

FEBRUARY

GLC February 2025 Newsletter

Grace Lutheran Church

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Office Open-
Monday - Thursday 8-4
(Main handicap doors
unlocked)
Friday Office Closed

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Holy God,
give us confidence
to live as a follower
of Jesus, that others
may see in us our
love and faith in
you through Christ
our Lord.
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. 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

Reminder for bad weather:

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

Be careful out there! ❤️

Love is at the heart of the
Christian faith.

Pastor Gary

Bob Dylan Movie and the Gospel

A few weeks ago I saw the Bob Dylan movie at the Paradise Theatre. It felt like a Grace Church event because many of our folks were there that night. The movie, called "A Complete Unknown" recalls the early years of Dylan in New York when he played folk concerts in places like Riverside church and eventually the Newport Folk Festival where his use of an electric guitar sent the audience into a rage. I have fought the temptation to become enthralled with Dylan and his music. His voice can be grating. His personality aloof. But nobody can listen to the words of songs like Blowing in the Wind and the Times they are a Changing and not recognize something other worldly going on. And then it all changed for me when I purchased his album "Blood on the Tracks." The song, Shelter from the Storm may be the greatest bit of poetry and music I know. I will avoid the temptation to plumb the riches of its meaning. Instead I will just draw your attention to it. It is abstract and concrete. It is filled with broken images and longing; all healed by the spirit of God. The repeated phrase, "Come in she said I'll give you, shelter from the storm" is pure grace. The gospel is the message from Christ that shelter is gifted to you and I through the storms of life. We are not castaway. We are welcomed and loved. Life is storm. Gospel is hope, healing and love. Thanks Bob for the message.

See you in church,

Pastor Gary

Note: Pastor Gary can be reach in the month of February through his cell phone and after the first week of February once his surgically replaced knee heals some. Please feel free to call or text me if you have a pastoral need.

PRAYING FOR YOU

Prayer Concerns: Betty Evenson, Galen Brelie, Bob Isom, Richard Schultz, Elaine VanDriel, Bella Rogne, Deborah Schultz, Jayse, Kathy Anderson (WI), 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

PASTORAL ACTS GLC ~ JANUARY 2025



January 5th, 2025

Bryson Andrew Peterson

Parents:

Austin and Emma Peterson

Sponsors:

Abby Szoka and Logan Peterson



January 6th, 2025

Jon Laird Mork

Born: September 4th, 1960

Called Home: 12.20.2024

February Worship Schedule 2025

8:00 Service

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

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

Altar Guild February

Andrea Hams

Thank you to ALL of our volunteers!

If you would like to help in any way, please
reach out to the Church Office @ 320.679.1062

or Krista @ kristagrancelutheran@gmail.com

Or to moragrancelutheran@gmail.com

Many Thanks



Grace Lutheran

February BIRTHDAYS

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!

2. Amanda Strom, Robert Denzine & Margaret Larsen
4. John Akkerman
6. Mark Gravich & Matthew Johnson
7. Kam Schroeder, Greta Jensen
8. Gene Weckwerth, Anita Tollefson & Tyler Brasch
9. Roland Fredrickson, Tayven Peterson & Karla Qual
10. Debbie Hallin, Lesley Graham, Jason Sjoberg & Paul Hanson
11. Jaci Boxrud, Jodi Schultz & Nate Peterson
14. Zoey Funk
16. Vernon Nordeen & Tanner Berry
17. Dean Stassen, Chip Brandt, Sierra Thomson & Aubree Callander
20. Rose Crisman
21. Eleanor Funk
22. Don Franko & Candy Oelkers
23. Robert Unger
24. Dianne Fisher
25. Kari Tetnowski
26. Carol Kolodejchuk, Greg Nikodym, Betty Smith & Ledgyn Nelson
28. Renee Capra, Gabrielle Wright & Carter Qual
29. Kelly Kehr, Jay Fladebo



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

"Sixth-Grade Glammers, Norks, and Me" by Lisa Papademetriou. This is the story of Allie Kimball as she navigates being in Sixth Grade in a new middle school. Allie's best friend is drifting away from her toward new friends as Allie learns to find her way to new friends and new ways of looking at things.

"Chestnut Hill, The New Class" by Lauren Brooke. In this story, Dylan Walsh has just entered 7th grade at the exclusive boarding school, Chestnut Hill, which she had dreamed of attending because of its premier horse-riding program. Dylan learns about choosing the right friends or the wrong enemies as she navigates this new environment.

Non-Fiction

"Having a Mary Spirit, Allowing God to Change Us from the Inside Out" by Joanna Weaver. This author uses the examples from the Marys in the Bible to help us to understand how God wants us to live out our lives. The author also tells her own story and of how she often falls short of what God is trying to do in her life. One quote in the book says "It is one thing to want God's will and quite another to do it. As we've seen, the human heart has a huge capacity for self-deception, and our flesh is contrary to His ways. So even when I'm nodding yes to Him, too often my actions say no." In this book, the author also references an earlier book that she wrote, "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World." Our church library also has this book.

Adult Fiction

"Lost Boy Found" by Kirsten Alexander. The story begins in 1913 at the Louisiana lake, home of the wealthy, influential couple, John Henry and Mary Davenport. One summer day, their three sons walk into the woods near the property to play. The two older sons come out of the woods, the 4-year-old youngest son, Sonny, does not. A frantic search begins, newspaper stories are printed, rewards are offered. The search continues for two years all over the South, and then a boy is found in the company of a tramp. But is this child really Sonny? The tramp said the child's mother was someone named Grace Mill. Will the truth come out?

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.

HOMEMADE CARDS



MADE WITH LOVE BY THE GLC CARD MAKERS



VALENTINE'S DAY

\$2.00 EACH

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO GLC YOUTH!



*We love because
he first loved us.*

~ 1 John 4:19

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 labor 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 around **\$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, separate sheet of paper if you get this online or in the newsletter. Thank you

*****Application sheets available on the office counter**



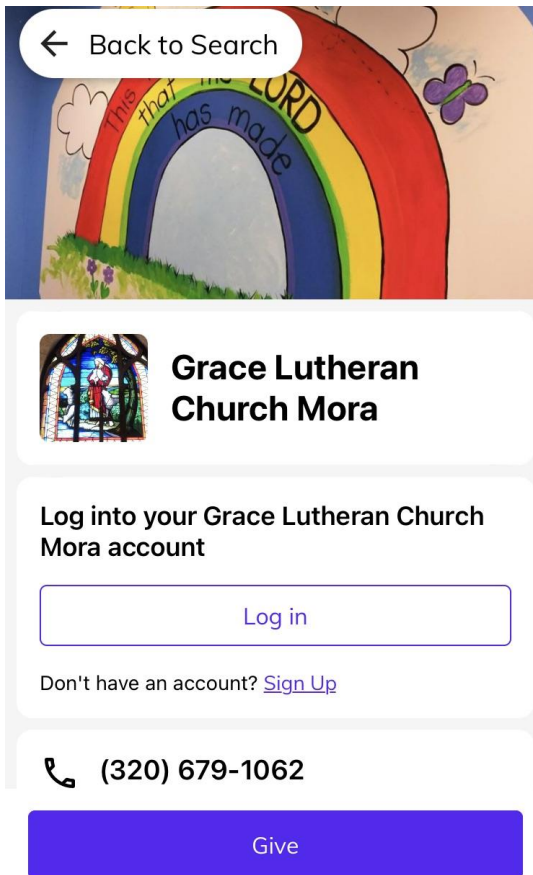
WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

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.

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

2025 Council Minutes

GLC Council Meeting 1/12/25 Minutes

Call to order at 10:40 AM by Sarah.

Opening

- Opening prayer by Sarah.
- Members Present- Pastor Gary, Ethan, Andrea, Linda, Shaun, Mary, Lacey, Sarah, Craig
- Member Absent- John

Agenda Approval- Craig/Ethan

Approval of Meeting Minutes- Andrea/Linda

Treasurer's Report

- Summarized by Ethan

Ministry Reports- Pastor Gary

- Pastor's report
- Heating system update

Unfinished Business

- New Pathways Report- next stay begins March 23

New Business

- Sabbatical Information- Council voted to grant Kelly's sabbatical along with discussion at the annual meeting to inform the congregation what this look like.
- Game Feed Fundraiser- Shaun would like to organize this for potentially spring this year

Next meeting Sunday, February 16th at 10:30 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

2025 COUNCIL MEMBERS

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer: Kristin Nelson

Lacey Danelski, Ethan Elvehjem,
Andrea Hams, Sarah Hanson,
Linda Johnson, Shaun Joy,
John Paulson, Mary Olson and
Craig Schultz

Thank you, for serving on council.

Worship and Music Minutes 01.13.2025

Members Present: Krista Elvehjem, Pastor Gary, Leah Smith, Richard Schultz, Todd Sjoberg and Linda Johnson

Absent: Judy Radeke, Jacki Peterson, Dianne Wachsmuth and Kelly Kehr

Devotions ~ Linda ~ All things are possible with God

Office

Choir

Altar

- January 2025 has a change for Holy Communion
 - January 26th- Annual Meeting **One Service @ 9:00 A.M.- WITH** Holy Communion
- February 2025 has a few changes
 - Sunday February 2nd~ **NO Communion** – Kelly preaching
 - Sunday February 9th~ **With Communion – BLENDED SERVICE** – Kathryn Preaching
 - Sunday February 16th ~ **NO Communion** – Linda preaching
 - Sunday February 23 ~ No communion as of right now, this could change last minute.

Tech/Radio

Kelly/Youth

- Kids singing Feb. 23rd, March 23rd and maybe Palm Sunday

Nursing Home Services

- 3rd Sunday of each month- unless noted.

Advent

- **ONE SERVICE** at 9:00 A.M. went well.

Lent

Pastor Gary closed us in prayer.

NEXT MEETING will be on Monday, February 3rd, @ 11:00 A.M.

Social Justice

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



March 2025
Newsletter deadline is
February 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!

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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@gmail.com



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 ☺



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.

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 ☺



**Catholic Charities
Meals on Wheels**

If you are interested in being a
driver for Meals on Wheels-
Please contact LaShaun - Meals
on Wheels Coordinator with any
questions 320-679-4029 THIS IS
*Community in Action-
YOU are needed!*



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.



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!!



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.



**February Noisy Offering is going to the
Good Samaritan Fund**

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>



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.



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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 ☺

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
8am - Sanctuary Worship 9:15am - Sunday School 9:30am - FLC Service	8am - Office Open 10:30am - Staff Check In 11am - Worship and Music 4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel 6pm - AI Anon	8am - Office Open 10am - Property	8am - Office Open 9:30am - Quilters & Prayer Shawl 3:15pm - Grace Time 6pm - Confirmation Meal 6:30pm - Confirmation	8am - Office Open 8am - Office Open	Office Closed	
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
WISY OFFERINGS WITH Holy Communion 8am - Sanctuary Worship 9:15am - Sunday School 9:30am - FLC Service	8am - Office Open 10:30am - Staff Check In 4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel 6pm - AI Anon	8am - Office Open	8am - Office Open 9:30am - Quilters & Prayer Shawl 3:15pm - Grace Time 6pm - Confirmation Meal 6:30pm - Confirmation	8am - Office Open 12pm - Newsletter Deadline	Office Closed Valentine's Day	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8am - Sanctuary Worship 9:15am - Sunday School 9:30am - FLC Service	Presidents' Day 8am - Office Closed	8am - Office Open	8am - Office Open 9:30am - Quilters & Prayer Shawl 3:15pm - Grace Time 6pm - Confirmation Meal 6:30pm - Confirmation	8am - Office Open	Office Closed	
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Return Service Requested

