

#### Grace Lutheran Church

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#### Grace Lutheran Church

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. KBEK

\*\*Worship area subject to change

GLC Website: www.gracechurchmora.com

Facebook: @moragracelutheran

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

ELCA website: <u>www.elca.org</u> NE MN website: www.nemnsynod.org

We are blessed by the Saints we have known.

# PASTOR'S PAGE

# stewardship, farming and the fall Harvest

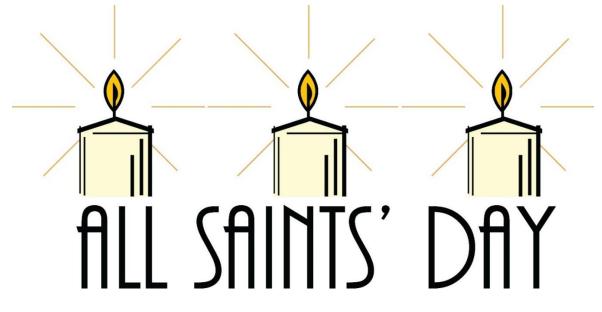
The story of fall stewardship campaigns in the church is an amazing history where communities focused mostly around the fall harvest. Shades of that tradition are still active at Grace. The fall is, of course, the time when the harvest is gathered and brought to local elevators to be sold on the market. At this time, the farmer traditionally would settle up his debt. Monies would be sent to the different vendors who helped make the planting season possible. Banks, mechanical shops and suppliers would receive a check immediately. The farmer would first send 10% to church thanking God for the bounty of the harvest. Biblically, this was understood to be "first fruits." Give to God before you do anything else. Everything in life begins and ends with God. Start there. It puts everything else into proper perspective.

For the most part, those days have passed. But the call to give first fruits to God is still real, meaningful and useful on how we are called to understand our lives. Before you seek to purchase the next best and brightest toy, vehicle, vacation, etc. consider first fruits. Tithe and pledge to God. Make stewardship an important part of your fall commitment to grow in faith. Look over your plans for 2024 and make sure your relationship with God is the highest of priorities. In the end, it shapes your soul. It is the journey of faith today as it has always been. We are stewardships of this great mystery; the divine grace of God.

#### see you in church,

#### pastor Gary

# SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5th ~ ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



We will remember those who have been called from this life and buried through the church in the past year. On this Sunday, we once again claim the promise of Jesus Christ who is the resurrection and the life. In addition to those named below, we may remember other loved ones we have lost on this All Saints Sunday.

Evelyn Lobdell Nancy Nelson Beatrice Blegen

Don VanDriel

Grace Smolik

Carol Hallstrom

Irene Johnson

Melissa Clough

Bill Clough



#### Prayer Concerns:

Sylvia Nelson, Bob Isom, Nancy Nygaard, Marlow Geyer, 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



# Worship Schedule Nov 2023

#### 8:00 Service

**Nov 5<sup>th</sup>** Ushers: Dale Hawkins & Roger Peterson Lector: Communion:

Nov 12<sup>th</sup>: Ushers: John & Lynn Paulson Lector: Lynn Paulson

Nov 19<sup>th</sup>: Ushers: Galen & Mary Brelie Lector: Mary Brelie Communion: Barb Ennis

**Nov 26<sup>th</sup>:** Ushers: Rollie Fredrickson & Arnie Barabash Lector: Rollie Fredrickson

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Ushers: Ethan & Krista Elvehjem Lector: Ethan Elvehjem Communion: Krista Elvehjem



#### November

8:00 A.M. 11/5 Mary Brelie 11/12 Guy and Peggy Groshek 11/19 11/26 9:30 A.M. Suzie Halverson Verona Gravich Craig and Jodi Schultz Crisman Family

Thank you to Dianne Fisher and Peggy Groshek for leading Hospitality. If you are interested in being part of this group you can reach out to either of these ladies... Peggy Groshek 320.679.3375 or grospg@gmail.com or Dianne Fisher 218.464.3761 or dfisher1966@gmail.com

#### 9:30 Service

**Nov 5<sup>th</sup>:** Ushers: Jeremy Schultz & Teri Heggernes Lector: Teri Heggernes Communion:

**Nov 12<sup>th</sup>:** Ushers: Craig & Jodi Schultz Lector: Craig Schultz

**Nov 19<sup>th</sup>:** Ushers: Guy & Peggy Groshek Lector: Sue Oehrlein Communion: Sue Oehrlein

Nov 26<sup>th</sup>: Ushers: Marshall & Jeanne McGrew Lector: Linda Johnson

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Ushers: Dave & Pam Johnstone Lector: Pam Johnstone Communion: Diane Runquist

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Peg Groshek and Dianne Fisher

WE NEED HELP!!! The month of December is almost upon us. If you are available to help on Christmas Eve, it would be greatly appreciated.

### What is needed:

9:00 am service 2-Ushers 1-Lector

4:00 pm service 2-Usher 1-Lector 3-Communion Assistants

10:00 pm service 2-Ushers 1-Lector 1-Communion Assistant

Please contact me at <u>kristagracelutheran@gmail.com</u> or by phone/text 612-390-0781 Many Blessings!!



G R A BITTHDAYS BITTHDAYS DAYS

- 1. Roger Teich, Marek Nelson
- 3. Gerri Teich
- 4. Joshua Madson, Jonathon Funk
- 5. Walton Olen
- 7. Benjamin Weinreich, Boone Schultz
- 8. Nicole Tetnowski
- 9. Sylvia Nelson, Bruce Thompson, Carson Falk
- 11. Becci Steffen
- 12. Lorraine Lidstrom
- 12. Jack Sampson
- 13. Sophia Steffen
- 18. Shaun Joy
- 19. Mary Rowley
- 20. Deborah Schultz, Michael Peterson, Molly Holmgren
- 21. Jody Udstuen
- 24. Patricia Ennis, Charley Wisniewski
- 25. Doris Rippentrop
- 26. Marie Fredrickson, Jeremy Schultz, Jeremiah Brasch
- 27. Lynn Jacobson
- 28. Galen Brelie, Kyle Hams, William Olen
- 29. Roxy Anderson
- 30. Hadley Kerr

If yours or your loved ones birthday is not listed, please contact the church office at 320.679.1062 or email moragracelutheran@gmail. com with your correct information. We do not want to leave anyone out!



### 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

#### New Books in the Library!

The library team has added some "new to the library" books to the library recently. These new books are displayed on top of the shelves under the library windows. Come into the library and check some out. The following three books are some of the new offerings.

#### Adult Fiction

<u>Ulterior Motives</u> by Terri Blackstock. This is a suspense novel. An international art dealer has been murdered. A priceless piece of art is missing. Two little girls are kidnapped. The police think they have their man or do they? It is a story with complicated family dynamics. It is also a story about forgiveness and the power of prayer.

<u>The Edge of Lost</u> by Kristina McMorris. This story weaves between 1937 at the Alcatraz prison where the prison guard's daughter has gone missing and two decades earlier where a young boy named Shanley Keagan has left his dingy life in Ireland to come to America. Deeply held secrets of many of the characters are revealed – Shan, the Capello family, an American sailor named John Lewis – a story of immigrants, sacrifice, lies and second chances.

<u>Sold on a Monday</u> by Kristina McMorris. This story is set in backdrop of the Great Depression, a time of desperation and impossible choices. A sign on the porch of a farmhouse reads "2 children for sale". Reporter, Ellis Reed, captured the sign along with two little boys with his camera. The photo was not meant for publication, but nonetheless it ended up in the newspaper. Quote from the back of the book "Inspired by an actual newspaper photograph that stunned the nation, <u>Sold on a Monday</u> is a powerful novel of love, redemption, and the unexpected paths that bring us home."

#### 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.

# A Grace Fall Bazaar Update

### *The 20<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>Cookie Lane</u> 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.

<u>Harvest Sweets</u> 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 <u>Garden of Grace</u> 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 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.



<u>Silent Auction</u> This year again we have some wonderful items donated by members of our congregation for the Silent Auction. These will be displayed and ready for bids beginning in mid-October.



The <u>Sewing Grace Quilters</u> will have a quilt shop where some of their handmade 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 11<sup>th</sup>. Watch for the quilt to be displayed and the raffle tickets to be sold.



All <u>Craft</u> items should be delivered to the Family Life Center between Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 12<sup>th,</sup> 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.

## <u>Come join us at the TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY</u> of Grace's Fall Bazaar on November 11, 2023!

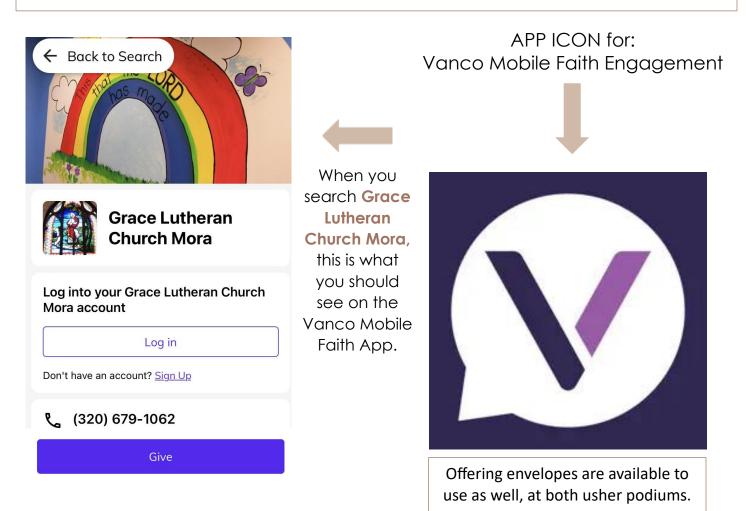
# WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

#### 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 of 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!



# 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 <u>General Checkbook:</u>

	General Checkbook:
Beginning bala	nce (1,061.53)
Deposits *	32,774.33
Checks written	(35,341.30) <sup>*</sup>
Ending balance	(3,628.50)
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\* 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, <u>www.gracechurchmora.com</u> 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 <u>www.gracechurchmora.com</u>

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.

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# Grace Lutheran Church 2023 Council Minutes

0-08-2023 Meeting 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.

Called to order 10:35 A.M. by: Sarah Hanson

o Council Sharing Opening/Roll Call

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

#### Open Forum

Agenda- Approval—John / Mary m/s/c

Approval of Meeting Minutes

o Minutes approved Mary / Andrea m/s/c

#### Ministry Reports

#### • Senior Pastor Report:

- Confirmation interviews are taking place for October conformation class of 5 youth are being confirmed on Reformation Sunday.
- The program of release time has begun with roughly 15 children spending Wednesday morning at Grace once a month to learn bible stories and songs.
- Northeast Minnesota held its annual pastor's conference at Sugar Lake Lodge.
- Several home and hospital visits in the month of September/October.
- Pictures for the church directory.
- A revamping has taken place for two nursing homes in town where pastoral ministry and worship takes place. A new coordinated event has made this a reality.
- Staff relationships are good and affirming. Staff reviews will take place this fall/winter.
- Our house building project is completed. (enough for us to live there) Praise be to God.
- Pay for staff member Matt.

#### • Children, Youth and Family

Kelly has finished her first interview with a church in Yankon, South Dakota and developing a plan for youth ministry. Her second church will have a visit later this month. That church is in rural Hallock, Minnesota.

#### • Worship and Music:

- Holy Communion will be at both services for Reformation Sunday (Confirmation Sunday) on 10/29/2023 -- with two communion stations set up.
- o Bags with communion in them will be out at both services, as members continue to use these.
- December 10<sup>th</sup> will be the Sunday School Christmas Program @ 9:30.
- Christmas Choir Concert Sunday / December 17<sup>th</sup> Richard is going to ask Choir Members on 10/4/2023 if they would like to only do one service at 9:00 A.M. in the Sanctuary.
- Christmas Eve:
  - 9:00 A.M. Sanctuary Service 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
  - 4:00 P.M. Candlelight service in Family Life Center, w/Brass
  - 10:00 P.M. Candlelight service in the Sanctuary
  - New Year Eve: 9:00 A.M. Sanctuary Service

#### Treasurer's Report

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- Sept. 30, 2023 (7,134.61)
- Next month get 2024 Budget proposal

#### Unfinished Business

- Church Constitution / working on it: Ethan, Mary, Craig
- Solar Panels
- FLC Tech area

New Business

• Personal committee / role

Next meeting, Sunday, November 19th, 2023, 10:45 A.M. following the 2nd service Motion to adjourn Robin / Mary m/s/c Closed with the Lord's Prayer Submitted by Robin Blegen, Council Secretary

### Worship and Music Minutes 10.02.2023

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

Devotions by Judy ~ Psalm 86~ Productive Gratitude. Make it Happen.

Altar

- Eternal Candle Sanctuary
  - Extra bulbs will be ordered and will be on hand if the bulb burns out.
- Holy Communion will be at both services for Reformation Sunday on 10/29/2023- with two communion stations set up.
- No Communion Christmas Choir Concert Sunday 12/17/2023
- Bags with communion in them will be out at both services, as members continue to use these.

#### Youth

- Reformation Sunday is Confirmation Sunday 10/29/2023
  - Confirmands will be asked to be here early so they can attend the end of the 8:00 service for a prayer/blessing.
- December 10<sup>th</sup> will be the Sunday School Christmas Program @ 9:30 A.M..

#### Christmas Choir Concert Sunday

- Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> Sanctuary- No Communion
  - Richard is going to ask Choir Members on 10/4/2023 if they would like to only do one service at 9:00 A.M. in the Sanctuary.

#### Christmas Eve

- 9:00 A.M. Sanctuary Service- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 4:00 P.M. Candlelight service in the Family Life Center- w/ Brass
- 10:00 P.M. Candlelight service in the Sanctuary

#### New Years Eve

• 9:00 A.M. Sanctuary Service

Blue Tooth Hearing Aids

• Kristin is checking with Todd on the cost.

Tech Area FLC

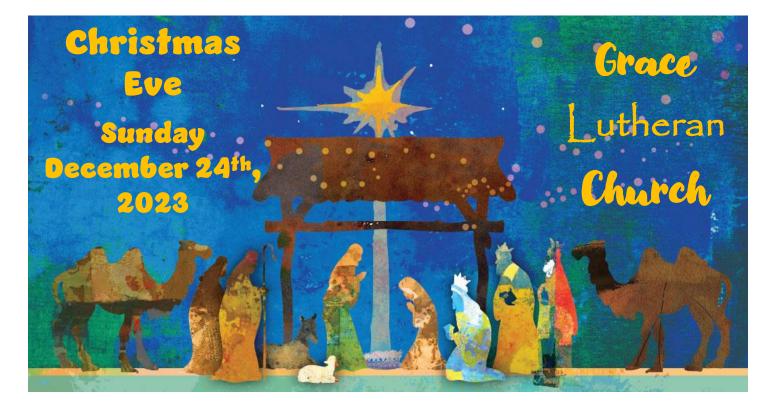
• Please DO NOT unplug cords. -Thank you, kindly.

**Reformation Sunday** 

• Kristin is checking with Barb and Todd to see if they will décor the church.

Meeting Closed with all members singing the doxology.

NEXT MEETING will be on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M.



# <u>Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023</u>

9:00 A.M. Sanctuary Service- 4th Sunday in Advent

4:00 P.M. Family Life Center Service

7:00 P.M. NICE 95.5 F.M. KBEK

10:00 P.M. Sanctuary Service

Services at 4 and 10 will be candlelite services with Holy Communion. All Are Welcome.

Please Join Us



## Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00 A. M. Sanctuary Service 9:30 A. M. FLC Service- Sunday School Program

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 1 Service 9:00 A.M. Choir Christmas Concert Sanctuary

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Eve 9:00 A. M. Sanctuary Service ~4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent 4:00 P. M. Family Life Center Service 7:00 P. M. NICE 95.5 F. M. KBEK 10:00 P. M. Sanctuary Service

Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>~ 1 Service NY Eve 9:00 A. M. Sanctuary Service ~1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years to our Grace Family

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## **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.

After the sermon, the kids all come up front for the "Sunday School Sit Down" where the adults get to hear what we've been up to and maybe learn a little something to! Families stay in worship together for the remainder of the service.

We invite families who prefer to have their children with them for the whole service to attend our 8am Worship Service in the Sanctuary and then come for Sunday School after.

> The Christmas Program is coming! The Christmas Program is **coming!** Please see more info about practices in this newsletter and in the GOL!

First Catechisms and Bibles on November 12th First graders will receive their First Catechism and the 3rd graders will receive their SPARK Bibles during the 9:30 worship service. If you prefer to attend the 8am service instead please let us know.

The next Religious Release Time is November 1<sup>st</sup>! Once a month on a Wednesday, we welcome the 1<sup>st</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> 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.** Carpooling from school is available if needed. Please contact Kelly if your child(ren) would like to join us. November Practices: 13th, 20th, 27th. We will be singing November 12th at both services.

**Confirmation** – November 8<sup>th</sup> will be our last regular Wednesday night session till the new year. We will resume regular confirmation on Jan.10th 2024. A group of 25 youth and adults will be traveling to the NE MN Synods ALL YOUTH EVENT at Cragun's resort on Nov. 18-19. Please keep the group in your prayers! Because of this, there will be no acolytes on Nov. 19th.

> **Chat N Chow** Homecoming Breakfast was a great success! Thank you to the volunteers that made it happen. 45 seniors enjoyed a hot delicious breakfast as part of their homecoming week celebrations. It was wonderful to have them back in the church chatting and chowing! Watch for future opportunities to serve as we hope to have a few more breakfasts this year!









# The Synod Journey to the ELCA National Youth Gathering is in NEW ORLEANS July 14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Bachman's Poinsettia's** are on sale!! Please see the info in this newsletter and in the Grace On Line and get your order in by Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>!



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 <u>kellykehr01@gmail.com</u>

### Attention Parents of Sunday School kids! CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICES!!

The Grace Children's Christmas Program will be <u>DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup></u> at the 9:30 service.

It's time to start practicing! This year the Sunday School kids will be presenting "Here We Come a' Caroling". We will practice music during Sunday School on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will also practice during Celebration Singers on Mondays, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and Dec.4<sup>th</sup>.

This year's program will feature readings in between some old and new Christmas songs. I will start assigning reading parts on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. We want everyone to be able to participate if they want to! Please let Kelly know if your child wants a reading part but will not be able to be there on the 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>. Any kids who would like to join us for practices on Mondays are welcome! Please contact Kelly about coordinating rides.

If you know your child won't be here on December 10<sup>th</sup>, they can still come to Sunday School as we will still have some regular lesson time. December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the only Sunday that we will use the whole time for practicing.

Children are not required to participate. Some children prefer to stay with their family and watch the program, which is just fine!

# BIBLES AND CATECHISMS Sunday November 12th, 2023



The BIG, beautiful poinsettias from

Bachman's are coming back!

# **Grace Youth Fundraiser**

Supporting the Youth and adults attending the 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans!

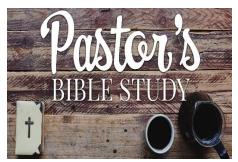
- 8" double Poinsettias Red or white w/green pot cover- <u>\$30</u>
- Poinsettia orders will be taken from
  October 15<sup>th</sup> November 12<sup>th</sup>
- Poinsettias will be ready for pick up by <u>Dec.10</u>

If you would like to order for a shut-in or other person of your choice, let us know and the youth will deliver to them!



# WEEKLY, MONTHLY, AND HERE AND THERE ACTIVITIES!











#### 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.

#### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

A study of Isaiah begins Wednesday, November 1st at either noon in the FLC and/or 7:15 in the library. All are welcomed. This class will study the chapters 40 - 55, known as Second Isaiah. This covers the time in Israel's history while in Babylonian Captivity about to return back to Jerusalem. It is a celebration of the forgiveness of God for an entire nation. Come and learn.

PROPERTY

Property

meets the

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of

the month at

7:00 P.M.

#### **GLC CHOIR**

Wednesdays 6:00 P.M. GLC Choir Room All are welcome! Fun, Fellowship, Friends

#### CARD MAKERS

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

All are welcome!

#### PRAYER SHAWL

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

All are welcome!

#### **EVE CIRCLE** The next EVE **Circle** meeting will be NOVEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>, due to Bazaar week! Thank you!

# **EVE Circle**



deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month.

December newsletter information is due November 20th @ noon.

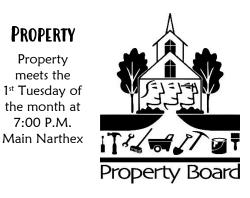
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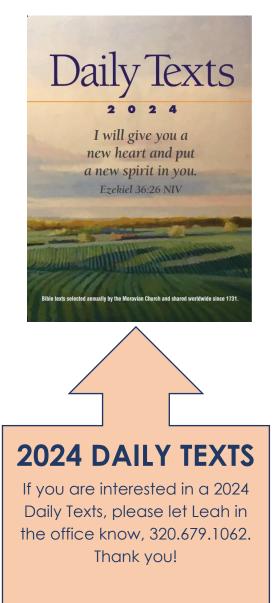
Worship and Music meets the first Monday of the month at 11:00 A.M. \*Date subject to change.





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# 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 5<sup>th</sup>**, **2023**, at 2 a.m. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before bed Saturday night!



Please join us on Tuesday evening November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 P.M. for a combined Thanksgiving service at Grace Lutheran.



Offering is donated

to Good Samaritan

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 @ <u>https://www.gracechurchmora.com/social-</u>

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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 😂



The new Grace Directory is a wrap! I am so grateful for all who set aside some time to be "pictured!" The Directory is a useful resource for all of us!

Our awesome photographers Leslie and Jose were friendly, patient, accommodating and professional! The process was painless!

A big THANK YOU to Leah for all her promoting, recruiting, organizing, scheduling, and handling numerous phone calls with questions/requests. She kept us moving in the right direction! A big THANK YOU to Kelly, Krista and Pastor Gary for promoting the Directory, to Eunice Weckwerth, Carol Allman, Lynn Paulson, Deb Schultz, Peggy Groshek, Rollie and Marie Fredrickson, Suzie Halverson, Dianne Fisher, Kathy Hovland, Rhonda Felland and Dar Wicklund for assistance with sign-up/check-in, and Matt Smith who turned the FLC into a photography studio and back to a sanctuary again...no small task!

#### IT WAS A GREAT TEAM EFFORT!

God Bless You All! Mary

A BIG THANK YOU to Mary Brelie for her dedication to the directory! This couldn't have happened without you!

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