

Grace's Mountain View

Mission Statement---Grace by Grace, Seeking to be God's Faithful

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Sept. through May

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Quilters.....Thursdays...9:30 A.M.
Fellowship/Game Day...Wednesdays...1:00 A.M.
Grace Café.....Wednesday.....11:00-1:00
Confirmation.....Wednesdays...6:30 P.M.
Church Council.....2nd Sunday...10:25 A.M



VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE---We now have a new email address. Our new address is office@gracelutherandl.org Please begin using this address from now on. Thank you!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be held on Sunday, October 6th following the worship service. Pancakes, sausage, and fresh fruit will be served. Homemade maple syrup will be donated by Ernie & Curt Anderson. Come and enjoy our last "family picnic"! Proceeds going towards the principal of our loan. We are now below \$90,000! Can we make it below \$80,000 by April 25, 2025? With your financial help it is possible!!

ANNUAL JANU'S PUMPKIN PATCH VISIT—Sunday, Oct. 6th following the pancake breakfast. Each child will receive \$4 towards a pumpkin purchase. Invite a friend! All are welcome to attend this fun event!!!

SONIA ANDERSON'S 85th BIRTHDAY PARTY will be held on Saturday, October 5th. Everyone is welcome. 1:00-5:00 P.m.

TASTE OF LUND will be held on Saturday, October 5th starting at 9:00 A.M. Bake Sale also along with quilted items for sale. Price is 2 tickers to sample for \$1.00. See poster on bulletin board to items which can be sampled.



October 2024

“It was the best of times. It was the worst of times.” This borrowed phrase, I believe, captures the feelings of the disciples as they huddled together – numbed by the events of Jesus’ death and burial. It had seemed as though everything was going so well. They had heard of the establishment of God’s kingdom. They saw the crowds of people clamoring to see, hear and touch Jesus! It must have seemed like the best of times... but, then the tide of events changed, and Jesus hung before them on a cross – **dead!!** The best of times had turned into the worst of times!

Still, if they had remembered what Jesus had been telling them all along, even this wouldn’t have been the “worst of times”. Again, Jesus needed to remind them of what he had already told them. Jesus called his disciples through the announcement made to Mary Magdalene and the “other Mary” as they arrived at the empty tomb. It was on that mountain in Galilee that Jesus reminded his disciples they were to be his messengers in all the world. Still, the “greatest” word was yet to come. He told them, “And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)

How quickly they had forgotten! Was it the devastation of the crucifixion? Was it because they had become too familiar with always having Jesus there? Was it because they had never heard Jesus’ promise to them while they were so vulnerable – so needy? So, now, their “worst of times” had become, once again, the best of times!

Many times I find myself shaking my head in disbelief that the disciples could be so slow to understand! Why didn’t they simply listen to what Jesus was telling them all along? Then, remember – I’m just like those disciples! I, too, fail to take to heart what is so obvious! No doubt each of us could share a story of how we were helped to discover the obvious. For me, one such moment occurred the summer following my freshman year in college. I had driven the family car to a neighboring town to do some Boy Scout business. By the time I was to return home, it was dark. All of a sudden, out of the ditch darted a huge doe. I didn’t even have a chance to avoid hitting her. I remember the “thud”, the breaking glass, and the screeching of the tires as I skidded to a stop! And then,.... there was silence! I felt so alone as I

sat for a few minutes (which seemed like hours) in the quiet of that dark summer night. It was then I realized I had to tell my mother I had smashed the car. I saw a light from a house a short distance away. I slowly drove to the house – rehearsing in my mind just how I would tell her about the car. As the phone rang, my heart raced. When she came to the phone, all I could manage to say was, “I hit a deer and the car is smashed up pretty good.” She responded, but I didn’t think she heard what I said. So, I repeated what I had said. And she repeated her first response, “Are **you** O.K.?” With that, I realized **I** was the one who wasn’t listening! I hadn’t heard the many times she told me with her words and actions that she loved **me!** At least it hadn’t been tested as severely as this! As I went back to the scene of the accident to wait for my brother and the Game Warden, the darkness didn’t seem as dark. The silence didn’t seem as foreboding. And I no longer felt so lonely. Thanks Mom!

Perhaps, as you read this, you feel cut off and alone! Perhaps you feel crushed by a burden seemingly too heavy for anyone to bear or even remove! Maybe it has to do with a problem at work or in school. Maybe your relationship with someone special – a friend, a spouse, a parent, a child or whomever – has gone “sour”. Maybe you feel stretched to your limit by pressures and responsibilities which have piled up. Because of this, for you, life’s path has become quiet, dark and lonely! At just such times, we (like the disciples) need to be reminded of the promise Christ made to us, “***And remember, I am with you always...***” We don’t have to face life and all its problems alone! He is there for us – to love us, to guide us, to empower us, to forgive us, and to lift us up from the “ash heaps” of life! If the path you’re following today is quiet, dark and lonely,... then listen! Listen for Jesus’ promise to **YOU** that He will be with you always. You’re only alone if you refuse to hear His word of promise for you!

God bless you on your journey!

Pastor Mike



THANK YOU to all those who helped during the Salad Luncheon. The Salad Luncheon was not well attended. The Luncheon brought in \$980.20. We served 93 people.

THANKS to Ranae Sexton, Gale LaFerriere, and Blace Schmidt who have been working on cleaning and organizing the various rooms around the church. The rooms are now very organized and hopefully they will stay that way!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- * Sunday School is held on Sundays at 10:00 A.M. Sunday School students go to their class following the Children's sermon or after communion when it is a communion Sunday.
- * NO Sunday School on October 20th due to MEA vacation.

CONFIRMATION

- * Confirmation class meets on Wednesdays @ 6:30 P.M.
- * There is NO Confirmation class on Wednesday, October 16th.
- * The Rite of Confirmation will be held on Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2024.



CHURCH MEETINGS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2024 following the worship service. Blace Schmidt has devotions and helping with communion.

CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

Christian Education will meet October 23rd at 5:30 P.M..

NO CONFIRMATION OR SUNDAY SCHOOL

on Wednesday, October 16th and Sunday, October 20th. This is due to MEA Vacation when there is no school.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION will be held on Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2024.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
October 6, 2024	Psalm 8	Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
October 13, 2024	Psalm 90:12-17	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
October 20, 2024	Psalm 91:9-16	Isaiah 53:4-12 Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
October 27, 2024	Psalm 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
October 6, 2024	Vivian Wittnebel	Steve Swanson Sonia Anderson	Steve Swanson
October 13, 2024			
October 20, 2024			
October 27, 2024			

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

God 
makes everything
beautiful
in its time. -Ecclesiastes 3:11
Happy Fall!
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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



October 4

Sonia Anderson
Ranae Sexton

October 14

Harmony Sims

October 17

Dan Alley
Shirley Gulden
Myrna Schmidt
Connie Skersick
Violet Stull

October 22

Rebecca Honer
Karen Jones

October 30

Clarice Anderson

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



October 3

Chad & Maggie Schmit

October 7

Bill & Anita Hill

October 13

Aaron & Sara Nelson

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!

CHURCH COUNCIL

(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS September 15, 2024)

- † Meeting was called to order by President Jim Brogren Jr.
- † Correspondence was read. Motion carried to place ad in the 2025 Official Visitor Guide.
- † Secretary report approved with correction of Jim Howe's funeral on Friday, September 27th at 1:00 P.M.
- † **Finance report** approved as printed.

August Income	\$10,895.06
August Total Expenses	\$10,082.74
Checkbook Balance 8/31/2024	\$800.86
Rainy Day Fund	\$10,058.65
Savings Balance	\$11,610.46
Mortgage Balance 8 /31/2024	\$92,905.21

† **PROPERTY**— Thanks to Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda and Kevin Erickson for mowing the lawn. The garbage disposal has been fixed by Jerry Schwoboda and Ranae Sexton. Motion carried to hire Victoria Blackburde to wash all windows inside and out for a cost of \$600.

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH**—25 birthday bags were assembled by Dennis & Garrett Mace, Melanie & Stephanie Honer, Lois Flatau, and Glennis Olson. Gerry Nybo delivered them to the Lakes Crisis Center. Blessing of the Backpacks and backpack tags were given out to Sunday School students. Confirmation orientation meeting held on September 15th. Next Christian Education meeting will be Sept. 25th. No Sunday School on October 20th due to MEA vacation.

† **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE**—\$4,375 has been given towards mortgage reduction.

† **EVANGELISM/OUTREACH**— \$157 was given towards mortgage reduction at the Family Picnic Sept. 8th. Salad Luncheon on Sept. 13th raised \$1,127.19. 93 tickets were sold. Pastor Mike and Jim attended the Synod Road Show at Perham. Discussion was held on the need for a support group for individuals and family members with mental health concerns. Pastor Mike and Jim will be looking into getting a group organized.

† **WORSHIP**—Funeral for Jim Howe is scheduled for September 27th. Reception to follow. (group 2 serving.) Pam Anderson funeral was held Sept. 6th with group 1 serving lunch. Rite of Confirmation for Ava and Will to be held on Oct. 27th.

† **OLD BUSINESS**—None

† **NEW BUSINESS**—Synod Boundaries Training will be held at Grace on Saturday, Sept. 28th from 9:30 to 4:30. 85th Birthday party for Sonia Anderson will be held at Grace on Saturday, October 5th from 1:00-5:00 P.M. Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 6th. Proceeds to go towards mortgage reduction.

† Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

† Next Council Meeting will be held October 13th with Blace giving devotions and help serve communion during October.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale LaFerriere

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory Of	Fund	Given By	Date
Allen Peterson	Undesignated	Gary & Dona Rosell	February 11, 2024
Verlin Graphenteen	Undesignated	Gary & Dona Rosell	February 25, 2024
Irene Sloan	Urn Table	Pastor Mike Schendel	March 24, 2024
Irene Sloan	Undesignated	Irene Carnegie	March 24, 2024
Irene Sloan	Sunday School	Lois Flatau	March 24, 2024
Irene Sloan	Sunday School	Glennis Olson	March 24, 2024
Irene Sloan	Undesignated	Kathy Coyle	March 28, 2024
Irene Sloan	Undesignated	Naomi Dahl	March 28, 2024
Irene Sloan	Undesignated	Gale LaFerriere	April 7, 2024
Irene Sloan	Undesignated	Kathy Sloan	April 14, 2024
Irene Sloan	Undesignated	Dennis & Elaine Forsell	April 14, 2024
John Watland	Undesignated	Gary & Dona Rosell	April 14, 2024
Michelle Kulasingham	Undesignated	Gale Laferriere	June 9, 2024
Lorraine Seaberg	Undesignated	Tom & Kathy Lormis	June 9, 2024
Sunday School	Designated	Tom & Kathy Lormis	June 16, 2024
Sound System	Designated	Karen Jones	June 23, 2024
In honor of Blace Schmidt	Current Expenses	Matt & Kelly Carrier	June 23, 2024
In honor of Gale LaFerriere	Pulpit Supply	Matt & Kelly Carrier	Jun 23, 2024
Travis Anderson	Sunday School	Tom & Kathy Lormis	Aug. 11, 2024
Pam Anderson	No Bake Sale	Gale LaFerriere	Sept. 8, 2024
Pam Anderson	Undesignated	Irene Carnegie	Sept. 8, 2024
Pam Anderson	Sunday School	Pastor Mike Schendel	Sept. 8, 2024
Pam Anderson	Sunday School	Glennis Olson	Sept. 8, 2024

NO CONFIRMATION OR SUNDAY SCHOOL on Wednesday, October 16th and Sunday, October 20th. This is due to MEA Vacation when there is no school.

CONFERENCE 6 WOMEN'S GATHERING will be held Saturday, October 19th at Lake Park Lutheran Church. The event begins at 8:30 A.M. and registration is \$15. See poster on Narthex bulletin board. If you wish to attend please let Glennis know and she will send in your registration.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION will be held on Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2024. There will be a reception of cake and ice cream following the worship service.



IT'S THAT TIME TO THINK ABOUT CHRISTMAS FLOWERS!

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?

Please fill out the order form found on the next page and return it to the office with your payment. Thank you.

We must have your order no later than Sunday, October 27, 2024.



DETROIT LAKES LIONS "Care, Give, Recycle" bucket for eyeglasses, reading glasses, hearing aids, and cellphones can be found on the Narthex Table. If you have questions about the program, contact Gerry Johnson, 218-847-3923





ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA

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 27, 2024

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

_____ Poinsettia (6 inch pot) \$9.00 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)

Being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin:



God picks you from the patch and
brings you in. (John 15:16)

Then He washes all the dirt off of you.
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all
the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds
of doubt, fear, hate, and greed.

(Romans 6:6)

He carves you a new smiling face.

(Psalm 71:23)

And He puts his light inside of you to
shine for all the world to see.

(Matthew 5:16)



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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

Grace's MOUNTAIN VIEW

OCTOBER 2024

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.

OCTOBER EVENTS

- * **Sunday, Oct. 5th**---85th Birthday Party for Sonia Anderson @ Grace 1:00-5:00 P.M.
- * **Sunday, Oct. 6th**---9:30 A.M. Worship with Holy Communion and PANCAKE BREAKFAST! Sunday School @ 10:00 A.M. Proceeds going towards Mortgage Reduction.
- * **Janu's Pumpkin Patch**---Following the pancake breakfast we will be going here!
- * **Sunday, Oct. 13th** ---9:30 A.M. Worship with Noisy Offering, Sunday School @ 10:00 A.M. Council meeting at 10:25 A.M.
- * **Monday, Oct. 14th** ---OFFICE CLOSED due to Columbus Day
- * **Wednesday, Oct. 16th**---NO CONFIRMATION
- * **Oct. 17-18**---NO SCHOOL due to MEA
- * **Sunday, Oct. 20th** ---9:30 A.M. Worship with Holy Communion NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- * **Wednesday, Oct. 23th** ---Christian Education meeting @ 5:30 P.M.
- * **Sunday, October 27th**---9:30 A.M. Worship with Rite of Confirmation and Noisy Offering Sunday School @ 10:00 A.M.
REFORMATION DAY---**WEAR RED!!!!**

10:15 A.M. Coffee/fellowship every Sunday

Address Service Requested

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