

Grace's Mountain View

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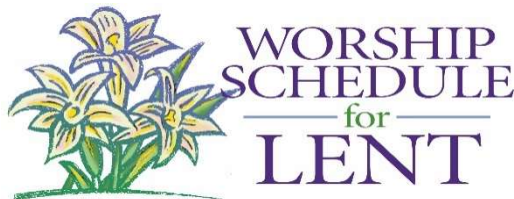
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REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

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

March 6, 2024	Lenten Worship	5:30 P.M. meal (group 3) 6:30 P.M. worship
March 13, 2024	Lenten Worship	5:30 P.M. meal (group 1) 6:30 P.M. worship
March 20, 2024	Lenten Worship	5:30 P.M. meal (group 2) 6:30 P.M. worship
March 24, 2024	Palm Sunday	9:30 A.M. Breakfast following worship
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. Rolls following worship



March 2024

My friends and I stood in the entry of a church in a neighboring town. We talked nervously as we waited for our turn to go before the Board of Review. This was the final requirement we faced for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. My memory of that is somewhat fuzzy except for one thing. Our scoutmaster gave us some last-minute advice which has stuck with me since that evening. He said, "Watch what you say. They want to know you really believe in some things... that you have some strong convictions. When you talk about things you believe in, say 'I believe'. Don't just say 'I think'."

That bit of advice, as I said, has stayed with me. I think of it whenever I'm asked about something which seeks a response from me. Is it something I believe, or is it simply an opinion which doesn't matter that much to me. This has caused me to examine things a bit more carefully. I've found myself asking if something is important enough to affect my life. For if I believe something, it *should* affect how I think and live.

All too often, we sluff off this kind of examination as we look at our faith walk. Rather than sticking out our neck to state, "I believe..." we'll settle for a much easier, "I think...". This way, we don't really have to defend our statements. If there's any opposition, we can abandon our statements as quickly as we toss a glass of unused water down the drain. In the end, we don't hold on to anything. We simply drift from idea to idea holding on only long enough to hear the first challenge. Not much matters.

God doesn't look for His children to live in this way. Many Christians feel this is the way to live so as not to offend anyone. Not so!! God spoke to John in a vision and told him to write to the church at Laodicea, "I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth." (Revelation 3:15-16)

So, what's God trying to tell us? He's telling us He has no use for those who BELIEVE nothing. He even would rather people would believe in something contrary to Him so they could at least be confronted with the folly of their beliefs. Those who believe nothing refuse to hold on to anything long enough for it to make a difference in their life. God expects us to BELIEVE in Him. He expects our belief – our faith – to give shape and direction to our lives! Without this response to the Gospel, our faith is dead.

During this Lenten season, I would encourage each of us to examine our lives. Let's take a look at what we really believe. What really shapes our life? What is it that drives us? If we find Christ is not the real center of our life, then it's time to ask for forgiveness and the strength and commitment to allow Him the center spot in our life!

May God help you as you look at your life and your faith. The Good News is He is with you every moment of the way. May this be for each of us a time of renewal in the faith!

Pastor Mike

February was a fruitful month at Grace Lutheran.

We elected a new church council, welcomed six new members to our congregation, held our 6th annual Minne”Soda” Hotdish and Dessert Bar Challenge as part of our community Polar Fest celebration, helped feed the hunger challenged in our community via the Grace Café and food pantry, we worshiped together on Ash Wednesday, enjoyed dinner and fellowship prior, celebrated Mardi Gras with our youth and that is just a short list of what happened here in February.

The March calendar will be filled with Lenten worship, Good Friday, Palm Sunday and Easter.

There are so many exciting opportunities to volunteer in the coming months, please consider donating your time and talent to Grace Lutheran Church.

We look forward to worshipping with you this Easter Season.

Church Council president

Jim Brogren Jr.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

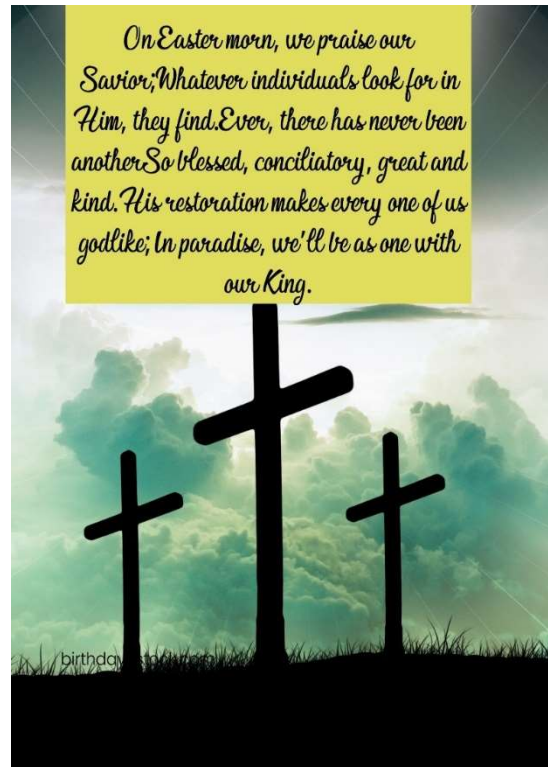
SUNDAY SCHOOL

- * Sunday School classes held every Sunday beginning at 10:00 A.M.
- * First Communion classes began on February 11th during Sunday School. Thanks to Becky Esser who is teaching the classes. 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.
- * Confirmation students should be attending Lenten Services as well as helping out during the Lenten Worship Services.

Please consider being a mentor for current and future Confirmation students at Grace. A final requirement of students before getting confirmed is to meet with a mentor for 3-4 times to discuss faith and Lutheran living. There are mentor booklets available in the office. Please see Glennis or Becky to sign up with questions.



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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



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March 2

Dennis Forsell

March 6

Kraig Erickson

March 7

Joyce Hanson

March 16

Kacee Brogren Jr.

March 25

Dan Lane

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



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NO ANNIVERSARIES

**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 February 11, 2024

- † Meeting was called to order by President Jim Brogren Jr.
- † Devotions given by Lillian Nybo
- † Correspondence was read. None
- † Secretary report approved as read.
- † **Finance report** approved as printed.

Total Income	\$8,196.58
Total Expenses	\$12,350.35
Checkbook Balance 1/31/2024	\$3,081.05
Rainy Day Fund	\$12,406.76
Savings Balance	\$12,840.08
Mortgage Balance	\$106,102.47

Council agreed to giving the Northwest MN Synod \$100 for mission work. Audit was completed with good results.

† **PROPERTY**—Geo-Thermal fluid will need to be ordered again. A date will be set up to use the scrubber to wash the Fellowship Hall floor. Jim will contact Kraig Erickson to see when he could help us with the scrubber.

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH**---The Mardi Gras pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 25th. The Council will help with the Pancake Breakfast. Proceeds will go towards Camp Scholarships. The Palm Sunday breakfast which was to be put on by the Confirmation students will be postponed until later due to sports conflicts. Instead, Ranae and Glennis will be serving rolls on that day.

† **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE**- \$100 was given to Pathways Bible Camp on Giving Hearts Day by the Christian Education committee. Jim will look into getting Grace Café on the list for the next Giving Hearts Day.

† **WORSHIP**-Use of the projection screen for scripture lessons was discussed. It has been accepted with mixed feelings. Words need to be bigger and should be bold in order to be read from the back of the sanctuary. Also, the Christ Candle needs to be moved as it blocks seeing the screen for some people. Rolls will be served on Easter Sunday. Lenten schedule was reviewed: supper at 5:30 P.M. Worship service held in sanctuary at 6:30 P.M.

† **OLD BUSINESS**-Rental agreement was discussed. It was decided that members need to give a minimal fee. A deposit fee will be required from all. This will be refundable if after inspection everything is alright. Ranae and Glennis volunteered to develop a policy which will be brought to the next council meeting for approval.

† **NEW BUSINESS**-A coat rack was moved to Grace Café entrance by Gerry. This will keep clothes items from food items.

* Discussion was held concerning background checks. We will check with other churches, insurance company, and the Synod office.

Rolling office chairs are needed for the library since the current churches are difficult to move on the carpet.

CHURCH MEETINGS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 10, 2024 following the worship service. Gerry Nybo has devotions.

CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2024 following Sunday School.

Blace made a motion to buy 10 chairs with a cap at \$600. Steve seconded the motion. Motion passed. Blace will order the chairs.

* Requests have been made for 2 graduation parties to be held on May 18th and May 25th. A suggested free-will donation will be suggested along with \$100 deposit which is refundable if place is left clean and without damage.

*Tables, chairs, and other kitchen equipment will **NO LONGER** be available to be rented. Too much damage has been done when they are returned, or they have not been returned.

* Anyone making donations to the Grace Café must give them directly to Lillian Nybo. She will give you a receipt. The donations will no longer be listed on your giving statements which you receive at the end of the year.

* The Lenten offerings will be going towards the Sanctuary Air-Conditioning Fund with a motion made by Blace. Glennis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

*Lillian has requested that she needs a steam table for Grace Café. This table would also be used by the church for their fundraisers. Ranae and Blace will look into this and bring to next meeting.

* Kelly Carrier and Gale LaFerriere are arranging a Cabin Fever Supper in March. More information will be coming.

*Zoom Council Meeting will be held on Monday, February 12th at 6:00 P.M. Info was handed out

*Meeting ended at 1:00 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Glennis Olson Council Secretary

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
March 3, 2024	Psalm 19	Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
March 10, 2024	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
March 17, 2024	Psalm 51:1-12	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday	Psalm 31:9-16	Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 14:1-15:47
March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	Exodus 12:1-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
March 29, 2024 Good Friday	Psalm 22	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews 10:16-25	John 18:1-19:42
March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Acts 10:34-43 1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Mark 16:1-8

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

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR
March 3, 2024	Sonia Anderson	Lois Flatau Sonia Anderson	Ruby Kiihn
March 6, 2024 Lenten Service	Kelly & Kaity Carrier	Blair & Kelly Westrum	Kelly Carrier
March 10, 2024	Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda	Steve Swanson Jim Zick	Steve Swanson
March 13, 2024 Lenten Service	Megan & Kenzie Schwoboda	Kelly & Kaity Carrier	Kelly Carrier
March 17, 2024	Will & Tarin Ladwig	Sheila Longfors Sonia Anderson	Ruby Kiihn
March 20, 2024 Lenten Service	Megan & Kenzie Schwoboda	Kelly & Kaity Carrier	Kaity Carrier
March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday	Dennis & Garrett Mace, Sonia Anderson	Tom & Kathy Lormis	Tom Lormis
March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday	Sonia Anderson	Kelly & Kaity Carrier	Kelly Carrier
March 29, 2024 Good Friday	Sonia Anderson	Kelly & Kaity Carrier	Kelly Carrier
March 31, 2024 EASTER SUNDAY	Kathy & Tom Lormis	Bob & Michelle Pary	Michelle Pary



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in
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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

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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

Easter Worship Service, Sunday, March 31, 2024

9:30 A.M.

Rolls & Coffee Fellowship following worship



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