

JANUARY

2025 GLC Weekly GOL (Grace On Line)

Grace Lutheran Church

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Mora, MN 55051
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Office Open-
Monday - Thursday 8-4
(Main handicap doors
unlocked)
Friday Office Closed

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Dear God,
you take delight in
bringing us joy
when we are
discouraged; help
us to use our
abilities so that
others may see
Jesus as the source
of your abundant
goodness.
Amen.

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. KBK

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

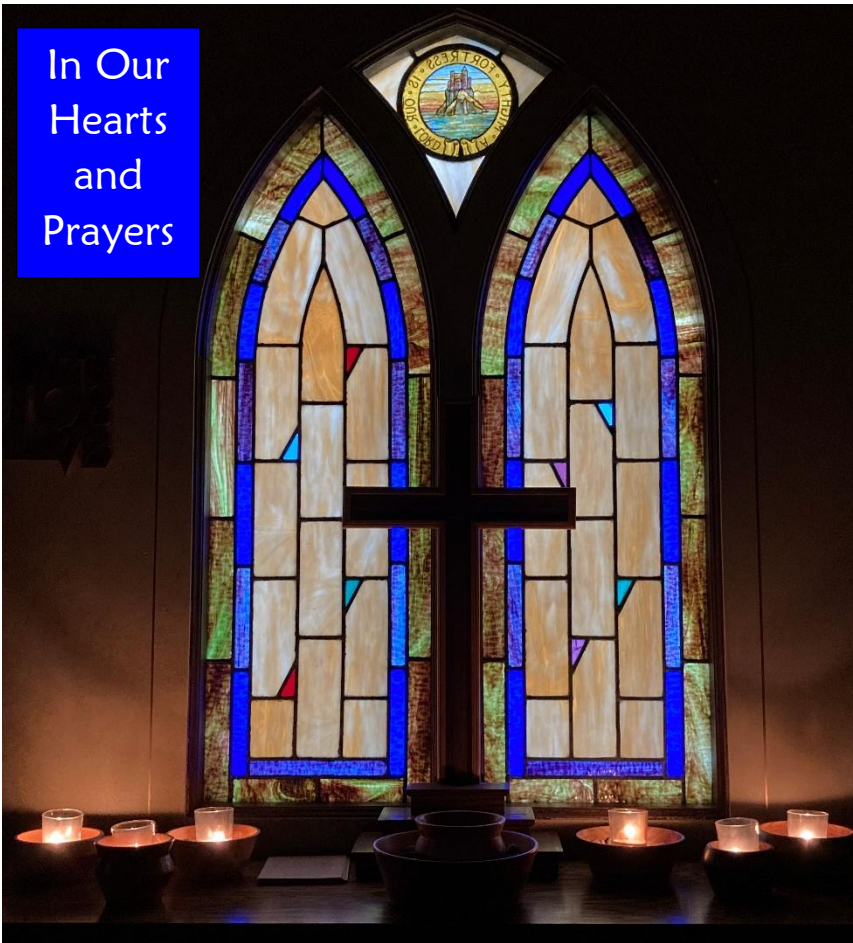
Reminder for bad weather:

Mora Grace Lutheran Church
follows the local school for
closing and/or delayed starts!

Be careful out there! ❤️

Jesus' ministry overflows
with joy and love.

In Our
Hearts
and
Prayers



Grace Lutheran Church PRAYER CONCERNS

Richard Schultz, Elaine VanDriel,
Bob Isom, Galen Brelie,
Bella Rogne, Greyson Carling,
Marian Walsh, Pam Bastie,
Nancy Nygaard, Dave Franko,
Marlow Geyer, Beverly Fore,
Gerri Teich, David Ulstrom,
Meagan Barrett Isom and Jody
Burton.

Service Personnel:

Owen Marohn, Sam Marohn,
Adam Herwig, Noah Wicklund,
Christopher Unger, Chris
Garbacz, Emmie Otto and all
other active members

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is
God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ~ **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

PRAYER WARRIORS.



January and February Worship Schedule 2025

8:00 Service

Jan 5th:

Ushers: Dan Funk & Gerald Funk
Lector: Roger Peterson
Communion: Mike Harris

Jan 12th:

Ushers: John & Lynn Paulson
Lector: Lynn Paulson

Jan 19th:

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

Jan 26th: 9:00 ANNUAL MEETING

Ushers: Don & Mary Olson
Lector: Kim Saulsbury
Communion: Kim Saulsbury

Feb 2nd:

Ushers: Art & Lurette Kottke
Lector: Laura Strand

Feb 9th:

Ushers: Guy & Peggy Groshek
Lector: Peggy Groshek
Communion: Andrea Hams

Feb 16th:

Ushers: Gene & Eunice Weckwerth
Lector: Gene Weckwerth

Feb 23rd:

Ushers: Dale Hawkins & Rollie Fredrickson
Lector: Kim Saulsbury

9:30 Service

Jan 5th:

Ushers: Ray & Diane Knutson
Lector: Steve Denzine
Communion: Steve Denzine

Jan 12th:

Ushers: Mark & Verona Gravich
Lector: Mark Gravich

Jan 19th:

Ushers: Craig & Jodi Schultz
Lector: Craig Schultz
Communion: Judy Roeschlein

Jan 26th: 9:00 ANNUAL MEETING

Feb 2nd:

Ushers: Harry & Robin Blegen
Lector: Harry Blegen

Feb 9th:

Ushers: Tim & Natalie Matthewson
Lector: Natalie Matthewson
Communion: Jeremy Schultz

Feb 16th:

Ushers: Bruce & Jackie Thompson
Lector: Bruce Thompson

Feb 23rd:

Ushers: Dianne Fisher & Suzy Halverson
Lector: Diane Runquist

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Birthdays 2025 GLC



2. Kathy Menze
3. Kelly Linder, Adam Herwig, Aubry Brasch
4. John Skillicorn, Judy Morgenweck
5. Ray Fore, Stratton Nelson
7. Kathy Hallauer
8. Elaine VanDriel, Don Semelhack, Josie Brasch
10. Laura Larson
11. David Backlund
12. Jason Donaghue, Mackenzie Belsheim
13. Jessica Olen
14. Anna Kehr
15. Lynette Skolte
16. Max Sampson, Paul Olson, Susan Loosmore
18. Bev Deis, Landon Donaghue
19. Eric Marohn, Kyle Wicklund, Nicole Pancake
20. Barb Herwig
21. Heidi Johnson
22. Ashley Thompson

23. Thomas Mulford
24. Simon Larsen
28. Todd Sjoberg, Reed Olson
29. MaryEtta Schwartz, Barb Sjoberg,
Julie Mulford, Joe Sampson
30. Jacob Tetnowski

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



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

Children’s Books

The library has a selection of children’s books ranging from board books for the very youngest up to books geared toward early teens. Of course, teens could also enjoy many of the books in the adult’s sections of the library. One example of a chapter book for young readers is *“Sun & Spoon”* by Kevin Henkes. The main character in this story is a ten-year old boy named Fredrick (nicknamed Spoon). Spoon’s grandma died two months earlier and he was worried that he would forget her. He begins to search around in his grandfather’s (Pa’s) house to find something to have that had been special to his grandma. What did he find and how did this affect Pa? Plus, Spoon’s younger sister Joanie keeps tagging along and pestering him while he tries to find that something special.

Adult Series Books

The adult fiction section of the library contains many books that are a part of a series. In most cases the books in a series are labeled with numbers (1, 2, 3...) with little circle stickers on the spines of the books. One series on the library shelves is the Denise Hunter *“A Chapel Springs Romance”* series set in Chapel Springs, Maine. The characters in all these books wrestle with what God wants them to do in their relationships and life choices. In Book 1, *“Barefoot Summer”* Madison McKinley struggles to deal with her twin brothers drowning death and wants to fulfill her brother’s dream of winning the local sailing regatta – but first she has to learn how to sail with the help of sailing expert Beckett O’Reilly who has secrets of his own. In Book 3, *“The Wishing Season”*, a Chapel Hills resident offers her ancestral home to the applicant with the best plan. PJ McKinley thinks the house would be a perfect place for her dream of owning a restaurant. Cole Evens, who is a former foster kid, thinks the house would be a perfect place for foster kids in transition. Who does the homeowner choose? In Book 4, *“Married on a Monday”* a divorced couple Abby and Ryan have been invited to Abby’s parent’s big anniversary party. Abby had not exactly told her parents that she was divorced because of the strained relationship that she had with her parents. What could go wrong on a one-week road trip with this divorced couple?

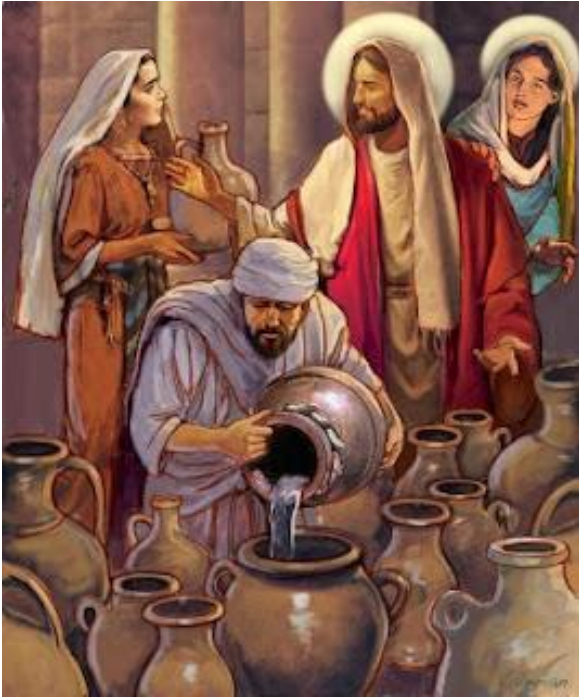
Stand Alone Adult Fiction

Most of the books in the adult fiction section of the library are “stand alone” books. One example is *“Driftwood Tides”* by Gina Holmes. In this story a driftwood artist Holten Creary had lost his wife a few years ago in a terrible accident. He now spends his days creating art and his nights drinking himself into forgetfulness. Libby Slater has learned through genetic testing that her parents were not her biological parents and begins to search for who she really is which brings her to the home of Holten who she believes is married to her biological mother. Libby finds out that the person she believes is her biological mother has died. Colton won’t talk about her so Libby takes a job as an intern for Colton to attempt find the truth along with Colton’s friend and assistant, Tess.

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.



John 2:1-11

Do whatever He tells you.

When is a time that Jesus' overflowing joy and love made a difference in your life?

In the Gospel of John, the first sign of Jesus that pointed to his glory (his death and resurrection) is seen in water turned to wine. That moment leads us to a deep understanding of Jesus' entire ministry. It is about abundance that brings joy, not gloom and doom. The amount of wine Jesus provides from the water jars was excessive, and it tasted very good. Wine in the Bible was meant to gladden the heart. It was associated with a future divine banquet as well as daily hospitality and celebration. The sign of changing water into wine at a wedding feast introduces Jesus' ministry as overflowing with goodness, joy, and love. It turns our shame and embarrassment (like a bridegroom's shame for running out of wine) into simple delight without limits, without measure. It leads us to long for more of what Jesus has in store for us.

Pray: God of love, give us joy in your presence that we may be a sign of your love to others through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

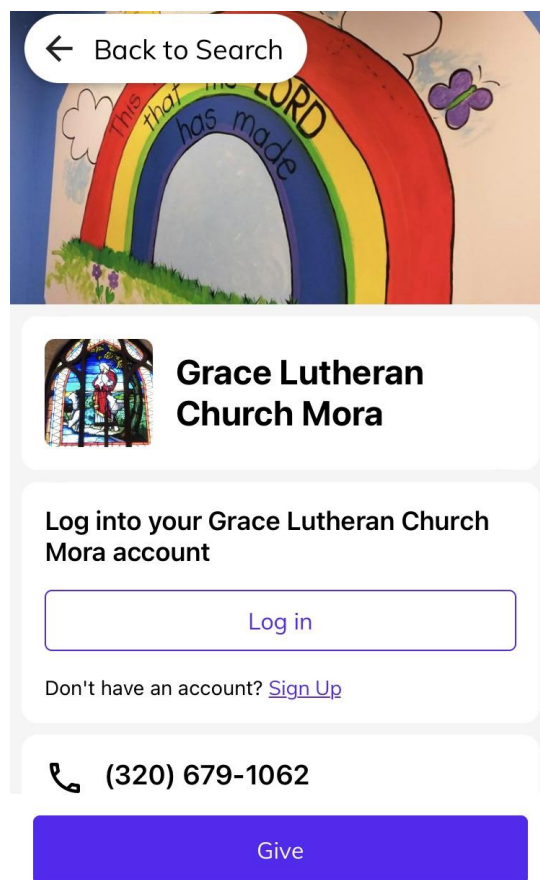
WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

VANCO MOBILE FAITH ENGAGEMENT APP OPTION:

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

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

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



APP ICON for:
Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement



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



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

SCAN to DONATE VANCO ONLINE GIVING



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

301 Forest Ave. E.
Mora, MN 55051

31-December-2024 General Checkbook:

General Checkbook:

Beginning balance	(7,093.70)
Deposits	55,356.98
Checks written	<u>(48,938.33)</u>
Ending balance	(675.05)

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the finance committee.

Bonnie Boyer, Ethan Elvehjem, Matt Felger,
Kristin Nelson, Roger Peterson or Betty Smith

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

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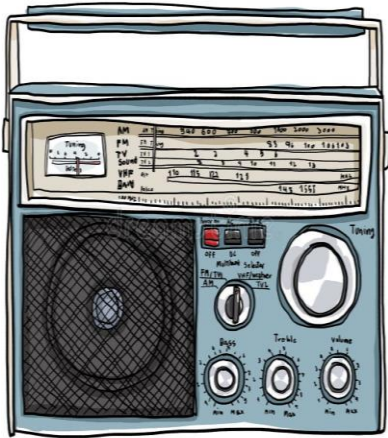
- 1) Go to www.gracechurchmora.com
- 2) Click on the More tab, then click the Give tab, then scroll down to click on Give online, once you click Give online, it brings you to Vanco a Secure Site.
- 3) Follow the onscreen instructions to schedule your one time or recurring contribution.

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



It is always such a nice touch to the service when there are flowers on the Altar.

If you would like to sign up for Flowers on the Altar, please sign-up in the main Narthex. Please bring your flowers to church on Sunday Morning by 7:45 for the first service at 8:00 A.M. or you may bring your flowers to church on Thursday afternoon, by 3:00 P.M. Please let us know if you will be providing flower on the Altar! Many Thanks!!



Would you like to sponsor a NICE 95.5 F.M. KBEK Church Service Radio Broadcast on Sunday Morning @ 10:15 A.M.? If so, please send a check for \$150.00 to GLC 301 Forest Ave. E. Mora, MN 55051 or drop one in the offering plate- and sign-up in the Main Narthex for the Sunday you would like to sponsor!

Please include any special occasion you would like to celebrate (birthday, graduation, wedding or anniversary) or a special someone you would like to honor.

Or stop in the office and talk with Leah. 😊 Many Thanks!!



January Noisy Offering is going to the World Missions

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 😊



February 2025
Newsletter deadline is
January 20th.
Please have all
information turned into
the office by the 20th of
the month by noon or as
soon as you have it
ready!



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



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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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Social Justice

Our Mission Statement:

Empowered by Christ, we will minister to the world by extending a hand to those in need.



The Mora Food Pantry

214 Railroad Ave- Mora
(North entrance) 679.5513

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



Soup for the Soul

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

Emmanuel Baptist-
536 Union ST. S.



Catholic Charities Meals on Wheels

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

Community in Action-
YOU are needed!

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**THANK
YOU!**

Dear members of Grace Lutheran Church,

A huge thank you from Soup For The Soul for all your support and generosity to our community outreach program.

We welcome anyone in our community to join us for a free home cooked meal every Monday from 4-6 p. m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Mora.

Soup For The Soul is a place where our guests can relax, visit with friends and be served.

*Thank you again for your support,
The Soup Crew*

Blessing Box



Blessing BOX

(Free to ALL)

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

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

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Emergency Food Bags



EMERGENCY FOOD BAGS

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

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



FRIENDS of GRACE ~ *The Mora Food Pantry* IS IN

NEED! Let's come together and help fill their shelves!

Below is a very small list of their greatest needs.

Thank you, for loving thy neighbor 😊

*Donations can be dropped off in the Main Narthex under the bulletin board.

Thank you for all your support!

ITEMS needed for the Mora Food Pantry:

Shampoo

ANY Hygiene items

Butter/Margarine

Eggs

Baking Mixes

Crackers

Mealttime Prayer: God of abundant care, we thank you for this food and all that you provide us, signs of your constant love for us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

APPLICATION FOR BAZAAR FUNDS

Grace Lutheran Church ~ Mora, Minnesota

The members of Grace Lutheran Church generously gave of their time, talents, and resources to the 2024 Fall Harvest Bazaar, knowing that the fruit of their labors will be used for the ministries at Grace. The Bazaar committee hopes to handle the responsibility of distributing the funds fairly and thoughtfully among the ministries. The amount of funds to be distributed on **February 26th** is **\$13,000.00**.

Use this form to indicate the needs, wishes or suggestions from a ministry. **Please return this form to the office by Monday, February 24th at noon.** Thank you, kindly.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Ministry: _____

Amount requested: _____

Please describe how the funds will be used on the back of this page. Thank you (sheets available on the office counter)



WEEKLY, MONTHLY, AND HERE AND THERE ACTIVITIES!



WORSHIP & MUSIC

Worship and Music meets the 1st Monday of the month at 11:00 A.M.
*Date subject to change.



PROPERTY

Property meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:00 A.M. Main Narthex



NEWSLETTER

GLC newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month @ NOON.



EVE CIRCLE

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

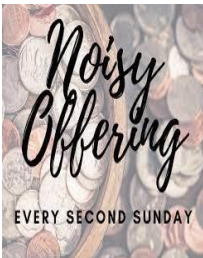
We would love to have you join us!



AL-ANON

A small group meets Monday's at 6:00 P.M. in the Main Narthex.

*unless noted



NOISY OFFERING

Second week of each month, coins and loose offerings are collected to donate to a different local ministry.

GLC CHOIR

Wednesdays 6:00 P.M. GLC Choir Room (Left side of FLC- the doors by the piano)
All are welcome!

Fun, Friends and Fellowship
Choir on HOLD until January 29th



SOWING GRACE QUILTERS AND PRAYER SHAWL

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

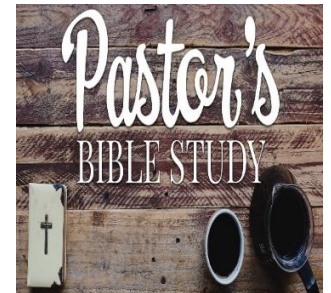
All are welcome, we come together each week with open hearts and willing hands to serve our Lord.

The best kind of sleep beneath Heaven above, is under a quilt, handmade with love.



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY~ON HOLD!

Every Wednesday at noon and at 7:00, for 1 hour, a bible study will be an on-going event. Come when you can. Take a break from work and come at noon or go out for dinner and come to Grace at 7:00. Pastor Gary leads this, and all questions and insights are welcomed. **Start a new routine. Get in the groove. Come and learn and grow.**

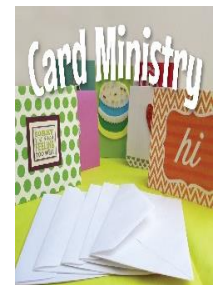


CARD MAKERS

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

All are welcome!

Card Makers will **NOT MEET** in: January or February.
We look forward to March!



PRAYER MINISTRY

*while we, for our part, will devote ourselves
to prayer and to serving the word.'*

Acts 6:4b

*As Paul exhorts Timothy in 1Timothy 2:1 "I urge, then, first
of all, that supplications, prayers, intercession and
thanksgiving be made for everyone." Our goal is to pray
and petition on behalf of our church family needs, uplifting
one another in prayer to the Lord.*



PRAYER MINISTRY

PRAYER IS ONE OF THE WAYS WE ARE ABLE TO RELATE DIRECTLY WITH GOD.

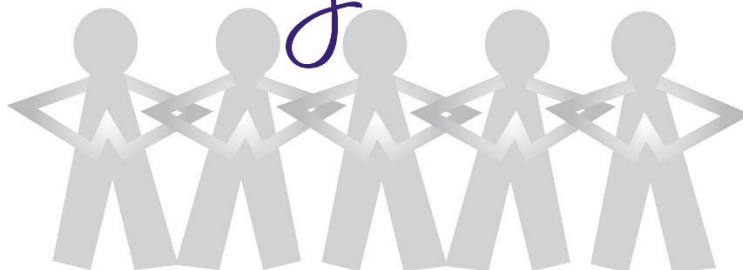
A quiet moment of reflection. A talk with Jesus. A recited text celebrating faith. Though very different, all of these are valid definitions for "prayer." Prayer is an intentional and meaningful way that every individual — no matter of age, race or background — can deepen his or her personal relationship with God. — ***ELCA Prayer Center***

PRAYER INFORMATION – One of the great privileges and ministries listed in the New Testament is the opportunity to remember one another in prayer, to “bear one another’s burdens.” To help us in this ministry, Grace Lutheran offers a prayer chain to which specific prayers may be made.

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? – If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office @ 320.679.1062 or moragrancelutheran@gmail.com or the Prayer Chain Ministry Coordinator: Barb Sjoberg at: (H) 320.679.5373 or encourager4him@hotmail.com

BECOME A PRAYER VOLUNTEER – If you would like to be added to the prayer chain email, you can either email Leah in the church office @ moragrancelutheran@gmail.com or Barb Sjoberg @ encourager4him@hotmail.com Thank you!

Join
the Prayer Chain



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



GRACE TIME!

January 15th,
2025

3:15 P. M.

GLC Basement

GRACE TIME

This is our afterschool program on Wednesdays!

We have snack, music time (**Celebration Singers), games, skits and activities.

Time: Afterschool 3:15 till 5pm. (pick up earlier if needed)

Rides provided from school upon request.

Please let Kelly know if you can help with rides or if you will need a ride.

**This is the new day for Celebration Singers! Grace Time will be very similar to Celebration Singers with a few more activities in order to be welcoming to all.

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.

Dates for Grace Time:

January 15th & 29th

February 12th, 19th & 26th

March 12th, 19th & 26th

April 9th, 16th 23rd & 30th

May 7th

Kids Singing Dates:

February 23rd

March 23rd

Maybe Palm Sunday

Winter Camp Retreats!!



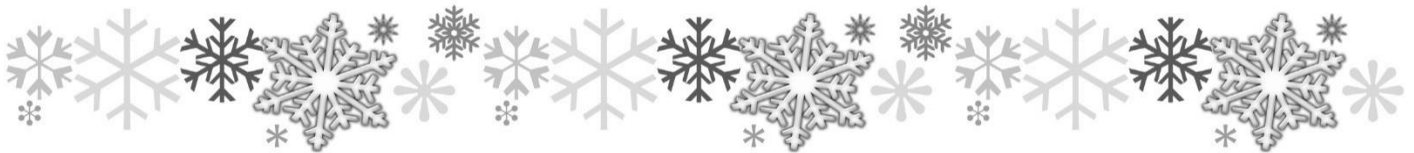
Luther Point Bible Camp

6th-12th grade

Winter Camp Feb. 7-9.

Go to lutherpoint.org

for more information!



Camp Onomia

Family Winter Weekend Jan. 17th -19th and
Middle School Winter BLAST Feb. 21st -23rd.

Go to camponomia.org for more information!



2024 marked the 50th Anniversary of
the ELCA World Hunger Appeal!
Together we continue to celebrate!

Until All Are Fed!

50 Year Celebration of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal

Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” —1 John 3:18



Fish Farms for Our Neighbors

Fish farm Give your neighbors a fish, and they'll eat for a day.
Give your neighbors a community fish farm, and they'll eat for a lifetime.
A fish farm starts with a pond, training and a few fast growing fish such as tilapia. Soon the pond can provide the community with a longtime supply of fish, rich in vitamins, minerals and protein. **\$250 Community fish farm**

This January, the children and youth at Grace Lutheran Church will be supporting the **50 year celebration of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal!** We are excited to be part of the movement to end hunger and to help make a lasting change in the world.

The direct project that we will be supporting is FISH FARMS!

A fish farm begins with a pond, training and a few fast growing fish. The entire community benefits from a longtime supply of fish, rich in vitamins, minerals and protein.

Every \$50 raised is a share for a family to start a fish farm. Our goal is to raise 15 shares – enough for 3 full fish farms!

The students will be decorating a World Hunger booth in the narthex of the church. They will be creating fish mobiles to give as gifts to everyone making a donation.

Let's warm our hearts in January through giving to ELCA WORLD HUNGER!

*“Give your neighbors a fish and they'll eat for a day.
Give them a fish farm and they'll eat for a lifetime!”*

Thank you, Thrivent Action Team grants for supporting our students with a grant to help with the cost of our project. If you are a Thrivent member and want to learn more about Thrivent Action Team grants, please contact Leah Smith or Kelly Kehr.

Acolyte Schedule

January - March 2025

If you cannot acolyte on the scheduled day/time please switch with someone else. If you need help contacting people, let me know.

Kelly Kehr 320-336-8028 / kellykehr01@gmail.com

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the service starts.

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

<p>Jan. 5th 8 – Sawyer S. / Boone S. 9:30 – Marek N./ Hunter R.</p>	<p>Feb. 2nd 8 – Honor S/ Gretta J. 9:30 - Josie B / Autumn L.</p>	<p>Mar. 2nd 8 - Izzy G. / Hailee B 9:30 – Ayva D. / Maggie B</p>
<p>Jan. 12th 8 – Raylan S./ Kole J. 9:30 – Izzy G. / Hailee B</p>	<p>Feb. 9th 8am – Presley M. / Bryce E. 9:30 – Keaton B./ Allyson O.</p>	<p>Mar. 9th 8 - Easton H. /Brayden H. 9:30 - Ethan H./Andy F.</p>
<p>Jan. 19th 8 – Ayva D. / Maggie B 9:30 – Easton H. /Brayden H.</p>	<p>Feb. 16th 8 – Noah D./Caiden F. 9:30 – Sawyer S. / Boone S.</p>	<p>Mar. 16th 8 – Josie B / Autumn L. 9:30 - Honor S/ Gretta J.</p>
<p>Jan. 26th 1 service only – 9am!!! Ethan H./Andy F. Annual meeting to follow the service.</p>	<p>Feb. 23rd 8 - Marek N./ Hunter R. 9:30 - Raylan S./ Kole J.</p>	<p>Mar. 23rd 8 - Keaton B./ Allyson O. 9:30 - Presley M. / Bryce E.</p>
		<p>Mar. 30th 8 - Sawyer S. / Boone S. 9:30 - Noah D./Caiden F.</p>

CONFIRMATION

IS BACK January 15th

Youth 7th- 9th Grade

Wednesday's

6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Meal 6:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.



Confirmation NEWS



Confirmation Families:

If you ordered a photo, they are available for pick up on the Children, Youth and Family table, in the main Narthex.

Kendall Brandt

Urijah Chromey

Caden Johnson

Eddie Johnson

Jaxson McGrath

Stratton Nelson

Ian Schley

Faith in Action Playroom AKA.. The Nursery



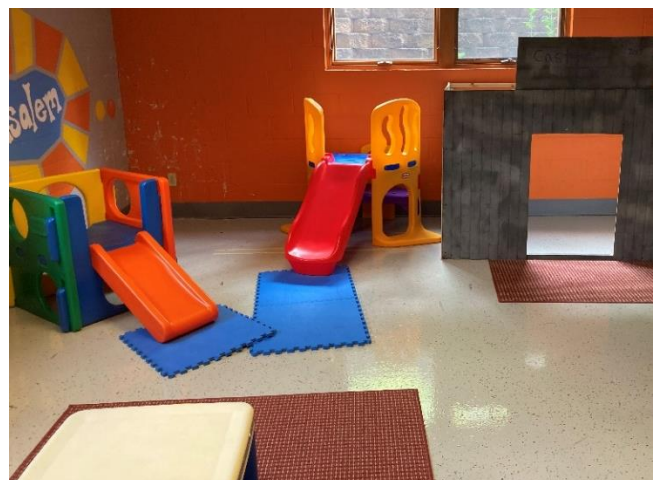
Parents, Families and Grandparents!

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



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

Galatians 3:26



"A Space for Grace"

Welcome to the Family Life Center's

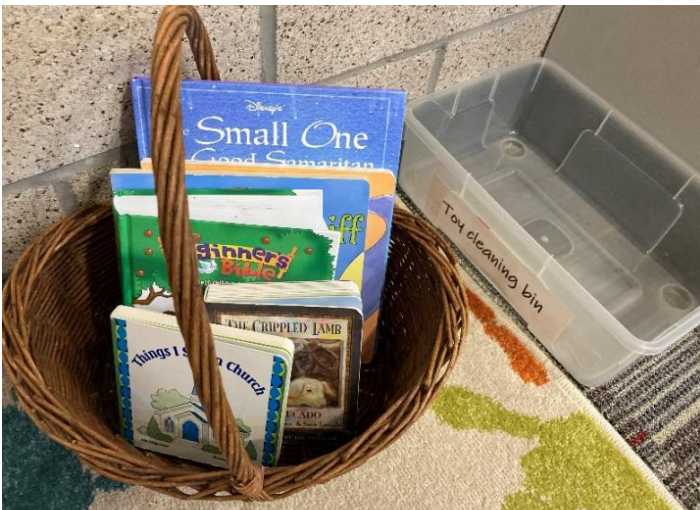
"A Space for Grace"

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

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

We also have a larger playroom downstairs with a changing table and rocking chair. Take 2 lefts at the bottom of the large staircase. (heading down to Sunday school)

If toys are mouthed, please place in designated bin for cleaning. Many thanks!




This is the day the
LORD has made;
let us rejoice and
be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24



IN TOWN CHURCH EVENTS
All Are Welcome!

**KICK CANCER
TO THE CURB**
 *Fundraiser Breakfast*

St. Mary's Church Parish Center in Mora
Three Blocks West of the Stop Light

Sunday January 26th 9 a.m. to noon
Serving Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs and Fruit

There will be a freewill offering with
proceeds going to help those in Kanabec County
who have been diagnosed with Cancer



*Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 5078
In Service to one, In service to all*

SYNOD STUFF

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“The Multi-Generational Church: Declaring our Identity, Purpose & Belonging”

ABOUT THE FEBRUARY SEMINAR

Energize your faith and service for reimagining the multi-generational church reconnect with your spiritual gifts and others

In-person at Bethlehem Lutheran Church--Brainerd, MN

February 22, 2024 9:00 - 4:00

\$15 registration fee (Zoom available)

Schedule

9 AM	Welcome	Bishop Amy Odgren
	Spirit Analysis: Deep Hopes/Challenges	Kelly Kehr, ELCA Youth Co-op
11 AM	Spiritual Streams: Spirit in Lives for Church/World	Rev. Dr. Mark Skinner
	Lunch	
1 PM	Finding ways to Do and Be the Church Together	Intergenerational panel
2:45	Debrief, Take Aways, Action Items	Bishop Odgren/Rev.Dr. Skinner
4:00	Closing Worship and Sending	



Register Today -- Bring a Friend nemnsynod.org/lay-leader-network/



OUTREACH STUFF



Proceeds benefit A Place For You's mission to serve those struggling with homelessness in our community!

Don't miss our fun **Ugly Wallet Bingo & Raffle**, a fundraising event that promises to bring laughter and prizes! This event will be held on Saturday February 1st, 2025 at **Chuckers Bowl & Lounge** at **1270 W. 3rd St, Rush City**. Here's everything you need to know:

- **Advance Online Purchase:** \$40
- **At the Door:** \$45
- **Registration Starts:** 12:30 PM
- **Games Begin:** 1:30 PM

Your participation in this event will help raise crucial funds to support the important work we do, and we promise an afternoon of fun and community spirit!

February 1, 2025

12:30pm - 4:30pm CST

[Chuckers Bowl & Lounge](#)

RSVP



CONTINUING TO PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA

UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR PEACE

(FROM THE IONA COMMUNITY)

LEAD US FROM DEATH TO LIFE,
FROM FALSEHOOD TO TRUTH.
LEAD US FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE,
FROM FEAR TO TRUST.
LEAD US FROM HATE TO LOVE,
FROM WAR TO PEACE.
LET PEACE FILL OUR LIVES,
OUR WORLD, OUR UNIVERSE.
PEACE, PEACE, PEACE.

FRIENDS of GRACE

The GLC upstairs kitchen is missing some table covers and serving trays. We will need these items again, please return them. 😊 Our amazing Funeral Ladies, who donated their time to this needed Ministry use these items often, we want them to always have their supplies available. Thanks.



A BLESSING FOR EPIPHANY

Beloved children of God, what came into being in Christ was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. May the light of Christ shine on you with grace and mercy and fill you with joy and peace. (John 1:1, 3-5)



What's Happening at Grace this week:

- Sunday January 19th** Blended Worship w/ Holy Communion
8:00 A.M. Sanctuary Service
9:15 A.M. Sunday School
9:30 A.M. FLC Service
- Monday January 20th** Office Closed~ Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Noon~ Newsletter Deadline – Thank you
- Tuesday January 21st** 8:00 – 4:00 Office Open
- Wednesday January 22nd** 8:00 – 4:00 Office Open
9:30 A.M.- Quilters and Prayer Shawl~ West Narthex
3:15 P.M.~ Grace Time
6:00 P.M.~ Confirmation Meal
6:30 P.M.~ Confirmation
- Thursday January 23rd** 8:00 – 4:00 Office Open
- Friday January 24th** *Office Closed*
- Saturday January 25th** *Office Closed*
- Sunday January 26th** **One Service ANNUAL MEETING**
9:15 A.M. Sunday School
9:00 A.M. FLC Service

REMINDER for ALL:

Annual Meeting
January 26th, 2025
Following ~ One Service
@ 9:00 A.M. ~ FLC

A Blessing to Give:
May the God of abundant love give you joy.

Grace Lutheran Church



If you would like to share info on your loved one who is Serving, please email moragrancelutheran@gmail.com their name, which branch, a few pictures and where they are stationed.

Holy and Righteous God, your love turns my world upside down. While I cling to your promise to raise me up when I am down, I thank you for bringing me down when I am haughty. Help me to live humbly.

Not knowing how others are struggling, today I will make a point of bringing encouragement to everyone.

Amen

Thank you for reading the GOL all the way through! Truly!

In His Grip,
Leah Smith
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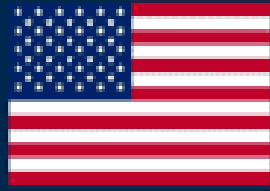


Grace Members:

There is an AED machine in the Main Narthex.

All is updated.

Please watch future GOL's for information on an AED Training Class.



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY



CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

Monday, January 20th, 2025

Grace Lutheran Church

I have decided
to stick with love.
Hate is too great a
burden to bear.

- Martin Luther King Jr.

