



2023

GLC

September

Newsletter

A Prayer for the Month:

God of steadfast love,
help us to welcome all
people that we meet
each day with kindness
and mercy through
Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Maintaining the heart of our Christian faith.



Grace Lutheran Church

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Monday - Thursday 8-4
(Main handicap doors
unlocked)
Friday Office Closed

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Sunday Worship
8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. FLC Service
10:15 a.m. KBK 95.5 F.M.

Summer Sunday Worship

May 28th – September 3rd
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

*Worship space subject to change

GLC Website:
www.gracechurchmora.com
Facebook: @moragracelutheran


Grace Google Calendar:
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r?tab=mc>

ELCA website: www.elca.org
NE MN website:
www.nemnsynod.org



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Pastor's Page

The fall begins anew

September brings energy. Life is new again as we prepare for winter's long period of dormant. Trees have started to change. The air is crisp and the sounds of Friday Night activities fill the town. Mora's school building is new. Students and teachers will be finding new routines. The building at Grace has some newness. Carpet, furniture and people. The return of children and youth to programs brings energy. The words of Revelation, that I (referring to Jesus) make all things new has a far reaching and long lasting message.

If you have been away from worship for the summer, plan to start a new routine. If you have been wanting to learn more about scripture, consider joining Wednesday noon or evening study. If you have been looking to up your involvement, find a way to serve in the community helping others or find a way at church to reengage. For soon the beauty of fall is going to become the lull of winter. And then the cycle will continue. Life, death and rebirth is the cycle of time and is the tool of the Holy Spirit. And in the end the promise remains.... I make all things new.

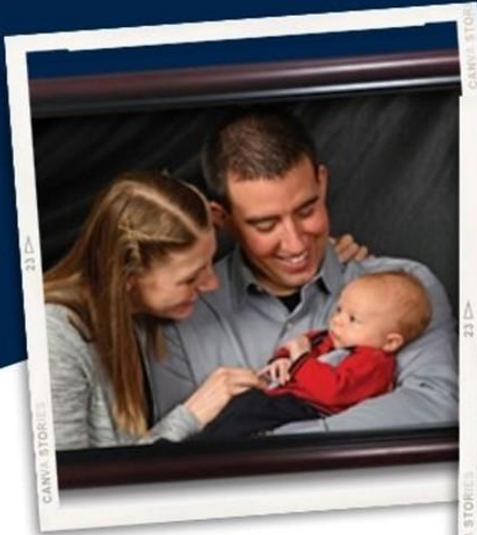
Come and reengage the spirit.

See you in church,

Pastor Gary

Coming Soon!

OUR NEW Directory!



It's time for a new church pictorial directory. It won't be our directory without you! Look for more information to follow.

**Schedules Opening
Soon!**



Universal
Church Directories

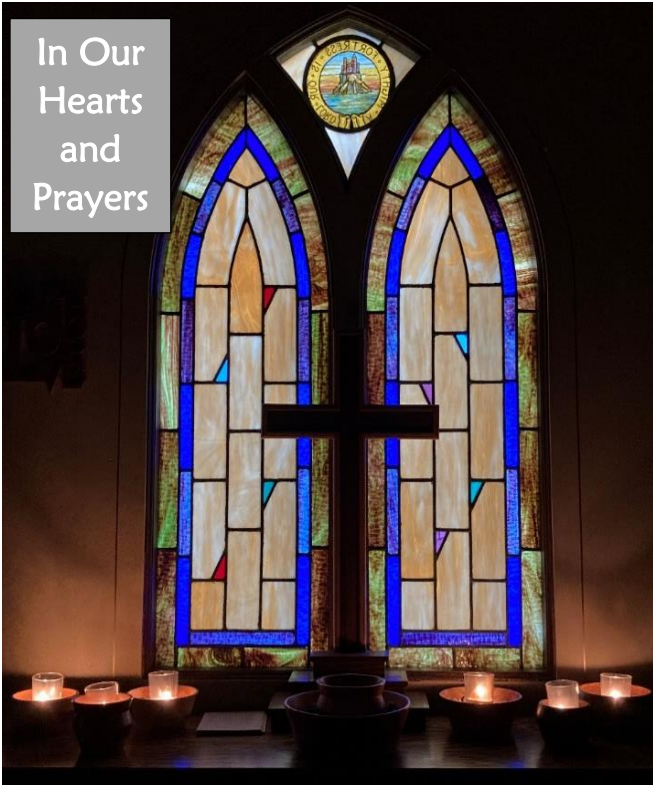
SCAN NOW TO SIGN UP!



Photo Dates Tuesday - Saturday, October 10th - 14th

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply scan the QR code, Or go to www.ucdir.com & click the "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" button. Enter **mn349** in the "Church Code" field and enter **photos** in the "Church Password" field. **Note:** The Church Code & Password are case sensitive. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 time slots. The online scheduling option may not be available Saturday or Sunday because we will be doing paper sign-ups at church on selected weekends. **** ONLINE scheduling is open-scan the QR code with your phones camera. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**

In Our
Hearts
and
Prayers



By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Grace Lutheran Church PRAYER CONCERNS:

Lorna Eastlund, Dana Fluegge, Natalie Matthewson, Phyllis Johnson, Justine Isom, Chad Pranke, Beverly Fore, Roger Teich, Gerri Teich, Diane Blegen, David Ulstrom, Darlene Armstrong, John Armstrong, Larry Rowley, Meagan Barrett Isom, Doug Price, Jody Burton, Cliff and Marla Williams and Pearl Peterson.

Service Personnel: Adam Herwig, Noah Wicklund, Christopher Unger, Chris Garbacz, Emmie Otto and all other active members

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.

Philippians 4:6–7 The Message



Mission Statement:

The Grace Lutheran Library Mission will support all the members of Grace using the library resources to help them interpret what they read, see, and experience within the context of the Christian Gospel.

Non-Fiction

Jan' Story by Barry Petersen. Barry Petersen is a national news correspondent who has traveled the world doing stories for his work. Jan was his loving, vibrant wife. She was also a TV correspondent and a news anchor. Jan was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's Disease at age 55. This book is the author's love story to his wife, the long goodbye. It is the story of this couples "forever" which now came with an expiration date. It is the story of how this diagnosis impacted not only Jan but also Barry. Lisa Genova of the New York Times says about this book – "An intimate and courageously honest memoir about devastating loss, enduring love, and finding strength to carry on."

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

Adult Fiction

The library has quite a few books in the fiction section with an Amish theme. Two of these from the Harvest of Hope series by Barbara Cameron. Book 1 of this series is Seeds of Hope. Mark is a big city attorney, an "Englischer." His grandfather, John, has asked him to come back to Paradise, Pennsylvania to take over the family farm, to embrace the Amish side of this family's roots. Miriam is the young Amish girl who has always had a secret crush on Mark when he had come to his grandfather's farm for visits during his childhood. Is there a future for these two vastly different people? Book 2 is Buried Secrets. In this story, Rose's husband has died, and she returns to Paradise with her young son to be near her Amish family. Luke is ready to settle down in Paradise and forms a partnership with Rose to farm her land. Both Rose and Luke are hiding secrets which could interfere with their partnership and any chance that they could have of a future together.

Living Grace Library is open whenever the church is open. Come in anytime.

Please remember to return your finished books. The book you may have forgotten to return may be just the book someone else is patiently waiting to read. Thank you.



Grace September Birthdays

2. Beatta Hillman, Sam Marohn, Justin Linder, Walker Stamper
3. Judith Radeke
4. Avery Ennis, Karen Felger
5. Larry Simonich
7. Sharlene Knudsen
8. Matt Felger
9. Gayle Stassen
10. Elizabeth VanBurkleo
11. Caden Johnson, Larry Rowley, Katlyn Wicklund
12. Andrew Felger, Saul Thomson
13. Sharon Holmstrom
15. Willa Crisman, Ayva Douglas, Mary Reynolds
17. Abigail Funk, Easton Hohn, Chloe Kottke, Logan Peterson, James Wren
18. Louise Broehl, Eva Holmgren, Charlie Kerr
19. Kevin Herwig, Pearl Peterson, Jackie Thompson
20. Lillie Douglas, Emmie Otto, Robyn Wallace
21. Tim Felland
22. Shawn McGrew, Kristin Nelson
24. Phyllis Johnson
26. Nick Hohn, Diane Runquist, Gary Salmonson
27. Bonnie Jobe, Craig Schultz
28. Julie Lane
29. Zoe Knudsen

If you or a loved one are missing from the birthday list, please let the office know, we don't want to miss anyone. Blessings 😊

**PLEASE
HELP!**

THE



The food pantry is currently looking for...

peanut butter
canned meats
taco shells
cereal
oatmeal
baking items
flour

sugar
oil
boxed potatoes
side dishes
canned veggies
canned fruits
canned beans

pasta sauce
cleaning supplies
toilet paper
paper towels
shampoo
conditioner, etc.
EVERYTHING is helpful

Mora Food Pantry, welcomes all donations, even out of date (we will process and go through to see which items can be used.)

ALL DONATIONS WELCOMED!

Worship Schedule

Sept- Nov 2023

9:00 A.M. Sanctuary Service

Sept 3:

Ushers: John & JoAnn Skillicorn

Lector: Harry Blegen

Communion: Harry Blegen

8:00 A.M. Sanctuary Service

Sept 10th:

Ushers: Gene & Eunice Weckwerth

Lector: Gene Weckwerth

Sept 17th:

Ushers: Nick & Kam Schroeder

Lector: Nick Schroeder

Communion: Barb Ennis

Sept 24th:

Ushers: Greg & Jane Myers

Lector: Greg Myers

Oct 1st:

Ushers: Arnie Barabash & Dale Hawkins

Lector: Jan Falk

Communion: Jan Falk

Oct 8th:

Ushers: Kyle & Andrea Hams

Lector: Laura Strand

Oct 15th:

Ushers: Bryan & Dianne Wachsmuth

Lector: Dianne Wachsmuth

Communion: Krista Elvehjem

Oct 22nd:

Ushers: Dan Funk & Gerald Funk

Lector: Martha Gotfredson

Oct 29th:

Ushers: Galen & Mary Brelie

Lector: Mary Brelie

9:30 A.M. FLC Service

Sept 10th:

Ushers: Mark & Verona Gravich

Lector: Mark Gravich

Sept 17th:

Ushers: Bruce & Jackie Thompson

Lector: Bruce Thompson

Communion: Shari Salmonson

Sept 24th:

Ushers: Matt & Amanda Felger

Lector: Matt Felger

Oct 1st:

Ushers: Don & Mary Olson

Lector: Mary Olson

Communion: Diane Runquist

Oct 8th:

Ushers: Ray & Diane Knutson

Lector: Linda Johnson

Oct 15th:

Ushers: Art & Lurette Kottke

Lector: Judy Roeshlein

Communion: Judy Roeshlein

Oct 22nd:

Ushers: Dianne Fisher & Suzie Halverson

Lector: Steve Denzine

Oct 29th:

Ushers: Brent & Amy Nelson

Lector: Brent Nelson

Nov 5th:

Ushers: Roger Peterson & Dale Hawkins
Lector: Jim Oxberry
Communion: Jim Oxberry

Nov 12th:

Ushers: John & Lynn Paulson
Lector: Lynn Paulson

Nov 19th:

Ushers: Galen & Mary Brelie
Lector: Mary Brelie
Communion: Barb Ennis

Nov 26th:

Ushers: Rollie Fredrickson &
Lector: Rollie Fredrickson

Dec 3rd:

Ushers: Ethan & Krista Elvehjem
Lector: Ethan Elvehjem
Communion: Krista Elvehjem

Nov 5th:

Ushers: Jeremy Schultz & Teri Heggernes
Lector: Teri Heggernes
Communion: Kris Pulford

Nov 12th:

Ushers: Craig & Jodi Schultz
Lector: Craig Schultz

Nov 19th:

Ushers: Guy & Peggy Groshek
Lector: Sue Oehrlein
Communion: Sue Oehrlein

Nov 26th:

Ushers: Marshall & Jeanne McGrew
Lector: Linda Johnson

Dec 3rd:

Ushers: Dave & Pam Johnstone
Lector: Pam Johnstone
Communion: Diane Runquist





GLC COFFEE AND TREATS FELLOWSHIP

SIGN UP IN THE MAIN NARTHEX!

SEPTEMBER 10TH – DECEMBER 31ST, 2023

8:00 A.M. SANCTUARY WORSHIP

9:30 A.M. FLC WORSHIP

SERVERS NAME:

SEPTEMBER 10TH –

SEPTEMBER 17TH –

SEPTEMBER 24TH –

OCTOBER 1ST –

OCTOBER 8TH –

OCTOBER 15TH –

OCTOBER 22ND –

OCTOBER 29TH –

SERVERS NAME:

NOVEMBER 5TH –

NOVEMBER 12TH –

NOVEMBER 19TH –

NOVEMBER 26TH –

DECEMBER 3RD –

DECEMBER 10TH –

DECEMBER 17TH –

DECEMBER 24TH –

DECEMBER 31ST –

Suggestions for Sunday Morning Coffee....

Start setting up about 8 am to serve between services

2-3 pitchers of lemonade

2-3 pitchers of Water

½ pot of Regular Coffee

5-6 Dozen Treats of any kind

If you run out of the beverages, there is always more. You do NOT have to go by this, this is just an observation from serving.

Grace Fall Harvest

BAZAAR

Plans for the 20th Annual Fall Bazaar, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, have begun.
Here is a SEPTEMBER CHECKLIST!

CANNERS- Now is the time for canning. Are you thinking about what jams, jellies, pickles and salsas you can make?

GARDENERS- Don't forget about the GARDEN OF GRACE-the place to sell squash, potatoes, apples, and dried flowers.

HANDIWORKERS- Have you started sewing, knitting, crocheting or cross-stitching? Dishtowels, aprons, sweaters, mittens, and potholders are only a few ideas.

WOODWORKERS- Have you gotten your ideas for wood working projects?

CARDMAKERS- Are you stamping a variety of cards for GRACEMARK? You may wish to join the card making group led by Pam Lane and Linda Johnson who make cards here at church. Cards for all occasions sell well.

CRAFTERS- How are your craft projects coming along? Now is the time to get those projects going.

COOKIE BAKERS- All members are asked to bake at least 6 dozen CHRISTMAS cookies to be sold at COOKIE LANE. Last year almost 500 dozen cookies were sold!

LEFSE BAKERS- Lefse will again be made at the church and sold on Bazaar day. Fresh lefse will be made and sold on Bazaar Day.

SILENT AUCTION- We will be looking for donations for items to be sold on the SILENT AUCTION. Previously we have sold furniture, paintings, handmade cross-stitch pictures, meat, firewood, sports equipment, and many other items.

Many people are needed to work on sale day at various tasks. If you are able to help, please let Lynette Skolte know or contact the office. Come and join us. It is a fun and worthwhile day for all.

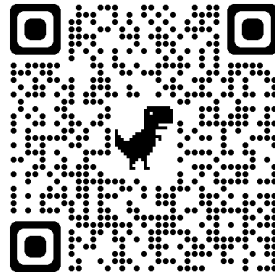
A Grace Fall Bazaar Update

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

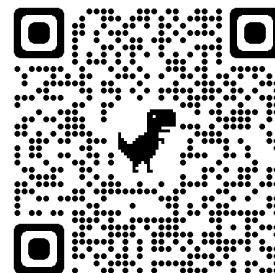
Check out CYF Ministry on FACEBOOK! Grace Lutheran Children Youth and Family (private group)
or on-line: www.gracechurchmora.com

Registration for all CYF programs is open! Scan the QR code for online registration or see paper copy in this newsletter.

Registration for Christian Ed
(Sunday School, Religious Release,
Celebration Singers)



Registration for Confirmation
(grades 7th -9th grade)



Rally Sunday



Rally Sunday is right around the corner!
Join us on **September 10th** for a celebration of “Created to Be!” at 9:15. We will explore how we have been created to be children of God and created to DO God’s work!

- Registration sheets on-line or in this Newsletter
- Blessing of the Backpacks
- Sunday School FUN
- Meet new and old friends
- Fill up with Jesus Juice!



KELLY STILL NEEDS A COUPLE SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS FOR NEXT YEAR! This does not require an every Sunday commitment! If we can have a team of 4-5 adults/youth then it would be 1-2 Sundays a month. Please contact Kelly if you feel the call to serve in this way. Grace has a growing Sunday School that needs adult leaders so please prayerfully consider it!

Children Youth and Family OPEN HOUSE

Grace is hosting a free meal on open house night! August 30th from 5pm -7pm. Stop by before or after going to the school open houses for a **FREE MEAL**, activities and information about the Children Youth and Family Programs for preschool-senior high.



Religious Release starts September 13th

Once a month we offer a Wednesday morning opportunity for faith formation for grades 1st-6th. Friends are welcome! (must sign up first)

Dates: ** indicates different from school wall calendar.

****Sept. 13, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, **Jan. 10, Feb. 7, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, **May 8**

Parents can drop off at church starting at 7am. Activities start at 8am. The school bus picks up the kids and brings them to school at 10:45.



YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR RELEASE TIME ON THE REGISTRATION FORM AND HAVE IT RETURNED TO CHURCH BY SEPTEMBER 10TH IN ORDER TO HAVE YOUR CHILD ATTEND ON SEPTEMBER 13TH.

Celebration Singers Starts September 18th

Mondays - snack from 3:15-3:30 / Practice from 3:30-4:15 / pick up time till 5pm as needed.

Transportation from Mora Elementary is available if needed. Please let Kelly know asap if your child will need a ride from school.

We will typically perform for both services one Sunday a month.

There is no cost but Parents are asked to help provide snack for the group 1-2 times per year and help with rides if able.

Confirmation starts September 13th

September 13th is Confirmation orientation night.

7th gr. parents and youth - 6-6:30

Returning 8th - 9th gr. parents and youth - 6:30-7

10th grade youth - 7-8

Regular Confirmation with meal on September 20th and 27th 6-8pm



The Synod Journey to the ELCA National Youth Gathering is in NEW ORLEANS July 14th-21st 2024!!

The ELCA National Youth Gathering happens every three years and is an incredible opportunity for young people to experience the love of Christ through service, worship, interactive learning, and fellowship with thousands of other youth from across the country. They are exposed to people, cultures and stories that can expand their understanding of Jesus' call to love our neighbor and be truly life changing!

Five of our Senior High Youth will be attending the Gathering with Kelly Kehr and Christy Thomas as Adult Leaders. We are teaming up with youth and adults from Calvary and Immanuel Brunswick for an awesome group of 28 youth and adults. Each church will fundraise for their own youth and adults but there will be a few joint fundraisers that the whole group will be involved in. Please be watching for the Grace fundraisers and consider giving as you are able.



Our first group meeting with Calvary and Immanuel will be Sept. 20th 8-9pm at Grace

CYF September Calendar at- a- Glance

September 10th – Rally Sunday!

September 13th – Religious Release and Confirmation Orientation

September 18th – First Celebration Singers practice (no practice on the 25th!)

September 20th – Regular Confirmation and New Orleans meeting with Immanuel and Calvary

September 27th – Regular Confirmation



Thank you to everyone who donated pies and dollars, helped with serving and attended the Annual Pie and Ice Cream Social on August 9th! Thanks to all of you, Grace will be able to continue to offer Camperships for faith formation experiences for all ages!



Grace Lutheran's Children Youth and Family Ministry is a Christ centered program with the purpose of building disciples for Jesus by supporting and partnering with parents in fulfilling their baptismal promises. By God's Grace we seek to provide meaningful faith formation experiences for all ages. For more information regarding Children, Youth and Family Ministry please contact Kelly Kehr (320-336-8028) or kellykehr01@gmail.com



Religious Release Time 2023-2024

Release Time dates for the 2023-2024 school year,
September 13th, October 4th, November 1st, December 6th, January 10th,
February 7th, March 6th, April 3rd and May 8th.



You **MUST** complete and turn in SS registration form indicating Release time participation so that the school can be informed. Drop off from 7am-8am.
Activities start at 8, kids are bussed back to school at 10:45.

We will need adults to make this happen!
Please talk to Kelly for more information on how you can help!

Grace Lutheran Church

2023-2024 Christian Education Registration

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Kelly Kehr e-mail: kellykehr01@gmail.com Like our FACEBOOK page! Mora Grace Lutheran Church

IMPORTANT!! Please request to join the private Facebook page Grace Lutheran Children Youth and Family AND sign up for **Reminder! text "@gracesu" (Sunday School) "@gracecel" (Celebration Singers) and "@gracerel" (Religious Release) to 81010** (These will be used for sharing programming information)

Student Information

Please provide ALL requested information. FRONT AND BACK! Thank you!

Child's Name	Date of Birth	2023-2024 grade level	Baptized? Yes/No** Date/Place	Interested in First Communion instruction? Yes/No	Interested in Celebration Singers? Yes/No	Plans to attend Sunday School Yes/No	Plans to attend Religious Release? Yes/No	Allergies/health concerns?

**We are interested in talking with the Pastor about Baptism _____

Celebration Singers is an afterschool program that meets once a week on Mondays. We have snack, practice some songs, and play games. Rides from school are provided if needed. We sing once a month at both services. 3:15-4:15 (pick up till 5 if needed)

Sunday School takes place DURING the 9:30 service (9am in the summer) We will start activities at 9:15 so come a little early for fellowship!

Religious Release is once a month, usually on the first Wednesday of the month. Kids are dropped off at church between 7 -8 am. Programming starts at 8am. Kids are bussed back to school at 10:45. Please see school calendar for dates.

Please complete all information on the back!

Parent's name(s): _____
Best Contact # _____ **Text? Y/N** **Best e-mail** _____
Address _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____
Grace Lutheran Member(s)? Yes ___ No ___ Interested ___
Emergency contact Name _____ **Emergency Contact #** _____
Relationship to child(ren) _____

Family situations we should be aware of? (grandparents as caregivers, shared custody, restraining orders, recent death of loved one, divorce, separation, moved, etc....)

I, _____ (parent/guardian name), hereby give permission for
 _____ (youth's name) to participate in CYF activities and for the above named youth to ride in a volunteer/staff/church
 vehicle for activities that require transportation.
 In the event of an emergency and if I cannot be reached, I also authorize a representative from Grace Lutheran to retain or acquire medical care and
 treatment on behalf of the above named youth. I authorize any hospital, clinic, physician, nurse, or technician to furnish the above named youth with any
 medical care and treatment necessary.
 I hereby release and hold harmless Grace Lutheran Church, it's staff, it's council and volunteers as well as staff and volunteers of all assisting groups and
 vendors, from any and all liability arising from my child's participation in these events.
 Photos of my child (circle one) MAY / MAY NOT be taken and used within church publications, website and social media

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

There is never a charge for our Christian Education programs, instead we encourage your generosity in the giving of your time and talents to our different ministries and financially supporting the church with your weekly offering.

To find out more about how you can help with any of the church ministries please contact Krista Elvehjem
 (kristagrancelutheran@gmail.com) or 679-1062

Ways to give financially:

- Offering on Sunday mornings
 - VANCO electronic giving (scan QR code)
- OR Go to church website: "more" tab then "give" tab and scroll to online giving.
- Drop off or mail offering to **Grace Lutheran 301 Forest Ave. East Mora, MN 55051**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Acolyte Schedule – September/October 2023

If you cannot acolyte on the scheduled day/time please switch with someone else. If you need help contacting people, let me know. [Kelly Kehr 320-336-8028 / kellykehr01@gmail.com](mailto:kellykehr01@gmail.com)

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the service starts.

The acolyte procedures include lighting the altar candles, helping with offering and helping with Holy Communion. Pastor Gary will give special instructions for anything else (i.e. baptisms/Advent candle). The procedures, robes, cinctures and candle lighters are located in the Sanctuary sacristy. A copy of the procedures is also in the front pew. Let me know if you have questions or concerns. **THANK YOU!!!**

<p><u>September 3 – Final week of one Service @ 9am in the Sanctuary</u> Eddie Johnson/Urijah Chromey</p> <p><u>September 10 – Rally Sunday</u> 8am – Kendall Brandt/Taliah Peterson 9:30am - Abby Donaghue/Greta Jensen</p> <p><u>September 17th</u> 8am - Jenna Lukenbill/Honor Schroeder 9:30am- Olivia Thompson/Izzy Graham</p> <p><u>September 24th</u> 8am - Avery Ennis/Layla Berry 9:30am - Ian Schley/Caden Johnson</p>	<p><u>October 1st</u> 8am-Stratton Nelson/Raylan Sjoberg 9:30am- Joe Sampson/Brayden Haasken</p> <p><u>October 8th</u> 8am - Abby Donaghue/Greta Jensen 9:30am- Eddie Johnson/Urijah Chromey</p> <p><u>October 15th</u> 8am - Olivia Thompson/Izzy Graham 9:30am - Kendall Brandt/Taliah Peterson</p> <p><u>October 22nd</u> 8am - Ian Schley/Caden Johnson 9:30am - Jenna Lukenbill/Honor Schroeder</p> <p><u>October 29th</u> 8am - Joe Sampson/Brayden 9:30am - Stratton Nelson/Raylan Sjoberg</p>
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Reminder: 10th graders will stay on the schedule till they are confirmed on October 29th. After that new partners will be set up with the new 7th graders and any other new youth added into the rotation.

Grace Lutheran Church Confirmation Registration (2023-2024)

STUDENT'S INFORMATION

Full name: _____ DOB _____ Grade _____

Mailing address: _____

Student's Cell Phone Number: _____

Date and Place of Baptism: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent/guardian name(s): _____

Parent/guardian best contact#(s): _____

Parent/guardian best email address(es): _____

Emergency contact name and number: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Allergies: _____

Current Medications _____

Physician name: _____ Hospital/Clinic used: _____

Insurance name and phone number/website: _____

Insurance ID number: _____

I, _____ (parent/guardian name), hereby give permission for
_____ (youth's name) to participate in CYF activities and for the above named youth to ride in a volunteer/staff/church vehicle for activities that require transportation.

In the event of an emergency and if I cannot be reached, I also authorize a representative from Grace Lutheran to retain or acquire medical care and treatment on behalf of the above named youth. I authorize any hospital, clinic, physician, nurse, or technician to furnish the above named youth with any medical care and treatment necessary. I hereby release and hold harmless Grace Lutheran Church, it's staff, it's council and volunteers as well as staff and volunteers of all assisting groups and vendors, from any and all liability arising from my child's participation in these events.

Photos of my child (**circle one**) MAY / MAY NOT be taken and used within church publications, website and social media

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

***Confirmation Registration: \$20.00 per family to help cover part of the cost of materials and activities. Online payment through Vanco, cash or check. Please make check payable to: Grace Lutheran Church w/confirmation in the memo line.

***REMIND CODES: TEXT @7thgrglc OR @8thgrglc OR @9thgrglc to 81010

Please answer this question What is it that you want your child to gain during their time in Confirmation?



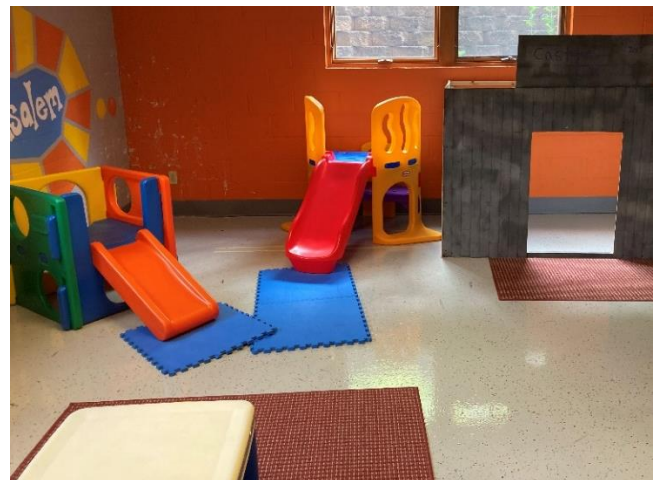
Parents, Families and Grandparents!

Did you know that Grace Lutheran has a **Faith in Action playroom aka... the Nursery**, in the basement of Grace. Go down the stairway in the main Narthex take a left at the bottom of the stairs and another quick left and the Nursery is the last door at the end of the hallway. It is a very nice area to take a fun, rambunctious toddler or to rock a baby, there is a sink and changing table in there as well. If you would like to come and check it out, stop by the church office and you can check it out! 😊 😊

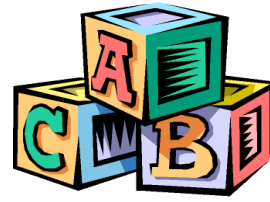


"So in Christ Jesus, you are all children of God through faith."

Galatians 3:26



"A Space for Grace"



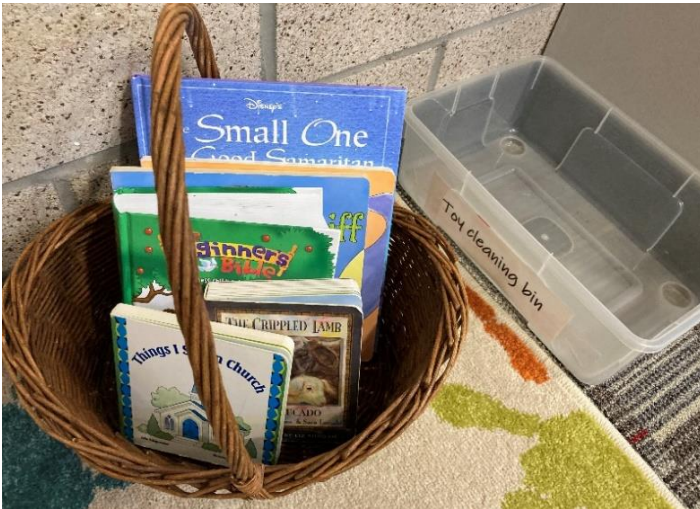
Welcome to the Family Life Center's "A Space for Grace"

This space is reserved for our littlest disciples, age 5 and under. Please help children use the space respectfully.

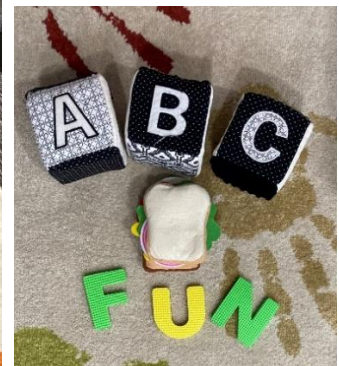
Our goal is to give parents with young children the option to remain engaged in worship while still meeting their children's developmentally appropriate needs.

We also a larger play room downstairs with a changing table and rocking chair. Take 2 lefts at the bottom of the large staircase.

If toys are mouthed, please place in designated bin for cleaning



"A Space for Grace"



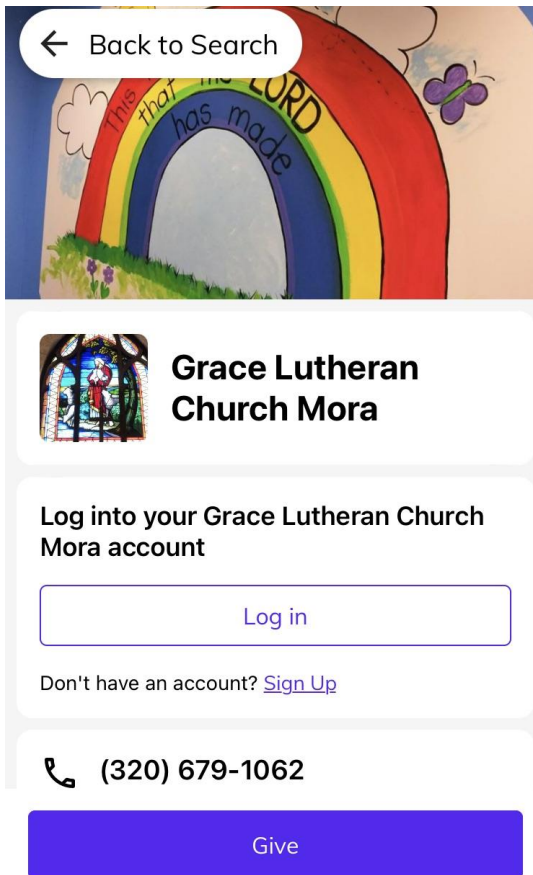
WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

VANCO MOBILE FAITH ENGAGEMENT APP OPTION:

If you would like to have the app right on your phone for easy use please follow these steps under your app store on your phone:

1. Search Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement
2. Download app onto phone
3. Open the app.
4. Set up an account or sign in if you already have an account
5. The first time you use it, you'll need to **search Grace Lutheran Church Mora**. It should show our Icon (stained glass window) and address. Choose as your church. You should only need to do this once.
6. Click GIVE
7. Click the down arrow to see the options
8. Choose whatever you would like to give to.
9. Enter amount, select frequency, type in the designation (what it's for) and click Give now
10. Review the summary and submit
11. You will receive an email receipt of your payment

**Thank you for your continued support of Grace Lutheran Church and our ministries!
We are the church together; and together we are strong and faithful!**



APP ICON for:
Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement



When you search **Grace Lutheran Church Mora**, this is what you should see on the Vanco Mobile Faith App.



Offering envelopes are available to use as well, at both usher podiums.

SCAN to DONATE VANCO ONLINE GIVING



You may also put offering
in offering plate or mail to:

301 Forest Ave. E. Mora,
MN 55051

31-July-23 General Checkbook:

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Beginning balance	(2,449.55)
Deposits *	29,785.71
Checks written *	(28,397.69)
Ending balance	(1,061.53)

* includes amount to and **FROM** savings



Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. You can set up your donations on our website, www.gracechurchmora.com or scan the QR code above with a downloadable free QRC Scanner app on your electronic device and follow the onscreen instructions.

To set up your electronic donation on our website:

- 1) Go to www.gracechurchmora.com
- 2) Click on the More tab, then click the Give tab, then scroll down to click on Give online, once you click Give online, it brings you to Vanco a Secure Site.
- 3) Follow the onscreen instructions to schedule your one time or recurring contribution.

Thank you, kindly, for all the ways you give to Grace.

Grace Lutheran Church 2023

Council Minutes

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Sarah Hanson
Vice President: Ethan Elvehjem
Secretary: Robin Blegen
Treasurer: Kristin Nelson

Lacey Danelski, Andrea Hams,
Linda Johnson, John Paulson, Mary
Olson and Craig Schultz

Thank you, for serving on council.

GLC Council Meeting 08-20-2023 Minutes

Called to order 10:22 A.M. by: Sarah Hanson

- o Council Sharing: Asked how summer went for each of us

Opening

Roll Call

- Members present: Pr. Gary, Robin, Linda, Sarah, Mary, Andrea, John & Craig
- Members absent: Ethan
- Devotions by: Pastor Gary Sept. /

Open Forum

Agenda- Approval—Mary / Linda m/s/c

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- o change -Unfinished Business: Memorial Gifts Brochure / Grace Luth – This Is Done
Mary / Linda m/s/c

Ministry Reports

- **Senior Pastor Report:**
 - o Coming up to his third year with Grace Luth. -- he's pleased with the health of the church (staff & congregation)
 - o Rally Sunday 9/10/23
- **Worship and Music:**
 - o Altar guild waiting for info about Sanctuary Eternal candle coming
 - o Todd is looking into Bluetooth for hearing aids
 - o Had no sound system in Sanctuary. Discovered water draining to fuse box in " old little boys' " bathroom in basement.
 - o Discussed future of Tech area in back of Family Life Center
 - o No Community picnic on Rally Sunday, 9/10/23
 - o Grace choir begins 8/30/23, Will sing Rally Sunday
 - o Celebration Singers to sing 10/15/23
 - o Kelly adding " Sunday Fellowship " in options for Confirmation Parents to sign up for.
 - o Confirmation Sunday 10/29/23

Treasurer's Report

- July 31, 2023 (1,061.53)

Unfinished Business

- Church Constitution

New Business

- New -- garden deck done & under budget.
- Get two plans -- for future Tech Area in FLC
- Plaster wall problem in back of sanctuary (may be roof problem) ?

Next meeting, Sunday, September 10th, 2023, 10:45 A.M. following the 2nd service

Motion to adjourn Mary / Linda m/s/c

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Robin Blegen, Council Secretary

Worship minutes 8/14/23

Pastor Gary, Krista E., Kelly K., Dick S., Dianne W., Judy R., Todd S., Linda J., Jacki P.

Judy led devotions-We need to distinguish between Thankful (what God has done for us) and Praise (glorifying God for who He is!)

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Pastor closed with prayer.

Next meeting- Monday, 9/18, 11:00 a.m.

WEEKLY, MONTHLY, AND HERE AND THERE ACTIVITIES!



**Sowing Grace
Quilters**

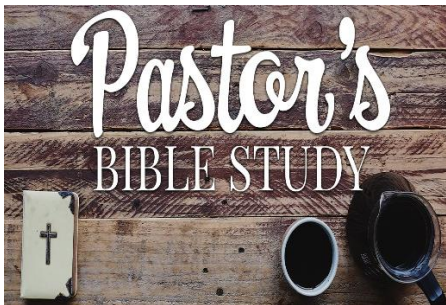
SOWING GRACE QUILTERS

Quilters meet every Wednesday from 9:30 A.M. to Noon in the West Narthex.

All are welcome, we come together each week with open hearts and willing hands to serve our Lord.

PROPERTY

Property meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. Main Narthex



**Pastor's
BIBLE STUDY**

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at noon and at 7:00, for 1 hour, a bible study will be an on-going event. Come when you can. Take a break from work and come at noon or go out for dinner and come to Grace at 7:00. Pastor Gary will lead this, and all questions and insights are welcomed.

Start a new routine. Get in the groove. Come and learn and grow.



GLC Choir

GLC CHOIR

Wednesdays 6:00 P.M.
GLC Choir Room
All are welcome!

Fun, Fellowship,
Friends

EVE CIRCLE

Eve Circle meets the 2nd Thursday at 9:30 A.M. in the West Narthex.

We would love to have you join us!



EVE Circle



Card Makers

CARD MAKERS

Card makers meet the last Tuesday of the month at 1:00 P.M. in the West Narthex.

All are welcome!

NEWSLETTER

GLC newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month.

October newsletter information is due September 20th @ noon.



PRAYER SHAWL

Prayer shawl ministry meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:30 A.M.

All are welcome!

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Worship and Music meets the first Monday of the month at 11:00 A.M. *Date subject to change.



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