme will be "Telling the Old, Old Story for a Strange New Time." Together we will explore how to effectively communicate the timeless message of the gospel in a rapidly changing world. Our keynote speaker, Dr. Andy Root, will share his insight on how to reach a new generation with the message of the gospel in this era of transformational change amidst declining church attendance throughout churches in North America.





# Work Group 1

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| Gulden, Shirley                | 218-847-8175 | 218-368-0921 |
| Ladwig, Dan & Tara             | 701-361-9919 | 701-367-9445 |
| LaFerriere, Gale               | 218-234-4051 |              |
| Lane, Dan & Kari               | 218-847-1791 |              |
| Leitheiser, Linda              | 218-847-4218 | 218-282-3696 |
| Leitheiser, Jeff & Linda       | 218-847-2488 | 218-841-2150 |
| Linden, Keith & Merry Lee      | 218-841-8647 |              |
| Renner, Shane & Kim            | 218-846-9029 | 701-367-0453 |
| Renner, Lyle & Terry           | 218-850-0674 | 218-850-0834 |
| Schmidt, Blace & Myrna Schmidt | 218-841-4343 |              |
| Swanson, Steve                 | 218-849-9679 | 218-234-8377 |
| Tollefson, Ardis               | 218-847-8545 | 218-234-7326 |

# Work Group 2

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| Co-Chairs: Berg, Bev 218-847-4713<br>Kiihn, Ruby & Lloyd 218-847-7741 218-850-9543 | Senske, Lora 218-234-0131                             |
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| Dahl, Naomi 218-844-5853   | Zick, Jim & Clarice 218-443-6236<br>218-850-7202      |
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| Olson, Matt & Eleesha 218-844-3318 218-234-1979                                    |   |
| Schmit, Maggie 218-846-9312 218-439-6549   |   |

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## **Work Group 3**

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## **Lenten Meal Serving Schedule**

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023 Group 1

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 Group 2

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 Group 3

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 Group 1

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 Group 2

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 Group 3

## March 2023

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu       | Fri       | Sat   |
|---|---|--|---|-----------|-----------|---|
| <b>Grace Lutheran Church</b><br>213 Roosevelt Ave.<br>Detroit Lakes, MN 56501<br>218-847-4568<br><a href="mailto:gracelutheran@arvig.net">gracelutheran@arvig.net</a>         | <b>Pastor Ann Newgard-Larson</b><br>H.-218-844-7270 | <b>Office Manager Glennis Olson</b><br>Cell-218-234-5547<br><br><b>Organist Audrey Savig</b><br>218-439-6534 | <b>1</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>Grace Quilters<br><br><b>5:30 p.m.</b><br>Lenten Supper<br><br><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br>Lenten worship  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>5</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>Worship Service with Holy Communion<br><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br>Sunday School<br><br><b>10:15 a.m.</b><br>Coffee/Fellowship                      | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>Grace Quilters<br><br><b>5:30 p.m.</b><br>Lenten Supper<br><br><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br>Lenten worship  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b>   |
| <b>12</b> <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS</b><br><b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>Worship Service with Noisy Offering<br><b>NO Sunday School</b><br><b>10:15 a.m.</b><br>Coffee/Fellowship | <b>13</b><br>NO SCHOOL                              | <b>14</b><br>NO SCHOOL   | <b>15</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>Grace Quilters<br><br><b>5:30 p.m.</b><br>Lenten Supper<br><br><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br>Lenten worship | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b> <b>9:00-3:00</b><br>Great Synod Get-Together @ First Lutheran Church in Bemidji |
| <b>19</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>Worship Service with Holy Communion<br><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br>Sunday School<br><br><b>10:15 a.m.</b><br>Coffee/Fellowship                     | <b>20</b>   | <b>21</b> <b>5:45 p.m.</b><br>Christian Ed mtg.<br><br><b>6:30 p.m.</b><br>Church council mtg.               | <b>22</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>Grace Quilters<br><br><b>5:30 p.m.</b><br>Lenten Supper<br><br><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br>Lenten worship | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b>   |
| <b>26</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>Worship Service with Noisy Offering<br><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br>Sunday School<br><br><b>10:15 a.m.</b><br>Coffee/Fellowship                     | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>Custodian Lynn Ohman</b><br>H-218-847-2780<br>Cell-218-234-7011                        |





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Grace's MOUNTAIN VIEW

March 2023

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**

**LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE &  
 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**LENTEN WEDNESDAYS** March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Lenten Meal---5:30 P.M.

Lenten Worship Services----6:00 P.M.

PALM SUNDAY---April 2

**HOLY WEEK** **April 6 & 7**

Maundy Thursday worship service----6:00 P.M. (April 6)

Good Friday worship service---6:00 P.M. (April 7)

Easter Worship Service-----9:30 A.M. (April 9)

***DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS!***

***Due March 1<sup>st</sup>!!!!***

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