

# 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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## Grace Lutheran Church

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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.  
Grace Café.....Wednesday.....11:00-1:00  
Confirmation.....Wednesdays...6:30 P.M.  
Church Council.....2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday...10:25 A.M



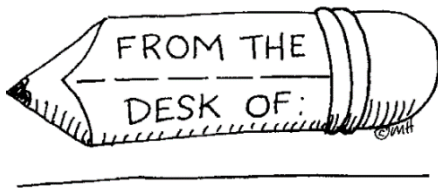
# JANUARY 25, 2026

## **10:15 A.M.**

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important decisions to make!

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so that parents may attend the meeting.





## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. Kelly Carrier has devotions and helping with communion.

### **CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE**

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



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

| DATE             | GREETERS        | USHERS                             | LECTOR         |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| January 11, 2026 | Ardis Tollefson | Sonia Anderson,<br>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  | Psalms 147:12-20 | Jeremiah 31:7-14<br>Ephesians 1:3-14  | John 1:1-18     |
| January 11, 2026 | Psalms 29        | Isaiah 42:1-9<br>Acts 10:34-43        | Matthew 3:13-17 |
| January 18, 2026 | Psalms 40:1-11   | Isaiah 49:1-7<br>1 Corinthians 1:1-9  | John 1:29-42    |
| January 25, 2026 | Psalms 27:1, 4-9 | Isaiah 9:1-4<br>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**

Oak Crossing 1040 Lincoln Ave

**Jeri Ann McDermond**

**IT'S A GRACE THING!**



| JANUARY    | <u>Coffee/Fellowship</u>      |
|------------|-------------------------------|
| January 11 | Dave & Judy Stowman           |
| January 18 | Ranae Sexton<br>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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10:30 A.M. Church Council meeting

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6:30 P.M. Confirmation

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and Noisy Offering  
10:00 A.M. Sunday School

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Coffee & cookies will be served in the narthex

January 28, 2026 11:00-1:00 Grace Café  
6:30 P.M. Confirmation





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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in**  
**America**

213 Roosevelt Avenue  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

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**

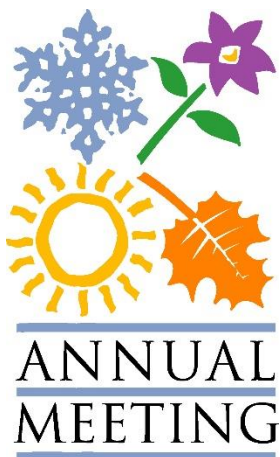
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Grace's MOUNTAIN VIEW

January 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**



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