

Grace's Mountain View

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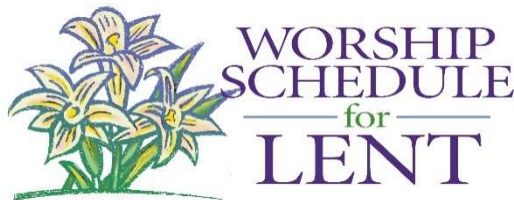
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REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Quilters.....Thursdays...9:30 A.M.
 Fellowship/Game Day...Wednesdays...1:00 A.M.
 Confirmation.....Wednesdays...6:30 P.M.
 Church Council.....2nd Sunday...10:20 A.M

February 14, 2024	Ash Wednesday	5:30 P.M. meal (group 3) 6:30 P.M. worship
February 21, 2024		5:30 P.M. meal (group 1) 6:30 P.M. worship
February 28, 2024		5:30 P.M. meal (group 2) 6:30 P.M. worship
March 6, 2024		5:30 P.M. meal (group 3) 6:30 P.M. worship
March 13, 2024		5:30 P.M. meal (group 1) 6:30 P.M. worship
March 20, 2024		5:30 P.M. meal (group 2) 6:30 P.M. worship
March 24, 2024	Palm Sunday	9:30 A.M.
March 28, 2024	Maundy Thursday	6:30 P.M.
March 29, 2024	Good Friday	6:30 P.M.
March 31, 2024	Easter Sunday	9:30 A.M.



February 2024

This month, we will enter the season of Lent once again. Most often, when Lent is mentioned, there is a noticeable heaviness felt if not an audible groan. Lent is a time of reflection and inner searching. It's a time of remembering what Christ did for us through his death and resurrection. Perhaps, that may be the reason many don't like this season of the church year – we don't like to take the time to search or reflect or remember.

Our culture is geared to fast-paced action. We have come to expect things to move along quickly. We want to see things “happen”. So, when we're called upon to do some reflecting and remembering and searching, it necessarily means we must switch gears for a while. We need to clear our schedules to make room for these “special demands” upon our lives during Lent. Still, this is important for us! It's necessary for us to remember and reflect upon our spiritual roots and then to search out ways we can live out our faith.

It's often been traditional for many people to give up something for Lent. This has been done to help the person to focus upon the sacrifice Christ made for us. However, this will often lapse into giving up something we wanted to give up anyway. Or, we will “sacrifice” something which isn't that important in the first place.

I would like to offer a new twist to your Lenten sacrifice. As we look at our Christian roots in the Bible, we hear again and again that we are not called to simply become preoccupied with ourselves and our personal faith. This is important, but it's not what Christ had in mind for us. Rather, we hear, “love your neighbor as yourself,” and “go, therefore and make disciples of all nations” and the implied command to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit the sick and imprisoned. Our personal faith is important, but we must realize the faith we have been given necessarily links us to a community. We are called not to simply sit and warm ourselves in the glow of personal faith, but to share what we have been given! We are to **live** our faith!! Therefore, I would like to suggest rather than giving up something for Lent, we seek a new way to live out our Christian faith! This may take on different forms, such as regular worship or concentrating one's time and energy on a justice issue or establishing a time for daily personal and/or family devotions or.... you determine what would be best for you. This, too, is a sacrifice. You are changing what you are accustomed to doing in order to add something new to your life. Something new which will help you to reach out in faith to other people!

May Lent truly be a time of remembering, reflecting, searching, and, most of all, discovery of new ways to live out your faith in your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

God Bless You on Your Journey,

Pastor Mike

Greetings to our Church family,

Grace will be busy during the month of February. Lenten season begins on February 14th with Ash Wednesday worship services beginning at 5:30P.M. with a meal. Then worship services will be held at 6:30 P.M.

Lenten worship services will be held on February 21st, February 28th, March 6th, March 13th, and on March 20th. There will be a meal served at 5:30 P.M. with assigned groups preparing the meal. See page 1 for the groups and when they serve. If you are unsure which group you are in, there is a list of groups found on the narthex bulletin board and by the kitchen.

Grace Lutheran members have a chance to help the Becker County Food Pantry on Sunday, February 11th, "Souper Bowl Sunday". Members are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item. All items will be donated to the Becker County Food Pantry. If members wish they can also bring an extra item to donate to the Grace Café.

Also on February 11th we are very excited to hold a "New Member Sunday." We currently have 5 families wishing to join Grace Lutheran. If you or someone you know wishes to join, please contact Pastor Mike or Glennis in the office. Grace is growing and that is a wonderful place to be!!

Grace opens its doors to hold the "Minne-soda" Polar Fest Hotdish Challenge on February 18th. I encourage members to enter their favorite hotdish or dessert. This is always a fund event. After the judging, people are encouraged to taste all the entries. The schedule can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

Are you interested in having some fun? Then come to Grace on Sunday, February 25th for the 'Mardi-Gras celebration! There will be a delicious pancake breakfast following worship service. Following the breakfast, the Confirmation students will be holding games for members to participate in. There will be Bingo, Pancake race, and several other games. Come and have fun and enjoy a delicious breakfast!

As you see, Grace will be hopping during the month of February. I encourage all members to take part in the activities during the month. Fun, delicious food, and great fellowship will be a way to chase away those "winter blues!"

Church Council president

Jim Brogren Jr.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- * Sunday School classes held every Sunday beginning at 10:00 A.M.
- * First Communion classes will begin on February 11th during Sunday School. These classes are held for 5th graders. They will participate on Maundy Thursday for their First Communion
- * Thanks to Traci Mace who is the Sunday School teacher. Your dedication is much appreciated.

CONFIRMATION

- * Classes are held Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M.
- * Lenten Season begins on February 14th, Ash Wednesday. Confirmation students should be attending Lenten Services as well as help out during the Lenten Worship Services.



Polar Fest

February 9-25, 2024

Hotdish/Dessert Challenge

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Grace Lutheran Church

Whether you like to cook or you like to eat, this event is for you! Participants can submit their entries to the competition to try to win best hot dish or dessert bar.

For those just interested in sampling the entries, it's a free will donation. Sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church.

The great Minne"Soda" Hotdish Challenge will feature the best-of-the-best hotdish recipes. Back by popular demand, the best-of-the-best dessert bar recipes!

Free will donation to benefit Grace Lutheran Church and their charity of choice.

Hotdish, dinner roll, dessert bar and soda provided (while supplies last)

Get here early and enjoy a traditional Lutheran church social!

Submit Entries: 3 PM - 3:30 PM

Judging: 3:35 PM - 4 PM

Dinner: 4 PM - 5:30 PM

For more info, contact Jim Brogren at loloisland@gmail.com or (218) 841-2968.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



February 1
Kelly Westrum

February 2
Elijah Ritchie

February 5
Greg Schwoboda

February 7
Zachary Schuman

February 10
Mckenna Krengel
Kim Renner
James Zick

February 23
Terry Bowers
Brad Endersbe

February 26
Jim Brogren Jr.

February 28
Heather Peterson

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



February 22
Chad & Maggie Schmitt

**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 December 17, 2023)

- † Meeting was called to order by President Jim Brogren Jr.
- † Devotions given by Glennis Olson
- † Correspondence was read. Thank you from Back Pack Program and Audrey Savig. An ELCA survey was completed with input from council members.
- † Secretary report approved as read.
- † **Finance report** approved as printed.

Total Income	\$12,906.37
Total Expenses	\$14,742.11
Checkbook Balance 1/31/2023	\$8,292.50
Rainy Day Fund	\$8,386.67
Savings Balance	\$10,840.08
Mortgage Balance	\$110,687.93

The 2024 Budget was approved by the Council.

† **PROPERTY**---A discount will be given on the Aramark janitorial products. It was decided to ask Kraig Erickson if he would be willing to clean the floors with the scrubber about one time each month. Jim will call and check with him.

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH**---Sunday School and Confirmation classes are going fine. A Christian Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 17th at 5:45 P.M.

† **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE**---It was suggested that we only receive children's names for the Angel Tree next year. The adult gifts need to be bought by the church as those names are not usually taken by members.

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH---Lillian has asked that she needs help with the Grace Café. She would like to have someone serve every other Wednesday.

† **WORSHIP**---Lenten services will be held in the sanctuary. See Lenten schedule on page 1 of newsletter. Jim stated that anti friction rugs should be bought and placed by the lecterns to cut down on the noise.

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

† **NEW BUSINESS**---Kim Renner and Dona Rosell will be doing the audit on the books on Wednesday, January 17th. Returning council members are Jim Brogren Jr., Gale LaFerriere, Ranae Sexton, Glennis Olson, Gerry & Lillian Nybo. Tom Lormis will be replacing Dave Stowman. Annual meeting is on Sunday, January 28th following the worship service. Fund Raisers are needed to be set up for 2024. One suggestion is a Bake-less Bake Sale. Fundraiser will be set up at February meeting.

Next meeting is February 11th with Lillian Nybo giving devotions.

Polar Fest Hotdish Challenge is on Sunday, February 18th beginning at 3:00 P.M. at Grace Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Glennis Olson Council Secretary

CHURCH MEETINGS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2024, 2024 following the worship service. Lillian Nybo has devotions.

CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2024 following Sunday School.

ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS

Order must be in by Feb. 19th

YES, Please place my order for:

_____ Easter lily---6 inches--\$9.00 each (classic white)

_____ Easter lily---8 inches---\$19.00 each (classic white)

_____ Hydrangea---9 inches--\$29.00 each

_____ Azaleas---5 inches---\$13.00 (assorted colors)

_____ Mum---6.5 inches--\$9.00 (assorted colors)

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)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
February 4, 2024	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c	Isaiah 40:21-31 1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
February 11, 2024	Psalm 50:1-6	2 Kings 2:1-12 2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
February 14, 2024 ASH WEDNESDAY	Psalm 51:1-17	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16.21
February 18, 2024	Psalm 25:1-10	Genesis 9:8-17 1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
February 25, 2024	Psalm 22:23-31	Genesis 17:1-7 Romans 5:13-25	Mark 8:31-38

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

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR
February 4, 2024	Dan & Kari Lane	Steve Swanson Gerry Nybo	Steve Swanson
February 11, 2024	Ranae Sexton	Tom & Kathy Lormis	Tom Lormis
February 18, 2024	Ardis Tollefson	Steve Swanson Jim Zick	Steve Swanson
February 25, 2024	Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda	Maggie Schmit Sonia Anderson	Ruby Kiihn

NURSING HOME MINISTRY:

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

Oak Crossing #110 1040 Lincoln Ave.

Audrey Ronning

Oak Crossing #115 1040 Lincoln Ave

Clarice Anderson

Arbor Park, 2941 6th Ave. N Moorhead, MN

Irene Sloane



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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

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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



NEW MEMBER SUNDAY will be on Sunday, February 11th. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining Grace, please contact Pastor Mike or Glennis in the office. We would welcome anyone who is interested to become a part of our Grace Family.



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY will be held on February 11, 2024. Please bring in a non-perishable food item for the food pantry.



EASTER FLOWER ORDER is due February 19, 2024.



Mardi Gras Celebration will be held on Sunday, February 25th following the worship service. There will be games, Bingo, and other fun activities.

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