

Grace's Mountain View

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

THE MOUNTAIN VIEW is published monthly. The purpose of the NEWSLETTER is to inform the congregation about upcoming events and activities in the life of the Church. Articles for the Newsletter should be submitted by the 20th of the month.

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Sunday Worship @ 9:30 A.M.

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Sept. through May

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...10:25 A.M

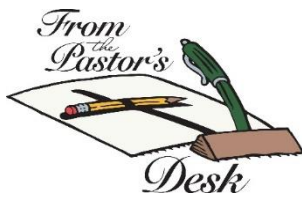
FAREWELL FAMILY PICNIC for PASTOR MIKE will be held on June 29th, his last day at Grace Lutheran. We will truly miss him as the Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church!!! Grilled pulled pork sandwiches will be made by Jeff Leitheiser. Thank you, Jeff. Potato Salad, chips, beans, and ice cream sundaes will be served. *Let's all wish Pastor Mike much happiness as he moves onto a new journey in his life!*

DON'T FORGET YOUR "HOPE" OFFERING!!

A letter was mailed out in May explaining the financial situation we are facing at Grace Lutheran Church. Please consider how you can help give a **"HOPE"** offering to help sustain Grace Lutheran!!!

Good News!! We have received \$5,327.00 out of our \$7,000.00 matching funds. We have only \$1,673.00 to go!

WE CAN DO IT!!!!!!



June 2025

We're all familiar with the verse, "a time to sow, a time to reap" (Ecclesiastes 3:2). We're at the time in our year when our crops are mostly sown, the gardens are coming up, school is out and the time for vacations and visiting relatives is here. When we compare our summer schedules, we realize most all of us have plans to attend a family reunion, or a school reunion, or a wedding, or simply "taking" some time to get away with our families to relax. Perhaps there are plans to take some time to rebuild or strengthen those relationships which may have been strained and even ignored during the often-chaotic pace of the school year. Times such as these are very important! We need this time to reacquaint ourselves with our friends and family. We need this time to simply get away from the frustrations of our daily lives!

Often, as we seek to "get away", we find ourselves seeking to "escape" our daily routines so much we even attempt to escape the church. We need to hear again Jesus' words to us, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). What Jesus tells us is renewal which leaves him out is not really renewal! So, allow me to encourage you to make time during your class reunion, or your family reunion, or your family vacation to worship. While it's important to renew our physical and emotional selves, it's even more important for us to seek renewal of our spiritual selves!! Worship is an important part of that renewal!!

Go – enjoy the family reunion, the family weddings, the fishing trips, the vacation!! These are special and important times in our lives, but also enjoy attending worship wherever you may be on a Sunday morning. Seek out a congregation and join with them in their worship time. Sense the oneness we have in being a part of the Body of Christ – the church – wherever life may take us!! Your event or outing will be even more special when you include an opportunity for spiritual renewal!

Also, please bring back a bulletin from the worship time so we may better realize how far and wide our congregation reaches as we travel. It's quite a privilege and responsibility we have to be messengers of the Gospel whoever and wherever we may be!!

So, **Go Relax!** **Go Renew!** **Go with the Gospel!**

May God continue to bless your comings and goings throughout the summer!

Pastor Mike

Pastor Mike Schendel

**Thoughts
from the desk of
Our President...**

June 2025

I am excited to share with you that our Covenant of Licensure Approving Synod Authorized Minister has been signed by the Bishop of the NWMN Synod. With that said, Brent Seewald-Marquardt will start July 1, 2025 to serve as a Synod Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament. Pastor Mike Schendel will serve as his mentor.

Please join me in welcoming Brent and his family to Grace Lutheran Church.

The Grace Cafe, Food Pantry and Community Garden served our community with emotional, physical and spiritual nourishment this past May. Volunteers are stocking shelves, shopping for inventory, baking desserts, preparing meals, serving lunch, washing dishes, visiting with attendees and planting & watering the gardens.

Together we are making a difference in the lives of those our mission serves. What we are doing is being noticed. On Wednesday, May 28 a former congregation member brought the cafe a donation of \$500 and got a meal to go. God Bless all who donate time, talent and treasure.

*If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Glennis in the church office. ALL ARE WELCOME.

DATE	ATTENDANCE	DONATIONS	MEAL SERVED
5/7/2025	62	\$204.00	Mexican Meal and Dessert
5/14/2025	59	\$210.00	Ham or Turkey Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Chips and Dessert
5/21/2025	65	\$237.00	Fish Sandwich, Caribbean Coleslaw, Chips and Cookie
5/28/2025	69	\$175.03	au Gratin Potatoes with Ham, Green Beans, Salad, Bread and Dessert

Thank you to everyone who responded to our recent letter. Your extra gifts of above and beyond offerings are making a difference.

If your summer plans don't allow for you to attend church, remember we offer Sunday Worship via Facebook LIVE for your viewing pleasure while relaxing with a cup of coffee at the lake. And remember to continue your tithing, you can simply mail a check to: Grace Lutheran Church 213 Roosevelt Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Do you love to sing? Do you have the gift of leadership? We would love to see our church choir resurrected. Are you the one to do it?

Go forth in our mission of Grace by Grace, seeking to be God's faithful people.

Church Council president

Jim Brogren Jr.



THANK YOU to Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda for all the help Jerry does in repairing items around the church. He also worked on the Cross garden to repair the lights which were not working. Getting the mowers ready for mowing the lawn and then mowing the yard!!!

THANKS to Steve Swanson who has volunteered to help with the Community Garden. He is still looking for seeds and plants! If you can donate, please bring to the office. He will also need help throughout the summer with weeding and watering the gardens.

THANKS to Steve Swanson and Gale LaFerriere who planted the seeds and plants.

THANK YOU to Lois Flatau who waters the plants around the church both inside and around the church. She also changes the banners and altar paraments to match the seasons of the church year.

THANKS to Becky Esser and Pastor Mike who have taught confirmation classes this past year.

THANK YOU to Dan Alley who checks on the Geo-Thermal 2 times each week, holds Monday Bible study, and set up our Fire & Water Sensors.

THANKS to Traci Mace who has taught Sunday School this past year.

THANK YOU to all who have been helping with the Grace Café by providing desserts, food items, and working Wednesdays serving and preparing the meal. Your help is what makes Grace Café so successful.

BIG THANK YOU to Pastor Mike for being our “Shepherd” these past years. We will truly miss you as our pastor. May God bless you as you move on to other endeavors.



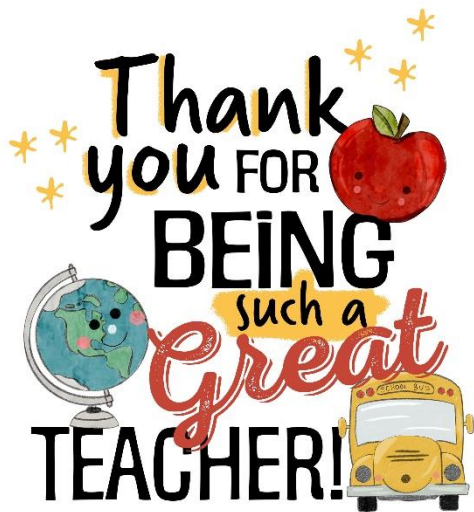
TASKS NEED TO BE COMPLETED around the church and we are seeking volunteers to help with these tasks. If you are able, please volunteer to help in completing one of the tasks listed below:

1. Planting the Community Garden
2. Weeding and watering the Community Garden
3. Helping with the Grace Café on Tuesdays (prep work) and Wednesdays serving the meal
4. Help with the weeding of the flowers
5. Help with mowing the church grounds

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

* Thanks to the children for another great year. We hope to see you back in the Fall when Sunday School will begin on September 7th



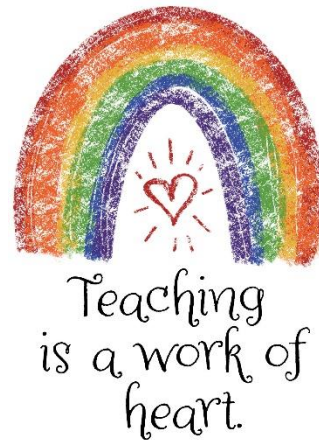
CONFIRMATION

* Confirmation students are to keep in mind the requirements that are needed to be met. There are the opportunities to be a greeter, lector, or usher during the summer months.

THANK YOU to Becky Esser and Pastor Mike for leading the confirmation classes this past year. Your dedication to teaching the classes is much appreciated. Kudo's to you for giving up Wednesdays nights to complete this task!!

*** Congratulations to our Graduates:**

Andrew Honer and Lake Olson.



We are in Need of a Sunday School Teacher!

THANKS to Traci Mace for her years of service as the Sunday School Teacher and Christian Education Council Representative. We will certainly miss your dedication to teaching the children of Grace Lutheran Church. Because Traci is "retiring" from this position, we are in need of a teacher to replace her this Fall when Sunday School begins again. Would you consider becoming a teacher or teaching with partner? Contact Traci for more information about the position. You may also contact Glennis in the office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

ANDREW JONATHAN HONER

Parents--- Becky Honer

Graduating from--- Detroit Lakes High School

Activities involved in at school--- Choir

Hobbies--- Archery

Future plans--- Work



LAKE MYKEL OLSON

Parents--- Matt & Eleesha Olson

Graduating from--- Detroit Lakes High School

Relatives who are members of Grace--- Bonnie & Jerry Nygard, Andy, Amanda, Alivia Haverkamp

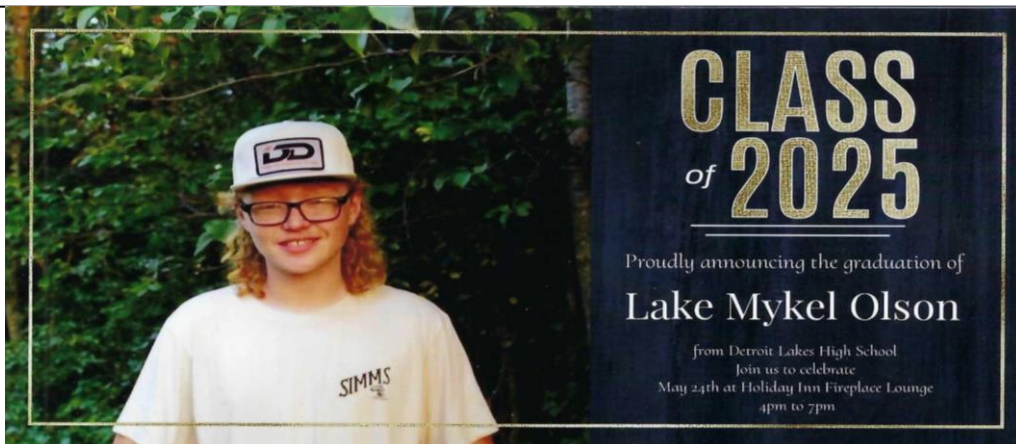
Hobbies--- Fishing, spending time with friends, snowboarding, riding dirt bike, working on my truck

Achievements and awards--- GPA above 3.0 last trimester

Favorite memory--- When I received my driver's license and truck

Favorite Bible verse--- Romans 6:4

Future plans--- Working for my dad, Matt, doing construction.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JUNE

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
June 1, 2025	Psalms 97	Acts 16:16-34 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
June 8, 2025	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:14-17	John 14: 8-17, 25-27
June 15, 2025	Psalms 8	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
June 22, 2025	Psalms 22:19-28	Isaiah 65:1-9 Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
June 29, 2025	Psalms 87:1-3, 5-7	Acts 12:1-11 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18	John 21:15-19

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

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR
June 1, 2025	Steve Swanson	Gerry Nybo Sonia Anderson	Lillian Nybo
June 8, 2025	Sonia Anderson	Tom & Kathy Lormis	Tom Lormis
June 15, 2025	Ardis Tollefson	Kennedy & Kathy Erickson	Gale LaFerriere
June 22, 2025	Steve Swanson Sonia Anderson	Karen Jones	Steve Swanson
June 29, 2025	Marlys Brasel	Dan & Machele Krengel	Dan Krengel

	<u>July Coffee/Fellowship</u>	
June 1	Irene Carnegie Shirley Gulden	Tarin Ladwig,
June 8	Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda	Greg & Meg Schwoboda
June 15	Ranae Sexton	Glennis Olson
June 22	Vivian Wittnebel	Glennis Olson
June 29	Farewell Picnic for Pastor Mike	Church Council along with church members

JULY GRACE CAFE	DESSERT PROVIDERS
June 4	Linda Hjelsand
June 11	Becky Esser
June 18	Connie Skersick
June 25	Anita Hill

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1

Michelle Pary

June 4

Judy Stowman

June 5

Anita Hill

June 8

Traci Mace

June 10

Katie Musquiz

June 16

Julia Alley

June 18

Elaine Forsell

June 22

Blace Schmidt

June 23

Dina Endersbe
Ruby Nelson

June 24

Dan Kregel

June 26

Steve Burhans

June 30

Kevin Erickson
Maggie Schmit

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

God Bless You
On your
Anniversary

June 19, 2024

Bob & Michelle Pary
Dale & Rita Hendrickson

June 24, 2024

Matt & Kelly Carrier

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!

NURSING HOME MINISTRY:

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

Oak Crossing #115 1040 Lincoln Ave
Clarice Anderson

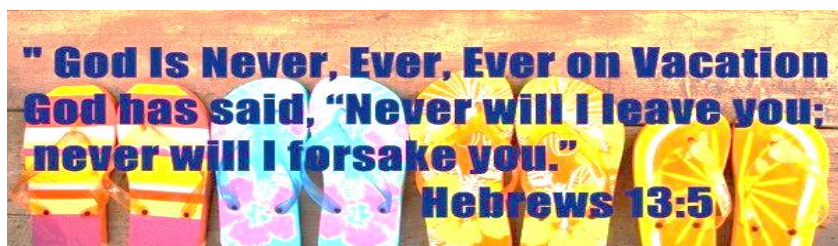
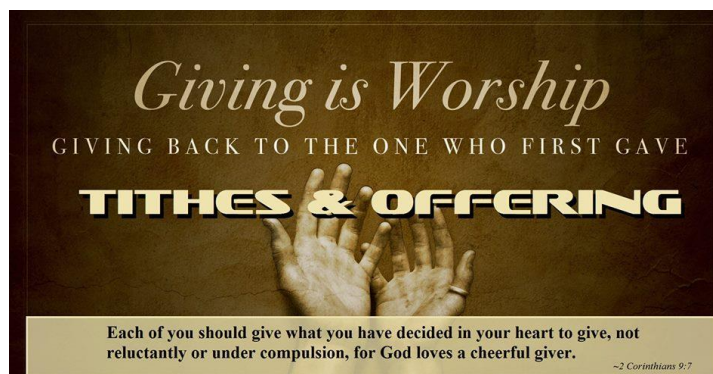
CHURCH MEETINGS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. Gale LaFerriere has devotions and helping with communion.

CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

Christian Education will not meet until August.



As we move into the summer months, please don't forget about God and Grace Lutheran Church! Even though you may go on vacation or go camping or participate in other summer events, Grace continues to provide spiritual worship services. But we must not forget that the monthly expenses of the church also continue on despite summer vacations.

When possible, please continue to tithe and give your offerings to Grace Lutheran. You can mail in your offerings, drop them off at the office, or use VANCO Giving which is found on our website, www.gracelutherandl.org

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

CHURCH COUNCIL

(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS May 4, 2025)

† Meeting was called to order by President Jim Brogren Jr.

† Devotions were given by Glennis Olson.

† Correspondence was read. Thank you notes sent by Becker County Food Pantry, Humane Society of the Lakes, and family of Pastor Mike for the baby quilt. Request for additional donation to Pathways was tabled/

† Secretary report approved as read.

† **Finance report** approved as printed.

April Income	\$8,927.03
April Total Expenses	\$13,519.56
Checkbook Balance 4/30/2025	\$1,909.15
Rainy Day Fund	\$2,019.22
Savings Balance	\$8,669.50
Mortgage Balance	\$74,223.09

* Discussion followed about the financial status of church. A letter will be mailed to all members explaining the financial situation and asking for a HOPE donation to help offset the lack of funds Grace is experiencing. Discussed adding a QR code or setting up Venmo.

† **PROPERTY**—Tom volunteered to spray rock beds for weeds. Dan will install the water & fire sensors. The leak in the sprinkler system will be fixed as the compressor is running for long periods of time and alarm has been going off.

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH**—May 11 will be the last day of Sunday School. SAM leader, Brent, will be leading the service. Andrew Honer and Lake Olson, the 2 graduates, will be honored on May 18th. Confirmation students raised \$300 from their pancake breakfast which they donated to the Humane Society.

† **WORSHIP**—Brent will be preaching. SS children will be singing. Reception honoring Trace Mace as she is retiring from teaching Sunday School. Huge thank you for all your years of dedication to our students. Gift card was given to Traci. Pastor Mike, Michelle Pary, Dan Alley, and Glennis Olson will be attending the Synod Assembly May 30-June 1. Gale will be leading worship on June 1st.

† **OLD BUSINESS**—Rummage Sale will be held May 9th and 10th. May 17th Surprise Birthday party for Bev Berg. June 29th Farewell picnic for Pastor Mike's last day at Grace. He will be missed. Jeff Leitheiser will be smoking meat and council members will be supplying the rest of the meal.

† **NEW BUSINESS**—Steve will oversee garden planning. Office closed Memorial Day. Discussion held on SAM Brent's contract proposal. Details were discussed, and proposal will be sent to Brent and Synod office.

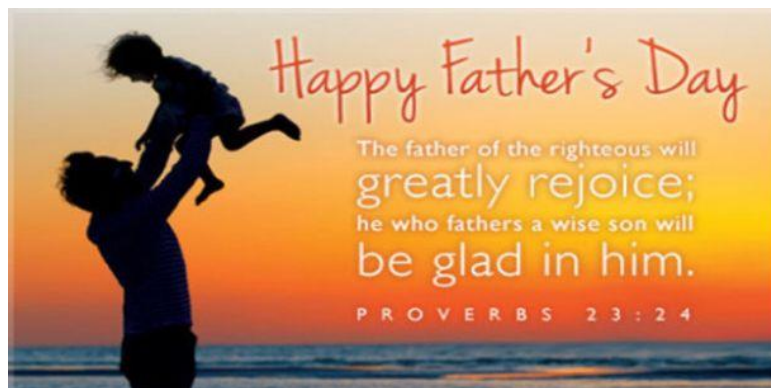
† Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

† Next Council Meeting will be held June 12th @ 7:00 P.M. with Dan Alley giving devotions and help serve communion during June.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale LaFerriere

Council Secretary



Tuesdays in the Park

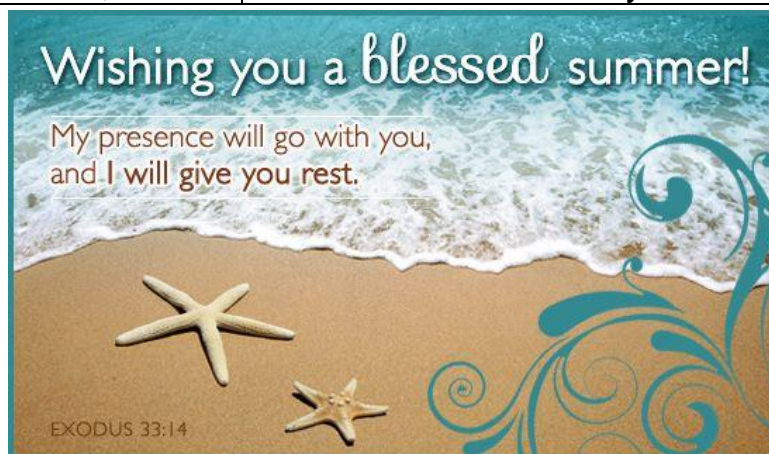


Experience the joy of live music with Music in the Park program! Every summer Tuesday at 7 PM, join us at the DL City Park Bandshell for an evening of fantastic performances. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and relax while enjoying a variety of musical acts. In case of inclement weather, we'll move the concert to the Pavilion to keep the music going. Best of all, the concert is free, though donations are

welcomed and appreciated. Arrive early to enjoy Picnic in the Park, a fundraiser for the Fuller Center of Housing, starting at 5:30 PM. Make your Tuesday nights memorable with great music and community spirit!

Grace Lutheran Church will be serving the meal on Tuesday, July 22nd. If you are interested in helping to serve, please contact Lois Flatau or Glennis at the church office. We need around 8 people to help.

June 3, 2025	Lakes Area Community Concert Band
June 10, 2025	Blū Kanū
June 17, 2025	Eric Reitan
June 24, 2025	Beach Front Big Band (Doc & the Scrubs)
July 1, 2025	Dakota Jazz Big Band
July 8, 2025	Larry Swenson & friends
July 15, 2025	Tim Eggebraaten
July 22, 2025	Jan Severson
July 29, 2025	Lakes Area Chorale
August 5, 2025	Ulen Centennial Band
August 12, 2025	Beach Front Big Band
August 19, 2025	Mark Fogelson
August 26, 2025	Lakes Area Community Concert Band





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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

JUNE 2025

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

JUNE EVENTS

- * June 1 Synod Assembly with Pastor Mike, Michelle Pary, & Glennis Olson attending.
- * June 8---9:30 A.M. worship service with Holy Communion
- * June 12---Council Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.
- * June 15---Father's Day
9:30 A.M. worship service
- * June 22---9:30 A.M. worship service with Holy Communion
- * June 29---9:30 A.M. worship service
Farewell picnic reception for Pastor Mike

**HAVE YOU GIVEN YOUR
HOPE OFFERING YET?**

We need your help!!



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