

# Grace's Mountain View

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## REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Grace Cafe.....Wednesdays... 11:00 A.M.  
Fellowship/Game Day...Wednesdays... 1:00 P.M.  
Confirmation.....Wednesdays... 6:30 P.M.  
Quilters.....Thursdays... 9:30 A.M.  
Church Council.....3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday... 10:30 A.M



**WELCOME PASTOR MIKE to Grace Lutheran Church.** The members of Grace Lutheran Church would like to welcome Pastor Mike Schendel as our new Interim Pastor. We are pleased to have Pastor Mike become a part of Grace Lutheran Church. October is Pastor Appreciation Month, so we would like to officially welcome Pastor Mike as well as show our appreciation for all he is doing for Grace Lutheran on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. We will have a light meal of pulled pork sandwiches (made by our famous chef, Jeff Leitheiser), bean casserole, potato salad, chips, cake and ice cream and beverages. Come and enjoy a delicious meal and welcome Pastor Mike and thank him for his service!

*“Thank you for your Leadership, your faithfulness, and your heart.*

*May God Bless You!*

# From the Pastor

I recently ran across an article once again which I had received from a congregation I served while in seminary. I've seen it at other times as well. Perhaps, I've even shared it with you. I thought I would reprint it for you to read. Enjoy!

I am often asked what is it that you enjoy most about being a pastor? This is a hard choice but I believe preaching is what I really enjoy most about the ministry, the value of sermons is often questioned. My good friend and colleague, Steve Tollefson of First Church, Salem, Oregon, shared the following recently and it really spoke to me. I share it with you.

A few years ago, the following letter appeared in a British Weekly magazine:

*Dear Sir:*

*It seems ministers feel their sermons are very important and spend a great deal of time preparing them. I have been attending church quite regularly for the past 30 years and I have probably heard 3,000 sermons. To my consternation, I discovered that I cannot remember a single one. I wonder if a minister's time might be more profitably spent on something else?*

For weeks after the publication of this letter, a storm of editorial responses were received. Everyone wrote either in defense of the preacher's sermon or critical of the author's lack of lasting impact.

The conflict finally ended when the British Weekly received the following letter:

*Dear Sir:*

*I have been married for 30 years. During that time, I have eaten 32,600 meals – mostly my wife's cooking. Suddenly, I have discovered that I cannot remember the menu of a single meal. And yet, I have received nourishment from every single one of them. I have the distinct impression that without them, I would have starved to death long ago.*

I like the story. But it's more than just a nice story. And it's more than a story about a preacher's sermons. This little story brought to mind how each of us has the opportunity to make an impact on the lives of others.

We may not speak in front of thousands of people. We may not even be quoted in the years to come. Still, our witness is heard by others and helps to shape the direction of their life *at that point in time*. Years later, or even months later, or perhaps weeks or even days later, the person may not be able to recall just what it was that caused their life or their thinking to take the direction it did. ***But it was your witness!***

So, we – each of us – do have the opportunity to shape the world around us (and beyond) by the witness we share, even if our name is not remembered as the one who brought about that change. And even though we may not receive any formal recognition, without our witness the world would be a different place!

And so, live as if your witness to Christ makes a world of difference – because it does! May God bless you on your journey!!

*Pastor Mike*

Greetings Grace Family,

As we flip the calendar page from September to October, we must first stop to reflect upon the bounty the ninth month provided. To say we were busy would be an understatement. We started with a sold out Salad Luncheon, the opening of the Grace Cafe and Food Shelf, distribution of first Bibles, blessing of the backpacks, filled birthday bags for a local shelter, sewing of quilts, a funeral service of a young man who was baptized here and eulogized here, and most importantly we broke bread and worshiped together. I literally could list a page full of happenings, but highlighted just a sampling of God's grace.

There is a resurgence here at Grace Lutheran Church, a rebirth of sorts. A feeling of belonging, peace and prosperity. I can see it the faces, smiles and attitudes of our congregation. Voices are singing, members are volunteering, people are showing up and God is smiling down on us.

Our mission of helping our community through the Grace Cafe and Community Garden is being seen. Please help spread the word that each Wednesday those in need can come enjoy a nice meal, in a comfortable and safe setting at no charge.

A food shelf is set up inside the north entrance during regular church hours and outside the west entrance 24/7 for those in need.

All are welcome to come dine with us, share the word of God, and play some games. For those who can, a free will offering is appreciated to help fund our outreach.

October promises to be another month of blessings and bounty. I would like to invite each of you to ask one person to attend worship with you in the month of October. Maybe it is a former member, a neighbor, a good friend or even a stranger you meet on your daily outings... together we can build our congregation stronger than ever.

Let's create a bountiful harvest together.

*Jim Brogren*

President



# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



## October 3

Alfred Honer Jr.

## October 4

Sonia Anderson  
Ranae Sexton

## October 14

Harmony Sims

## October 17

Shirley Gulden  
Myrna Schmidt  
Violet Stull

## October 22

Rebecca Honer  
Karen Jones

## October 27

Nicole Leitheiser

## October 30

Clarice Anderson

# OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



## October 3

Chad & Maggie Schmit

## October 7

Bill & Anita Hill

## October 13

Aaron & Sara Nelson

## October 18

Nick & Becky Honer

## October 23

Keith & Merry Lee Linden

## October 24

Blair & Kelly Westrum

**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!**

Would you like to help beautify our church for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia in Memory of, or in Honor of someone special in your life?

**We must have your order no later than October 30, 2023**

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YES, please place my order for: ***Please circle the color you wish!!***

\_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia (6 inch pot)      \$8.00 each

(Red, White, or Pink)

\_\_\_\_\_ Double Poinsettia (8 inch pot)      \$16.00 each

(Red, White, or Pink)

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_



Make your check out to Grace Lutheran Church and include this slip with your order. Leave in the church office, place in the offering plate, or mail to the church. (213 Roosevelt Avenue)



**IT'S COMING!!!!** It is not that far away and Grace Lutheran's Holiday Bazaar will be here! The Bazaar which will be held on **Friday evening, November 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**. We will feature again our famous Knoephla soup and beef barley soup. This year we will feature ham salad sandwiches with the soup. Friday night we will be serving BBQ 's and chips. Come and eat and then shop our different "shops" which feature crafts and food items.

We encourage church members to begin thinking about what items you will create for purchase at the Bazaar. It takes a lot of help to put on this event and we encourage our members to help make this event a successful event.

**(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS September 15, 2023)**

- † Meeting was called to order by President Jim Brogren Jr.
- † Devotions given by Lillian Nybo
- † Correspondence—There was no correspondence.
- † Secretary report approved. Blace made a motion to approve and Gerry seconded the motion and motion carried.

† **Finance report** approved as printed.

Total Income	\$12,750.38
Total Expenses	\$16,065.54
Checkbook Balance 8/31/2023	\$3,596.69
Rainy Day Fund	\$12,263.23
Savings Balance	\$50,203.78
Mortgage Balance	117,800.56

Blace made a motion to accept the report with Ranae seconding the report. Motion carried.

† **PROPERTY**--- Soffit will be repaired. Shingle bill of \$52,431.00 will be paid. Thanks to Blace who has been working with the insurance company about the claim. Lynn Ohman, the janitor, has resigned immediately. People will be contacted if they are interested in the job. 5 hours will be given plus possibly more time as needed.

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH**---Third graders will receive their Bibles on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

† **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE**--- Blizzard Bags and Birthday Bags will be assembled as a part of God's Work...Our Hands Sunday.

† **EVANGELISM/OUTREACH**---Food Pantry was discussed. Items are needed. Place items on table in entry way by office door. The outside stand will be by the garden. Michelle Pary and Jim Brogren will be taking care of the Food Pantry.

† **WORSHIP**---Baptism on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

† **OLD BUSINESS**---Rental policy tabled.

† **NEW BUSINESS**---Contract for Pastor Mike was accepted.

\* Recap of Synod Road Trip was given by Gail and Pastor Mike.

\* Recap of Salad Luncheon was given by Glennis. Approximately \$1,800 profit was taken in. Ardis Tollefson and Donna Heimark won the quilts.

\* Pastor Mike will be having surgery and will be out October 8<sup>th</sup> and possibly October 15<sup>th</sup>.

\* A new office phone will be ordered by Blace.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Glennis Olson*, Council Secretary

*Next meeting is on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> following church service with Ranae giving devotions.*

## CHURCH MEETINGS

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023, at 10:45 A. M. Traci has devotions.

### CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee will meet Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M.



Pastor Appreciation Sunday will be held on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. A light meal will be served and a cake will be provided in honor of Pastor Mike. *We all are so happy to have Pastor Mike with us!*

# SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
Oct. 1, 2023	Psalms 25:1-9	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
Oct. 8, 2023	Psalms 80:7-15	Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
Oct. 15, 2023	Psalms 23	Isaiah 25:1-9 Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
Oct. 22, 2023	Psalms 96:1-13	Isaiah 45:1-7 1 Thessalonians 1:1-	Matthew 22:15-22
Oct. 29, 2022 Reformation Day Pastor Appreciation	Psalms 46	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36

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

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR
Oct. 1, 2023	Irene Carnegie	Dan & Machel Kregel	Dan Kregel
Oct. 8, 2023	Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda	Tom & Kathy Lormis	Tom Lormis
Oct. 15, 2023	Vivian Wittnebel	Sheri Blaney, Liam Blaney	Sonia Anderson
Oct. 22, 2023	Elvie Zitzow	Gary & Dona Rosell	
Oct. 29, 2022	Marlys Brasel	Kevin & Kathy Erickson	

## SERVING GROUPS FOR OCTOBER COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP TIME

DATE	GROUP MEMBERS
Oct. 1, 2023	Ranae Sexton, Glennis Olson, Gale LaFerreire
Oct. 8, 2023	Blace & Myrna Schmidt, Dan & Tara Ladwig
Oct. 15, 2023	Darlene McArthur, Maggie Schmit, Aaron & Sara Nelson
Oct. 22, 2023	Shane & Kim Renner, Kyle & Terry Renner
Oct. 29, 2023	<b>REFORMATION SUNDAY/Pastor Appreciation Sunday</b> Council members will serve a light lunch and cake.



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

\* Sunday School is held every Sunday beginning around 10:00 A.M. We invite children to attend class to learn about Jesus and take part in other fun activities.

## CONFIRMATION

\* Confirmation class is held on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:30 P.M.  
\* A reminder to confirmation students to help during services as lector, usher, or greeter. Don't forget to sign the book as to what activity you participated in.



***It's that time again!!!*** The Sunday School children will be visiting Janu's Pumpkin Patch on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> following Sunday School & having a snack. *Parents and anyone else interested in attending are welcome.* Children will be given \$4 to help towards the cost of the pumpkin they pick out.



## **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**

Arbor Park---Moorhead

**Irene Sloan**





**THANKS** to everyone who helped with the Salad Luncheon. It was a success as we made approximately \$1,800.00. Ardis Tolleson and Donna Heimark won the quilts.

**THANKS** to Pastor Mike Schendel for taking the position of Interim Pastor here at Grace Lutheran. Your service is much appreciated!!!

**THANKS** to Jerry & Lillian Nybo, Ranae Sexton, and Vivian Wittnebel who have been preparing the food and working the Grace Café.

**There is no "I" in Team, but we sure are glad there is "u" in our volunteers!**



Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program  
A free grant for home energy

2023-2024 HEATING SEASON

## MN ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Need help with utility bills?  
Assistance is available.



### WHAT IS IT?

Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program helps renters and homeowners keep homes heated and the lights on. The program runs from October to May each season.

### WHO IS IT FOR?

People who rent or own their home and struggle with utility bills.

### HOW MUCH CAN I RECEIVE?

- Primary grants range from \$200 to \$1,400 depending on energy consumption costs & income.
- Additional funds are available for crisis situations.
- Free repair or replacement of broken furnaces for homeowners.
- Energy efficiency upgrades per need.



In Partnership with MAHUBE-OTWA  
Community Action Partnership, Inc



### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Household Size	1 Mo. Max.
1	\$2,722
2	\$3,559
3	\$4,397
4	\$5,235
5	\$6,072
6	\$6,910
7	\$7,747
8	\$8,584

### Office locations in:

Fergus Falls, Detroit Lakes, Mahanomen,  
Park Rapids & Wadena

ONLINE @ [www.mahube.org/](http://www.mahube.org/)



PHONE: 218-847-1385 or  
Toll Free: 1-888-458-1385

## 2023-2024 Energy Season ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program helps renters and homeowners keep homes heated, lights on, and more. Additional funding is available for crisis situations. The program offers extra support for Seniors over 60y/o. And no cost repair or replacement of broken furnaces for homeowners.

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Deadline to apply May 31, 2024

Applications are available at office locations in  
Fergus Falls, Detroit Lakes, Mahanomen,  
Park Rapids or Wadena

ONLINE @ [www.mahube.org/](http://www.mahube.org/)

PHONE: 218-847-1385 or  
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Energy Assistance is administered by Mahanomen, Wadena, Bemidji, Otwa, and Wadena Community Action Partnerships and MAHUBE-OTWA.

Program funding provided through Federal LIHEAP funding and the MN Department of Commerce.

LUTEFISK/MEATBALL DINNER  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2023  
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
43526 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD  
OSAGE, MN 56570

ADULTS \$20  
STUDENTS (5-12) \$8  
KIDS 4 & UNDERS FREE

QUILT RAFFLE  
HAND EMBROIDERED DISHTOWELS  
CROCHETED DISHCLOTHES

MENU:  
LUTEFISK - LEFSE  
MEATBALLS - GRAVY  
MASHED POTATOES  
CRANBERRIES  
CORN, CARROTS  
HOMEMADE FLAT BREAD  
BARS  
ROMEGROT  
COFFEE - LEMONADE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JO MASTIN AT 218-234-3255



You are invited to  
**WOMEN OF ELCA  
FALL CONFERENCE**  
**Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
Hosted by First Lutheran Church - Detroit Lakes

Price: \$15 Includes - Program, morning coffee and treats by Eksjo Lutheran Church, lunch by First Lutheran Church

Special Music: Performed by Emma Duncan & Holly Heisserer

Presentation: Sheltering Ministry by Mackenzie Hamm

Bible Study: Led by Pr. Lauryl Ivers

Registration: Forms are on the volunteer table at FLC.  
Mail form and check to:  
Marilyn Tinjun  
870 Longview Drive, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501  
Phone: 218-849-0751

8 AM - Registration and Coffee  
9 AM - Program in the Sanctuary

Please RSVP by Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

All Women are invited and encouraged to come!  
Guests are welcome!





## October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>1</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion  10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship	<b>2</b> 10:00 a.m. AA Morning Group	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00 a.m. AA Morning Group 11:00-1:00 P.M. Grace Café 1:00 p.m. Fun & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	<b>5</b> 9:30 a.m. Grace Quilters	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Fall WELCA Gathering First Lutheran Church	
<b>8</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Noisy Offering 10:00 a.m. Sunday School & <b>PUMPKIN PATCH</b> 10:15 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship	<b>9</b> 10:00 a.m. AA Morning Group	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00 a.m. AA Morning Group 11:00-1:00 P.M. Grace Café 1:00 p.m. Fun & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	<b>12</b> 9:30 a.m. Grace Quilters	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship 10:30 a.m. <b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>	<b>16</b> 10:00 a.m. AA Morning Group	<b>17</b> 5:30 p.m. Christian Ed. Meeting	<b>18</b> 10:00 a.m. AA Morning Group 11:00-1:00 P.M. Grace Café 1:00 p.m. Fun & Fellowship	<b>19</b> NO SCHOOL MEA Break  9:30 a.m. Grace Quilters	<b>20</b> NO SCHOOL MEA Break	<b>21</b>	
<b>22</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Noisy Offering & Baptism 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship	<b>23</b> 10:00 a.m. AA Morning Group	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00 a.m. AA Morning Group 11:00-1:00 P.M. Grace Café 1:00 p.m. Fun & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	<b>26</b> 9:30 a.m. Grace Quilters	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Bridal Shower  9:00-3:00 p.m. Synod Event @ First Lutheran Church  5:00-9:00 p.m. AA meeting	
<b>29</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Noisy Offering 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. <b>Pastor Appreciation Luncheon</b>	<b>30</b> 10:00 a.m. AA Morning Group  POINSETTIA ORDER DUE TODAY!	<b>31</b>	<b>Pastor Mike Schendel</b> 218-478-4472			<b>Office Manager</b> Glennis Olson 218-234-5547	
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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 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**



Come and enjoy a pulled pork sandwich meal on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> as we welcome Pastor Mike to Grace Lutheran Church as well as extend our thanks to Pastor Mike for leading our church into the future.

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