

GLC October 2023 NEWSLETTER



Grace Lutheran Church

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Monday - Thursday 8-4
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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 area 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

Notes from Pastor Guptill



The death of my Father

I am in a fraternity of souls who have lost their last parent to time, history, and life. It is strange. For me, so many funerals for people in this place. So many men and women who have experienced the same transition and I am now with them. My father's life was a testament to a time no longer around. Those whose lives were so impacted by world war and industrial revolutions saw the world differently. Some of what they saw was harsh and uncaring. Some of it was more beautiful than words can express. The resurrection of Jesus is woven into this story, into all stories of death. Easter is not just a spring holiday. It means everything. For now, for me and for all who know this fraternity, the world feels different. The poet Diana Der-Hvanesian puts it in perspective:

When your father dies, say this Irish,
you lose your umbrella against bad weather.
May his sun be your light, say the Armenians.

When your father dies, say the Welsh,
you sink a foot deeper into the earth.
May you inherit his light, say the Armenians.

When your father dies, say the Canadians,
you run out of excuses. May you inherit
his sun, say the Armenians.

When your father dies, say the Russians,
he takes your childhood with him.
May you inherit his light, say the Armenians.

When your father dies, say the English,
you join his club you vowed you wouldn't.
May you inherit his sun, say the Armenians.

Praise be to God for the power of the resurrection, the light of Christ, the power of transformation. It is the Gospel.

See you in church,
Pastor Gary

Worship Schedule

Oct- Nov 2023

8:00 Service

Oct 1st:

Ushers: Arnie Barabash & Dale Hawkins
Lector: Jan Falk
Communion: Jan Falk

Oct 8th:

Ushers: Galen & Mary Brelie
Lector: Galen Brelie

Oct 15th:

Ushers: Bryan & Dianne Wachsmuth
Lector: Dianne Wachsmuth
Communion: Krista Elvehjem

Oct 22nd:

Ushers: Dan Funk & Gerald Funk
Lector: Deb Schultz

Oct 29th:

Ushers: Kyle & Andrea Hams
Lector: Laura Strand

Nov 5th

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

9:30 Service

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

Hospitality

Altar Guild

Jill Kent and
Jackie Thompson

October

8:00 A.M.

10/1 Guy and Peggy Groshek
10/8 Guy and Peggy Groshek
10/15 Rollie and Marie Fredrickson
10/22 Mary and Galen Brelie
10/29 Jill and Paul Kent

9:30 A.M.

Mary and Don Olson
Verona Gravich
Carol and Bob Kolodejchuk
Jodi and Craig Schultz
Betsy and Dave VanBurkleo



Grace Lutheran Church



Pray
Continually

Prayer Concerns:

Lorna Eastlund, Natalie Matthewson, Phyllis Johnson, Justine Isom, Chad Pranke, Beverly Fore, Roger Teich, Gerri Teich, Diane Blegen, David Ulstrom, Larry Rowley, Darlene Armstrong, John Armstrong, 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

BE A PRAYER
Warrior

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Luther and Lutheranism

Martin Luther (1483-1546)



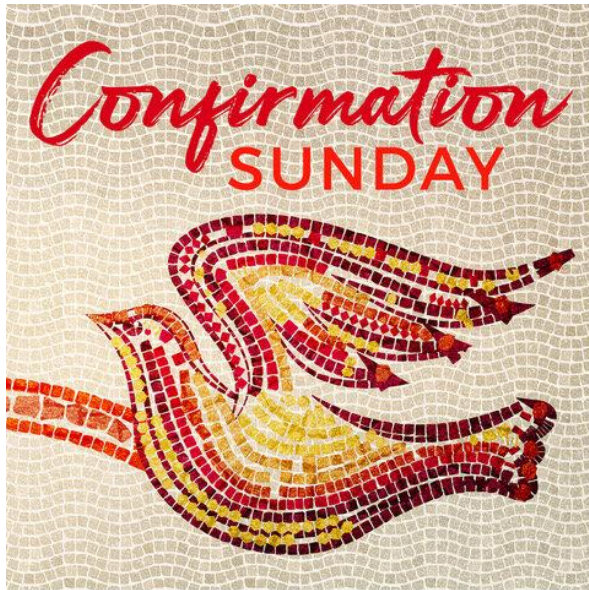
Martin Luther was eight years old when Christopher Columbus set sail from Europe and landed in the Western Hemisphere. Luther was a young monk and priest when Michaelangelo was painting the Sistine Chapel in Rome. A few years later, he was a junior faculty member at a new university in small-town Germany, intently studying the Scriptures, “captivated with an extraordinary ardor for understanding Paul in the Epistle to the Romans.”

In these days Luther was tormented by the demand for righteousness before God. “I did not love, yes, I hated the righteous God who punishes sinners, and secretly, if not blasphemously, certainly murmuring greatly, I was angry with God.” Then, in the midst of that struggle with God, the message of the Scriptures became clear, like a long-shut door opening wide. When he realized that a “merciful God justifies us by faith ... I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates.”

What Luther discovered is the freedom of Christians trusting God’s mercy in Christ. As he later wrote, *“Faith is God’s work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God. This faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing. It is impossible for it not to be doing good works incessantly. Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that believers would stake their lives on it a thousand times.”*

This discovery set Luther’s life on a new course —both his own life and his public service as a preacher and teacher. When a church-endorsed sales team came to the Wittenberg area in October, 1517, Luther was concerned that the promotion and sale of indulgences undermined the promise of God’s unreserved mercy in Jesus and the faith that trusts that promise. His *95 Theses* or *Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences* became the first of a life-long stream of books, sermons, letters, essays, even hymns in which he expressed his confidence in this life-giving promise from God, the Gospel, and its liberating implications for all of life in church and society.

REFORMATION DAY October 29th, 2023



Affirmation of Baptism

There will be five 10th grade youth affirming their Baptism at the 9:30 service on October 29th, 2023 in the Family Life Center.

On Reformation Sunday, October 29th at 9:30 A.M.

WE WILL CELEBRATE THE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

In Holy Baptism God used water and the Word to make the following students Children of God. Sunday, October 30th they will stand before God and gather here, to say their “yes” to what God did in Jesus Christ for them.

The following students wish to make public Confirmation of their life in the Triune God:

Layla Kay Berry

Abby Marie Donaghue

Avery Michelle Ennis

Jenna Linn Lukenbill

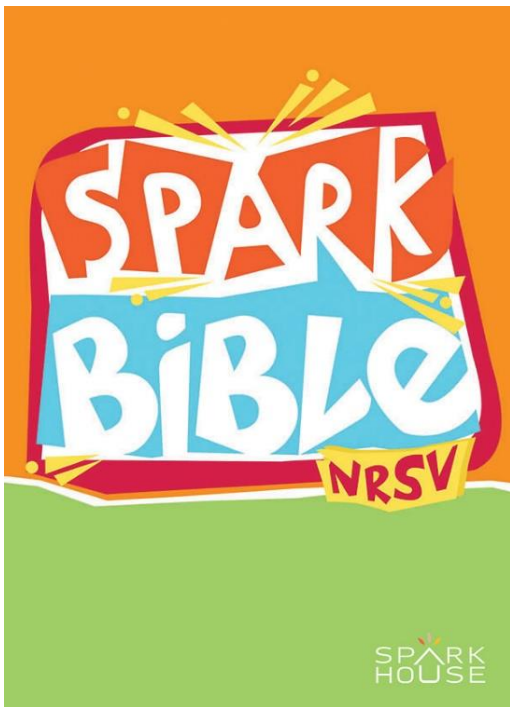
Olivia Ann Thompson

Let us keep these people in our prayers as they live their life in Jesus Christ and His Church.

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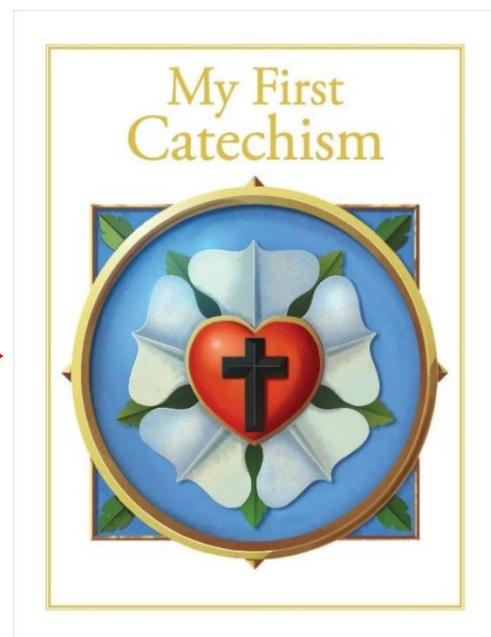
BIBLES AND CATECHISMS

Sunday November 12th, 2023



Third Graders receiving their
“Holy Bible” on Sunday,
November 12th are:
Enoch Chromey, Rosie
Crisman, Isla Danelski,
Violet DeGracia, Robbie
Denzine, Luke Ellingson,
Hadley Kerr, Simon Larsen,
Carter Qual and
Caiden Stamper

First Graders receiving their
“My First Catechism” on
Sunday, November 12th
are: Willa Crisman,
Tenley Hohn, Harrison
Linger, Reed Olson,
Maddie Rewitzer and
Charley Wisniewski



Trunk-or-Treat at Grace!

Tuesday October 31st, 2023 5-6:30pm



301 East Forest Ave. Mora

All are welcome!

** If no trunks are signed-up we will cancel this event.

We need people or groups to host trunks!

Sign up at the CYF table! If you would like to know more please contact Kelly Kehr 320-336-8028 or

kellykehr01@gmail.com

This event will NOT happen if we don't get enough trunks!

Please arrive to set up your trunk no later than 4:30

Trunk-or-Treating will start at 5:00pm!

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)



Sunday School

We welcomed families back on Sept. 10th with our “CREATED TO BE” celebration and Blessing of the Backpacks. We have plenty of backpack tags left so if your child didn’t get one, let Kelly Know next time you are in church.



Thank you to our Sunday School Team! Lacey Danelski, Parker Ennis, Annika De Gracia, Tricia Otto and Amanda Strom will be taking turns leading Sunday School. We hope to add a few more to the rotation so if you are interested in helping let Kelly know!

Religious Release

Once a month we offer a Wednesday morning opportunity for faith formation for grades 1st-6th. Friends are welcome! (must be registered to attend)



Dates: * indicates different from school wall calendar.

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.

Celebration Singers

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.

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.



October Practices- 9th,16th,23rd,30th

We will sing at both services on October 15th! Please arrive by 8:15

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Confirmation



The Confirmation year has begun! We had a great Orientation night with parents, youth and mentors!

Thank you Heidi Johnson, Steve Denzine, Jason Sjoberg, Jeremy Schultz and Sarah Hanson for mentoring this year!

October 2nd – No School Service Day. Info and sign up at Confirmation

October 4th – Regular Confirmation – Acolyte Training/Review

October 11th – Regular Confirmation

October 18th – NO CONFIRMATION (MEA)

October 25th – Regular Confirmation – Faith Story Dinner with 10th Graders and parents.

October 29th – The following 10th graders will Affirm their Baptism during the 9:30 Worship Service. Layla Berry, Abby Donaghue, Avery Ennis, Jenna Lukenbill and Olivia Thompson.

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!



We are teaming up with youth and adults from Calvary and Immanuel Brunswick for an awesome group of 25 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.

Our group from Grace is: Adult Leaders: Kelly Kehr and Cristy Thomas

Youth: Kendall Brandt, Abby Donaghue, Isaac Holland, Caden Johnson, Grace Johnson, Ledgyn Nelson.

Our first Fundraiser is underway! Youth will be selling COBORNS COUPON BOOKS for \$20 until Oct. 8th. The coupon books easily pay for themselves!

Next up: Bachmans Poinsettias!



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

A Grace Fall Bazaar Update

The 20th annual Fall Bazaar will be held on November 11, 2023 from 9 until 1:30!

As in past years, morning coffee and rolls will be available starting at 8:30 on sale day and lunch featuring soup and sandwiches will be served from 11 until 1 at a price of \$7.00 for the special.



Again this year all families in the congregation are asked to donate 6 dozen or more CHRISTMAS cookies to be sold on **Cookie Lane** on sale day. The traditional, beautiful, festive Christmas cookies are the best sellers. Some examples of the favorites, but not limited to, are spritz, peanut blossoms, Russian tea cakes, and decorated cut-out cookies such as sugar and gingerbread. Last year about 500 dozen cookies were sold! Cookies will be sold at \$5.00 per dozen. Christmas cookies should be brought to the FLC before 6 p.m. on Friday, November 10.



Harvest Sweets bake sale needs bars, cookies(non-Christmas), fudge, other candy, breads, pies, drink mixes, and trail and snack mixes. Scandinavian holiday foods have been very popular. Canned items such as pickles, relishes, salsas, sauerkraut, and jams and jellies are excellent sellers. All bake sale and canned items should be brought to the Family Life Center before 6 p.m. on Friday, November 10. To all salsa makers, if possible please make a ½ pint of your salsa that could be opened and used for samples at the Bazaar.



The **Garden of Grace** needs garden produce such as pumpkins, gourds, squash, potatoes, apples, etc., as well as dried flowers and house plants. These items should be brought to the Family Life Center between Sunday, November 5th and Wednesday, November 8th.



Silent Auction This year again we have some wonderful items donated by members of our congregation, but more items are still needed for this year's Silent Auction. Items that have been sold on the Silent Auction in previous years include furniture, paintings, handicraft items such as knitted items or cross-stitched items, meat packages, firewood, themed dinners, dessert of the month, and quilts. These will be displayed and ready for bids beginning in mid-October.



The **Sewing Grace Quilters** will have a quilt shop where some of their hand-made quilts will be for sale. Again this year, the quilters have made a beautiful quilt which will be raffles off at the Bazaar on November 11th. Watch for the quilt to be displayed and the raffle tickets to be sold.



All **Craft** items should be delivered to the Family Life Center between Sunday, November 5th and Wednesday November 8th. Please fill out an inventory sheet when you drop off your items. Please note that if you do not have a suggested price for your items, the committee will price them, but we ask that you sign off on this on your inventory form. After 1:30 p.m. on sale day, all remaining items will be organized by artist and will be available for those wishing to pick up their items. Any Items not picked up by 8 a.m. on Sunday, November 12th, will be sold for half price on Sunday morning.

If you are asked to help in some capacity with the Bazaar, please say YES. You will be glad you did.

“Thank You” to all of you who have contributed and helped with the Bazaar in past years. Remember that all of the proceeds go directly to the building and programs here at Grace as well as making a contribution to local charitable organizations. By contributing your projects and homemade goodies you are helping fund needs in our church as well as in the community.

***Come join us at the TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY
of Grace's Fall Bazaar on November 11, 2023!***



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.

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

Non-Fiction

Please Stop Laughing at Me...One Woman's Inspirational Story by Jodee Blanco. This book begins with the author sitting in her car outside of her 20-year high school class reunion – afraid to get out of the car and into the party. She is now a successful owner of a public relations firm. She works with famous people, organizes major events, has traveled widely and yet she is afraid that all those former classmates who bullied her, belittled her and more so long ago will still be laughing at her all these years later. This is a book to help open one's eyes about the realities and long-term consequences of bullying.

Adult Fiction

Whose Waves These Are by Amanda Dykes. This story is set in Maine with the waves and the sea become characters along with the residents of Ancel-by-the-Sea. In 1944 Roy Bliss gets the draft letter that twin brother, Robert, had hoped to get. The draft letter takes Roy away from his new wife and coming child. Much has happened over the many years, when in 2001, Annie Bliss is summoned back to Ancel-by-the Sea, when her GrandBob needs her. What is the meaning of a box of rocks and a mysterious poem?

Come in and explore the church library - Lots of good reading awaits.

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.

WEEKLY, MONTHLY, AND HERE AND THERE ACTIVITIES!



**Sowing Grace
Quilters**

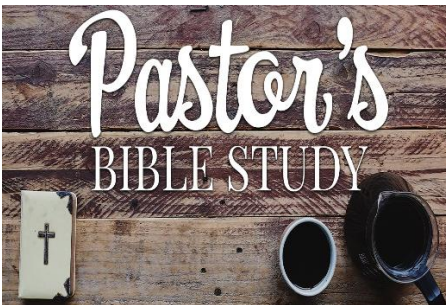
SOWING GRACE QUILTERS

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



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Bible Study will be taking a short break.

Watch in the GOL and Newsletter for more information when the next session will start and what topic we will be discussing.



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

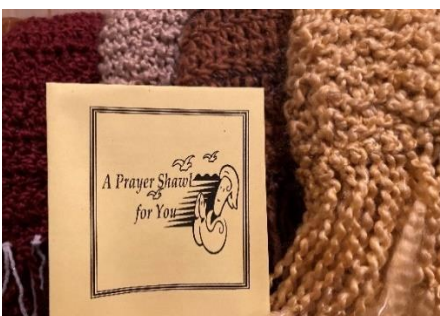
Card makers meet the last Tuesday of the month at 1:00 P.M. in the West Narthex.

All are welcome!

NEWSLETTER

GLC newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month.

November newsletter information is due October 20th @ noon.



PRAYER SHAWL

Prayer shawl ministry meets every Wednesday of the month at 9:30 A.M. w/ quilters.

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.



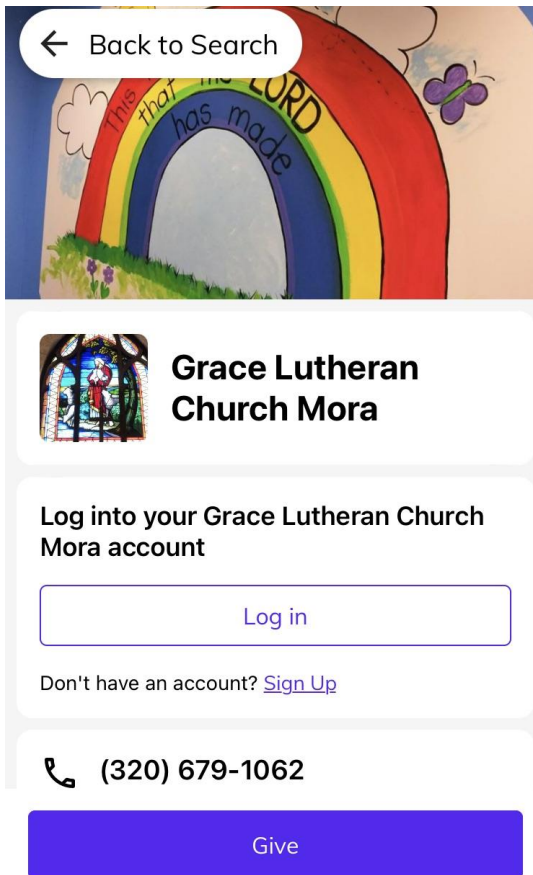
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1. Search Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement
2. Download app onto phone
3. Open the app.
4. Set up an account or sign in if you already have an account
5. The first time you use it, you'll need to **search Grace Lutheran Church Mora**. It should show our 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!**



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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-August-23 General Checkbook:

General Checkbook:

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| Beginning balance | (1,061.53) |
| Deposits * | 32,774.33 |
| Checks written * | (35,341.30) |
| Ending balance | (3,628.50) |

* includes amount to and **FROM** savings



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- 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 Minutes 09.10.2023

Called to order 10:44 A.M. by: Sarah Hanson

- Council Sharing

Opening

Roll Call

- Members present: Pr. Gary, Robin, Linda, Sarah, Mary, Andrea, Lacey, Craig, Ethan
- Members absent: John
- Devotions by: Linda

Open Forum

Agenda- Approval—Ethan / Mary m/s/c

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- o Minutes approved Linda / Craig m/s/c

Ministry Reports

Senior Pastor Report:

- o Helping Hands program where area churches support people in need is transitioning its financial plan is led by Pastor Dean. With the pastor from Calvary Lutheran church retiring. The suggestion of Pastor Gary bringing to them " Leah holds the position with a monthly salary of 200.00. The first year salary comes out of Grace Lutheran " Pastor Contingency " savings.
- o Pastors from the Mora churches have scheduled Sunday morning services at the 2 nursing homes in the community. Four Pastors rotate throughout the month and conduct services.
- o Wednesday Bible Study remains a strong and supportive ministry. We are exploring holding an evening learning event with watching a topical movie on forgiveness and community.
- o Church picture directory sign-up is underway. Oct. 10 - Oct. 14 Please consider getting your family picture taken.
- o The Guptill / Tiede family home is near completion. Still loving being the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church Mora Minnesota.

Children, Youth and Family

- o Kelly applied for a program that received a grant for Congregation Team / youth. Program Called "Formation Co - Op" She is 1 of 5 selected. It's a two year program, starting July 2023 - June 2025. Kelly has been assigned two churches.
- o Beginning a new month of September with Wednesday activities which includes Release Time, Confirmation Programming, Sunday children's ministry and Senior High activities.

Worship and Music

- o Altar guild waiting for information about when Sanctuary Eternal candle will come ?
- o Todd 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 Celebration Singers to sing 10/15/2023
- o Kelly adding "Sunday Fellowship" in options for Confirmation parents to sign up for.
- o Confirmation Sunday 10/29/2023

Treasurer's Report

- July 31st, 2023 (1,061.53)

Unfinished Business

- Church Constitution / working on it: Ethan, Mary, Craig

New Business

- New -- garden deck done & under budget.
- Get plans -- for future Tech Area in FLC
- Plaster wall problem in back of sanctuary (may be roof problem) ?
- Solar Panels suggestion by: Laird Mork. Look into an assessment cost.

Next meeting, Sunday, October 8th, 2023, 10:45 A.M. following the 2nd service

Motion to adjourn Andrea / Ethan m/s/c

Closed with the Lord's Prayer **Submitted by Robin Blegen, Council Secretary**

Worship and Music Minutes 09.11.2023

Members Present: Linda Johnson, Dianne Wachsmuth, Judy Radeke, Krista Elvehjem, Kelly Kehr, Pastor Gary, Todd Sjoberg and Leah Smith **Absent:** Richard Schultz and Jacki Peterson

Devotions by Judy ~ Fear! Safety and Secure in YOU!

Eternal Candle Sanctuary

- In and working well. Did not need an electrician.
- Thank you to memorials UNdesignated funds.

Sunday School

- Rally Sunday was great, nice to have youth life back in the church.
- When Kelly is gone on a Sunday, Pastor Gary will do the Sunday School Sit down.
- December 10th will be the Sunday School Christmas Program.
- Celebration Singers have their schedules for practice and performances, they will sing in the same spots as previous years- 8:00 Offering and 9:30 the beginning of Sunday School Sit Down.

Christmas Eve

- 9:00 A.M. Sanctuary Service- 4th Sunday of Advent
- 4:00 P.M. Candlelight service in the Family Life Center
- 10:00 P.M. Candlelight service in the Sanctuary

New Years Eve

- 9:00 A.M. Sanctuary Service

Blue Tooth Hearing Aids

- What will it cost? Sweetwater is putting together a bid for us.

Tech Area FLC

- Info will be brought forth at the annual meeting.
- Council President is looking to get info from tech companies in the cities and crunch some numbers.

Water Issues

- Craig talked with Todd, Craig will now meet with Ethan E., and they will see what can be done.

Meeting Closed with all members singing the doxology.

NEXT MEETING will be on Monday, October 2nd at 11:00 A.M.

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October
Birth-
Days

1. Mary Brelie, Keith Rogne, Beth Schultz, Ryan Sjoberg, Bryan Wachsmuth
2. Rhonda Felland
3. Tom Felger
4. Judy Bergstadt, Matthew Berry
5. Adalynn Dahlberg
6. David Johnstone, Kailey Berry
7. Jenna Lukenbill, LaDonna Ziegler
9. Elizabeth Denzine, Sage Lukenbill
12. Samuel Udstuen
13. Kelly Erickson
14. Pastor Gary Guptill, Carol Hallstrom, Mary Olson
15. MARRISA BERG
16. Ordean Christianson, Daniel Funk
17. James Oxberry, Lynn Paulson, Kris Pulford
18. Brianna Nikodym, Richard Schultz, JoAnne Skillicorn, William Garbacz
19. Wayne Erickson
22. Charlie Strickland Jr
25. Gary Broehl, Jessica Thomson
26. Gene Otto
27. Grace Johnson
29. Kinzie Johnstone

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 ☺





When Do We “Fall Back” In 2023?

The first Sunday in November is when Daylight Saving Time ends in most areas of the U.S., so in 2023 we'll “fall back” one hour and return to Standard Time on **Sunday, November 5th, 2023**, at 2 a.m. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before bed Saturday night!

2024 DAILY TEXTS

If you are interested in a 2024 Daily Texts, please let Leah in the office know, 320.679.1062. Thank you!



CHRIST in OUR HOME

October, November, December
Christ in Our Homes are now available in the Narthex's.

Fall Collection Drive!



From September 10th through **October 15th**, we will be collecting personal hygiene items for **Operation Community Connect**.

Operation Community Connect is a one-day event in the fall for Kanabec County residents who may be in need of basic resources and services. The event will be at **Emmanuel Baptist Church** in Mora on **Thursday October 19th from 11am-4pm**.

The planning team has asked us to collect the following items:

SHAMPOO

BODY WASH

DEODERANT/ANTI- PERSPIRANT

HANDSOAP

Please consider picking up a few of these items on your next grocery store visit to help Operation Community Connect provide County residents with some basic needs.

Donations will be collected on Sundays and during regular church office hours (M-TH 8-4) Please contact Kelly Kehr 320-336-8028 if you need to make other drop off arrangements.

Thank you for your generosity and care for our neighbors!



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



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>



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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| <p>1</p> <p>8am - Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am - FLC Service</p> <p>Confirmation Sunday</p> <p>8am - Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am - FLC Service</p> | <p>2</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>9am - Apple Pie Day</p> <p>10am - Staff Check In</p> <p>11am - Worship and Music</p> <p>4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel</p> <p>4:30pm - Foundation</p> <p>6pm - Al Anon</p> | <p>3</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>7pm - Property</p> | <p>4</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>8am - Release Time</p> <p>9:30am - Quilters & Prayer Shawl</p> <p>6pm - Choir</p> <p>6pm - Confirmation Meal</p> <p>6:30pm - Confirmation</p> | <p>5</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>9:30am - Eve Circle</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Office Closed</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> <p>8am - Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am - FLC Service</p> <p>NOISY OFFERING</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p>8am - Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am - FLC Service</p> <p>Confirmation Singers</p> <p>8am - Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am - FLC Service</p> | <p>16</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>10am - Staff Check In</p> <p>3:15pm - Celebration Singers</p> <p>4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel</p> <p>6pm - Al Anon</p> | <p>17</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> | <p>18</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>9:30am - Quilters & Prayer Shawl</p> <p>4:30pm - Bazaar Meeting</p> <p>6pm - Choir</p> | <p>19</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>12pm - Newsletter Deadline</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> <p>8am - Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am - FLC Service</p> <p>2pm - St. Clare's Worship</p> <p>3pm - Eastwood Worship</p> |
| <p>29</p> <p>Confirmation Sunday</p> <p>8am - Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am - FLC Service</p> | <p>30</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>10am - Staff Check In</p> <p>3:15pm - Celebration Singers</p> <p>4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel</p> <p>6pm - Al Anon</p> | <p>31</p> <p>Halloween</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>1pm - Card Makers Day</p> | <p>1</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>9:30am - Quilters & Prayer Shawl</p> <p>6pm - Choir</p> <p>6pm - Confirmation Meal</p> <p>6:30pm - Confirmation</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>23</p> <p>8am - Let'sa Prep work</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>10am - Staff Check In</p> <p>3:15pm - Celebration Singers</p> <p>4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel</p> <p>6pm - Al Anon</p> |

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Return Service Requested

