

GLC June 2024 Newsletter



Grace Lutheran Church

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Grace Lutheran Church

Summer Sunday Worship

May 26th – September 1st

9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
**Worship area subject to change

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

GLC Website:

www.gracechurchmora.com

Facebook: @moragracelutheran

Grace Google Calendar:

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

ELCA website: www.elca.org

NE MN website:

www.nemnsynod.org

May God's
love renew
you each day
through Christ
our Lord.

Following Jesus is the will of God.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Awesome happenings at Grace. Here are three to highlight.

1. Grace Lutheran serves as host site for Kelly Kehr's seminary schooling. Kelly has been accepted to Wartburg Seminary to continue her education and work in the church. Kelly was previously employed at Head Start before becoming the Children Youth and Family coordinator at Grace. Her gifts and interest in learning more about church leadership and ministry has grown as well leading to this great opportunity to work hand in hand with our church. This is a four year program and a support and guidance committee is being formed here at Grace. Kelly will remain in her current role doing the many different programs and activities she currently does. If you would like to serve on this support committee, please talk with me as soon as possible. More information about Kelly's seminary journey will be shared with all as details emerge.
2. Ask the Pastor Sunday. One Sunday a month (the second Sunday) morning worship will be calledAsk the Pastor. Congregation members will be asked to choose during worship all hymns to be sung that morning. The sermon will be reflections from Pastor Gary on any topic folks have submitted. Questions can be text, email or written down on note cards the Sunday before. All topics are fair game. However, time is limited to only a few questions.
3. New Pathways. Grace Lutheran is still pondering entering into shared ministry with other churches in Mora and serving as a host site for the program New Pathways. This ministry helps families in transition from homelessness to stability by providing resources and support during this difficult stage. More information is forthcoming about the ministry and our potential involvement.

The spirit is moving here. It is our mission to be spirit filled disciples of Jesus Christ. May we continue to be Christ's hands and feet of compassion for the world.

See you in Church,

Pastor Gary

PRAYING FOR YOU

Prayer Concerns: Betty Evenson, Ruth Mattison, Becci Steffen, Sylvia Nelson, Dave Franko, Jaxson McGrath, Nancy Nygaard, Robbie Berglund, 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

PASTORAL ACTS GLC ~ MAY 2024

Deaths
IN THE CHURCH FAMILY



May 16th, 2024
Todd Lane Hallstrom
Born: 04.07.1960
Called Home: April 28th, 2024

Baptisms
IN THE CHURCH FAMILY



May 5th, 2024
Sheridan Juell Herrick
Parents: Jacob Herrick and Kayla Lease
Sponsors: Brian Abrahamson and Kylie Peterson

Baptisms
IN THE CHURCH FAMILY



May 26th, 2024
Evelyn Rose Ohnstad
Parents: David and Danielle Ohnstad
Sponsors: Nicholas Brehm and Katie Flottmeier

Grace

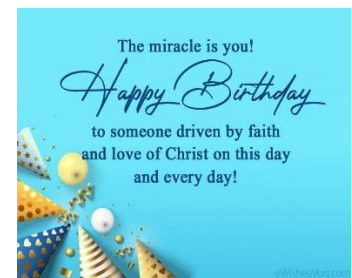
2024



1. Marlene Marohn
2. Ryan Hawkins, Jessica Larsen, Marshall McGrew
4. Laird Mork
7. John Berry, Vicki Fore
11. Natalie Matthewson, Fairuza Chromey, Joshua Heggernes
12. Owen Marohn
14. Lee Hallauer
15. Ernest Blaisdell, Danielle Olson
17. Gregory Funk, Tenley Hohn, Michael Sampson
18. Teri Heggernes
19. Roger Peterson
20. Diane Blegen, Abby Donaghue, Ronald Lykins, Matthew Smith, Mark Wicklund
21. Peter Larsen
22. Sheila Rogne, Ian Schley, Brandon Belsheim
23. Michael Funk
24. Don Rowley, Honor Schroeder, Grayson Belsheim
25. Suzie Halverson
26. Karen Olson
28. Tom Boyer, Bob Kolodejchuk, Jennifer Haasken, Koven Ostien
29. Haven Graves, Kris Sampson

If you are missing from the birthday list, please let the office know, we don't want to miss anyone.

Blessings ☺



Summer Worship Schedule 2024

9:00 Service

June 2nd:

Ushers: Galen & Mary Brelie
Lector: Judy Roeschlein
Communion: Judy Roeschlein

June 9th:

Ushers: Marshall & Jeanne McGrew
Lector: Steve Denzine

June 16th:

Ushers: Art & Lurette Kottke
Lector: Kim Saulsbury
Communion: Kim Saulsbury

June 23rd:

Ushers: Bruce & Jacki Thompson
Lector: Bruce Thompson

June 30th:

Ushers: Dale Hawkins & Roger Peterson
Lector: Roger Peterson

July 7th:

Ushers: Arnie Barabash & Rollie Fredrickson
Lector: Jan Falk
Communion: Jan Falk

July 14th:

Ushers: Brent & Amy Nelson
Lector: Brent Nelson

July 21st:

Ushers: Greg & Jane Myers
Lector: Greg Myers
Communion: Barb Ennis

July 28th:

Ushers: Gene & Eunice Weckwerth
Lector: Gene Weckwerth

Aug 4th:

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

Aug 11th:

Ushers: Dan Funk & Chad Chromey
Lector: Linda Johnson

Aug 18th:

Ushers: Dianne Fisher & Suzie Halverson
Lector: Teri Heggernes
Communion: Teri Heggernes

Aug 25th:

Ushers: Nick & Kam Schroeder
Lector: Nick Schroeder

Sept 1st:

Ushers: John & JoAnne Skillicorn
Lector: Harry Blegen
Communion: Harry Blegen

Hospitality

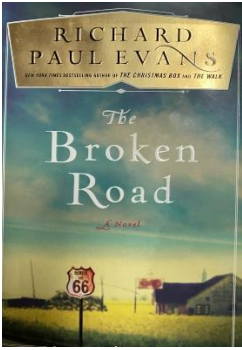
June 2 nd	9 a.m. Suzie Halverson & Dianne Fisher
June 9 th	9 a.m. Verona Gravich
June 16 th	9 a.m. Bob & Carol Kolodejchuk
June 23 rd	9 a.m. Dave & Betsy VanBurkleo
June 30 th	9 a.m. Don and Mary Olson

Altar May
Barb O'Donovan
Lurette Kottke

Living Grace Library Mission June 2024

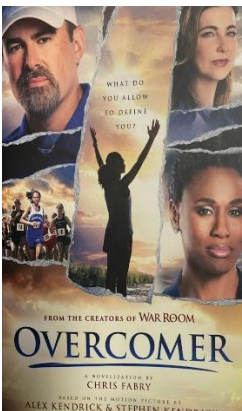
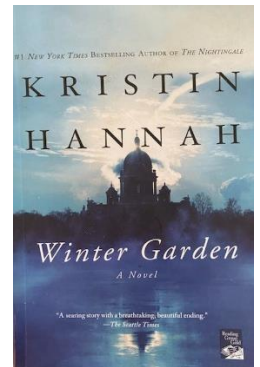
Mission Statement: The Grace Lutheran Library Mission will support all the members of Grace using the library resources to help them interpret what they read, see, and experience within the context of the Christian Gospel.

Fiction



The Broken Road by Richard Paul Evens. Charles James has everything that he ever dreamed of- fame, fortune, and a lavish lifestyle. At the top of his game, Charles begins to wonder if he wanted the wrong things, if his quest for the top has been at the expense of others. When Charles is presumed dead when a plane he was supposed to be on crashes, Charles is left to decide what to do with a second chance at life.

Winter Garden by Kristin Hannah. Sisters, Meredith and Nina, have never felt that their mother, Anya Whitson really loved them except during times when she tells a fairy tale of a beautiful Russian girl who falls in love with her prince. In the modern world, Merideth works with her father at a successful apple orchard and Nina has become a well-known photographer traveling the world. When their father dies, the sisters and mother work to navigate their complicated relationships. The story weaves between war torn Leningrad, Russia in the 1940's and 60 years later in the USA as Anya tells her story revealing many secrets that will change the course of all their lives.



Overcomer by Chris Fabry. Highschool basketball coach, John Harrison, is optimistic for next year's season. Maybe next year will be the year of a state championship for his team. Barbara Scott is trying her best to raise her troubled granddaughter, Hannah. Hannah receives an unexpected scholarship to attend a private Christian school where she has a chance to leave her bad reputation behind and start over. Then the largest manufacturing plant in town shuts down and hundreds of families leave town. Highschool enrollment is down, and programs are cut. John Harrison is asked to coach cross country – a sport he doesn't like or know very much about. This is a story about a troubled teen and a frustrated coach as they find their way with faith, humor, and inspiration.

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 Fall Bazaar Reminder To *Gardeners*

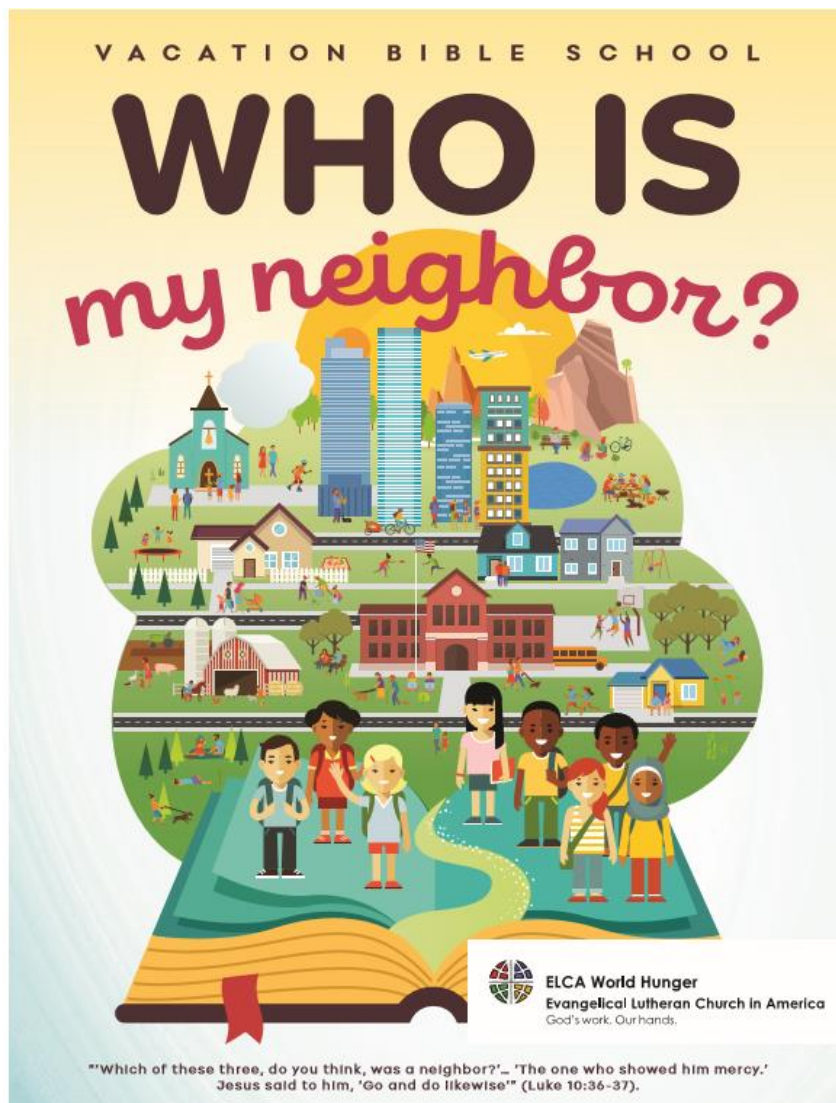
Spring is the time of year when many of us are planting our flower and vegetable gardens. As you are planting your gardens, please remember the **GRACE FALL BAZAAR**.

Last November, the HARVEST SWEETS SHOP had wonderful homemade jams, jellies, pickles and salsa. Do you have room in your garden for a few extra cucumber or beet plants to make homemade pickles? Or perhaps you could plant a few extra tomatoes and jalapenos for making salsa. If you have strawberries, raspberries, plums, peppers, or apples, please consider making homemade jams, jellies, or ice cream toppings. THE GARDEN OF GRACE sold apples, potatoes, squash, pumpkins and gourds. Dried flowers were also very sought after items.

This year's bazaar will be on **Saturday, November 9**. We need the help and cooperation of all of us here at Grace to continue the success of our Fall Bazaar.



Vacation Bible School 2024!



Join us for VBS 2024!

When: Monday June 3rd - Friday June 7th **SAVE THE DATES**

Time: 9:00 A.M.- 11:30 A.M.

Where: Grace, Calvary and United Methodist

Preschool, Kindergarten and 1st Grade @ **Grace Lutheran**

2nd, 3rd and 4th Grade @ **Calvary Lutheran**

5th and 6th Grade @ **Mora United Methodist**

Register online via the church websites:

www.calvarymora.org

<https://moraumc.org>

www.gracechurchmora.com

or scan this QR Code:



SUMMER BIBLE CAMPS!

Camp is a place for everyone!



Join us this summer at Luther Point Bible Camp for a week filled with fun, joy, faith and great friendship! Space is limited, register today!

www.LutherPoint.org (copy and paste in your browser)

When the weather warms, so does our heart's desire to get back to camp this summer! Explore summer camp for all ages at

www.camponomia.org

(copy and paste in your browser) and sign up today!



Register by May 31st to receive \$10 off for youth overnight camps and a free t-shirt for youth overnight and day camp registrations! Check out all the camp dates!

<http://www.grindstonelakebi blecamp.org/>

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Acolyte Schedule May – Sept. 2024

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>June 2nd 9am – Izzy G./Hailee B.</p> <p>June 9th 9am - Josie B./ Autumn L.</p> <p>June 16th 9am – Taliah P./Presley M.</p> <p>June 23rd 9am - Kendall /Keaton B.</p> <p>June 30th 9am - Joe S. /Noah D.</p> <p>The current 9th grade (10th in the fall) will acolyte through September. In October the new 7th graders will be added to the schedule and the 10th graders removed.</p> <p>CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 27TH!!!</p>	<p>July 7th 9am - Raylan S./ Easton H.</p> <p>July 14th Stratty /Marek N.</p> <p>July 21st 9am Ian S./Jaxson M.</p> <p>July 28th 9am - Caden J/Brayden H.</p> <p>Aug. 4 9am - Ayva D. / Maggie B.</p> <p>Aug. 11th 9am- Urijah C. / Ethan H.</p> <p>Aug. 18th 9am - Eddie J. / Sawyer S.</p> <p>Aug. 25th 9am - Honor S. /Gretta J.</p>	<p>Sept. 1st 9am - Josie B./ Autumn L.</p> <p>Sept. 8th – Back to 2 services 8 - Kendall /Keaton B. 9:30 - Taliah P./Presley M.</p> <p>Sept. 15th 8 - Joe S. /Noah D. 9:30 - Izzy G./Hailee B.</p> <p>Sept. 22nd 8 – Caden J. /Brayden H. 9:30 – Stratty /Marek N.</p> <p>Sept. 29th 8 – Uriah C./ Ethan H. 9:30 - Ian S./Jaxson M.</p>
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*Grace
Lutheran
Church*

class of
2024
C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S



**Tanner James
Berry**

Son of:
Rich and Jenny
Berry

My future plans:
Attend the
University of
Minnesota-Duluth
and major in
Industrial
Engineering.



**Annika De
Gracia**

Daughter of:
Israel and Elizabeth
De Gracia

My future plans:
Attend Lake
Superior college in
Duluth where I will
get a Radiologic
Technologist
degree.



**Carson James
Donaghue**

Son of:
Jason and Amber
Donaghue

My future plans:
I will be attending
Northwest
Technical College in
Bemidji to pursue a
degree in Electrical
Construction.



**Parker Lee
Ennis**

Daughter of:
Greg and Patty
Ennis

My future plans:
I plan on attending
the University of
Minnesota Duluth
and majoring in
Communication
Sciences and
Disorders in order
to become a speech
language
pathologist. I also
will be a part of
their collegiate track
and field team.



**Zackary Russell
Felger**

Son of:
Matthew and
Amanda Felger

My future plans:
Attend Alexandria
Technical and
Community College
for Motorcycle,
Marine, and
Powersports
technician. Hopes
to own a business
someday.



**Elizabeth Mary
Marohn**

Daughter of:
Eric and Marlene
Marohn

My future plans:
I am planning to
attend Winona
State University in
the fall for nursing.



**Benjamin
Matthew Mulford**

Son of:
Joe and Julie
Mulford

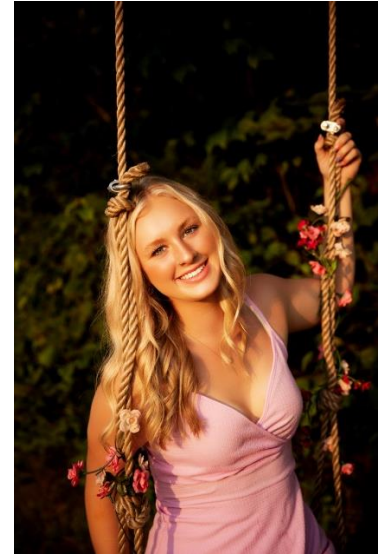
My future plans:
In the fall, Ben will
study HVAC/R @
NDSCS.



Karla Jo Qual

Daughter of:
Randy and Darcy
Qual

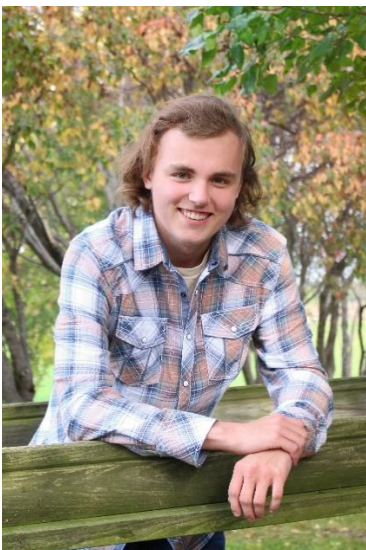
My future plans:
Attending Bemidji
State for a degree in
Elementary
Education.



Isabel Schley

Daughter of:
Justin and Elissa
Schley

My future plans:
After graduation I
plan to attend
NDSU to pursue a
Bachelor of Science
degree in nursing.
My long term goal
is to become a
certified registered
nurse anesthetists.
(CRNA)



**Zach Gene
Tetnowski**

Son of:
Kari Tetnowski
and the Late
Darwin Tetnowski

My future plans:
I am going into the
construction field.

NOT PICTURED:
Vitali Chromey
Maggie Holmgren

ASK THE PASTOR SUNDAY

Ask the Pastor Sunday. The second Sunday of June and July.

Congregation members will be asked to choose during worship all hymns to be sung that morning.

The sermon will be reflections from Pastor Gary on any topic folks have submitted. Questions can be text, email or written down on note cards the Sunday before. All topics are fair game. **However, time is limited to only a few questions.**



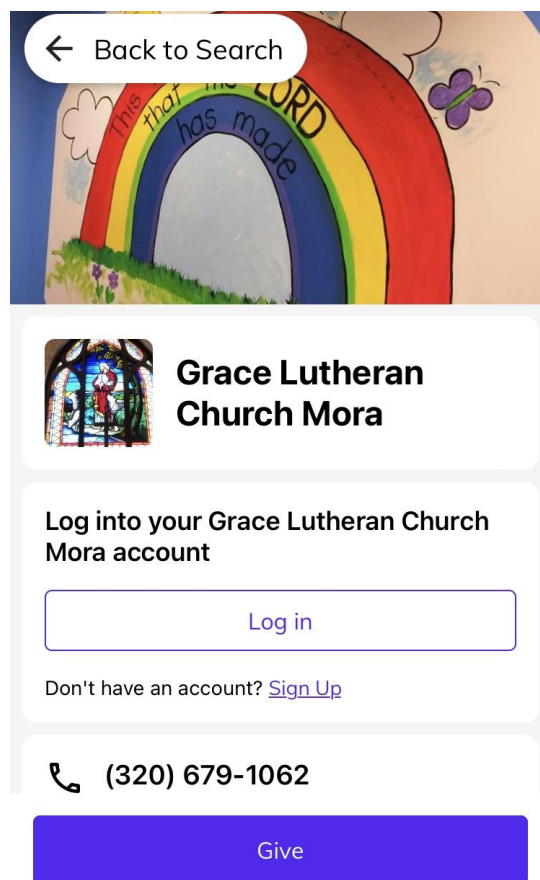
WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

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

SCAN to DONATE VANCO ONLINE GIVING



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

301 Forest Ave. E.
Mora, MN 55051

30-April-2024 General Checkbook:

General Checkbook:

Beginning balance	2,992.38
Deposits*	30,394.44
Checks written *	(36,177.66)
Ending balance	(2,790.84)

* includes amount to and **FROM** savings

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

To set up your electronic donation on our website:

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

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

Grace Lutheran Church

2024 Council Minutes

2024 COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Sarah Hanson

Vice President: Ethan Elvehjem

Secretary: Lacey Danelski

Treasurer: Kristin Nelson

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

Thank you, for serving on council.

GLC Council Meeting 5/19/24 Minutes

Called to order at 10:42 am by Sarah.

Opening

- Members Present: Pastor Gary, Andrea, Sarah, Linda, Shaun, Mary, John, Ethan, Craig and Lacey
- Members Absent: none
- Devotions done by Lacey

Agenda Approval- Ethan/Mary

Approval of Meeting Minutes- Mary/Andrea

Treasurer's Report

- Ethan summarized

Ministry Reports

- Pastor's Report
- Worship and Music- switching back to summer schedule/one service.

Unfinished Business

- Tech area in FLC- Shaun working on finishing up materials list and contacting members about helping construct booth
- New Pathways: Council voted to "Move forward with New Pathways contingent on a strong leadership commitment". Mary/Craig

New Business

- Motion to serve as ministry site for Wartburg Seminary and Kelly Kehr.
Craig/Linda

Next Meeting Sunday, June 9th, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned 1143. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Lacey D.

Worship and Music Minutes 05.06.2024

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

Devotion 1 by Linda ~ I who made you. Victory over fear.

Devotion 2 by Judy~ God is in charge. Choose happiness and joy over grief.

Youth

- Sunday, May 5th Celebration Singers Musical
- July 14th, send off/prayers for the NOLA group

Choir

- Done for the summer. Thank you to all of the GLC Choir for sharing their talents on Sundays.

Altar

- Don't dump the wine down the sink, needs to be dumped in the grass or put back into the bottle.

Nursing Home Services

- June 2nd, 2024 2:00 P.M. ~ St. Clares
- Eastwood under new management- possibly a new time coming.

Summer

- Services in the Sanctuary @ 9 am – Sunday June 2nd will be in the FLC for Graduation Sunday
- Once a month, the second Sunday in June and July, we will have a Congregation involvement service, songs can be thrown out to pianist/organist. And Pastor can answer questions in place of sermon. Question cards will be made available to write questions down so it can be anonymous.
- Special Music maybe the Sjoberg Men Quartet in August.

Thank You

- Thank you to Linda Johnson for sharing her Preaching talents with Grace on April 28th, 2024
 - A thank you to John Paulson and Sarah Hanson for each leading a service that day.

Closed all together with Grace.

NEXT MEETING will be on Monday, June 3rd at 11:00 A.M.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES!



SEWING GRACE QUILTERS

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

*prayer shawl ministry is on hold till fall.

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



THE PROPHET MICAH

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 will lead this, and all questions and insights are welcomed.

**Start a new routine.
Get in the groove.
Come and learn and grow.**



CARD MAKING DAY

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

GRACE ACTIVITIES



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. KBK 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!!



JUNE Noisy Offering is going to the Kick Cancer to the Curb

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 😊



MIDSOMMAR CELEBRATION

Wear a folk costume or Swedish colors

American Swedish Institute Spelmanslag



Friday JUNE 14, 2024

5:15 PM

4:00 pot luck for members and friends

Library Park

200 W. Maple Ave., Mora, MN.

Bring a lawn chair

All are welcome

	<p>This activity is made possible in part by a grant from the East Central Regional Arts Council with funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature from its general fund.</p>	
	<p>Sponsored by <i>the Dala Heritage Society</i> 612-919-0185 Come in your Swedish Folk Costume Come at 9 a.m. to decorate the majstång. Bring flowers.</p>	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12

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Return Service Requested

