

Grace's Mountain View

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Sept. through May



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REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Quilters.....Thursdays.....9:30 A.M..
Grace Café.....Wednesday.....11:00-1:00
Confirmation.....Wednesdays...6:30 P.M.
Church Council.....2nd Sunday...10:25 A.M

Creation Unfolding – Summer 2026

Wednesdays, August 5 – September 2, 2026 • 6:15 PM • Outdoors (Weather Permitting)

A five-week exploration of the Creation story, paired with New Testament readings that reveal how God's creative work continues through Christ and in our lives today.

August 5 – Days 1 & 2: Light and Water

Readings: Genesis 1:1–8; John 1:1–8 **Summary:** God speaks light into darkness and shapes the waters. John proclaims Christ as the eternal Word, the true light still shining in our world.

August 12 – Day 3: Earth and Vegetation

Readings: Genesis 1:9–13; Matthew 6:25–33 **Summary:** Dry land and abundant vegetation emerge. Jesus reminds us that the Creator who clothes the lilies also cares for us.

August 19 – Day 4: Sun, Moon, and Stars

Readings: Genesis 1:14–19; John 8:12–20 **Summary:** God sets lights in the sky to guide creation. Jesus declares himself the Light of the World, leading us through every season.

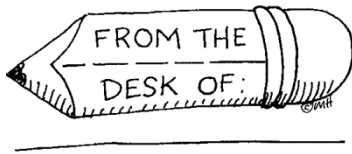
August 26 – Day 5: Creatures of Sea and Sky

Readings: Genesis 1:20–23; Ecclesiastes 3:1–15 **Summary:** Life fills the waters and skies. Ecclesiastes reminds us that God is present in every season of life's rhythms.

September 2 – Days 6 & 7: Humanity and Rest

Readings: Genesis 1:24–31; 2:1–4a; Colossians 1:15–20 **Summary:** Humanity is created in God's image and entrusted with care for creation. Sabbath rest is blessed, and Christ is revealed as the one in whom all things hold together.





Synod Authorized Minister(SAM)

Brent Seewald-Marquardt

From the Minister's Desk,

As we enter August, our Gospel readings lead us on a journey that reveals Jesus in the fullness of his humanity and divinity, and it invites us to discover what faith truly means as we walk with Christ. Across these five Sundays, Jesus feeds, calms, teaches, reveals, and transforms. Each moment carries the same quiet invitation: *Walk with Me; become alive.*

We begin with Matthew 14:13–21, the Feeding of the Five Thousand. When Jesus sees the crowds, “he had compassion for them.” This is God’s heart in human flesh. He feeds them with bread and presence, showing that faith begins with trust, a trust that God sees our hunger, weariness, and need, and meets us with abundance.

Next comes Matthew 14:22–33, Jesus Walking on Water. As the disciples struggle against the wind, Jesus approaches across the waves. Peter steps out when Jesus says, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Faith is not fearlessness; it is moving toward Christ even when the storm rises. Jesus’ hand reveals both his humanity and his divine command over creation.

In Matthew 15:10–28, Jesus teaches that purity is found in the heart, not ritual: “What comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart.” Then the Canaanite woman shows us persistent, courageous faith. Her plea, “Lord, help me,” is the prayer of every believer who clings to God’s promise. Faith becomes real when Christ shapes our hearts, not just our habits.

The fourth week brings Matthew 16:13–20, Peter’s confession: “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Faith is not merely believing something; it is recognizing someone. When we declare Christ as Messiah, we step into the life he offers.

We conclude with Matthew 16:21–28, where Jesus teaches that following him means transformation: “Set your mind not on human things but on divine things.” Taking up the cross is not a burden, but a way of life shaped by love, sacrifice, and hope, a journey from fear to courage, from self-preservation to self-giving.

In each of these Gospel moments, Christ invites us deeper into the mystery of his humanity and divinity. He feeds us, steadies us, teaches us, reveals himself, and transforms us. And through it all, the same tender invitation is given: ***Walk with Me; become alive.***

In Christ’s peace, *Minister Brent*

Greetings Grace Family,

July marked the first anniversary of Synod Authorized Minister Brent Seewald-Marquardt leading worship at Grace Lutheran Church. Please join me in thanking him for his dedicated service to our congregation. We look forward to many more years together.

In addition, the Grace Cafe completed five Wednesdays of feeding the emotionally, physically, and spiritually hungry in our community this month. We have experienced many touching stories through this outreach, all thanks to the amazing group of volunteers who show up week after week to help.

Finally, I would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Karen Lundberg, a Grace Cafe regular who passed away on July 28, 2026.

DATE	ATTENDANCE	DONATIONS	MEAL SERVED
7/1/2026	93	\$252.17	HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, WATERMELON, CHIPS AND ICE CREAM FLOATS
7/8/2026	87	\$334.32	TUNA OR HAM SANDWICH, COLESLAW, WATERMELON AND DESSERT
7/15/2026	109	\$342.00	BEEF & GRAVY ON MASHED POTATOES, CORN, BREAD AND DESSERT
7/22/2026	103	\$234.25	POLISH SAUSAGE, POTATOES, CARROTS AND SAUERKRAUT
7/29/2026	89	\$220.85	CHEESY CHICKEN HASHBROWN CASSEROLE, VEGIES, BREAD AND DESSERT
TOTAL	481	\$1,383.50	(GRACE CAFE PAID \$150.00 TOWARDS THE ELECTRIC BILL IN JULY)

Best regards,

Jim Brogren, Jr



Thanks to our volunteers!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- * Have a good summer!
- * Rally Sunday (beginning of Sunday School) will be on Sunday, September 12th .

CONFIRMATION

- * Enjoy the summer!
- * 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, August 16th @ 10:30 A.M.

Steve Swanson has devotions and helping with communion.

CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

Christian Education committee will meet on August 19th at 5:30 P.M.

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

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR
August 2, 2026	Sonia Anderson	Gale LaFerriere Kelly Westrum	Gale LaFerriere
August 9, 2026	Ardis Tollefson	Jerry & Lillian Nybo	Glennis Olson
August 16, 2026	Kelly Westrum	Sheila Longfors Sonia Anderson	Sonia Anderson
August 23, 2026	Sonia Anderson	Tom & Kathy Lormis	Tom Lormis
August 30, 2026	Sonia Anderson	Jerry & Bonnie Nygard	Sonia Anderson

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
August 2, 2026	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	Isaiah 55:1-5 Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
August 9, 2026	Psalm 85:8-13	1 Kings 19:9-18 Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
August 16, 2026	Psalm 67	Isaiah 56:1,6-8 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15:10-28
August 23, 2026	Psalm 138	Isaiah 51:1-6 Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
August 30, 2026	Psalm 26:1-8	Jeremiah 15:15-21 Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28

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!



The monthly financial obligations do not go on vacation during the summer!

Remember to give or send in your tithes during the summer months.



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

AUGUST	<u>Coffee/Fellowship</u>
August 2	Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda
August 9	
August 16	
August 23	Lois Flatau Marlys Brasel Ardis Tollefson
August 30	Tom & Kathy Lormis Sonia Anderson Dan Alley

VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PROVIDE DESSERTS FOR GRACE CAFÉ!

**PLEASE BRING
ENOUGH DESSERT FOR
ABOUT 90 PEOPLE.**

GRACE CAFÉ	DESSERT PROVIDERS
August 5	Barb & Jesse Schultz
August 12	Dave & Judy Stowman Lois Flatau
August 19	Vivian Wittnebel
August 26	



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 2

Sadie Schmit

August 3

Evan Westrum

August 5

Garrett Mace
Ryan Esser

August 6

Dennis Mace

August 11

Linda Hjelsand
Ardis Tollefson

August 13

Lloyd Kiihn

August 14

Machelle Krengel

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 2

Tom & Kathy Lormis

August 2

Kevin & Kathy Erickson

August 26

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

BACK TO SCHOOL HUMOR

Why was the math book sad on the first day of school?

It had too many problems!

What kind of school do you go to if you're an ice cream man?

Sundae school!

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses to school?

Because her students were so bright!

Why was the broom late for school? *It over swept!*

What did the pencil say to the paper? *I dot my i's on you!*

Why did the gym teacher jump into the pool? *He wanted to test the water!*

What do you call a teacher who doesn't like summer ending?

A reluctant scholar!

Why did the student eat his homework?

The teacher said it was a piece of cake!

What's the best way to get straight A's? *Use a ruler!*

Why did the kid cross the playground? *To get to the other slide!*

What kind of school do you go to if you're a giant? *High school!*

Why was the music teacher not able to open her classroom?

Her keys were on the piano!

Why did the teacher put on sunscreen before the test?

To prevent students from getting burned!

Why did the teacher write on the window?

He wanted the lesson to be very clear!

Why did the teacher go to the beach? *To test the water!*

Why did the kid study in the airplane? *He wanted a higher education!*

What did the paper say to the pencil? *Write on!*

Why did the kid bring a ladder to school? *He wanted to go to high school!*





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Evangelical Lutheran Church in
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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

Grace Lutheran Church...a place to belong

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AUGUST 2026

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 2, 2026---9:30 A.M. Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:15 A.M. Coffee/Fellowship

August 5, 2026---11:00-1:00 Grace Café
6:15 P.M. Outdoor Worship Service

August 9, 2026---9:30 A.M. Worship Service with Holy Communion
& Noisy Offering
10:15 A.M. Coffee/Fellowship

August 11, 2026---Primary Voting at Grace Lutheran

August 12, 2026---11:00-1:00 Grace Café
6:15 P.M. Outdoor Worship Service

August 12, 2026---6:30-8:00 P.M. Teach Haiti @ Trinity Lutheran

August 16, 2026---9:30 A.M. Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:15 A.M. Coffee/Fellowship
10:30 A.M. Church council meeting

August 19, 2026---11:00-1:00 Grace Café
6:15 P.M. Outdoor Worship Service

August 22, 2026---Fellowship Hall being used by a member

August 23, 2026---9:30 A.M. Worship Service with Holy Communion
& Noisy Offering
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August 26, 2026---11:00-1:00 Grace Café
6:15 P.M. Outdoor Worship Service

August 30, 2026---9:30 A.M. Worship Service with Holy Communion
& Noisy Offering
10:15 A.M. Coffee/Fellowship

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