

Grace's Mountain View

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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



GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS SUNDAY is on Sunday, September 10th. We will again be assembling Blizzard Bags and Birthday Bags as our projects. The following items are needed for the Birthday Bags: cake mixes, frosting, candles, cake decorations, small toys, birthday wrapping paper or bags, birthday treat bags, school supplies. The items needed for the Blizzard Bags are: granola bars, fruit cups, pudding cups, cans of tuna or chicken, cans of vegetables, cheese & crackers, and hot cocoa mixes. *Donations of money can also be given and we will purchase the needed items.*

From the Pastor

August 2023

Blessings to you all!!

On a shelf in my office is a little figurine of Split Rock Lighthouse. When it caught my eye, I was transported back to the many trips we enjoyed on the North Shore and visiting the lighthouse.

This lighthouse is one of the most visited and photographed lighthouses in the United States. We often hear the words of Jesus, "I am the light of the world." (John 8:12) This sounds good. But seldom do we take time to truly think about what that means. I remember the tour of the lighthouse gave me a renewed understanding of what this passage means.

The lighthouse was built after two ships were destroyed on the rocky coastline during a single storm. We were told this site of the lighthouse wasn't the first choice of location, but, all the same, it was a good choice. You see, the metal in the rocks would draw the compasses on the ships off by 10 to 20 degrees. The water was also so deep along the shoreline a ship could crash into the 130-foot cliff without ever running aground. When the lamp was lit for the first time, it was a welcome sight to the crews who sailed those dangerous waters.

I remember watching the video about the lighthouse and being struck by how similar all this was to our daily life. We "sail" down the often-traveled waters of life. We even feel confident we can handle all the problems on our own. Even though we know there are places where we could run aground or crash and sink. There are also, in life, those times and places like the coastline of the lighthouse which, unknown to us, will draw us off course enough to place us in danger. And, in the midst of all this, we hear again the familiar words, "I am the light of the world." Once more we're reminded it is God who tirelessly seeks to guide us safely through all the perils of life.

The writer of the book of Acts continues this theme of light as he writes: "*for the Lord has commanded us, saying, 'I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth.'*" (Acts 13:47)

We also read in Matthew the words used in the Baptismal Service: "*Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*" (Matthew 5:16)

These passages clearly tell us we are to share the light which has come to us. This is our mission – to keep telling the story and sharing the love of God so we might help others as they travel through life.

In closing, I'd like to share one other bit of information from our visits to the lighthouse. We were told the makers of the lens for the lighthouse said it would be visible for 20 miles. However, the light has been visible even 60 miles away. We may feel our "sphere of influence" is quite limited. However, what we believe, say and do, does make a difference – more so than we might ever dream possible!

Have a great day and let your light shine!

Pastor Mike

Greetings Grace Family,

Exciting things are in the works here at OUR church. Per a congregational vote, we are installing air conditioning in the Sunday School room (old Sanctuary) and Narthex (I am pleased to announce that two generous donations will cover the cost of this project), our roof shingling project should be completed come mid-August, the ever popular salad luncheon will take place Friday, September 8th, the Grace Cafe and Community Garden project (chaired by Lillian and Michelle) is set to begin on Wednesday, September 13th and will be an intricate part of our community outreach program, And we hope to negotiate a half time commitment with Pastor Mike, who I truly believe was sent by God to our congregation.

The sense of community and belonging of our church family seems to have increased tenfold the past few months. Can I just say, it gives me goosebumps listening to the sound of many voices singing hymns of praise during Sunday worship.

Members are volunteering with daily tasks and upkeep of our building, mowing lawns, watering gardens, greeters, ushers, lectors, and fellowship coffee hour servers are happily and graciously giving of their time and talent.

Grace Lutheran is our church home and the operational tasks should be shared within our church family. There is a list of projects, no matter how big or small, that may be a perfect fit for you to accomplish. The feeling of self-worth when giving back to your church is one of the greatest feelings I know.

I believe the bounty of God's love has been gracious to Grace Lutheran. Give to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

With the greatest of hope and love,

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! 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 \$7 for the meal will be taken. *All are welcome!*

Aug. 8---Doc and the Scrubs

Aug. 15---Jan Severson

Aug. 22---Mark Fogelson

Aug. 29---Lakes Area Community Concert Band

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



August 2

Sadie Schmit

August 3

Evan Westrum

August 5

Ryan Esser
Garrett Mace

August 6

Dennis Mace

August 11

Linda Hjelsand
Ardis Tollefson

August 13

Lloyd Kiihn

August 14

Machelle Krengel

August 21

Ashtyn Carrier

August 23

Merry Lee Linden

August 25

Steve Swanson

August 26

Kaitlyn Carrier

August 30

Carol Hanson

August 31

Darlene McArthur

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



August 2

Tom & Kathy Lormis

August 6

Kevin & Kathy Erickson

**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 July 9, 2023)

- † Meeting was called to order by President Jim Brogren Jr.
- † Devotions given by Gail LaFerriere
- † Correspondence was read. Thank you from ADK for the use of the building plus a donation. Request from ELCA World Hunger for a donation. Request was tabled.
- † Secretary report approved with a motion by Blace and seconded by Michelle.
- † **Finance report** approved as printed. Gerry made a motion with a second from Ranae to approve the report.

Total Income	\$10,073.74 \$2,000.00 IRA
Total Expenses	\$11,498.56
Checkbook Balance 3/30/2023	\$514.32
Rainy Day Fund	\$13,721.45
Savings Balance	\$47,466.91
Mortgage Balance	\$119,816.60

† **PROPERTY**---Adding air conditioning to the sanctuary was discussed at length. Bid from Lakes Heating was submitted and another one to be coming from Tweeton Refrigeration and Heating. Gerry will get an estimate from _____ cleaning company for an estimate for cleaning the church. The West door needs to be repaired. Gerry and Jerry Schwoboda will work on this.

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH**---no report

† **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE**— Dave thanked Ranae and Glennis for working at his July 8th party. Blace and Gerry complimented Dave on his party and thanked him for inviting them to be a part of the celebration. Gale and Ruby and Lloyd Kihn helped served “Feeing the Five Hundred” which was held at the Christian Fellowship Church. The goal was reached by serving 560 people.

† **EVANGELISM/OUTREACH**--- Grace is responsible for serving Picnic in the Park on Tuesday, July 25th. Lois Flatau is in charge of obtaining help.

† **WORSHIP**---Songs that are being sung are much better because people know them and sing. Grace Notes were complimented on how good they sounded today when they sang acapella, “Lily of the Valley”. The activity bags need to be redone. The use of the screen was discussed. Discussion followed about Pastor Mike’s future with the church. Jim will talk with him about his future plans with Grace.

† **OLD BUSINESS**—Rental policy was discussed. The members of the committee, Blace Schmidt, Jim Brogren, and Glennis Olson will meet to discuss the policy.

† **NEW BUSINESS**---A memorial of \$100 will be given to Pastor Mike on the death of his wife, Karen. Lillian will be applying for the ELCA grant to start a homeless meal program. Jim, Michelle, and Lillian will meet concerning the grant. The Salad Luncheon is Friday, September 8th. Committee members are Jim, Lillian, Michelle, Gerry, and Lora Senske. The Fall Bazaar will be November 10th & 11th. Committee members are Glennis, Lillian, Gerry, Gale, Michelle, and Blace. *Minutes continued*→

CHURCH MEETINGS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 13, 2023, at 10:20 A. M. Glennis Olson has devotions.

CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee will meet in August!



God’s Work...Our Hands is on September 10th. Blizzard and Birthday bags will be assembled. The Blizzard Bags are for the Meals on wheels and the Birthday Bags are for Mary’s Place. The setting up of a free “Grocery Station” was discussed. It would be placed next to garden and people in need could come to get what they needed or people can contribute food items to the food supply. Jim will check into getting something to put the food in. Meeting was closed with Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Glennis Olson, Council Secretary
Next meeting is August 13th following church service with Glennis giving devotions.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
August 6, 2023	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	Isaiah 55:1-5 Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
August 13, 2023	Psalm 85:8-13	1 Kings 19:9-18 Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
August 20, 2023	Psalm 67	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15: 10-28
August 27, 2023	Psalm 138	Isaiah 51:1-6 Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20

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

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR
August 6, 2023	Sonia Anderson	Sonia Anderson , Lois Flatau	Glennis Olson
August 13, 2023	Sonia Anderson	Steve & Sandy Swanson	Tom Lormis
August 20, 2023	Jeff & Linda Leitheiser	Tom & Kathy Lormis	Steve Swanson
August 27, 2023			

SERVING GROUPS FOR August COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP TIME

DATE	GROUP MEMBERS
August 6, 2023	Kevin & Kathy Erickson, Bill & Anita Hill, Bob & Michelle Pary
August 13, 2023	Gale LaFerriere, Glennis Olson, Ranae Sexton
August 20, 2023	Lois Flatau, Marlys Brasel, Jim & Clarice Zick
August 27, 2023	Sonia Anderson, Tom & Kathy Lormis, Lyle & Terry 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



CONGRATULATIONS to Sonia Anderson who was chosen as Outstanding Female Volunteer at the Becker County Fair. We all know here at Grace that she certainly deserves the award!!

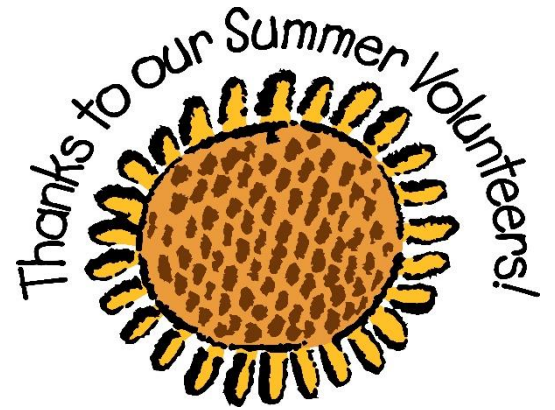


THANKS the members who have been mowing the lawn.

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

THANKS to Gerry Nybo and Jerry Schwoboda for fixing the West door so that it closes tighter.

THANKS to Lillian Nybo and Cathy Schwoboda for cleaning out and restocking the activity bags. These are bags which contain coloring books, crayons, and activity books. The children are encouraged to use these during the worship service.



ROAST BEEF DINNER

FRESH BAKED PIE

SILENT AUCTION

Sponsored by Belles of St. Mary of the Lakes

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023

4:30 – 7:00 P.M.

Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable and fresh baked pie.

\$15,00 for adults

\$7.00 for children 4-10 year

3 year and under-free

(Take out available)

20996 Ct. Hwy 20

Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Women of the ELCA
Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization

35th Annual Convention
Saturday, September 9, 2023

Registration & Coffee 9:00-9:30 am
Day includes worship, business meeting,
speakers, fellowship and lunch.

Concludes by 4 pm.

Contact your local WELCA leader for registration details.

Zion Lutheran Church
505 Main Ave N
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Love your Neighbor
as Yourself

Mark 12:31

Hosted by Conferences 1, 2, & 3

AUGUST HUMOR

There isn't much obviously funny about the month of **August**, as it's the last breath of summer, the hottest time of the year, and the precursor to **back-to-school**.



1. Q: On the first day of school, what did the teacher say her three favorite words were?
**June, July, and August.*
2. Q: Do fish go on vacation?
** No, because they're always in school!*
3. What does the sun drink out of?
**Sunglasses!*
4. What do you call a Labrador at the beach in August?
** A hot dog*
5. What's the king of school supplies?
**The ruler.*

DETROIT LAKES WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, September 16th

"Shoulder to Shoulder – Heart to Heart"

Titus 2:3-4, Proverbs 27:6, 17

Guest Speaker: Mimi Bjorklund



Mimi Bjorklund and her husband Phil served 39 years in Africa and the US as missionaries with WorldVenture. During their time in Rwanda, Mimi worked with young pastors' wives to help them develop a deeper walk with Jesus, learn to study His Word, and raise their children to love and serve the Lord. In Ivory Coast, she worked with young adults who were in the country for 1-2 years. She helped them navigate culture and their roles in serving people on God's behalf. Mimi's main ministry during all these years has been as a Biblical Counselor, mentor, and seminar speaker.

Is it just me
or did June
and July
last like
5 minutes?



Registration: 8:15am
Conference: 9am - Noon
Please RSVP via email
or sign up sheet in the foyer.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 <i>Pastor Mike</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:15 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship	7	8	9 10:00 a.m. AA Morning Group	10	11	12
13 <i>Gale</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Noisy Offering 10:15 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship 10:20 A.M. Church Council Mtg	14	15 5:15 P.M. Christian Ed. Mtg	16 10:00 a.m. AA Morning Group	17	18	19
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27 <i>Gale</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Noisy Offering 10:15 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship	28	29	30 10:00 a.m. AA Morning Group	31	<u>Organist</u> Audrey Savig 218-439-6534	



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Church Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

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

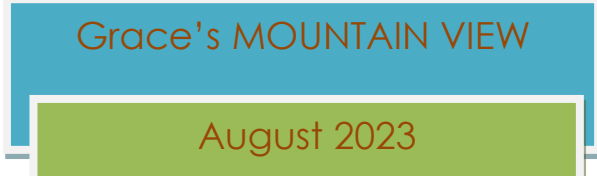
Adult Ed. Opportunities Year-round

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



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



GOD’S WORK...OUR HANDS SUNDAY!

On Sunday, September 10th Grace will again take part in this ELCA project day...

one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Grace Lutheran Church will be assembling “Birthday Bags” and “Blizzard Bags” to be distributed to the community’s programs: *“Meals on Wheels and Mary’s Place.”*

Look on page 1 of this newsletter for the items needed to assemble the bags. There will be containers in the narthex in which you can place the items.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUT OUR COMMUNITY!

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