

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

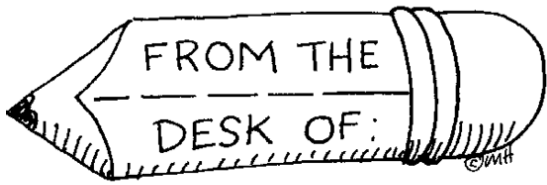
REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Quilters.....Thursdays...9:30 A.M.
Grace Café.....Wednesdays...11:00 A.M.
Confirmation.....Wednesdays...6:30 P.M.
Church Council.....2nd Sunday...10:25 A.M

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 are sign-up sheets in the narthex for you to sign up to bring a certain salad, or to help out during the event. ***HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET???*** 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!!!***

Tickets may be purchased from Glennis at the office.





Synod Authorized Minister(SAM)

Brent Seewald-Marquardt

September 2025

Greetings, beloved community. What a summer it's been, flowers in bloom, corn taller than most of us, a little more smoke in the air than we'd hoped, and the young ones now heading back to school. I pray you've all found moments of rest and restoration in the warmth of the season.

As we turn toward fall, our worship will center on the Gospel of Luke, where Jesus speaks in parables that challenge our priorities and call us to reorient our lives around the radical love and justice of God. Each Sunday, we'll explore a different facet of discipleship and each week, you'll have opportunities to live it out in community.

A Call to Radical Discipleship:

Preaching Text for Sun. Sep. 7th, Luke 14:25–33 – *The Cost of Discipleship*: Jesus reminds us that following him requires intention, sacrifice, and a willingness to let go.

- **September 3** – *Confirmation Orientation*: As our young people prepare to continue in their journey of faith, lift-up our students in your hearts and pray for their curiosity, courage, and connection as they step into a season of learning and growth.
- **September 7** – *God's Work, Our Hands* Sunday: Join us in packing Birthday Bags and Blizzard Bags. These are small gifts of grace for our neighbors. Please bring the listed donations by Sep. 5th. Your hands are crucial on Sep. 7th to fill the bags.
- **September 7** – *Sunday School Begins*: Please volunteer to teach, assist, or simply cheer on our children as they grow in faith.

Preaching Text for Sun. Sep. 14th, Luke 15:1–10 – *The Joy of Seeking the Lost*. As God rejoices over every soul will draw near.

- **September 10** – *Confirmation Classes Begin*: Pray for our students and consider mentoring or supporting their growth.
- **September 12 (11:00–1:00)** – *Annual Salad Luncheon Fundraiser*: Lend a hand, share a salad or desert, and help us raise support for our ministries.
- **September 14** – *Noisy Offering*: Bring your loose change and your joyful spirit—every coin makes a difference. *(continued on next page)*

Preaching Text for Sun. Sep. 21st, Luke 16:1–13 – *Faithful Stewardship*: Jesus calls us to be wise and generous with what we've been given.

- **September 21 – *Third Graders Receive Their Bibles*:** Celebrate this milestone and help us bless these children with love and learning.

Preaching Text for Sun. Sep. 28st, Luke 16:19–31 – *Compassion Across the Divide*
Mercy is not optional—it's essential.

- **September 28 – *New Member Sunday*:** Be part of the welcome—extend your hand, your smile, and your story.

As we step into this season together, may we do so with open hands and willing hearts. Each act of service, each moment of welcome, each prayer and offering is a step in our shared journey of; **Grace by Grace, seeking to be God's faithful people.**
"And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices... 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'— Luke 15:5–6

With kind Regards,

Minister Brent



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

It is hard to believe August has come and gone. As we ready for the many activities on the September calendar, let's vow together we will volunteer our time and talent to make the salad luncheon, God's work our hands Sunday (birthday bags and blizzard bags), new member induction, Sunday School and Confirmation Classes and the day to day operations at Grace Lutheran all huge successes.

Thank you to all The Grace Cafe volunteers who made August another successful month of feeding the emotional, physical and spiritually hungry in our community.

Our church is a beacon on the hill. Help us spread the word that everyone is welcome at Grace Lutheran.

DATE	ATTENDANCE	DONATIONS	MEAL SERVED
8/6/2025	88	\$189.00	AU GRATIN POTATOES, GREEN BEANS WITH HAM, BREAD AND DESSERT
8/13/2025	78	\$236.01	CHICKEN NUGGETS, CARROT SALAD, COLESLAW, YOGURT AND DESSERT
8/20/2025	79	\$291.00	BRATS, HOT DOGS, POTATO SALAD, CHIPS AND DESSERT
8/27/2025	70	\$178.00	RING SAUSAGE, CORN ON THE COB, POTATOES, BEANS AND DESSERT

Church Council president

Jim Brogren Jr.



THANK YOU to Gale LaFerriere for keeping the Grace Food Pantry stocked.

THANK YOU to all the people that are helping on Wednesdays during the Grace Café. Your help is much appreciated!!!

THANK YOU to Jim Brogren for your participation as leader of the Grace Café. Your hard work is much appreciated!

THANK YOU to Lois Flatau who waters the church's plants and changing the paraments according to the church seasons.

	<u>September Coffee/Fellowship</u>	
September 7		
September 14	Ardis Tollefson	Sheila Longfors
September 21		
September 28		

<u>GRACE CAFÉ</u>	<u>DESSERT PROVIDERS</u>
September	
September 3	Judy Stowman
September 10	Lois Flatau
September 17	Glennis Olson
September 24	Anita Hill

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

SEPTEMBER BLESSINGS

#IlovePsalms

Hello September,
Thanks for the
reminder
that change
can be beautiful!

God is in control.
Angels have been
assigned to our case.
His miracle is coming.
Do not worry and Do
not give up!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

* Sunday School will begin on September 7th with Blessings of the BackPacks.

Children, bring your backpack!!

**Christian Education meeting on Wednesday, September 17th 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!

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.

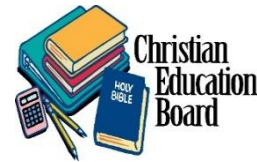
CHURCH MEETINGS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 14, 2025 following the worship service. Glennis Olson has devotions and helping with communion.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING

Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17th @ 5 :30 P.M.



An orientation Confirmation meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:30 P.M. All confirmation students and parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Schedule and various forms will be handed out during this meeting with Minister Brent and Becky Esser.

CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS ON September 10th @ 6:30 p.m.



Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 7th following communion (around 10:00 A.M.) The students will be assembling birthday bags during class as we will be celebrating

God's Work...Our Hands Sunday.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
September 7, 2025	Psalm 1	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
September 14, 2025	Psalm 51:1-10	Exodus 32:7-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
September 21, 2025	Psalm 113	Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
September 28, 2025	Psalm 146	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31

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

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR
September 7, 2025	Sonia Anderson	Karen Jones, Bernie Beckman	Sonia Anderson
September 14, 2025	Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda	Kevin & Kathy Erickson	Michelle Pary
September 21, 2025	Ardis Tollefson		Dan Alley
September 28, 2025	Sonia Anderson	Bob & Michelle Pary	Rebecca Esser

VIVIAN WITTNEBEL'S 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

You are invited to help Vivian celebrate her birthday on Sunday, September 14th from 2:00-4:00 P.M. Party will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Hosted by her children. Everyone is invited!!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 4

Shane Renner

September 8

Karen Bunnis

September 16

Vivian Wittnebel

September 21

Andrea Brogren

September 22

Ethan Endersbe

September 26

Kelly Carrier

September 29

Lillian Nybo

SEPTEMBER 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.

September 1---Ryan & Rebecca Esser

September 6---James & Clarice Zick

September 15---Gary & Dona Rosell

September 21---Dennis & Elaine Forsell

September 30---Shane & Kim Renner

NURSING HOME MINISTRY:

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

Oak Crossing #115 1040 Lincoln Ave

Clarice Anderson

Oak Crossing

Geri Ann McDermond

IT'S A GRACE THING!

CHURCH COUNCIL

(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- † Meeting was called to order by President Jim Brogren Jr.
- † Devotions were given by Tom Lormis.
- † Correspondence was read.
- † Secretary report approved as read.
- † **Finance report** approved as printed.

July Income	\$8,553.87
July Total Expenses	\$10,837.91
Checkbook Balance 7/31/2025	\$4,008.81
Rainy Day Fund	\$20,293.07
Savings Balance	\$7,141.72
Mortgage Balance	\$7,141.72

† **Minister's Report---**Minister Brent gave a written report of his July's activities.

† **PROPERTY**—Metal sign west of church will be angled to be seen easier by-passing traffic. Tom will check into spraying lawn for weeds.

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH---**August 20th education meeting. Sept 3 is confirmation orientation meeting. Sunday School begins on Sept. 7th with blessing of their backpacks. Sept. 10th Confirmation starts. Sept 21st third graders will receive their Bibles. December 14th is the Christ program titled "12 symbols of Christmas".

† **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE---**\$62 was given to Rural Revival Ministry.

† **WORSHIP---**August 17th the Barbershop Quartet will be providing music. Sept. 28th is new member Sunday. Communion will be offered every Sunday starting in Sept. 2025

† **OLD BUSINESS**—Salad Luncheon is Sept. 12th with cost of \$10.00. A donation of 10% will be given to the Patriot Assistance Dogs. Sept. 7th is God's Work, Our Hands. Will be assembling Blizzard Bags and Birthday Bags. August 16th is the Anderson/Edwards wedding. August 21st Grace will be serving birthday party at Oak Crossing.

† **NEW BUSINESS**—Minister Brent will check with Church Mutual regarding volunteer liability and waiver agreements. Patriotic bags will be ordered and given 1 per family.

† Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

† Next Council Meeting will be held on September 14th @ 10:30 A.M. with Glennis Olson giving devotions and help serve communion during September.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale LaFerriere

Council Secretary

DONATIONS are needed for the Blizzard Bags and Birthday Bags which we will be assembling on Sunday, September 7th. Please bring the needed items in by Friday, September 5th. See below for the needed items.

GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS---Donations are need for our God's Work...Our Hands Sunday which will be held on Sunday, September 7th. We will be assembling "Blizzard Boxes" for the Meals on Wheels Program in Detroit Lakes. These "Blizzard Boxes" are given during a time when snow or a blizzard prevents them from deliveries. The following items are needed:

- A can of chicken and tuna (or 2 chicken or 2 tuna)
- One 14-15 oz. can of fruit or two 4-ounce containers of fruit
- One 14-15 oz. can of vegetables or two 4-ounce containers of vegetable
- 4 packs or saltines or 2 packs of cheese/peanut butter crackers
- 2 hot cocoa packets
- 2 desserts (granola bars, pudding cups, small packs)

Bring donations to the office by September 5th! Please help assemble them on September 7th!

***We will also be assembling "Birthday Bags" for those children who are celebrating birthdays and mothers have no resources to get the supplies. These bags will be given to Mary's Place where mothers and children are given refuge. Needed items for the bag:

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| *Cake mix | *Little birthday toys (optional) |
| *Frosting | *Birthday plates & napkins |
| *Disposable cake pans | *Cake decorations such as candles and numbers |



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- *September 1---Office closed due to Labor Day
- *September 3---6:30 P.M. Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting
- *September 7---GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS SUNDAY
9:30 A.M. Worship service with Holy Communion
- *September 10---6:30 P.M. Confirmation class begins
- *September 11---Set up for Salad Luncheon—volunteers needed
- *September 12---11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. SALAD LUNCHEON
- *September 14---9:30 A.M. Worship Service with Holy Communion and Noisy Offering
10:30 A.M. Church Council Meeting
1:00 P.M. Vivian Wittnebel's 90th birthday party!
- *September 21---9:30 A.M. Worship service with Holy Communion and 3rd graders receive Bibles
- *September 28---9:30 A.M. Worship Service with Holy Communion, Noisy Offering and New Member Sunday
GRACE CAFÉ on Wednesdays from 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

- Why did the scarecrow win an award? *Because he was outstanding in his field!*
- What's a pumpkin's favorite genre of music? *Gourd rock!*
- What do you call a potato that's never acted? *A spec-tater!*
- Why did the apple stop in the middle of the road? *Because it ran out of juice!*
- How do you fix a broken pumpkin? *With a pumpkin patch!*
- What do you call a fruit that's always getting into trouble? *A bad apple!*
- Why did the corn break up with the tomato? *Because it found a stalk-er!*
- What do ghosts like to eat? *Boo-berry pie!*
- What did one autumn leaf say to another? *I'm falling for you!*
- Why don't trees use the internet? *Because they're afraid of the net!*



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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

SEPTEMBER 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



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SALAD LUNCHEON

Friday, September 12, 2025

11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Please bring your salads early Friday morning. We also need lots of volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean-up.

Sign-Up sheets can be found in the Narthex.



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