

Grace's Mountain View

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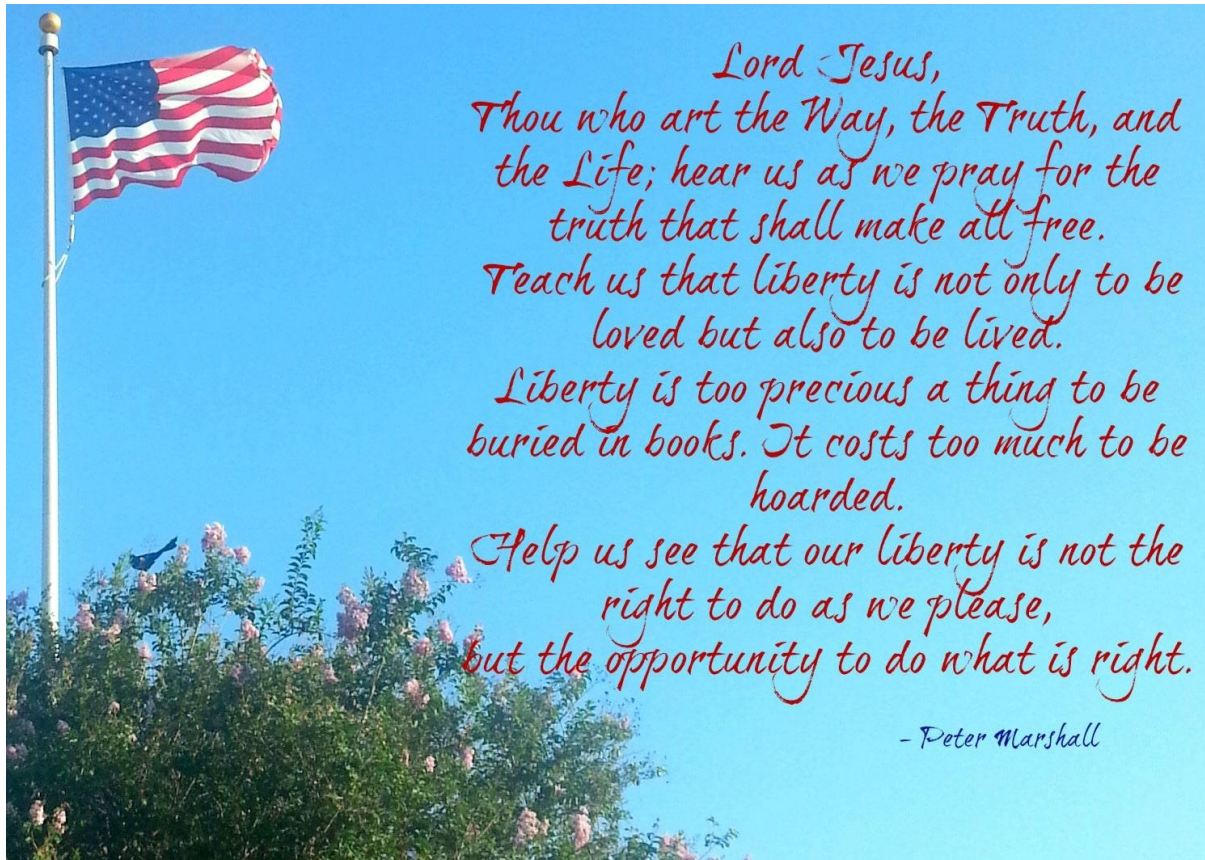
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REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Quilters.....Wednesdays...9:30 A.M.
Fellowship/Game Day...Wednesdays...1:00 P.M.
Confirmation.....Wednesdays...6:30 P.M.
Church Council.....2nd Sunday...10:30 A.M



Lord Jesus,
Thou who art the Way, the Truth, and
the Life; hear us as we pray for the
truth that shall make all free.
Teach us that liberty is not only to be
loved but also to be lived.
Liberty is too precious a thing to be
buried in books. It costs too much to be
hoarded.
Help us see that our liberty is not the
right to do as we please,
but the opportunity to do what is right.

- Peter Marshall

From the Pastor

July 2023

One job I really don't much care for is that of taking out the garbage. These past weeks have made this job even more unbearable because of the heat. Not only is this now an unbearable job, but it also stinks!!! It stinks because it's a matter of again getting close to those things which have messed up your life in the past. Truly, it's a job I would rather avoid if possible. As is the case today, there are advances which make this job a bit easier to take, but one still has to take out the garbage! It simply isn't enough to put your garbage in a plastic trash bag and think the job is done! To be sure, it may not smell as bad or take as much work as the "old way". Still, one has to go through the actual task of taking out the garbage. Even with all these advances, I haven't encountered anyone who has told me they enjoy this task – unless one looks at it from the standpoint, they are done with it and no longer have to worry about it. (I won't even mention hanging on to the garbage for a couple of weeks just to avoid the task because we all know what an awful task it would be then.)

So, why all this talk of taking out the garbage, you ask? Well, a few weeks ago, I was reminded of this illustration I have used earlier. They mentioned taking out the garbage and worship were the same. When I first heard the analogy, I thought it was poor at best. However, as it was explained to me, there were many similarities.

Don't get me wrong – I'm not saying worship is garbage!

One of the tasks of worship is like taking out the garbage! That task is confessing our sins and hearing the word of forgiveness. When we truly become involved in confessing our sins, it can be a "stinky" job because we're calling to mind all of those things, those sins, which have cluttered our lives and made them unbearable. Our worship time is one of the times we have to "clean house" in our lives and then **"TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE"!!!** We have failed in the "house cleaning" if we clean out all the corners of our lives and then fail to haul out the garbage to be taken away! For it will only sit there and continue to mess up our lives. The Good News of the Gospel is Jesus has promised to take away the garbage – our sins – if only we "take out the garbage" – that is, confess our sins! That's Good News because no longer will it be there to mess up our lives!

For many, however, the task of "taking out the garbage," (confessing one's sins) is a task we avoid. You have heard me plead with you many times to come and worship. This isn't so much to simply fill the pews as it is to help in our weekly spiritual house cleaning. This time of worship is a time we can confess those things which trouble us. Then, we hear the word of forgiveness – the Good News all the "garbage" has been taken away!!

Oh yes, to extend this analogy a bit more.....

When one goes on vacation, one still accumulates garbage and still must take it out. So it is with our lives. We may go on vacation during the summer, but we still need to take the time to worship in order to "take out the garbage" which gathers in our lives.

Blessings to you all!!

Pastor Mike

Greetings Grace Family,

How would you define the mission of our church?

The home page of our website proclaims:

Grace Lutheran is a warm, growing congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. We are a welcoming, friendly congregation with a heart for reaching out to our community and the world with the love of Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit and living in God's grace, Grace Lutheran Church is a community proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through love, learning, worship, and service.

Our mission is Grace by Grace, seeking to be God's faithful people.

We'd love to have you visit us at our church on the hill!

How does this statement fit into your daily life?

How do you feel we as a congregation can do better?

Your input is very important and I hope you will take this opportunity to provide the council with your suggestions.

Reminder that our community garden needs volunteers to help with watering... this is a great way to help us feed our community.

Enjoy your summer and know your "Grace Family" is here for you.

Psalm 57:7

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody!

Jim Brogren

President



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!



PICNIC in the PARK will be served by Grace Lutheran on July 25th in the Detroit Lakes Park. *If you are willing to help, please contact Lois Flatau!* Sponsored by Fuller Center for Housing, each Tuesday night there will be a picnic meal served following with music in the pavilion bandshell. A minimum donation of \$5 for the meal will be taken. *All are welcome!*

July 4---no concert

Aug. 1---Ulen Centennial Band

July 11---Tim Eggebraaten

Aug. 8---Doc and the Scrubs

July 18---Blue Kanu

Aug. 15---Jan Severson

Aug. 29---Lakes Area
Community Concert Band

July 25---Eric Reitan

Aug. 22---Mark Fogelson

JULY BIRTHDAYS



July 2

Kathy Erickson

July 13

Lue Rawson

July 15

Keith Linden

July 21

Jerry Schwoboda
Makenzie Schwoboda

July 24

Justin Longfors

July 25

James Brogren Sr.
Josie Schmit

July 28

Kathy Lormis

July 29

Dave Stowman

July 30

Dona Rosell

July 31

Gale LaFerriere
Irene Sloan

JULY ANNIVERSARIES



July 4

Matt & Eleesha Olson

July 10

Brad & Dina Endersbe

**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!

(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS June 11, 2023)

† Meeting was called to order by President Jim Brogren Jr.
 † Devotions given by Dave Stowman
 † Correspondence was read. Thank you's from the Carrier family for serving Ethan's grad party and Day of Caring for our donation. Requests for donations from Essential Health, Doulos, ELCA World Hunger, and Noel Caleb. Glennis made a motion to give Caleb \$50 towards his summer Christian training program. Lillian seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 † Secretary report approved with the correction of Geo-Thermal fluid comes in 4-gallon pails and not 5-gallon pails.
 † Gail gave her visitation report. She has visited and given communion to the shut-ins--Audrey Ronning, Clarice Anderson, Dina Endersbe, Elaine Jenson, Geri Ann McDermond, and visited with Dennis & Elaine Forsell. Thank you to Gale for doing these visitations and providing communion.
 † **Finance report** approved as printed. Rummage Sale brought in \$1,603.27. A \$50 donation was given at the Synod Assembly.

Total Income	\$11,178.36
Total Expenses	\$7,720.81
Checkbook Balance 5/31/2023	\$2,364.97
Rainy Day Fund	\$13,698.89
Savings Balance	\$48,980.25
Mortgage Balance	\$125,297.28

† **PROPERTY**---Gerry stated that his brother will fix the ramp for \$650. Dave made a motion to accept and Gale seconded the motion. Motion carried. Funds will be taken out of Undesignated Funds. The small table and chairs will be removed and placed in the Sunday School room. The "busy bags" will need to be updated. The weeds around the church grounds need to be sprayed. Blace will check with R-U-Ready. If the quote is \$300 or under, then the go ahead was given. This will be for 2 times of spraying. Getting an estimate for air conditioning in the sanctuary was approved. Gerry will get an estimate from Laney's and Hank's Heating.

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH**---no report

† **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE**--- A donation was given for serving Ethan Carrier's graduation. Thanks to the Carrier family for the generous donation.

† **EVANGELISM/OUTREACH**--- Discussion about purchasing a grill for the church was held. It was decided that this would be looked into during the fall when the grills will be sale.

† **WORSHIP**---It was decided that the Christmas Eve worship will be held at 5:00 P.M. depending on Pastor Mike's schedule. There will be no morning service that morning as well as no service on Christmas Day.

Minutes continued →

CHURCH MEETINGS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 9, 2023, at 10:20 A. M. Gale LaFerriere has devotions.

CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee will not meet until August!

† **OLD BUSINESS**---Rental policy was discussed. A minimum fee will be charged for the usage of the Fellowship Hall and kitchen. A committee will be set up to devise a policy. Members of the committee are Blace Schmidt, Jim Brogren, and Glennis Olson. Michelle and Glennis reported on the NW MN Synod assembly which they attended. Jim asked for a poster with church information and "All Are Welcome" to hand out to campgrounds and other places to encourage the people to attend Grace Lutheran during the summer months.

† **NEW BUSINESS**---Lillian will be applying for a grant from the NW MN Synod to start a homeless meal program to be held at Grace. Salaries of Pastor Mike and Gale were discussed. Michelle brought a concern that visitors may not know that there is grape juice available for communion. The community garden will be planted thanks to Dennis Mace and Becky Esser. The Picnic in the Park will be served by Grace on Tuesday, July 25th. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lois Flatau. Ideas are needed for God's Work...Our Hands Sunday which is September 10th. The Salad Luncheon will be held on September 8th. Committee members are Jim, Lillian, Michelle, Gerry, and Lora Senske. Church members are asked to bring salads. The Fall Bazaar will be held on Nov. 10th & 11th. Committee members are Glennis, Lillian, Gerry, Gale, Michelle, and Blace. Members of the congregation are encouraged to help and provide items for the Bazaar. Pastor Mike has received a set of keys for the church.

Meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Glennis Olson, Council Secretary
 Next meeting is July 9th following church service.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
July 2, 2023	Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18	Jeremiah 28:5-9 Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
July 9, 2023	Psalms 145:8-14	Zachariah 9:9-12 Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 16, 2023	Psalms 65:1-13	Isaiah 55:10-13 Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 23, 2023	Psalms 89:11-17	Isaiah 44:6-8 Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July 30, 2023	Psalms 119:129-136	1 Kings 3:5-12 Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR
July 2, 2023	Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda	Nick & Andrew Honer	Steve Swanson
July 9, 2023	Ranae Sexton	Nick & Andrew Honer	Ruby Kiihn
July 16, 2023	Vivian Wittnebel	Tom & Kathy Lormis	Tom Lormis
July 23, 2023	Vivian Wittnebel	Sherri Blaney Liam Bennett	Lois Flatau
July 30, 2023	Sonia Anderson	Blace & Myrna Schmidt	Steve Swanson

SERVING GROUPS FOR JULY COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP TIME

DATE	GROUP MEMBERS
July 2, 2023	Linda Leitheiser, Jeff & Linda Leitheiser
July 9, 2023	Matt & Kelly Carrier, Blair & Kelly Westrum
July 16, 2023	Sheri Blaney, Joanne Eliassen, Merlin & Joyce Hanson,
July 23, 2023	Dan & Kari Lane, Andrew & Sarah Hamblin, Karen Bunnis, Milt & Joyce Hanson, Carol Hanson
July 30, 2023	Dennis & Traci Mace, David & Susan Rasmussen, Shane & Kim Renner

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- * Sunday School will resume on September 10th.
- * Third graders will receive Bibles on Sunday, September 16, 2023

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



CONFIRMATION

- * Confirmation classes will resume in the fall. Confirmation will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2023.



NURSING HOME MINISTRY:

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

Oak Crossing 1040 Lincoln Ave.

Audrey Ronning

#110

Clarice Anderson

#115

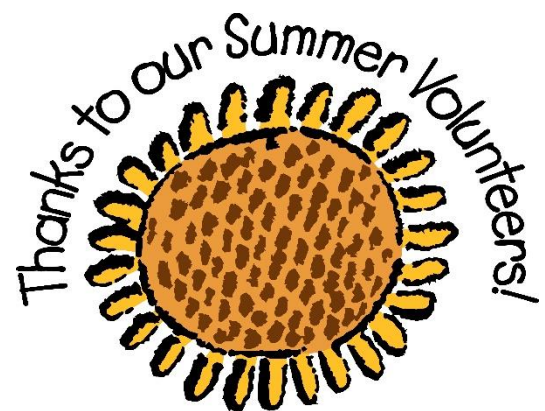


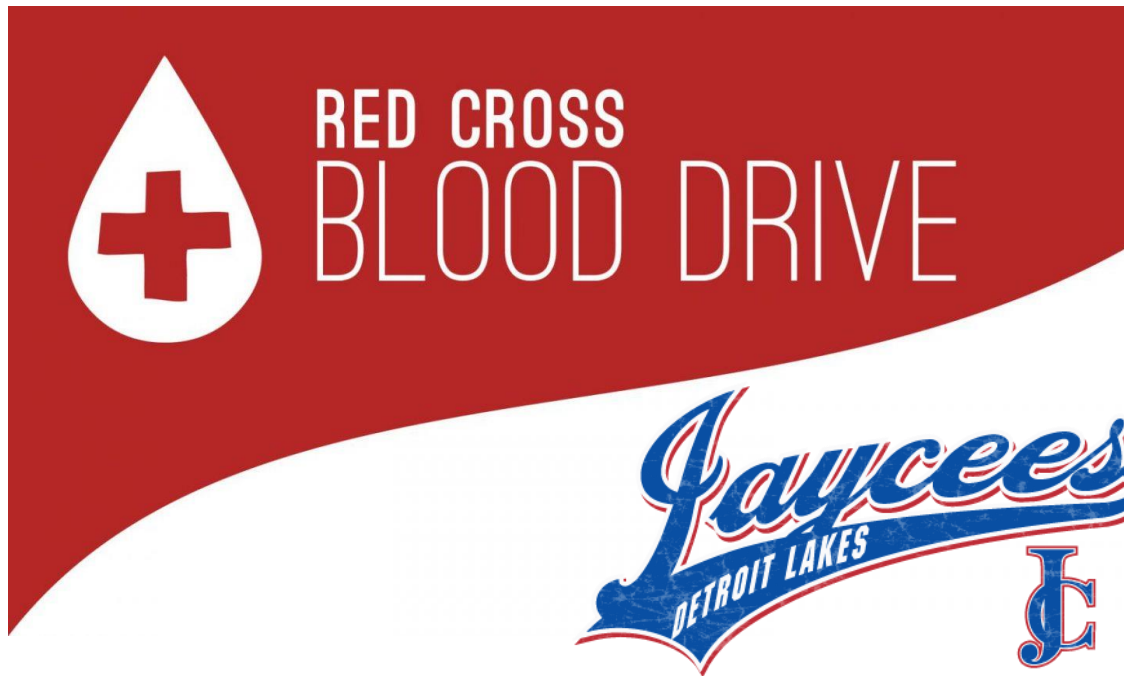
THANKS to Kevin Erickson for mowing the lawn.

THANKS to Blace Schmidt who checks the Geo-Thermal Fluid every Friday morning.

THANKS to Gerry Nybo and his brother who are fixing the handicapped ramp.

THANKS to Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda for keeping the church grounds looking nice!





GIVE BLOOD---Red Cross with the help of the Detroit Lakes Jaycees is sponsoring a blood drive at Grace Lutheran Church on Thursday, July 20th from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Jaycees to schedule an appointment.


Sending Our
SYMPATHY

PASTOR ANN'S father, John Downs, passed away the morning of June 21st. The funeral will be on Monday, June 26th at Lund Lutheran Church at 11:00 A.M. Visitation at 10:00 A.M. on Monday. Grace Lutheran members wish to express their sympathy to Pastor Ann and her family. May God give you the strength during this difficult time!

Bless be your father's memories!

Engaging the Next Generation of Spiritual Leaders

CALEB NOEL IS ASKING FOR DONATIONS to participate in the student mobilization or “Stumo” which is a part of camp ministry at the University of Arizona. The residency program, Kaleo, which is a nine-week program that focus on building students up through various means, so that when they return to their campuses they can go out and be leaders and ambassadors for Christ. Caleb is the son of Pastor Roy Noel who served Grace Lutheran when we were a part of LAMP. For more information and how to donate, please check out the letter and directions on how to give on the Narthex bulletin board.



OUR PURPOSE

To build spiritual leaders for Christ from the college campuses of the world.



WHERE WE ARE

College campuses across the central and western United States.

College campuses across the central and western United States.



WHAT WE DO

Engage, establish and equip students to be spiritual lead

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Pastor Mike Schendel 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:15 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship	3 10:00 a.m. AA meeting 2:00-6:00 P.M. Stowman party at the pavilion	4 OFFICE CLOSED 	5 10:00 a.m. AA meeting	6	7	8
9 Gale LaFerriere 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Noisy Offering 10:15 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship 10:20 A.M. Church Council Meeting	10 10:00 a.m. AA meeting	11	12 10:00 a.m. AA meeting 5:00-7:00 P.M. 4-H Food & Demonstrations fair judging	13	14	15
16 Pastor Mike Schendel 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:15 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship	17 10:00 a.m. AA meeting 5:00-7:00 P.M. 4-H clothing fair judging	18	19 10:00 a.m. AA meeting	20 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. Red Cross Blood Drive at Grace	21	22
23 Gale LaFerriere 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Noisy Offering 10:15 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship	24 10:00 a.m. AA meeting	25 4:00 P.M. Picnic in the Park with Grace serving. Contact Lois Flatau if you would be willing to help!	26 10:00 a.m. AA meeting	27	28	29
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Church Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

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

Adult Ed. Opportunities Year-round

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*“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

July 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



Volunteer to work on July 25th

to serve the picnic meal sponsored by Fuller Center for Housing. Grace Lutheran is responsible for helping with the picnic meal. *Call Lois Flatau if you are willing to help serve the meal!*



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