

Grace Lutheran Church

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Office Open-
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. NICE 95.5 F.M. KBK
*Worship space subject to change

GLC Website:

www.gracechurchmora.com

Facebook: @moragrancelutheran

YouTube:

<https://www.gracechurchmora.com/videos?wix-vod-comp-id=comp-k9dd0c2k>

Grace Google Calendar:

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

ELCA website: www.elca.org

NE MN website:

www.nemnsynod.org



God loves us all through Jesus.

GLC Newsletter

A Prayer for the Month:

Holy God, help us to trust in your goodness and mercy and not our own strength and have faith that you save the ungodly through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>30</p> <p>8am - Sanctuary Service 9:15am - Sunday School 9:30am - FLC Service</p>	<p>1</p> <p>FIRST DAY OF ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN MAY DAY 8am - Office Open 10am - Staff Check In 11am - Worship and Music 3:45pm - Celebration Singers 4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel 6pm - AI Anon</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8am - Office Open 7pm - Prepary</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8am - Office Open 9:30am - Quilters 12pm - Apostle Paul Bible Study 6pm - Choir 6:30pm - Confirmation 7:15pm - Apostle Paul Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8am - Office Open 11:35am - Chat-N-Chew 12:30pm - Chat-N-Chew</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Cinco de Mayo Office Closed</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Spring Musical 8am - Sanctuary Service 9:15am - Sunday School 9:30am - FLC Service</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8am - Office Open 10am - Staff Check In 3:15pm - Celebration Singers Year End 4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel 6pm - AI Anon</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8am - Office Open 8am - Release Time 9:30am - Quilters 12pm - Apostle Paul Bible Study 6pm - Choir 6:30pm - Confirmation 7:15pm - Apostle Paul Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8am - Office Open 9:30am - Prayer Shawl 9:30am - Quilters 12pm - Apostle Paul Bible Study 6pm - Choir 7:15pm - Apostle Paul Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>McArthur's Day NOIST OFFERING 8am - Sanctuary Service 9:15am - Sunday School 9:30am - FLC Service 6:30pm - ELCA National Youth Gathering</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8am - Office Open 10am - Staff Check In 4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel 6pm - AI Anon</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8am - Office Open 9:30am - Prayer Shawl 9:30am - Quilters 12pm - Apostle Paul Bible Study 6pm - Choir 7:15pm - Apostle Paul Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8am - Office Open 11:35am - Chat-N-Chew 12:30pm - Chat-N-Chew</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12pm - Newsletter Deadline</p>
<p>21</p> <p>8am - Sanctuary Service 9:15am - Sunday School 9:30am - FLC Service</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8am - Office Open 10am - Staff Check In 4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel 6pm - AI Anon</p>	<p>23</p> <p>XXXXX Sinter into DUE today 8am - Office Open 9:30am - Quilters 12pm - Apostle Paul Bible Study 6pm - Choir 7:15pm - Apostle Paul Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>8am - Sanctuary Service</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Memorial Day 8am - Office Closed</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8am - Office Open 10am - Staff Check In</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8am - Office Open 9:30am - Quilters 12pm - Apostle Paul Bible Study 6:30pm - VBS Volunteer Meeting 7:15pm - Apostle Paul Bible Study 8pm - Baccalaureate Mora High School</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>

Pastor's Page

Growing violence

The cross was a cruel instrument of torture used by the Roman government to put to death anyone deemed deserving of death. Built within the fabric of our Christian faith is violence. God used violence to reveal the horror of violence. Jesus, the prince of peace, the teacher of compassion goes through hell to teach us not to put others through hell. Hate and violence are a byproduct of sin.

A new wave of violence is sweeping over our land. Guns in the hands of more and more citizens is on the rise. The result is predictable, more senseless killing. Somebody accidentally goes to the wrong address and is shot to death. A police officer stops a car for a standard traffic violation and dies from a bullet. In 2022, the United States had 647 mass shootings. Something is horribly wrong.

The death of Jesus is not unlike most of these killings. An innocent person loses their life because of the cruel intentions of another. Children in school shootings rip the soul of a community where the trauma never heals. Just say the name Sandy Hook or Columbine and feel your stomach go queasy. Although the statement guns are not the problem is true, for some reason, we have started to believe it is a solution to solve something. I own several guns. My freezer is full of venison and pheasants. Yet, I still hear the words from a youthful lesson on guns; never point it at something you don't want dead.

I of course have no fix it answer. I mourn like the rest. But what I can do is remind everyone of Christian ethics. God hates violence. So should we. God wants thriving community life. So do we. And like the message of Easter, death will not have the final say. God brings healing. Hopefully to our nation and world. We pray for a day when violence and useless killing are no more. We wait in hope.

See you in church,

Pastor Gary

BE A PRAYER Warrior



Grace Lutheran Church PRAYER CONCERNS:

Justine Isom, Chad Pranke, Beverly Fore, Roger Teich, Gerri Teich, Dana Fluegge, Diane Blegen, David Ulstrom, Larry Eisenschenk, Sharon Zaar, Darlene Armstrong, John Armstrong, Larry Rowley, Meagan Barrett Isom, Doug Price, Jody Burton, Cliff and Marla Williams and Pearl Peterson.

Service Personnel:

Christopher Unger, Chris Garbacz and Emmie Otto, and all other active members

O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted,
grant courage and hope.

Where anxiety is infectious and widening,
grant peace and reassurance.

Where impossibilities close every door and window,
grant imagination and resistance.

Where distrust twists our thinking,
grant healing and illumination.

Where spirits are daunted and weakened,
grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams.

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday June 4th, 2023 9:00 A.M.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Seniors and Parents: Please be watching for more info.

We will recognize the **Seniors** from our congregation as they complete their high school career on Sunday June 4th at the 9:00 A.M. church service.

Our graduating seniors are:

Kate Mary Anderson

Ryan Michael Hawkins

Molly Holmgren

Anna Ruth Kehr

Noah Klapmeier

Nolan Jae McGaw

Haley Mae Nordenstrom

Tayven Christopher Peterson

Max Peter Sampson

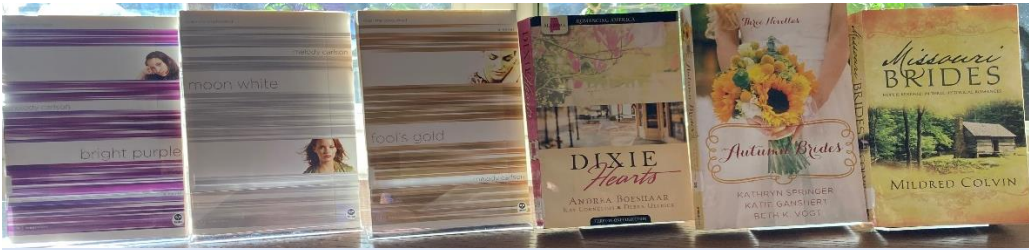
Sophia Rose Steffen

Saul Robert Thomson

Sara Wren



There will be a **Baccalaureate Service** for all High School Seniors at the High School on Wednesday, May 31st, at 8:00 pm sponsored by the Kanabec County Ministerial Association.



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.

Living *Grace* Library Mission

May 2023



Non-Fiction

“Saved by Faith and Hospitality” by Joshua W. Jipp. This book explores the tension between opening our doors and showing hospitality to the stranger and the fear that the “stranger” may cause us harm or take advantage of us in some way. The author makes the argument that “the God of the Christian Scriptures is a God of hospitality, a God who extend hospitality to his people and who requires that his people embody hospitality to others.” This book is labeled with a 4 (Faith) in the non-fiction section of the library.

Fiction

“Looking for the King” by David C. Downing. This story is set in 1940 in England as war threatens. The main characters, Tom McCord and Laura Hartman are researching historical evidence for the legendary King Arthur and come across minor characters along the way including C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and Charles Williams.

Come check some out.



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.

WELCA



OUR MISSION: MOBILIZING WOMEN TO ACT BOLDLY ON THEIR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.

OUR PURPOSE: AS A COMMUNITY OF WOMEN CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD, CALLED TO DISCIPLESHIP IN JESUS CHRIST, AND EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO GROW IN FAITH, AFFIRM OUR GIFTS, SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER IN OUR CALLINGS, ENGAGE IN MINISTRY AND ACTION, AND PROMOTE HEALING AND WHOLENESS IN THE CHURCH, THE SOCIETY, AND THE WORLD.

ALL WELCA ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

TUESDAY JUNE 13TH @ 11:00 A.M.

GLC WEST NARTHEX

COME AND BE ACTIVE!

It's time to vote on Carpet for both Narthex's and the Library

The carpet will be the same design as the Family Life Center.
We will vote the first 3 weeks of May, cans will be in the Main Narthex.

What you need to decide is:

Option 1:

Same pattern with the RED colorway



Option 2:

Same Pattern NO RED



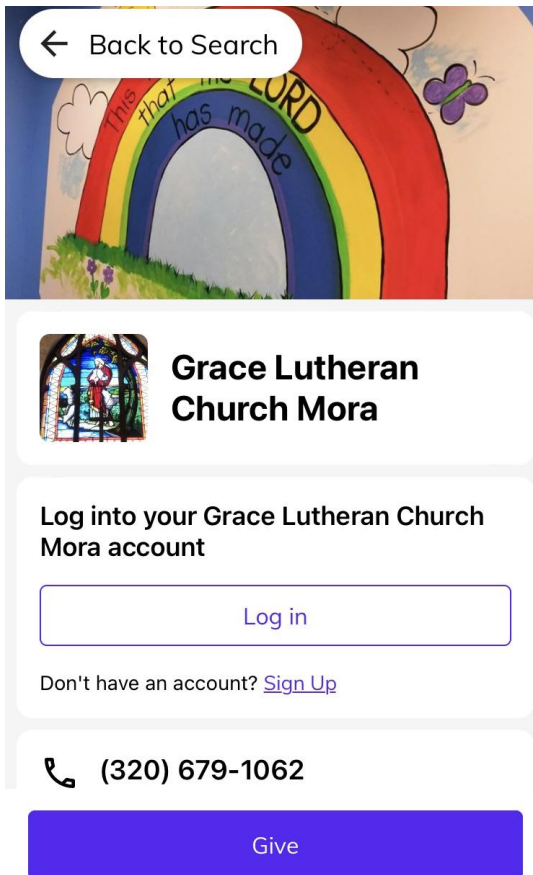
WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

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-March-23 General Checkbook:

General Checkbook:

Beginning balance	(4,239.50)
Deposits *	33,582.94
Checks written *	(35,990.01)
Ending balance	(6,646.57)

* 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.

Ushers, Lectors and Communion Assistants

8:00 A.M. Service

May 7:

Usher: Nick and Kam Schroeder
Lector: Nick Schroeder
Communion:

May 14:

Usher: Dale Hawkins & Roger Peterson
Lector: Judy Roeschlein

May 21:

Usher: Bryan & Dianne Wachsmuth
Lector: Dianne Wachsmuth
Communion: Jim Oxberry

**Memorial Weekend Starts GLC's
Summer Services~ 1 service at 9:00 A.M..
(Memorial Day- Labor Day)**

9:00 A.M. –

May 28:

Usher: Rollie Fredrickson & Arnie Barabash
Lector: Jan Falk

9:30 A.M. Service

May 7:

Usher: Harry & Robin Blegen
Lector: Harry Blegen
Communion: Diane Runquist

May 14:

Usher: Matt & Amanda Felger
Lector: Matt Felger

May 21:

Usher: Bruce & Jackie Thompson
Lector: Bruce Thompson
Communion: Shari Salmonson



9:00 A.M.
Sanctuary
5.28.23 – 9.3.23

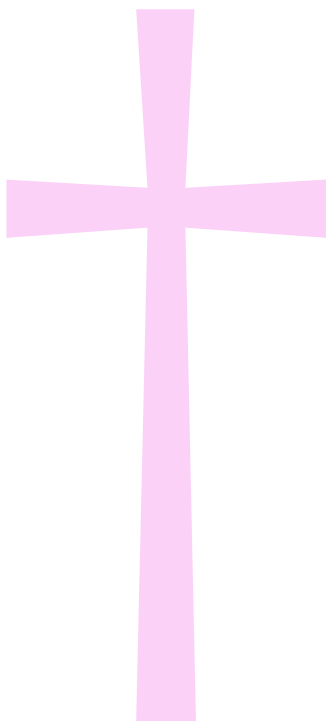


*You're invited to become an Usher,
Lector or Communion Assistant!*

*If this is something that interests
you, please call the office to sign up!
320.679.1062 or shoot Krista and
email kristagrancelutheran@gmail.com*

Grace Hospitality Ministry

May 7 th	8 a.m. Guy and Peggy Groshek	9:30 a.m. Suzie Halverson & Dianne
May 14 th	8 a.m.	9:30 a.m. Verona Gravich
May 21 st	8 a.m. Mary Brelie	9:30 a.m. Dave and Betsy VanBurkleo
May 28 th	9 a.m. One Service Sanctuary ~ Mary Olson/ Fredrickson's	



*Do not neglect to show
hospitality to strangers, for by this
some have entertained angels
without knowing it.*

~ Hebrews 13:2



Thursday, May 18, 2023

Ascension of Our Lord

Ascension of Our Lord, the fortieth day of Easter, thus always a Thursday. (May 18th, 2023), sometimes celebrated on the Sunday after Ascension Day.

What is the Ascension of Our Lord? Ascension Day marks not only the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, but his exaltation from servanthood to Ruler and Lord as the fitting climax of Resurrection Day.

Meaning: Ascension=Rising. We remember Jesus ascension into heaven and the promise to send the Spirit and be with us always.

Why Do You Stand Looking Up Toward Heaven?

We often cast our eyes upward to look for God. When we are feeling lonely or misunderstood, we raise our hands to ask why, or shake our fists in gestures of prayer, anguish, or praise. While the scriptures promise that God is king of all the earth, sitting on his holy throne (Psalm 47), we need not only look up for God's action in our lives. Our ascended Lord lives in the heavens, but Jesus does not leave his disciples—or us—to fumble while he naps in the clouds. Before he ascends, Jesus promises that we are clothed with the Holy Spirit's power, witnesses "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

"Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?" the two men in white robes asked the witnesses remaining after Jesus ascended. Why do we stand still in our lives? Is it that we just saw God (Look! Up there! Did you see?), so we expect God to arrive in the same way again? Can God be that expected and predictable? This story of Jesus ascending to the heavens after his time with us on earth gives us mixed feelings: we know he's returning to where he belongs—out of this world full of brokenness and sin to holiness and glory. Still, our longing is intense: Lord, we want to see you! How will we know it is you when you come again?

Ascension Day could be explained as the cynical "I'm outta here" of a God weary of us self-centered, broken humans, but that explanation would be short-sighted because it leaves out the important stop on the cross. Instead, Jesus' departure is accompanied with the promise of the Spirit's presence remaining among us. We look up to the skies for help, then return our gaze to those among us in need of our care, to the body of Christ and the wind of the Spirit among the baptized, preparing for the time when Jesus comes again to gather us in.

Sunday May 28th, 2023 Wear Red for...

PENTECOST

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.



Sunday,
May 28th
starts ONE
Service at
9:00 A.M.

WEEKLY, MONTHLY AND HERE AND THERE BIBLE STUDIES!

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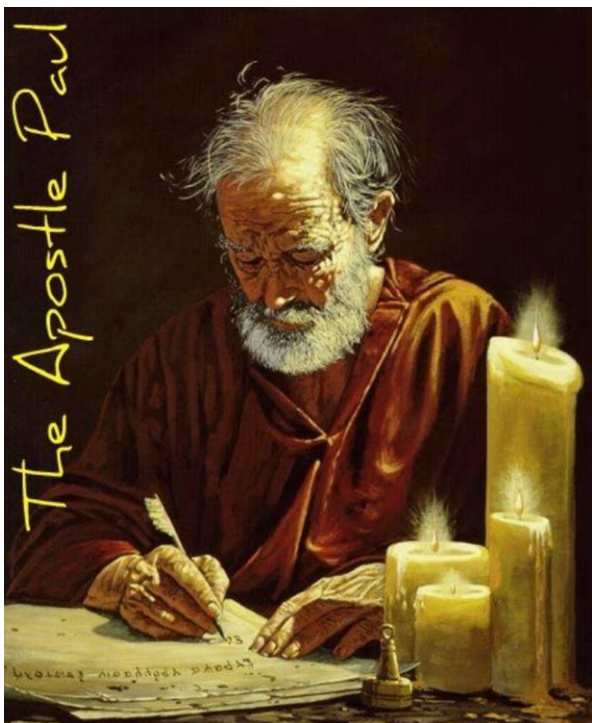


Sowing Grace Quilters

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.



THE APOSTLE PAUL. THE BOOK OF GALATIANS. 1ST CORINTHIANS.

Every Wednesday at noon and at 7:15, 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 7:15. 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.



We hope to see you, we hope to hear you!

GLC CHOIR

Fun, Fellowship, Friends
 Wednesday's @ 6:00 p.m.
 Rehearsal in the FLC Music Room.
New Members are SO welcomed!

Any Questions please contact
 Richard Schultz @ 612-390-0991

CARD MAKING DAY

Join us the last Tuesday
 of the month at 1:00
 P.M. in the West
 Narthex for an
 afternoon of Card
 Making! Bring a friend!
 All are welcome!

Any Questions please
 contact Pam Lane @
 612-390-0509



EVE CIRCLE

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

We have a little snack first, and
 then Lynette leads the lesson each
 time. We would love to have you
 join us!

Any questions please contact
 Lynette Skolte @ 320-279-2164



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer shawl meets on the third
 Wednesday of the month at 9:30.

Come if you want to learn to knit
 or crochet! Come to have your
 faith supported in fellowship and
 devotions!

Any questions please contact
 Dianne Wachsmuth @
 320-515-0177



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Circle of Friends try to meet once
 a month on a Thursday @ 5:30
 for a potluck supper and movie.
 As weather gets nicer, we like to
 go out and about and visit
 different places like the Munsinger
 Gardens and Burnett Dairy.

Any questions please contact
 Kathy Hovland @ 320-515-0306

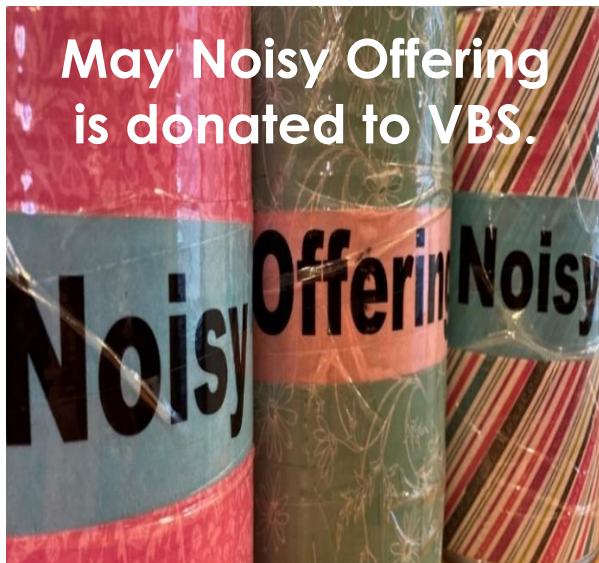




Would you like to sponsor FLOWERS on the ALTAR? If so, the sign-up sheet is in the main Narthex. It is always nice to celebrate a special occasion or remember a loved one by sharing Flowers on the Altar.



If you would like to sponsor a NICE 95.5 F.M. KBEK Church Service Radio Broadcast on Sunday Morning, please sign up in the main Narthex or contact Leah in the office!
\$150.00



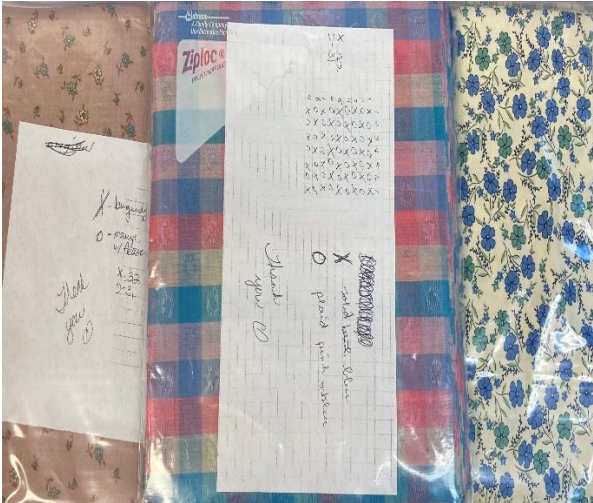
May Noisy Offering is donated to VBS.

The second week of each month, coins and loose offering are collected to donate to a different local ministry, specifically addressing needs in Mora and Kanabec County. For a full list of where your donations go please check out our website @ <https://www.gracechurchmora.com/social-justice>

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May 2023 Newsletter deadline is April 20th.
Please have all information turned into the office by the 20th of April or as soon as you have it ready!



Friends!
The Grace Quilters have made up a bags with tops in them to be sewn together. If you are interested in helping the ladies out, stop by the office to pick up your top bag!
Thank you, kindly 😊



If you are interested in helping serve at Grace, please stop by the office and we will be happy to help guide you in the right direction. Thank you to all of our Ushers, Lectors, Psalmists, Communion Assistants, Sound Techs, the behind-the-scenes folks and anyone that I am missing!
Thank you, kindly 😊

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The Mora Food Pantry

214 Railroad Ave- Mora
(North entrance) 679.5513

Donations may be dropped off
on Tuesday and Friday
mornings 9:00 A.M.- noon.
Special arrangements can also
be made. The phone is
answered during open hours
and their email is constantly
monitored

morafoodpantry@gamil.com



Soup for the Soul

Monday's 4 P.M.- 6 P.M.
Volunteers are needed to
help from
4:15 p.m.- 6:15 p.m.

Emmanuel Baptist-
536 Union ST. S.



Catholic Charities Meals on Wheels

If you are interested in
being a driver for Meals
on Wheels- Please contact
LaShawn - Meals on
Wheels Coordinator with
any questions 320-679-
4029 THIS IS Community
in Action-
YOU are needed!

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Blessing Box



Blessing BOX

(Free to ALL)

Take what you need.
Leave what you can.
Above all be blessed and help others to be blessed.

If you would like to help keep our blessing box filled, please do so, we greatly appreciate it! Non-perishable food items please and really anything that you use, others could use as well.

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Emergency Food Bags



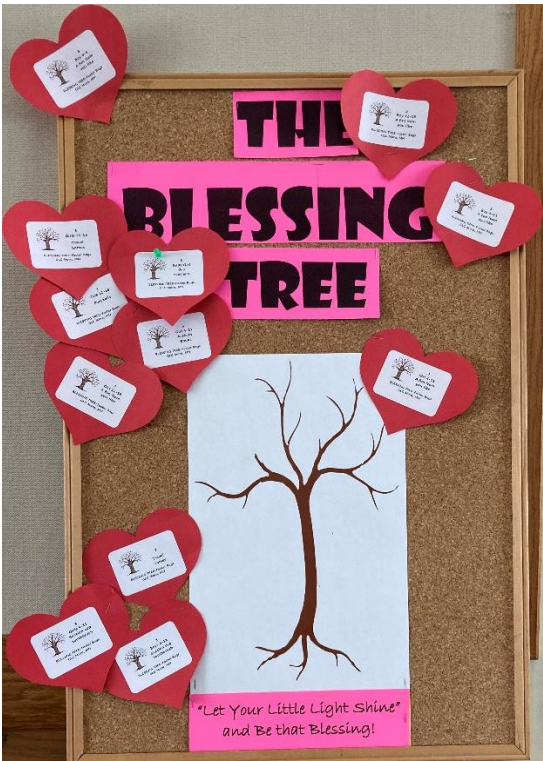
EMERGENCY FOOD BAGS

These bags contain peanut butter, crackers, tuna, instant mac and cheese, protein bars, soup, and other non-perishable items. These bags are not to feed someone for a long period of time, they are to help a person in need. We are always looking for donations for these bags, as there are many people in this community who are in need.

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There is a donation bin for the Mora Food Pantry, Blessing Box and Emergency Food Bags in the Main Narthex under the bulletin board at Grace. We also except gas cards and Coborns cards, for those in need.



THE BLESSING TREE

We randomly get phone calls from DHS asking us to make up a foster bag, for a child or children, who are taken out of their home. These children leave their home with basically the clothes on their back. The items donated from the blessing tree help give these children a little bit of hope. If you have any questions Leah is happy to try and answer!
320.679.1062



WE NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!!!

We need more adult teachers to help with our preschool-1st grade and 2nd-6th grade. 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.

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If you would like to help in anyway, please contact Grace Lutheran Church at 320.679.1062 or moragrancelutheran@gmail.com or stop in and fill the donation bins! Thank you, kindly!



Circle of Friends

The Minnesota Center Chorale is performing May 21st, 3:00 P.M. at the Paramount Theater in St. Cloud.

The cost of tickets is:

\$18.00 Adult

\$16.00 Senior

\$8.00 Students K-12

For more information about this activity call Kathy at 320.515.0306 by May 11th.

Hope to hear from you.

*Can we sing the darkness to light
sounding chords of compassion and grace?
Set the swords of judgment aside,
let mercy's eyes see the other human face.*

from "Can We Sing the Darkness to Light?"
- music and lyrics by Kyle Pederson

Minnesota Made:
Celebrating 50 Years of Singing
2022-2023
50th Anniversary Season
Sunday May 21st, 2023
3 pm - Paramount Theatre
St. Cloud, MN

 **MINNESOTA CENTER CHORALE**
Nicole Lambrecht, Artistic Director

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



Sunday School at Grace

Sunday School starts at 9:15 on Sundays. This gives parents a chance to get their kids downstairs and get themselves settled for worship, which starts at 9:30 in the Family Life Center.

Join us for **Summer Sunday School** every third Sunday this Summer! June 18th, July 16th, August 20th.

WE NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR NEXT YEAR!!! Beth Brandt and Jason Sjoberg will be stepping down as the preschool-1st grade teachers. They have lovingly served for many years and it's time to pass the baton. We also need more adults to help with our 2nd-6th grade. 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!

Please Join us on May 14th as we say “thank you” to all our awesome Faith Formation volunteers!



Sunday School: Beth Brandt, Jason Sjoberg, Parker Ennis, Heidi Johnson

Religious Release Time: Leah Smith, Krista Elvehjem, Mary Brelie, Nancy Peterson, Eunice Weckwerth, Carol Alman, Linda Parson

Confirmation – Craig Schultz, Heidi Johnson, Grace Johnson

**We will also cheer on our 6th graders as they move from
Sunday School to Confirmation!**

Maggie Berry, Keaton Brandt, Josie Brasch, Noah Donaghue, Ayva Douglas, Ethan Hanson, Easton Hohn, Marek Nelson, Sawyer Schultz.



Vacation Bible School – June 5th-9th / 9-11:30

God's New Creation!

Registration opens May 7th! Online registration is preferred but paper copies are available upon request.

VBS Volunteer meeting May 31st 6:30 @ Grace

The LAST Religious Release Time for this year is May 10th ! Once a month on a Wednesday, we welcome the 1st -6th graders to come for a morning of fun and learning. You **MUST** complete and turn in the 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. Kids can join us any time, as long as they have a registration form with Release Time checked on it.



July 12th - Summer Release Day! We will have a special day, similar to Release Time, for summer fun and fellowship! Watch for more details!



Celebration Singers - Mondays after school 3:15-4:15 with pick up until 5. Practice for the **Spring Musical** has started! We have 16 kids who have been working hard over the past several weeks. You won't want to miss it so mark your calendars for **May 7th @ the 9:30 service!**

Confirmation Last day of regular Confirmation is May 10th! Thank you to all the parents for providing the meals this year. We have five 9th graders who will be confirmed in the Fall!



Chat N Chow – What a fun year we have had so far! We have such a wonderful team of volunteers who have made it possible to keep this ministry going! Please keep Chat N Chow in your prayers as we discern what God is calling us to do for next year and beyond.

Graduation Sunday is June 4th! One service at 9am

The ELCA National Youth Gathering is in NEW ORLEANS July 14th-21st 2024!! All youth currently in 8th-11th grade are eligible to go. Parents and youth are invited to an informational meeting on **MAY 14th at 6:30 pm at GRACE.** We will going as a group with Calvary.

ALL YOUTH CURRENTLY IN 9th, 10th, and 11th grade!! – The NE MN Synod will be hosting a **LEADERSHIP CAMP June 11th-14th** at Camp Vermillion in Cook, MN. The Leadership camp is designed to help Senior High youth explore how they can be leaders in their own church, in the Synod and beyond. All youth who attend the leadership camp are then eligible to be part of the Lutheran Youth Organization. (LYO) The LYO is actively involved in the planning and running of the Synod youth events like the ALL youth gathering at Craguns. Let Kelly know if you are interested!



It's not too late to sign up for Camp! Luther Point and Camp Onomia information is on the CYF table in the Narthex.

Day at Camp with Kelly!!! Two opportunities!

June 29th and Aug. 10th at Camp Onomia. 9:30-3:30 (leave around 8:30 and return by 4:30. This is a special opportunity for Kindergarten -3rd grade. Kelly will transport (up to 4 kids – other adults will be recruited if needed) The best part is that Kelly will stay at the camp for the day to help the kids feel at home! Cost is \$45 with Camperships paying for \$20.



Luther Point also has day camp opportunities! Families would be on their own to provide transportation.



CYF May and June Calendar At- a- Glance

May 7th - Celebration Singers Spring Musical

May 10th Release Time and last night of Confirmation

May 14th – Faith Formation Volunteer and 6th grade Recognition – Last Day of Sunday School.

May 14th 6:30 @Grace – Informational meeting for the Synod Journey to the ELCA National Gathering in New Orleans 2024!

May 31st 6:30 VBS Volunteer meeting and Baccalaureate at 8pm

June 4th 9am – Graduation Sunday

June 5th-9th – 9:00 am- 11:30 am Vacation Bible School

June 11th-14th – Leadership Camp

June 18th – Summer Sunday School

June 29th – Day at Camp with Kelly



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

Acolyte Schedule – Summer 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>June 4th – Graduation Sunday - One Service @ 9am in FLC</u> Ian Schley/Caden Johnson</p> <p><u>June 11th – 9am in Sanctuary for remainder of the Summer</u> Avery Ennis/Layla Berry</p> <p><u>June 18th</u> Stratton Nelson/Raylan Sjoberg</p> <p><u>June 25th</u> Joe Sampson/Brayden Haasken</p>	<p><u>Aug.6th</u> Ian Schley/Caden Johnson</p> <p><u>Aug. 13th</u> Avery Ennis/Layla Berry</p> <p><u>Aug.20th</u> Stratton Nelson/Raylan Sjoberg</p> <p><u>Aug. 27th</u> Joe Sampson/Brayden Haasken</p> <p><u>Sept. 3rd</u> Eddie Johnson/Uriah Chromey</p>
<p><u>July 2nd</u> Eddie Johnson/Uriah Chromey</p> <p><u>July 9th</u> Abby Donaghue/Greta Jensen</p> <p><u>July 16th</u> Kendall Brandt/Taliah Peterson</p> <p><u>July 23rd</u> Jenna Lukenbill/Honor Schroeder</p> <p><u>July 30th</u> Olivia Thompson/Izzy Graham</p>	<p>***September 10th will be Rally Day when we return to 2 services. Current 9th 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.</p>



Thank you to our confirmation students for serving during worship.



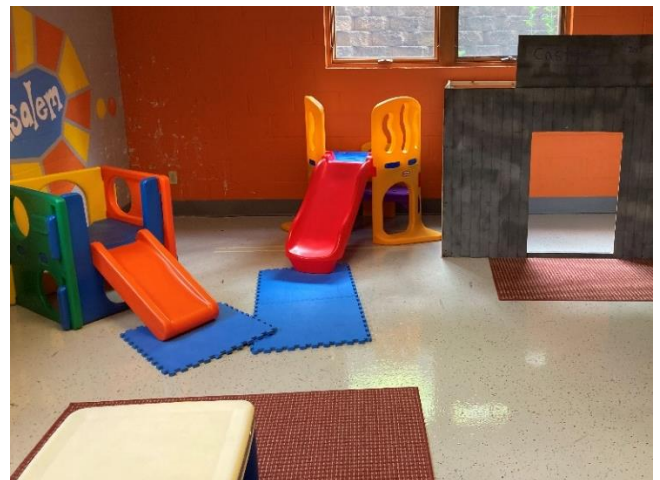
Parents, Families and Grandparents!

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! 😊 😊

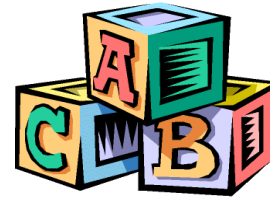


"So in Christ Jesus, you are all children of God through faith."

Galatians 3:26



"A Space for Grace"



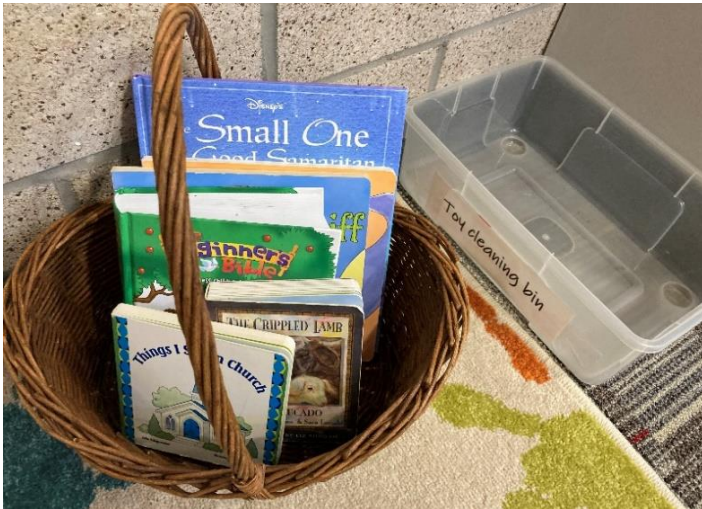
Welcome to the Family Life Center's "A Space for Grace"

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"



Grace Lutheran Church 2023

Council Minutes

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Sarah Hanson
Vice President: Chad Chromey
Secretary: Robin Blegen
Treasurer: Ethan Elvehjem

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

Thank you, for serving on council.

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting 04-16-2023 Minutes

Council Meeting called to order 10:47 A.M. by: Sarah Hanson

Opening

Roll Call

- Members present: Pr. Gary, Ethan, Robin, Sarah, Mary, Andrea, John and Craig
- Members absent: Chad, Linda
- Devotions by: Andrea May / Robin

Open Forum

Agenda- Approval—Andrea / Mary m/s/c

Staff Reports

- Senior Pastor Report:
 - Lent Worship service
 - Easter Sunday service
- CYF/Kelly:
 - News is in GOL news letter
 - Council and Pastor Gary will ask for outline of future plans from Kelly

Approval of Last Month's Meeting Minutes

- Approved as printed Ethan / John m/s/c

Treasurer's Report

- March 23rd, 2023 (6,646.57)
- Audit plan
- Motion by Mary In house audit each year by: 3 members of Grace Lutheran. Outside audit every 5 years. Next outside audit, plan for 2025. 2nd Ethan vote 7 yes 1 no m/s/c

Ministry Reports

- Worship and Music
 - Todd set up mic for FLC to pick up sound for online viewers
 - Holy week / kids feet being washed. Come and see
 - Easter Sunday / all ready
 - Pentecost **May 28th Beginning of One Service at 9:00 A.M.**
 - Summer Worship / Change Offering song to "You are My All in All". Special music during offering.
 - **Graduation Sunday June 4th** will be in the FLC, all other services will be in the Sanctuary.
 - 3rd Sunday of the month will continue to be a blended service.
 - Pastor Gary will be gone on Sunday June 18th and 25th. Pastor Julie Beck will fill in.
 - Asked choir director for a way to get a schedule to plan around choir members to be usher

Unfinished Business

- Memorial Gifts Brochure / Grace Lutheran Church

New Business

- Carpet in Foyer & stairwells : Krista provide Bid proposal from: Multiple Concepts Interiors Inc. \$32,195.00 Install after VBS June 2023. Have congregation members vote on carpet color in May 2023

Next meeting, Sunday, May 7th, 2023 10:45 A.M./ following the second service

Motion to adjourn Andrea/Sarah m/s/c

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Robin Blegen, Council Secretary

Worship and Music April 3rd, 2023 11:00 A.M.

Todd S., Dianne W., Linda J., Krista E., Kelly K., Richard S., Pastor Gary and Leah S.

Linda open w/ devotions. Thankfulness.

Palm Sunday

- Todd set up a mic in the FLC that picks up the congregation members, so they can be heard a bit more singing online.
- Next year be a bit more prepared for readings, readers and mic.

Holy Week

- Maundy Thursday
 - Kids feet being washed- Kelly will connect and see which kids will participate.
 - No Facebook. Come and See.
 - Pastor will hand Altar Members, Altar Items for stripping of the Altar
- Easter Sunday
 - All ready

Pentecost

- May 28th Beginning of One Service at 9:00 A.M.
- Todd volunteered Barb to do her normal with Red Balloons.

Summer Worship

- Change Offering song to “You are My All in All”
- We are going to push for special music during offering. Todd, Richard and Jacki will work together to find special musicians.
- Graduation Sunday June 4th will be in the FLC, all other summer services will be in the Sanctuary.
- 3rd Sunday of the month will continue to be a blended service.

Pastor Gary will be gone on Sunday June 18th and 25th. Pastor Julie Beck will fill in.

Krista asked Richard (choir director) if there is a way to get a Choir schedule as it is hard for choir members to usher on choir Sunday and she sends out her schedule before the choir is scheduled to sing, sometimes causing conflict with the ushers, who are in choir. Talked about 1st and 3rd Sunday. Depending on how many are able to sing. Celebration singers always sing on the 2nd Sunday, unless there is special music for a specific Sunday. Spring Musical May 7th, Tell Me the Truth.

Pastor Gary talked about the Language of Worship: LITURGY- The Work of the People.

The work of the people is needed every Sunday morning. Ushers, Acolytes, Choir Members, Sunday School kids, Members of Grace. We all need to work together for good Liturgy!

Todd closed in prayer.

Our next Worship meeting will be Monday, May 1st, 11:00a.m.



GLC MAY 2023

Birthdays

1. Addison Hawkins
2. Jakob Felger, Amy Gotfredson, Barbara Orstad
3. Julie Olen
4. Debra Piescher
6. Don Overson
7. Kate Anderson, Nolan Berry
8. Haley Nordenstrom
9. Braylen Belsheim, James Fisher, Katherine Hovland, Kevin Nikodym
10. Lisa Wren
13. Brooke Hohn
14. Leah Smith
15. Eunice Weckwerth
16. Richard Berry, Marri Larson
17. Zackary Felger
18. Derek Douglas, Alexis Hughes
19. Linda Johnson, Dawson Joy
20. Bob Isom, Diane Lamp
21. Sheila Parent, Laura Strand, Olivia Thompson, Kasen Nolt
22. Arnold Barabash, Jane Myers, Marlene Swearingen
23. Teala Chromey, Elissa Schley
25. John Kehr, Justin Schley, Bonnie Unger
26. Kendall Brandt, Diane Knutson, Raylan Sjoberg
27. Stephen Denzine, Taliah Peterson
29. Shirley Klepsa, Alice Sogn
30. Chad Chromey, Gerald Funk, Paul Kent
31. David VanBurkleo

If your birthday is not listed, please contact the church office at 320.679.1062 or email Leah at moragrancelutheran@gmail.com with your correct information. We don't want to forget anyone!

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