

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 space subject to change

GLC Website:

www.gracechurchmora.com

Facebook: @moragracelutheran

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	PH	Sat
26 9:00am - Sanctuary Service 8am - Sanctuary Service 9:15am - Sunday School 9:30am - FLC Service	27 8am - Office Open 10am - Staff Check In 11am - Worship and Music 3:15pm - Celebration Singers 4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel 6pm - AI Anon	28 8am - Office Open 7pm - Prophecy	29 8am - Office Open 8am - Release Time 9:30am - Quilters 5:30pm - Choir	30 Maundy Thursday 8am - Office Open 11:35am - Chat-N-Chow 12:30pm - Chat-N-Chow 6:30pm - Maundy Thursday Service	31 Good Friday Office Closed 7pm - Good Friday @ United Methodist	1 Sat
9 Easter Sunday 8am - Sanctuary Service 9:30am - FLC Service	10 Easter Monday 8am - Office CLOSED 4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel	11 8am - Office Open 10am - Staff Check In	12 8am - Office Open 9:30am - Quilters 12pm - Apostle Paul Bible Study 6pm - Choir 6pm - Confirmation Meal 6:30pm - Confirmation 7:15pm - Apostle Paul Bible Study	13 8am - Office Open 9:30am - Eye Circle 11:35am - Chat-N-Chow 12:30pm - Chat-N-Chow	14 Office Closed	15
16 ROSEY OFFERS 8am - Sanctuary Service 9:15am - Sunday School 9:30am - FLC Service 10:45am - Church Council	17 8am - Office Open 10am - Staff Check In 3:15pm - Celebration Singers 4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel 6pm - AI Anon	18 Tax Day 8am - Office Open	19 8am - Office Open 9:30am - Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30am - Quilters 12pm - Apostle Paul Bible Study 6pm - Choir 6pm - Confirmation Meal 6:30pm - Confirmation 7:15pm - Apostle Paul Bible Study	20 8am - Office Open 11:35am - Chat-N-Chow 12pm - Newsletter Deadline 12:30pm - Chat-N-Chow	21 Office Closed 9:30am - Kam- Downstairs	22
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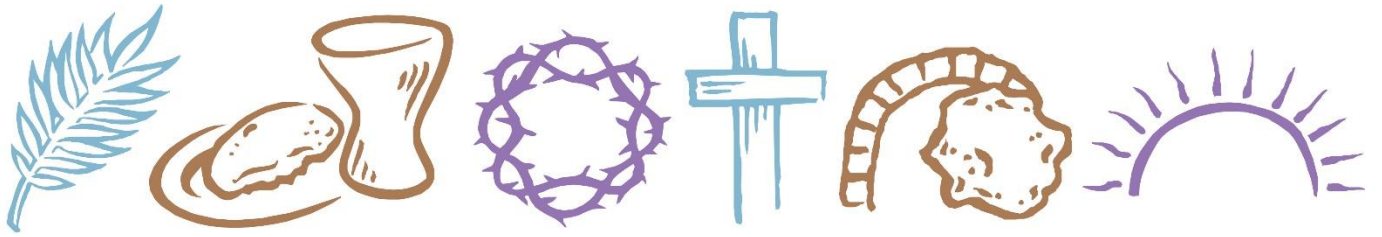
Pastor's Page

Norms, scripture, faith and identity

On one extreme, life seems to suggest every person gets to believe whatever they want on every subject. We are only limited by our own fears of breaking out of our cultural conditioning. On the other extreme is the idea that all people are shaped by systems and structures that create us. Nature and nurture form our outlook and we are unable to break free from the conditioning chains that shape us. Between these two extremes, we live our life. When we challenge long standing ideas of Christianity, for example, we risk going outside of the norms of orthodoxy. It is always a risk that we tilt the teaching of Jesus and the church to serve our individual wants – valid or not. On the other extreme, the traditions and teachings exist to create safe and meaningful community. Knowing our place and what we believe has great merit. This introduction is actual an invite. The month of April renews our commitment to study scripture; every Wednesday at either noon or 7:15 in the evening. We will study two writings from the Apostle Paul. First the short book of Galatians and secondly, the longer book of 1 Corinthians. The purpose of a bible study is to seek to understand the author's intent when first written. Secondly, it is to ask what it means for our life today. And finally, its purpose is to find the proper balance between taking our current individual world view and testing it against the word of God. Scripture often times comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable. Come and join us, prepared to be challenged, prepared to be supported in Christian love.

See you in church,

Pastor Gary



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday ~ April 2nd, 2023

8:00 a.m. Sanctuary and 9:30 a.m. FLC

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



Maundy Thursday ~ April 6th, 2023

6:30 p.m. Sanctuary

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing and stripping of the altar.

Good Friday ~ April 7th, 2023

7:00 p.m. Mora United Methodist Church

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified.



Easter ~ April 9th, 2023

8:00 a.m. Sanctuary and 9:30 a.m. FLC

Hallelujah! Christ has risen!

This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.

Grace Lutheran Church

Easter
Memorial
Garden
April 9th, 2023



On Easter Sunday, our Sanctuary and FLC will be beautifully enhanced by the floral gifts of those who remember and honor loved ones.

If you would like to share in GLC's Easter Memorial Garden..

Fill out the slip below and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office by Monday, April 3rd at 3:00 P.M.

You will need to purchase your plant and bring it to the church, no sooner than April 6th, please label your plant so you know which plant yours is to take home following our Easter Services.

It is important that YOU take your plant home or bring to a shut in or loved one.

ALL PLANTS MUST BE AT CHURCH BY 9:00 A.M. ON SATURDAY April 8th!

Given By:

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

I would like to give \$_____ to the Memorial Fund, in place of flowers, of a loved one. This money will be used to purchase a plant(s) for the outdoor garden area.

THE CROWDS WERE SAYING,

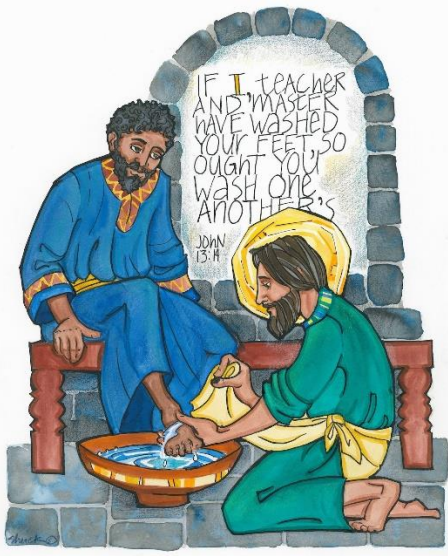
"This is the
prophet
JESUS
from Nazareth in Galilee."

Matthew 21:11, NRSV



Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem, when palm branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Maundy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent. As we come together for worship this Palm Sunday, we will gather with palm branches in the Narthex before each service starts, so all may enter in procession together. **COME AND SEE!**

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.



Maundy Thursday

Introduction

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

Dirty, but Not Defined by Dirt

When Jesus approaches Peter to wash his feet, Peter's reply is, "You will never wash my feet." Many will feel the same tonight. We struggle to confess that we have dirty feet, that we live in dusty homes and have messy lives. We would like people to see us with our shoes and socks on, neatly wrapped and presented to the world. In private though, we are painfully aware of our shortcomings. We can feel like miserable failures, hopeless cases, lost causes. We are none of the above. We are creatures of earth, living in earthy bodies and inspired with the breath of God. We are dirt, but we are not our dirtiness.

When Jesus knelt at Peter's feet to wash them, it was Peter who was affronted by the seeming impropriety of the situation. But to Jesus, who sees with God's eyes, it was a chance to wash the feet of a loved one—not unlike the feeling you might get touching the feet of an infant. We are children of God and, like any loving parent, God simply wants to give us a bath. Through the eyes of love God looks at us the way we might choose to look at our church, at our lives, at our feet—as things redeemable.

Our feet—stinky with decay, wrinkled with age, ugly from infection, bruised by labor, signs of our march toward death—our feet are not scary to the one who has bound us up into a new body, a body of life, a body we entered into through baptismal waters. God, who is not afraid to draw close to the decaying portions of our world, sees our feet and loves them, and we are given the new commandment to love one another as we are loved.



Good Friday

Introduction

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

Find Strength and Hope in the Cross

It is difficult as we kneel before the cross to hear the voice of the gospel. We might imagine that it waits for us at Eastertide, that tonight the law says its peace and come Sunday the gospel will finally win the day, but that is not so. The gospel spells freedom for those held captive to sin. The resurrection only matters for those who know they are dead.

We, who are both saints and sinners, kneel before the cross today or tonight and hear it speaking to us as both verdict and promise. It is true: each of us is guilty of our participation in the world's suffering. We, each bearing the image and likeness of God in our very skin, do not respect that image in one another, much less the world we inhabit, God's good garden.

We do not respect God's creations—one another, or the world we live in. We put one another on the crosses at which Jesus now joins us. We must admit this or there is no need for the salvation Christ brings. We must admit we are in bondage to these patterns of human violence and environmental degradation before we can be liberated from them.

This is the promise of Good Friday: we will be liberated from these crosses—the ones we hang on and the ones on which we hang one another. These crosses, at once symbols of the divisions between us and a symbol of the end to all divisions, promise that God will not abandon us in our suffering. God comes to us just like this, just as we are, but God does not leave us this way. This is the cross—evidence of our sin, and sign of God's love.

ALTAR GUILD members in charge of the coming Spring and Summer months are:

APRIL: Jill Kent and Dianne Wachsmuth

Maundy Thursday helpers: Kim and Bryan Brown, Jill Kent, Eunice Weckwerth, Andrea Hams and Dianne Wachsmuth

Easter Memorial Garden designers: Jill Kent, Barb O'Donovan, Dar Wicklund and Dianne Wachsmuth

MAY: Dianne Wachsmuth and Eunice Weckwerth

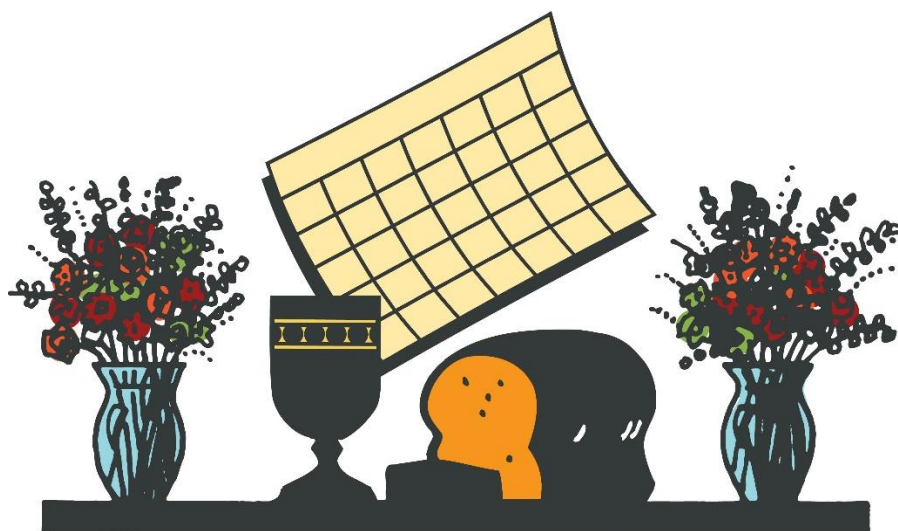
JUNE: Barb O'Donovan

JULY: Barb O'Donovan and Luetta Kottke

AUGUST: Dianne Fisher and Luetta Kottke

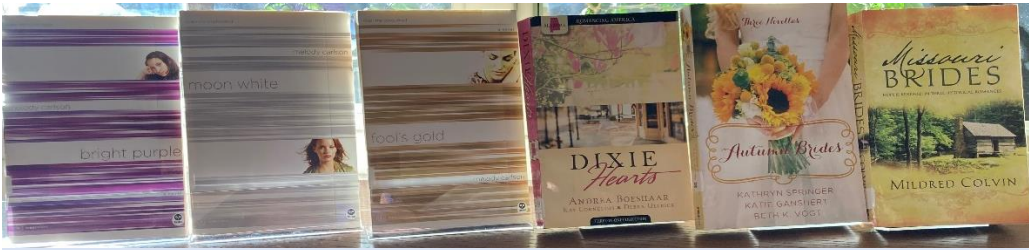
If you would like to help on the ALTAR GUILD for our church, please contact Dianne Wachsmuth or the church office. This "behind the scene" support of our Worship Service is such a blessing to participate in.

THANK YOU to the members of this Guild for all your service!



ALTAR GUILD

SCHEDULE



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

April 2023



Non-Fiction

Come into the library and check out some of the biography/autobiography books in the non-fiction section of the library under the windows. These books will be labeled with the number 2. There are books about historical figures, religious leaders (Lutheran and others), civic leaders and more. One book in this section is *“Mother Teresa of Calcutta, A Personal Portrait”* by Leo Maasburg. The author is a priest who became a spiritual advisor, translator & friend to Mother Teresa. He traveled with her to many parts of the world and was witness to her interactions with many people in all walks of life and her interactions with her God in prayer and actions. In this book, he recounts amazing stories about the life of Mother Teresa in ways that have never been told before.

Fiction

“Ordinary Grace” by William Kent Krueger. The summer of 1961 in the small fictional town of New Bremen, Minnesota, was grim for the preacher’s 13 year old son, Frank Drum. It was a summer of death in many forms – accident, nature, suicide & murder. The story is told from the perspective of Frank 40 years later as he recalls that summer from the past. The blurb on the back cover is accurate when it says, “It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.”

“Refuge on Crescent Hill” by Melanie Dobson. Jobless & broke, Camden Bristow decides to reconnect with her grandmother in Etherton, Ohio who she has not seen since childhood. She arrives in town to find that her grandmother has recently passed away and has left the run down family mansion to her. There are stories of secret passageways & runaway slaves and family secrets behind the walls of Crescent Hill.

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.

LOCAL OUTREACH



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!



Soup for the Soul Inc.

Monday's 4 P.M.- 6 P.M. @ Emmanuel Baptist-536 Union ST. S.

Mealttime Prayer:

For life and health and every good, we give you thanks, O Lord. Amen.



The Mora Food Pantry

214 Railroad Ave- Mora (North entrance)
679.5513 morafoodpantry@gmail.com

Open for PICKUP and DROP-OFF
Tuesday's & Friday's 9:00 am - Noon

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.



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.

BIBLE STUDIES at Grace



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 @ 612-390-0991



Sowing Grace Quilters

Quilters meet every Wednesday from 9:30 A.M to Noon. **All are welcome**, we come together each week with open hearts and willing hands to serve our Lord.

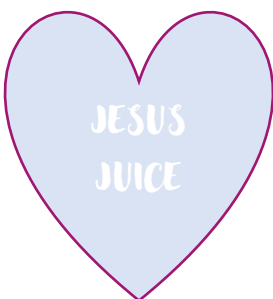
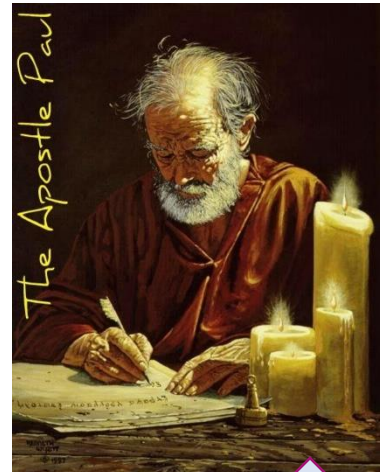
Eve Circle

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 Skolte leads the lesson each time. We would love to have you join us!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawl meets on the third Wednesday at 9:30, in the West Narthex.
Come if you want to learn to knit or crochet! Come to have your faith supported in fellowship and devotions!



COME and SEE~ A NEW BIBLE STUDY! April 12th, 2023. 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.



GLC Card Makers

Friends!

**Please join *Linda Johnson*
for a day of card making!**

- Tuesday, April 25th
- 1:00 P.M. ~ West Narthex
- Please bring adhesive if you have it.

All are welcome.

Cards for sale

\$2.00 each

**Please place money in the envelope
and place under the office window. All
proceeds go to support the youth of
GLC. Thank you, Kindly!**



Grace Fall Bazaar Update

After a very long winter, spring will soon be arriving. With spring's arrival, our thoughts turn to planting vegetables and flowers. While you are planning your gardens, please remember our Grace Fall Bazaar. Last November, Harvest Sweets had wonderful homemade jams, jellies, pickles, and salsa. Do you have room for a few extra cucumber or beet plants for making homemade pickles? Or perhaps you could plant a few extra tomatoes for making salsa. If you have strawberries, raspberries, rhubarb, plums, apples, gooseberries, or peppers, please consider making some jams or jellies. The Garden of Grace sold bags of apples, potatoes, squash, pumpkins and gourds. Dried flowers were also very sought-after items.

Money raised at last year's bazaar (over \$15,000) was given for several ministries or funds here at Grace. 10% of the total was given to four local charities including Chat N Chow, Mora Food Shelf, Food for Friends, and Soup for the Soul. The rest of the funds were given to various projects or ministries here at Grace including: hospitality ministry, Christmas Tea, lighted Christmas tree, new choir folders, and a new digital sign.

*The Grace Fall Bazaar 2023 will be on
Saturday, November 11, 2023.*

*We will need the help and cooperation of all of us here at
Grace to continue the success of our Fall Bazaar!*

Ushers, Lectors and Communion Assistants

8:00 A.M. Service

April 2:

Usher: John & Lynn Paulson
Lector: none needed
Communion: Barb Ennis

***April 9 (Easter):

Usher: Gene & Eunice Weckwerth
Lector: Gene Weckwerth
Communion: **1 person needed**

April 16:

Usher: John & Sarah Berry
Lector: Sarah Berry
Communion: Kim Saulsbury

April 23:

Usher: Greg & Jane Myers
Lector: Greg Myers

April 30:

Usher: Art & Lulette Kottke
Lector: Laura Strand

9:30 A.M. Service

April 2:

Usher: Chad Chromey & Bob Isom
Lector: none needed
Communion: Jeremy Schultz

***April 9 (Easter):

Usher: Let us know if you are available
Lector: Harry Blegen
Communion: Harry and Robin Blegen
(one more person needed)

April 16:

Usher: Mark & Verona Gravich
Lector: Mark Gravich
Communion: Kris Pulford

April 23:

Usher: Craig & Jodi Schultz
Lector: Craig Schultz

April 30:

Usher: Dianne Fisher & Suzie Halverson
Lector: Linda Johnson

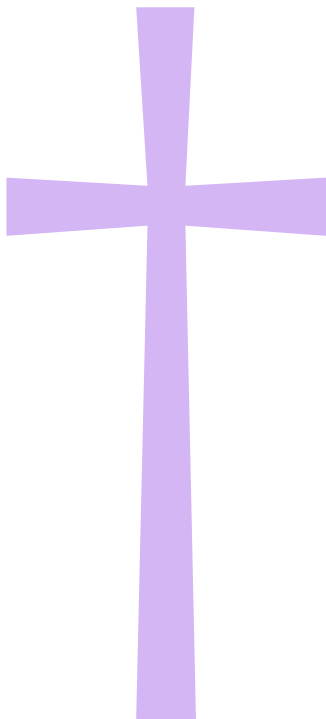
You're
Invited!

*That's right! You're invited!
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

April 2 nd	8 a.m. Guy and Peggy Groshek	9:30 a.m. Suzie Halverson & Dianne
April 9 th	8 a.m. Paul and Jill Kent	9:30 a.m. Verona Gravich
April 16 th	8 a.m. Mary Brelie	9:30 a.m. Craig and Jodi Schultz
April 23 rd	8 a.m. Marie/Rollie Fredrickson	9:30 a.m. Andy and Renee Crisman
April 30 th	8 a.m. Maybe YOU could help here- either service.	



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

~ Hebrews 13:2

Grace Lutheran Church Council

GLC CHURCH COUNCIL

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 03-19-2023 Minutes

Council Meeting called to order 10:51 A.M. by: Sarah Hanson

Opening

Roll Call

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

Open Forum

o Krista Elvehjem brought info for: Application for Bazaar Funds. New 4x8 out/door Integrated LED sign for our current mount would run \$20,700.00. would include the delivery to the church, a lifetime license of our messaging software, including upgrades and cell data communication system with lifetime subscription of Verizon 4gLTE cell data (no monthly charges).

Bazaar Funds \$10,000

motion: New 4x4 out/door Integrated LED sign Ethan / Pr Gary m/s/c

motion: funds from Facia/soffit not to exceed \$25,000 Andrea / John m/s/c

Agenda- Approval—Ethan / Mary m/s/c

Staff Reports

- Senior Pastor Report:
 - o Kettle River conference held its annual winter meeting
 - o Northeast Synod candidacy committee meeting
 - o Lent Worship serve underway with an intentional process of hearing stories from members of Grace
 - o February was time to welcome new members into the active membership roster of Grace Lutheran church
 - o Bible study returns on Wednesdays in April
- CYF/Kelly:
 - o Quarterly report

Approval of Last Month's Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

- Feb. 28, 2023 (4,239.50)
- Audit question with more info to come

Ministry Reports

- Worship and Music

Unfinished Business

- Memorial Gifts to Grace Lutheran Church

New Business

Next meeting, Sunday, April 16th, 2023 10:45 A.M./ following the second service

Motion to adjourn Jessica/Laura m/s/c

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

Worship Meeting-3/13/23

Pastor Gary, Dianne W., Linda J., Krista E., Leah S., Kristin N., Dick S., Kelly K., Jacki

Linda J.- devotion- Experiencing the joy of being in God's presence

Holy Week discussion-

Wednesday before Palm Sunday-all invited to come make Palm crosses-John P.

Palm Sunday -service similar to previous year; let some come in to sit down early; communion; S.S. kids will lead procession at 9:30 service with special jubilant music!!

Maundy Thursday-use last year's template; communion; Altar Guild will help with stripping of the Altar; Kelly will talk with some kids about the washing of feet.

Good Friday-Methodist Church is organizing this year's Ecumenical service; will involve Grace, St. Mary's, Calvary, and Methodist; will connect for music needs.

Easter Sunday-Brass; communion; one reading and Gospel; Choir will begin both services; Altar Guild will organize Easter garden.

Celebration Singers will not sing in April, as they are preparing for their spring musical on May 7th at the 9:30. Communion will be included in service.

Pentecost-May 28th and summer services will be discussed next meeting.

Next meeting-Monday 4/3/23, 11:00 a.m.



VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING! SCAN NOW



You may also mail in
your offering to:
301 Forest Ave. E.
Mora, MN 55051

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 below with a downloadable free QRC Scanner app on your electronic device and follow the onscreen instructions.

An additional way to donate!

↓↓↓ *[Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App](#)*

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!

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.

28-February-23 General Checkbook:

General Checkbook:

Beginning balance	(2,648.35)
Deposits *	33,381.32
Checks written *	(34,972.47)
Ending balance	(4,239.50)

* includes amount to and **FROM** savings





GLC
April
2023 BIRTHDAYS

1. Don Olson, Shari Salmonson, Stacey Peterson, Jason Hawkins, Amanda Felger
2. Kim Saulsbury
3. Barb O'Donovan, Sandra Oxberry, Layla Berry
4. Muriel Gorham, Abby Kerr, Anna Crisman
5. Marlis Tipp, Keaton Brandt
6. Kathryn Tiede
7. Verona Gravich
8. Randy Qual, Leah Kehr
10. Mary Lykins
12. Alan Smith
13. Nick Schroeder, Madison Wren, Sage Wren, Cayce Nikodym
14. Gordon Lobdell, Rita Lobdell
17. Deanna Felger
19. Carson Linder
22. Ryan Christianson
23. Curt Radeke
25. Greg Ennis
26. Maverick Stamper
27. Ricke Mattison
29. Marlys Overson, Ben Mulford, Maggie Berry
30. Jacki Peterson, Pam Isom

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.

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!

The next Religious Release Time is April 5th! 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.



Celebration Singers - Mondays after school 3:15-4:15 with pick up until 5. Practice for the **Spring Musical** has started! We have 18 kids who will be participating and working hard over the next several weeks. You won't want to miss it so mark your calendars for **May 7th 9:30 service!**

Butter Braids will be ready for pick up on March 29th!

Thank you to all who ordered and for supporting CYF ministry at Grace!

Be watching the Grace on line to see the results of the **March Madness Food Shelf Bracket Challenge!!**

SAVE THE DATE!! VBS is JUNE 5th -9th this Summer!

Registration opens on May 7th.

Confirmation Regular Wednesday Confirmation from 6-8 will start back up Wednesday April 12th and go till May 10th.



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.

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!



Service opportunities for youth of all ages!

Every third Tuesday of the month, Kelly is hosting a **Mora Food Pantry volunteer time from 3-5pm**. There is always plenty to do at the food pantry to help make the important work that they do go more smoothly. The April date is **Tuesday April 18th**.

Soup for the Soul will be hosting an Easter dinner on **Monday April 3rd**. Volunteers are needed to help from 4:15-6:15.

Please let Kelly know if you are interested in serving for either of these ministries.



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 kellykehro1@gmail.com

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