

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 School @ 10:00 A.M.
Sept. through May

Pastor

Pastor Mike Schendel
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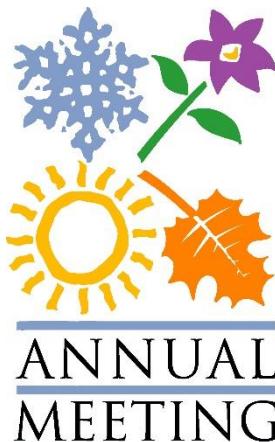
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REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

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.



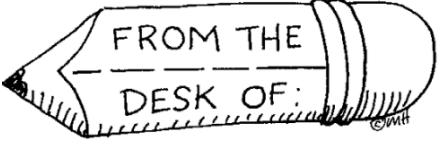
JANUARY 25, 2026

10:15 A.M.

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Synod Authorized Minister(SAM)

Brent Seewald-Marquardt

Happy New Year! I hope you are finding moments of rest and renewal after the holiday season. But wait, the celebration is not over! We continue to rejoice at Christmas through January 6. This season is one of wonder and renewal for the Church and for each of us. The days are slowly lengthening, and light begins to return to our world here in the northern hemisphere.

On Sunday, January 11, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord, which ushers in the Time after Epiphany. In Matthew 3:17 we hear the voice of God the Father: *"This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."* Jesus' baptism was not simply a ritual act; it was a moment of divine affirmation and commissioning. The heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and God's delight was declared over the Son.

This moment is not just history; it is a living promise for us today. You were baptized in the same waters of renewal. In baptism, we are joined to Christ's death and resurrection, clothed in his righteousness, and welcomed into God's family. Martin Luther described this as the "Happy Exchange": Christ takes our sin upon himself and, in return, clothes us with his righteousness. Baptism is the doorway into that exchange. Our old selves are washed away, and we rise renewed, beloved, and claimed by God.

The Baptism of Jesus also reminds us of our calling. Just as his ministry began with words of affirmation, so too our lives of faith begin with God's declaration that we are beloved children. Baptism is not the end of the journey but the beginning. It is the foundation for a life lived in trust, service, and hope.

As we step into this new year, the baptismal waters call us back to renewal. They remind us that we are not defined by our failures or fears, but by God's promise. In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and sent into the world as bearers of light. January may be cold and dark, but the light of Christ shines in us and through us.

So let us celebrate this season of Epiphany with joy. Let us remember that the God who spoke at the Jordan River speaks over us still: *You are my beloved child. With you I am well pleased.* May this promise strengthen you in the weeks ahead, bringing renewal, courage, and hope as we walk together in faith.

Remember, you are loved. May God bless you richly in this season of renewal.

Minister Brent

January 2026

On July 1, 2025 we welcomed Synod Authorized Minister Brent Seewald-Marquardt to our congregation and Pastor Mike agreed to be his mentor. On Brent's first visit to our church, I knew God sent him to us.

There was so much more that bookended 2025 and we will reflect upon those accomplishments in our **ANNUAL REPORT** which will be distributed at our **ANNUAL MEETING on Sunday, January 25, 2026** following worship service.

DATE	ATTENDANCE	DONATIONS	DATE
12/3/2025	61	\$188.00	Chicken Nuggets, Crinkle Fries, Mixed Veggies and Dessert
12/10/2025	43	\$133.00	Chili Dog, Beans, Chips and Dessert
12/17/2025	69	\$259.00	Hot Sandwich Sliders, Garden Salad and lots of Goodies
12/24/2025	135	\$399.00	Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas, Bun, Cranberries and Dessert
12/31/2025	62	\$328.00	Pizza, Mixed Green Salad, Dessert and Sparkling Cider

* weather was a big factor in attendance numbers in December

If you are interested in becoming a church council member we have two positions available for two-year terms. I am happy to sit down with you and answer any questions you may have.

Our mission of Grace by Grace, seeking to be God's faithful people will only be stronger in 2026.

Remind me to share a heartwarming story regarding Christmas Eve Lunch at the Annual Meeting!

With Gratitude,

Jim Brogren, Jr



- * Thanks to the Sunday School children and teachers for presenting a beautiful and inspiring Christmas pageant. We thoroughly enjoy it.
- * Thanks to Ranae Sexton, Minister Brent, and Glennis Olson for serving a delicious Christmas brunch following the Sunday School program. What a wonderful treat for us all!!
- * Thanks to all who provided gifts for the children on our Angel Tree. Grace Lutheran Church has some wonderful generous members who made Christmas much happier with these gifts.
- * Thanks to Lois Flatau for putting the banners up according to the Church seasons. Also thank you for watering the plants around the church. Your dedication is much appreciated.
- * Thanks to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas and then also undecorate the church.
- * Thanks to all the volunteers who help with the Grace Café on Wednesdays and to those who provide the desserts.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

* Welcome back to Sunday School!
Sunday School begins again on Sunday, January 11, 2026.

CONFIRMATION

* Welcome back, Confirmation students! Our first class was on January 7th and will be held every Wednesday beginning at 6:30 P.M. Remember to sign up to usher, lector or greet. Also be working on your memory work.

CHURCH MEETINGS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 18th following the worship service. Kelly Carrier has devotions and helping with communion.

CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

Christian Education will meet Wednesday, January 21st at 5:30 P.M.



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

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR
January 11, 2026	Ardis Tollefson	Sonia Anderson, Sheila Longfors	Sonia Anderson
January 18, 2026	Sonia Anderson	Tom & Kathy Lormis	Tom Lormis
January 25, 2026	Lani Olson	Kevin & Kathy Erickson	Lani Olson

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
January 4, 2026	Psalm 147:12-20	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:1-18
January 11, 2026	Psalm 29	Isaiah 42:1-9 Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
January 18, 2026	Psalm 40:1-11	Isaiah 49:1-7 1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
January 25, 2026	Psalm 27:1, 4-9	Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23

NURSING HOME MINISTRY:

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

Oak Crossing #115 1040 Lincoln Ave

Clarice Anderson

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Jeri Ann McDermond

IT'S A GRACE THING!



JANUARY	<u>Coffee/Fellowship</u>
January 11	Dave & Judy Stowman
January 18	Ranae Sexton Glennis Olson
January 25	Annual Meeting

PLEASE, PLEASE, sign up to help with serving coffee fellowship on Sundays. If we don't fill the slots, there will not be any coffee/fellowship time. We don't want this to happen!! Thank you for your help

GRACE CAFÉ	DESSERT PROVIDERS
January 14	Kelly Carrier
January 21	Becky Esser
January 28	Glennis Olson

**PLEASE BRING
ENOUGH DESSERT FOR
ABOUT 80 PEOPLE.**

VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PROVIDE DESSERTS FOR GRACE CAFÉ!

There will be a sign-up sheet being passed around during the annual meeting to sign up. There will be a change to accommodate the larger numbers being served on Wednesdays. We will need **2 people** to provide the desserts each Wednesday. This will help alleviate having 1 person having to provide the desserts. Please consider signing up or even volunteer to help out in whatever way you can. Thanks!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 7

Mary Ritchie

January 15

Tucker McDermond

January 24

Joann Eliassen

January 25

Dale Hendrickson

January 26

Sara Nelson

January 31

Tyler Leitheiser

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

None in January

**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.

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10:00 A.M. Sunday School

10:15 A.M. Coffee/Fellowship

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6:30 P.M. Confirmation

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Coffee & cookies will be served in the narthex

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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

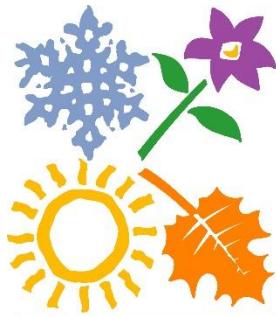
Grace Lutheran Church...a place to belong

Grace's MOUNTAIN VIEW

January2025

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



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