

Grace's Mountain View

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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.....3rd Tuesday...6:30 P.M

WELCOME PASTOR MIKE SCHENDEL!





June 2023

I recently read once again the opening verses of the Book of Joshua. Moses had just died. The people poised to enter the land which had been promised them for so long – a land of promise, a land of hopes, a land filled with good things! It must have been an anxious time for the people of Israel. What would happen to them? Would they be successful in claiming this new land? Would they again be left on the brink of entering this promised land and be refused entry?

In response to the fears and cries of His people, God speaks these gracious and hope-filled words to Joshua, their leader. God told him to be strong, courageous and continue to live in the faith. Then God speaks the ultimate promise to Joshua and the people of Israel – a promise which spurs them onward to face all the unknown hardships which would confront them as they claimed this promised land, “for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

As I have talked with some people, I’ve heard their plans to go camping or take some trip or maybe even spend some time at a lake cabin they have. Later, I took some time to enjoy the memories which were stirred up as I remembered the many summers I spent on family trips or going camping or even spending time at my grandparents’ cottage. Those were good days – days of feeling safe and cared for and loved. Those were days of hopes and dreams and living out those hopes and dreams!

I recalled some of the times I went along to help “open up” the cottage in the spring. The cottage was cold and quiet. There were no sounds of playing children, no sounds of the adults gathered around the big dining room table for coffee and conversation, no warm touch of the gentle summer breezes. None of those sounds. Just the sounds of vacuum cleaners and brooms and cleaning rags squeaking across the windows and every other surface filled the air. Seldom do such sounds bring to mind thoughts of hope and promise – but those did! Amid the whirring and swishing and squeaking came the realization these sounds would soon give way to good and promise-filled days – much like the ones I remembered from previous summers.

Our faith life is often similar to how we use our lake homes. They provided us with many hours of enjoyment, renewal, and rest in the right season – when it’s easy to enjoy these blessings. However, the lake home is often abandoned during the off-season. It’s quiet, cold, empty, cut off by the winter snows. *(continued on next page)*

We've enjoyed the many blessings God showers freely upon His people. However, we may also sense the coldness of isolation and loneliness when we feel "cut off" by guilt or illness or family strife or anything which causes us to see a barrier between us and God's love. We see the barrier because we believe we are not worthy of God's love and attention. The law says: that's true - you are **NOT** worthy of God's love and attention. You have done nothing to earn that favor.

Still, the good news of the gospel is, in spite of our unworthiness, God still loves us! That's grace! And that grace comes to you and to me.

I remember one winter when I was asked to go out to the lake cottage to check it and see if everything was all right. I had to park the car at the end of the driveway and walk in because the snow was too deep! The snow lay smooth and soft all around. Nothing had disturbed the white covering which separated the cottage from the rest of the world. I opened the door and kicked the snow off my feet before I entered the cottage which was as cold as the winter air outside. I looked around and noticed nothing had been disturbed. I silently stood in the middle of the living room and, in my mind, I could hear the warm and happy sounds of laughter, conversation and children at play. It was as though the promise of renewed fellowship and good times lived on – even in this isolated, lonely and cold place!

As we endure the many problems of life which cause us to feel "cut off" from hope and life, may we listen for God's word of promise to us. "Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." God's loving hand reaches through any barrier which entraps us in order to lift us up and embrace us and renew in us the promise of His unfailing presence! May this gracious and hope-filled word be the cornerstone for our faith walk.

May God continue to bless your comings and goings throughout the summer!

Pastor Mike



*Thoughts
from the desk of
Our President...*

Greetings Grace Family,

Can you feel the positive energy amongst the congregation?

Through the greatness of God, a promise of new beginnings and the feeling of comfort and joy have been bestowed upon us.

As Spring turns into Summer, for every season there is change. Change isn't always easy, yet through the rain come the flowers. I want to thank everyone for their support throughout this transition. We are embarking on our next chapter as a congregation and I look forward to seeing how we blossom. I can already see the bountiful bouquets.

On Sunday, May 21, 2023 Pastor Mike delivered his first worship service at Grace Lutheran Church. The excitement was contagious as we listened intently to a well-versed sermon. As I glanced across the pews, I could see the look of exaltation on so many faces. Thanks be to God. After worship we gathered in the fellowship hall for brunch and "welcome" conversation. Thank you to Ranae, Lillian, Glennis, Gale and Jerry for the delicious egg bake meal they prepared for us (I can still taste those rhubarb muffins).

Along with leading worship, Gale has been busy visiting shut-ins and extending the altar with them. Thank you, Gale, for your outreach to those who are unable to gather with us.

Together Pastor Mike and Gale are the perfect fit to serve the ministerial needs of Grace Lutheran Church.

Knowing Summer is upon us, and many are unable to attend worship in person, we will continue to share our 9:30 AM Sunday Service via FACEBOOK LIVE. Please know your continued tithings throughout the summer season help make worship possible.

And speaking of summer, our community garden provides an abundance of produce to enjoy all summer long. Volunteers are needed to help water the gardens. A weekly sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex. Please consider helping us help our community. "Grace by Grace: Seeking to be God's Faithful People". A special thanks to Becky for overseeing the garden project again in 2023.

I feel nothing but gratitude as we continue our faith journey together. There are so many reasons to be thankful and so many unsung volunteers who deserve praise. Please know you are seen in God's eyes and mine. THANK YOU.

Our beacon on the hill is shining bright. Let those who haven't worshiped with us lately know Grace Lutheran is waiting for them with extended arms. We are all family and together we are a light to be seen.

With gratitude, Jim Brogren, President



Women In God's Service

GUEST SPEAKER:
KATE MULVEY

Fair Hills Women's Retreat

JOIN US AT FAIR HILLS RESORT
JUNE 12TH AND 13TH IN
DETROIT LAKES
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
MAY 22ND

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!



Don't Take Vacation

From God This Summer

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 30

Kevin Erickson
Maggie Schmit

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



June 19

Bob & Michelle Pary

June 21

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.

(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS May 16, 2023)

- † Meeting was called to order by President Jim Brogren Jr.
- † Devotions given by Gerry Nybo.
- † Correspondence was read from B.C. Food Pantry and Luther Seminary for donations made to each. Request from ELCA World Hunger was tabled.
- † Secretary report approved as read.
- † **Finance report** approved as printed.

Total Income	\$11,014.17
Total Expenses	\$13,220.97
Checkbook Balance 4/30/2023	\$804.15
Rainy Day Fund	\$14,676.10
Savings Balance	\$48,980.25
Mortgage Balance	\$131,277.50

† **PROPERTY**---Geo-Thermal now comes in 5-pound pails. Will need to order a spigot to dispense fluid. It was recommended that a water spigot be installed in basement so there is no need to go up & down the stairs for water to add to fluid. Thanks to Jeff Leitheiser for dragging the driveway. Thanks to Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda for trimming the trees and hauling away the debris. Thanks also to them for lawning the lawn and getting the lawnmowers ready for mowing. The ramp is in desperate need of repair. Blace, Gerry, Jerry, and Kevin Erickson will be working on completing this repair. Becky Esser will be teaching confirmation under the direction and guidance of Pastor Mike Schendel. Vacation Bible School will be held at First Lutheran during the first week of June. Cost to attend is \$125 per student.

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH**---Traci has resigned from her position on the council. Michelle Pary has offered to fill the position. Last day of Sunday School and honoring our graduates was held on May 12th.

† **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE**---The Rummage Sale brought in a total income of \$1,803.27. Expenses may run around \$150. A big thank you was given to Gale LaFerriere for coordinating the rummage sale.

† **EVANGELISM/OUTREACH**--- A brunch will be held to welcome Pastor Mike on May 21st. Ranae Sexton will be making muffins. Council members needed to help make the egg bakes on Saturday, May 20th at 11:00 P.M.

† **WORSHIP**---Worship schedule for Pastor Mike and Gale was handed out.

† **OLD BUSINESS**---No old business.

† **NEW BUSINESS**---Rental policy was discussed. Examples were handed out. Council members were instructed to take the policies home, compare, and come back next month with suggestions. The idea of monthly breakfast brunches or lunches was suggested. This would be a way to encourage summer visitors to attend church service and have a meal following the worship service. Matter was tabled until next meeting.

Minutes continued →

CHURCH MEETINGS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2023, at 10:30 A..M. Dave Stowman has devotions and treats.

CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee will not meet until August!



† **NEW BUSINESS cont.**---Council meeting dates will be changed from Tuesday nights until the first Sunday of each month following the worship service. Next council meeting is on June 4th with Dave Stowman giving devotions and providing treats.

Meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully submitted,

Glennis Olson

Council Secretary

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JUNE

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
June 4, 2023	Psalm 8	Genesis 1:1-2:4a 2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
June 11, 2023	Psalm 50:7-15	Hosea 5:15-6:6 Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
June 18, 2023	Psalm 100	Exodus 19:2-8a Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8
June 25, 2023	Psalm 69:7-18	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39

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

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR
June 4, 2023	Shirley Gulden	Steve & Sandy Swanson	Steve Swanson
June 11, 2023	Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda	Sheila Longfors Sonia Anderson	Sonia Anderson
June 18, 2023	Elvie Zitzow	Tom & Kathy Lormis	Tom Lormis
June 25, 2023	Ardis Tollefson	Merry Lee Linden	Glennis Olson

SERVING GROUPS FOR JUNE COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP TIME

DATE	GROUP MEMBERS
June 4, 2023	Lora Senske, Irene Carnegie, Shirley Gulden, Dan & Tara Ladwig
June 11, 2023	Gary & Dona Rosell, Dan & Carrie Lane, Dave & Judy Stowman
June 18, 2023	FATHER'S DAY Keith & Merry Lee Linden, Matt & Eleesha Olson
June 25, 2023	Naomi Dahl, Elvie Zitzow, Jim Brogren Jr., Blace & Myrna Schmidt

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



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.

LUTHER CREST SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 19-22

K-5th grade

9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

**First Lutheran Church,
Detroit Lakes, MN**



Join us at Vacation
Bible School!

You may register online at <https://www.firstlutheranchurch.com/childrensministry>.

Dear Grace Lutheran Congregation,

Thank you so much for the support through my whole life. The quilt is absolutely beautiful and I am so grateful for each and every one of you.

Love, *Marin Westrum*



THANKS to Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda for mowing the lawn. Jerry got all the mowers up and running. Thank you to Gerry Nybo for installing the blinds in the sanctuary to help with dimming the lights for the projection screen.

THANKS to all who helped with the welcome brunch for Pastor Mike. We are looking forward to having Pastor Mike with us!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

HUNTER BRYANT KORTH

Parents--- Annette Korth & Nick Kukowski

Other relatives who are members of Grace Lutheran---

-- Krista Korth, Merry Lee & Keith Linden

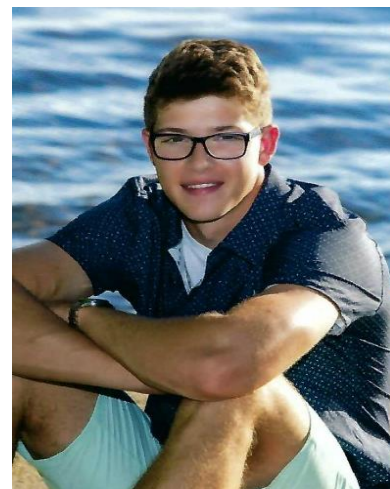
Activities involved in at school---Football, basketball, baseball

Hobbies---Hunting, golf, lifting

Favorite memory---When I dressed like a pea during church and said "Peas be with you!"

Favorite Bible verse---Psalm 46:1

Future plans---Attending Concordia College, Moorhead,



ETHAN THOMAS CARRIER

Parents---Matthew & Kelly Carrier

Activities involved in at school---Football, basketball, track

Achievements and awards---3.5 or higher GPA Academic Award for 7th-12th grade, Craig Fredrickson Award for track for 2022-2023, MN All Star football team, Letter of commitment to play football at University of MN, Co-Defensive MVP for basketball, broke 50 year old high school record in 100m dash

Favorite memory---Making leavening bread for Passover with Dave Nybo

Favorite Bible verse---Jeremiah 29:11

Future plans---Attend University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Carlson School of Management to study finance, and play



MARIN ELAINE WESTRUM

Parents---Blair & Kelly Westrum

Other relatives who are members of Grace Lutheran---

Evan Westrum

Activities involved in at school---Varsity swimming, art club

Achievements and awards---Swim team captain, state swimming, maintaining a GPA above 3.5

Favorite memory---Going to prom junior and senior year

Favorite Bible verse---Isaiah 44:22

Future plans---Attending the University of Minnesota, Morris for studio art and design.



June 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Grace Lutheran Church 213 Roosevelt Ave. Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 218-847-4568 gracelutheran@arvig.net						9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. SYNOD ASSEMBLY
4 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:15 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship 10:30 a. m. Church Council meets	5 10:00 a.m. AA meeting	6	7 10:00 a.m. AA meeting	8	9	10
11 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Noisy Offering and Special music 10:15 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship	12 10:00 a.m. AA meeting	13	14 10:00 a.m. AA meeting	15	16	17
18 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion and Grace Notes singing 10:15 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship	19 10:00 a.m. AA meeting	20	21 10:00 a.m. AA meeting	22	23	24
25 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Noisy Offering 10:15 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship	26 10:00 a.m. AA meeting	27	28 10:00 a.m. AA meeting	29	30	



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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 9:00 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

Grace's MOUNTAIN VIEW

June 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

OUR FOUNDER MIQUETTE WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE ALONG WITH HER MOTHER ROSE.

YOU ARE INVITED!

June 22, 2023
TeachHaiti Fundraiser
5:30pm - 7:00pm

Holy Rosary - Parish Center
1043 Lake Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN

Come join us to hear the latest updates and enjoy the delicious flavor of Haitian Spaghetti.

www.teachhaiti.org

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