

Grace's Mountain View

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

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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



GRACE LUTHERAN FALL BAZAAR

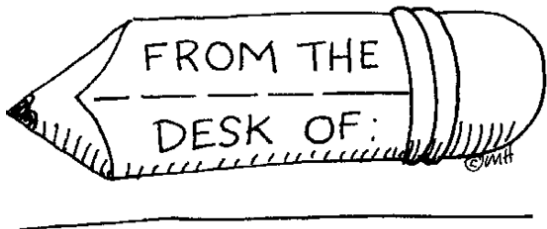
Saturday, November 8, 2025

THE GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH FALL BAZAAR IS COMING!!!

This is a big fundraiser for our church and we need lots of help to make this a successful event. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex for you to sign up to help in various ways.

We will be offering a pulled pork sandwich(grilled by our own Chef Jeff Leitheiser), knoephla or beef barley soup, bar for dessert, and a beverage. This delicious meal will be served for noon lunch and costs \$10.00. For your breakfast we will have warm carmel or cinnamon rolls and coffee or orange juice for \$5.00. *Come for breakfast, browse through the crafts and bake sale and then stay for lunch!!!*

We encourage members to bring in crafts and baked goods for the bazaar. We will be making lefsa that will be for sale also. We needs lots of help to set up for the bazaar and the making of the soups. Work days will be Wednesday after the Grace Café, Thursday October 6th and Friday, Oct. 7th. ***Please consider helping by signing up!***



Synod Authorized Minister(SAM)

Brent Seewald-Marquardt

October 2025

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it." – John 1:5

As I read John 1:5, I'm reminded that this season of fall. While rich in color and harvest it can also feel heavy for many. Just a few weeks ago, the morning sun guided me on my way to the church. Now, I find myself driving in shadow. Yet that shadow offers its own grace: a quiet space to reflect, as both the caffeine and the Spirit begin to awaken me for the day ahead.

For some of us, the darker the day, the harder it is to see the light of God, who burns bright even in the darkness. And yet, this is the promise we cling to: *"I am the light of the world,"* Jesus says in John 8:12. *"Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."* That light is not seasonal. It does not flicker with the weather. It is eternal spoken through the Law and the Gospel and sealed in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Still, I want to name something that affects many in our community: Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). It's a form of depression that often emerges in the fall and winter months, when sunlight wanes. Symptoms may include fatigue, sadness, changes in sleep or appetite, and a loss of interest in things that once brought joy. It's not just "the winter blues" it is real, and treatable. Light therapy, counseling, and connection with others can make a profound difference.

If you find yourself struggling, please know you are not alone. Reach out to a friend, a doctor, or to me. The church is not just a place of worship; it's a place of refuge. And the light of Christ is not just a metaphor it is a living presence, burning within and around you.

John 1:4–5 reminds us: *"In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it."* That is the truth we proclaim even when the skies are gray, even when our spirits feel dim. The light of Christ is not seasonal. It is resurrection light. It is the light of life.

So, let us not grow weary. Let us walk together, even in shadow. And let us be gentle with ourselves and one another, trusting that the light of our Lord is already here.

Kind Regards,
Minister Brent

If you or someone you love is struggling with seasonal depression, help is available. Visit <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/seasonal-affective-disorder> from the National Institute of Mental Health for information, support, and treatment options.

Thoughts
from the desk of
Our President...

September started strong with God's work, our Hands Sunday, as the Sunday School children filled 40 birthday bags for Mary's Place, while the adults packed 32 blizzard bags for the local meals on wheels program.

Confirmation Class and Sunday School resumed for the 2025 / 2026 season. Our annual Salad Luncheon was held on Friday, September 12th, and what a crowd we had. Each Wednesday the Grace Cafe fed the emotional, physical and spiritually hungry in our community and our food pantry was open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. In between all this, we shared worship and fellowship. We ended the month with a new member celebration welcoming Jerry and Bonnie Nygard, Sheryl and Joyce Engen and rejoining member Jason Bristlin to our church family.

DATE	ATTENDANCE	DONATIONS	GRACE CAFE - MEAL SERVED
9/3/2025	64	\$205.82	CHICKEN & VEGETABLES IN GRAVY SERVED OVER RICE, WATERMELON AND DESSERT
9/10/2025	82	\$242.88	BISCUITS & GRAVY, SCRAMBLED EGGS, SAUSAGE AND WATERMELON
9/17/2025	64	\$237.50	PASTA PRIMAVERA, GARDEN SALAD, GARLIC TOAST & DESSERT
9/24/2025	86	\$257.01	BAKED POTATOES WITH CHEESE & BROCCOLI, CHICKEN NUGGETS, DINNER ROLL AND DESSERT

I would like to share how our mission of ***“Seeking to be God’s faithful people”*** is working. In the last week three wonderful ladies, who attend lunch at the Grace Cafe, have donated \$180.00 towards turkeys for our Thanksgiving lunch on Wednesday, November 26, 2025. The holidays can be a lonely time for many and our church opening its doors for the sharing of a meal and fellowship, means more than we may ever know. And while we are talking about sharing our holidays, this year Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve both fall on a Wednesday. Thus, the Grace Cafe will be OPEN and serving up holiday spirit. More details to come in next month's newsletter.

FYI - S.A.M. Brent is reviving the bulletin boards in the narthex. The one on the north wall will be Sunday School and Confirmation related, and the one on the south wall will be announcements and current happenings.

To all of you who donate time, talent and treasure... THANK YOU.

Church Council president

Jim Brogren Jr.

	<u>October Coffee/Fellowship</u>	
October 5	Shirley Gulden	Irene Carnegie
October 12	Jeff & Linda Leitheiser	Linda Leitheiser
October 19 NO Sunday School		
October 26 Reformation Sunday	Vivian Wittnebel	

<u>GRACE CAFÉ</u>	<u>DESSERT PROVIDERS</u>
October 1	Ranae Sexton
October 8	Linda Hjelsand
October 15	Lois Flatau
October 22	Vivian Wittnebel
October 29	Anita Hill

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



- To all who have helped with the mowing of the church grounds this summer!
- To Jim Brogren Jr. and Minister Brent for changing the sign so that it will be clearly seen while driving on Roosevelt.
- To Jim and all his helpers who help every Wednesday during the Grace Café.
- Thanks to Lois Flatau for watering the plants around the church and changing the sanctuary banners to the correct season of the church year.
- Thanks to Ranae Sexton who is at church every day making the quilts which are given to charities, used as gifts, and sold during various events held by the church. Your dedication is much appreciated. A special thank you from Glennis for Ranae as she serves as Glennis' "right hand woman" assembling bulletins and other jobs needed to be done around the office! You are a Godsend!
- Thanks to all those members who bring treats for the Grace Café and bring treats for Sunday coffee/fellowship.
- Thanks to Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda who help with repairing things when needed.
- Thanks to Gale LaFerriere and Kelly Carrier for volunteering their time to clean the church and keeping it looking nice and tidy!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

*NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON OCT. 19TH

**Christian Education meeting on
Wednesday, October 22nd 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!

*NO Confirmation class on Wednesday, October 15th due to MEA weekend.

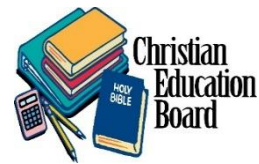
CHURCH MEETINGS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 12th following the worship service. Maggie Schmit has devotions and helping with communion.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING

Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22nd
@ 5 :30 P.M.



12 SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS

Mark the date on your calendar!!! **December 14th is the Sunday School Program!** We will be practicing starting **Sunday, November 16th** during Sunday School time. Also, please mark **Saturday, December 13th** as we will have a dress rehearsal from 10:00 A.M. until 11:30 A.M. We need to have all children involved in the Christmas program to attend the dress rehearsal.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
October 5, 2025	Psalms 37:1-9	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
October 12, 2025	Psalms 111	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c 2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
October 19, 2025	Psalms 121	Genesis 32:22-31 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
October 26, 2025	Psalms 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 5, 2025	Sonia Anderson	Bob & Michelle Pary	Steve Swanson
October 12, 2025	Sonia Anderson	Tom & Kathy Lormis	Tom Lormis
October 19, 2025	Sonia Anderson	Sheila Longfors Sonia Anderson	Glennis Olson
October 26, 2025	Sonia Anderson	Blace & Myrna Schmidt	Gale LaFerriere

CALLING ALL LEFSA MAKERS & HELPERS!!!

We need your help on Friday & Saturday, October 10th and 11th. On Friday at 6:00 P.M. we will prepare the potatoes and rice them in preparation of making lefsa on Saturday. Saturday beginning at 9:30 A.M. we will begin making the lefsa. We need rollers, fryers, baggers, and other help in order to make as much lefsa as we can for our Fall Bazaar which is Saturday, November 8th. If you have any of the lefsa making utensils and grills, please bring them. Thank you for your help!!

Samples will be provided!!!



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 19

Angela Seewald-Marquardt
Sheryl Engen

October 22

Rebecca Honer
Karen Jones

October 30

Clarice Anderson

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

God Bless You
On your
Anniversary

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

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.

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 Glennis.
- † Correspondence was read.
- † Secretary report approved as read.
- † **Finance report** approved as printed.

August Income	\$8,689.80
August Total Expenses	\$10,515.46
Checkbook Balance 8/31/2025	\$1,623.15
Rainy Day Fund	\$20,364.62
Savings Balance	\$7,151.72
Mortgage Balance	\$69,722.43

† **Minister's Report**---A grant from Wartburg Theological Seminary for the Behold has been received by Northwestern Synod. The project will be "the New Has Come" and Grace has been invited to take part. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Maggie to move forward with the grant project. Motion carried.

† **PROPERTY**---Maggie has volunteered to repaint the little church. It will be anchored to the raised garden bed and lattice will be placed around the bottom edge. Maggie will contact Chad Schmit regarding spraying lawn for weeds. October 26 has been designated as Clean-Up Day at Grace Lutheran. Notice will be placed in bulletin regarding the hiring of a janitor. Thank you to Kelly and Gale who have been volunteering their time doing janitorial duties.

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH**---Sept. 17th will be a Christian Education meeting. Sept. 21st third graders will receive Bibles. December 14th is the Sunday School Christmas program. Minister Brent gave the confirmation report. There will be a sign-up sheet to bring snacks for the confirmation class.

† **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE**---\$150.00 was given to the Patriot Assistance Dog organization which was 10% of the Salad Luncheon profit.

† **WORSHIP**---September 28th is new member Sunday.

† **OLD BUSINESS**---Jim gave report on Grace Café.

† **NEW BUSINESS**---Nov. 8th will be the Fall Bazaar. 10% of the proceeds will be given to the Grace Café Christmas Eve bags. Ranae's family member will make Christmas wooden ornaments for Sunday School children. Thank you. Grace will participate in Polar Fes MN Sod Hotdish Challenge. Dan discussed possibly live streaming Bible Study. Jim and Dan will look into details. Jeff Leitheiser made urn table. Thank you, Jeff. Money from the urn fund will be used to purchase plaque for table and material to make a runner. Ranae volunteered to make the runner.

† Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

† Next Council Meeting will be held on October 12 @ 10:30 A.M. with Maggie giving devotions and help serve communion during October.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale LaFerrière
Council Secretary

OCTOBER EVENTS

- * Oct. 1---9:30-12:00 Clergy Appreciation Breakfast at David Donehower
OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DURING THIS TIME!
- * Oct. 5---9:30 A.M. Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:00 A.M. Sunday School
10:15 A.M. Coffee/Fellowship
- * Oct. 8---11:00 A.M. Grace Café
6:30 P.M. Confirmation
- * Oct. 12---9:30 A.M. Worship Service with Holy Communion and Noisy Offering
10:00 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Church Council meeting
- * Oct. 15---11:00 A.M. Grace Café
6:30 PM. NO Confirmation
- * Oct. 19---9:00 A.M. Worship Service with Noisy Offering
10:00 A.M. NO Sunday School
10:15 A.M. Coffee/Fellowship
- * Oct. 21---8:30 A.M. Women ELCA Conference 6 Meeting at Cormorant Lutheran Church
- * Oct. 22---11:00 A.M. Grace Café v
5:30 P.M. Christian Education mtg.
6:30 P.M. Confirmation
- * Oct. 26--- **REFORMATION SUNDAY** FALL CLEAN-UP SUNDAY
9:30 A.M. Worship Service with Holy Communion and Noisy Offering
10:00 A.M. Sunday School
10:15 A.M. Coffee/Fellowship
- * Oct. 29--11:00 A.M. Grace Café
6:30 P.M. Confirmation

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

213 Roosevelt Avenue Detroit Lakes, MN
FALL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 8th
9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

*"Come for Breakfast
And
Stay for Lunch!"*

BREAKFAST



Hot fresh caramel
and
cinnamon rolls



Various
Quilts for
sale



LUNCH



Knoephla Soup,
Vegetable Beef
Soup
Pulled Pork
sandwich
Beverage, Bar



Barbie Doll
clothes (hand sewn)



Crafts, Candies,
Baked Goods, Breads, lefsa,
rosettes, krumkake donuts




Christmas
Decoration

Next to New
items



WANT A PART TIME JOB?

Grace is looking to hire a part time janitor to clean the church at least 2 times a week preferably during the morning hours while staff is here. It would involve cleaning bathrooms, sweeping floors and vacuuming. Occasionally it would involve mopping the fellowship hall and hallways, dusting pews, and washing the door windows.

A big thank you to Gale and Kelly who have been volunteering keeping the church clean. ***Their work has been great!*** They just need more time to spend with their family as well as volunteering elsewhere!!!

Poem About God's Creation

By Maya Anthony

In the quiet of dawn's first light,
Sky blushes at the touch of sun,
Soft whispers of a world reborn,
In hues of hope, the day's begun.

Each ray a verse from heaven sent,
Painting the earth in golden hues,
God's canvas, vast and infinite,
In morning's glow, life's essence renews.

With every sunrise, a silent prayer,
Of gratitude for day's embrace,
In dawn's embrace, God's tender care,
Reflects in every sunlit space.

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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 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



Are you willing to volunteer to help with the following tasks?

1. October 26---Fall Clean-up around and inside the church
(Pizza Meal will be served following the clean-up around 11:30 A.M.)
2. Help with Fall Bazaar on November 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th making soup and setting up
3. Make and bring items to the Fall Holiday Bazaar on November 8th.
- 4 . Decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, November 30th

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