

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.

Sunday School @ 10:00 A.M.
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

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! There are 2 events coming up where we will need volunteers to help during these events. The first event is the Oak Crossing birthday celebration on August 21st at 2:00 P.M. Grace has been asked to help serve coffee and cake during this birthday celebration. We will need about 4-5 people. Please contact Glennis if you would like to help. We don't need to bring anything, as they provide the refreshments. Please will you help out?

SALAD LUNCHEON is coming up on Friday, September 12th from 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. This event is one of our biggest fundraisers so we need lots of help. There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex for you to sign up to bring a certain salad, or to help out during the event. Thanks to Steve Swanson and Dan Alley who will be co-chairing the event. They will want your help and participation to make this a successful event! **PLEASE SIGN UP!!!**



Synod Authorized Minister(SAM)

Brent Seewald-Marquardt

August 2025

Wherever this summer finds you—whether lakeside, in the garden, or enjoying the quiet of your porch. I hope you have been able to step outside and breathe in the gift of creation. As you have explored, how has the Word entered your life? Perhaps, through a scripture you have read, or through a moment that felt like a sacred pause.

I love birds and recently, I attended the Minnesota Zoo's bird show. The dazzling array of birds; majestic owls, clever crows, radiant macaws, and swift falcons, reminded me of God's bold creativity. Their differences do not divide but instead magnify the wonder of life.

Throughout July, we have followed a journey of discipleship through Luke's Gospel. We saw seventy-two disciples sent out with power and purpose (Luke 10:1–12), the Samaritan responding with mercy that defied boundaries (Luke 10:25–37), Martha realizing that “there is need of only one thing”—to be present with the Word (Luke 10:38–42), and Jesus teaching us to pray and trust that God responds to our reaching out (Luke 11:1–13).

So, where are you on your journey with the Word this summer?

Maybe you patched up a child's scraped knee or shared homegrown vegetables with someone. Perhaps you offered comfort to a neighbor or paused to truly listen. Have you invited the Holy Spirit in and given thanks for creation's gifts—for God's whisper is in the scripture and in the rustling of the leaves.

If a bird show is not your thing, just step outside and hear the needs of creation. I am grateful for the way you serve this world. Each of us, in our own context, finds a unique path to hear the Word of Jesus Christ. So, take time this summer to walk outdoors, speak with someone about the texts you read and hear, and pray with God for understanding. Trust that the Holy Spirit will guide you in the Word. Jesus reminds us:

“For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.” (Luke 11:11)

Vicar Brent

Thank you for a beautiful first month as your Synod Authorized Minister. It's been a true blessing to visit with many of you—whether at church or in your homes—and to hear your stories. I'm especially grateful for the joyful installation service and celebration. Salads, desserts, ham sandwiches, fruit... all my favorites! I'll always hold that day close in memory.

Know that I am here to serve. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you ever need to talk, or if you know someone who would appreciate a visit or prayers.

Greetings Grace Family,

July has been a month of new beginnings at Grace Lutheran Church.

Sunday, July 6th was Synod Authorized Minister Brent Seewald-Marquardt's first contracted service with us and his first service of Holy Baptism (Tucker Thomas Trepanier) along with Holy Communion.

Throughout the month we had special music by Flutes & Key, birthday celebrations, fellowship and much community outreach via our food pantry. We even were featured on our local TV3 in recognition of our mission of feeding those in need.

On Sunday, July 27, 2025 Pastor Rebel Hurd of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA, oversaw the installation of our new Synod Authorized Minister, Brent Seewald-Marquardt. We celebrated after worship service with fellowship and food.

The Grace Cafe had five Wednesday's of feeding the emotional, physical and spiritually hungry in our community in the month of July.

DATE	ATTENDANCE	DONATIONS	MEAL SERVED
7/2/2025	71	\$264.29	BRATS, HOTDOGS, BAKED BEANS, WATERMELON, CHIPS AND DESSERT
7/9/2025	81	\$204.18	PIZZA, GARDEN SALAD AND ICE CREAM FLOATS
7/16/2025	81	\$194.18	BBQ CHICKEN, POTATO SALAD, WATERMELON AND CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES
7/23/2025	69	\$249.00	SUB SANDWICHES, COLESLAW, CHIPS AND DESSERT
7/30/2025	98	\$247.10	SPAGHETTI WITH MEAT SAUCE, GARLIC BREAD, SALAD AND DESSERT

Again, I would like to thank everyone who volunteers time, talent and treasure to our beacon on the hill.

Church Council president

Jim Brogren Jr.



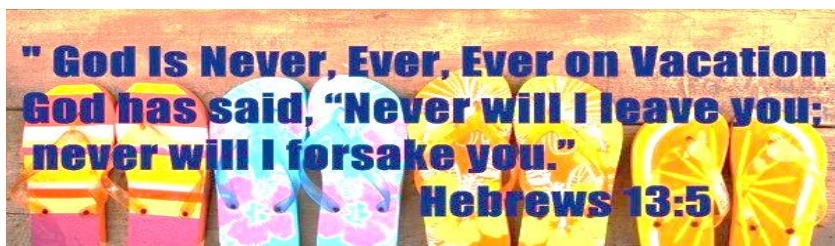
THANK YOU to Kevin Erickson who has been mowing the church grounds.

THANK YOU to all who brought food items and helped during the installation meal.

THANKS TO EVERYONE who contributed towards the HOPE Campaign. It was very successful as our financial situation is now stable. A total of \$11,577.00 was given during the Campaign.

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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

* Sunday School will begin on September 7th.

**Christian Education meeting on Wednesday, August 20th beginning at 5:30 P.M.*

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.

Confirmation orientation meeting with parents & students has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:30 P.M.

*Confirmation class begins on Wednesday, September 10th at 6:30 P.M.

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.

<u>GRACE CAFÉ</u>	<u>DESSERT PROVIDERS</u>
AUGUST	
August 6	Lois Flatau
August 13	Rita Hendrickson
August 20	Connie Skersick
August 27	Anita Hill

**PLEASE BRING ENOUGH DESSERT
FOR ABOUT 70 PEOPLE.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
August 3, 2025	Psalms 49:1-12	Ecclesiastes 1:2; 12-14 2:18-23 Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
August 10, 2025	Psalms 33:12-22	Genesis 15:1-6 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
August 17, 2025	Psalms 82	Jeremiah 23:23-29 Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
August 24, 2025	Psalms 103:1-8	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
August 31, 2025	Psalms 112	Proverbs 25:6-7 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1,7-14

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

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR
August 3, 2025	Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda	Dan & Machele Krengel	Dan Krengel
August 10, 2025	Sheila Longfors	Blace & Myrna Schmidt	
August 17, 2025	Sonia Anderson	Tom & Kathy Lormis	Tom Lormis
August 24, 2025		Blair & Kelly Westrum	
August 31, 2025			

	<u>August Coffee/Fellowship</u>	
August 3	Dave & Judy Stowman	
August 10	Vivian Wittnebel	Lois Flatau
August 17		
August 24	Tom & Kathy Lormis Sonia Anderson	Dan Alley
August 31		

NURSING HOME MINISTRY:

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

Oak Crossing #115 1040 Lincoln Ave

Clarice Anderson

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 2

Sadie Schmit

August 3

Evan Westrum

August 5

Garrett Mace
Ryan Esser

August 6

Dennis Mace

August 11

Ardis Tollefson
Linda Hjelsand

August 13

Lloyd Kiihn

August 14

Machelle Kregel

August 21

Ashtyn Carrier

August 23

Merry Lee Linden

August 25

Steve Swanson

August 26

Kaitlyn Carrier

August 30

Carol Hanson

August 31

Darlene McArthur

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

God Bless You
On your
Anniversary

August 26, 2025

Merlin & Roxanne Engum

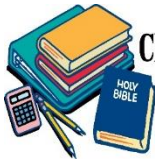
If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, PLEASE let us know so that we can add your birthdays and/or anniversaries into our computer. Thank you.

IT'S A GRACE THING!

CHURCH MEETINGS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. Tom Lormis has devotions and helping with communion.



Christian
Education
Board

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING

will be held on Wednesday, August 20th beginning at 5:30 P.M. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Christian Ed. Committee, please speak to Glennis or Vicar Brent. You are also welcome to join us at the meeting on August 20th!



Confirmation meeting with parents and students will be held on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:30 P.M. Requirements, schedule, and other important information will be discussed at this meeting.



CHURCH COUNCIL

(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS July 10, 2025)

- † Meeting was called to order by President Jim Brogren Jr.
- † Devotions were given by Vicar Brent
- † Correspondence was read. A donation was given to the Detroit Lakes Fire Department.
- † Secretary report approved as read.
- † **Finance report** approved as printed.

June Income	\$14,196.24
June Total Expenses	\$11,047.21
Checkbook Balance 6/30/2025	\$3,212.99
Rainy Day Fund	\$16,319.34
Savings Balance	\$6,621.58
Mortgage Balance	\$71,891.35

† **PROPERTY**—Dennis Mace is making stand for the little church. Vicar Brent volunteered to work on tree stumps. Jerry Schwoboda fixing coffee maker.

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH**--- Education meeting on Wed., August 20th at 5:30 P.M. Sept. 7th Sunday School begins. God's Work...Our Hands is Sept. 7th. Dan offered to be a substitute Sunday School teacher when needed. Sept. 3rd will be Confirmation orientation meeting. Becky Esser will help with teaching confirmation.

† **STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM**—Quilt and gift card given to Pastor Mike as farewell gifts.

† **WORSHIP**---July 27th will be the installation service for Vicar Brent Seewald-Marquardt with a light lunch to follow. August 17th Barbershop Quartet will be presenting special music. Discussion on holding a Wednesday outdoor service.

† **OLD BUSINESS**— None

† **NEW BUSINESS**—Tom will check into copy machine costs. July 14th & 16th the 4-H will be using the fellowship hall for judging fair events. August 16th is the wedding of Mary Edwards and Tom Anderson. Sept. 12th will be the date for the Salad Luncheon. Dan and Steve will co-chair the event. Jim spoke on TV# about the Grace Café and the Food Pantry. Jim presented information on charitable Food & Faith Foundation. Jim will apply for Form 5013c overseeing Grace Café and Food Pantry. Vicar Brent discussed having communion every Sunday in the future.

† Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

† Next Council Meeting will be held on August 14th @ 7:00 P.M. with Tom Lormis giving devotions and help serve communion during August.

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.

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



Summer jokes for the whole family

1. Q: Do fish go on vacation? *A: No, because they're always in school!*
2. Q: Where do sharks go for summer vacation? *A: Finland!*
3. Q: Where do ants travel for summer vacation? *A: Frants!*
4. Q: What do you call a Labrador at the beach in August? *A: A hot dog!*
5. Q: What does a bee do when it's hot? *A: He takes off his yellow jacket*
6. Q: Why do bananas use sun screen? *A: Because they peel.*
7. Q: Which letter is the coolest? *A: Iced T!*
8. Q: What do you get when you combine an elephant with a fish? *A: Swimming trunks!*
9. Q: What do you do if you get rejected from a job at a sunscreen factory? *A: Reapply!*
10. Q: What does the sun drink out of? *A: Sunglasses!*
11. Q: What did the pig say at the beach on a hot summer day? *A: I'm bacon!*





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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

AUGUST 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

AUGUST EVENTS

- *August 3---9:30 A.M. Worship service with Holy Communion
- *August 10---9:30 A.M. Worship Service with Noisy Offering
- *August 14---7:00 P.M. Church Council Meeting
- *August 16---2:00 P.M. Edwards/Anderson wedding
- *August 17---9:30 A.M. Worship Service with Holy Communion and "Barbershop Quartet".
- *August 20---5:30 P.M. Christian Education Meeting
- *August 21---2:00 P.M. Grace helps serve at Oak Crossing
- *August 24---9:30 A.M. Worship Service with Noisy Offering
- *August 31---9:30 A.M. Worship Service with Noisy Offering

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