



December



2024 GLC Newsletter

Grace Lutheran Church

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

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To you, O Lord,
I lift up my soul.
In you I place my
trust, O God, and
wait for you all
day long with
hope in Christ.
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

Sundays in ADVENT

December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sunday School Starts with Families @
9:00 A.M. during the service on
December 1st and 8th

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

The coming of Jesus
gives us hope.

9:00 A.M.

December brings one worship at 9:00. Mark your calendar

Build Up is the theme for Advent which starts December 1st and will be celebrated with 1 worship service at 9:00 A.M. throughout the month. It is the message the prophet Isaiah spoke to the people of Israel with the task of rebuilding their worshipping community again and to rebuild their relationship with God. The opposite of building up of course is tearing something down. There is plenty of that going around. The desire to tear apart institutions. The worlds' assault on families. Community in so many ways is experiencing brokenness. Here are the four Sundays in Advent and their themes. The first two Sundays will be in the Family Life Center. The second two Sundays will be in the Sanctuary.

Dec. 1st.... Build up... Claimed in the water's of baptism

Dec. 8th.... Build up... through the eyes of a child (Children's program)

Dec. 15th.... Build up... through music (choir concert)

Dec. 22nd@..... Build up ... through Grace

The hope is for the entire community to come together and worship, sing and fellowship together. Please mark on your calendar now for 1 worship service at 9:00 A.M. in December.

See you in church,

Pastor Gary

Build Up... through GRACE



ADVENT

A Season of Preparation

Join Us Sundays in Advent 9:00 A.M.

December 1st ~ 9:00 A.M.~ Family Life Center Worship

December 8th ~ 9:00 A.M. FLC Worship ~ Sunday School Christmas Program

December 15th ~ 9:00 A.M. Sanctuary Worship ~ GLC Choir Christmas Concert

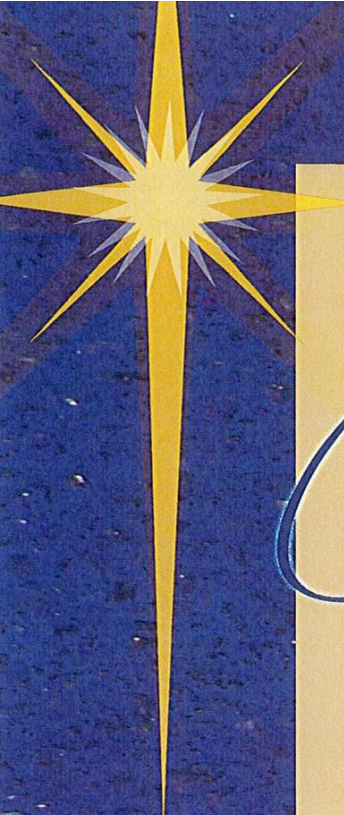
December 22nd ~ 9:00 A.M. Sanctuary Worship

December 29th ~ 9:00 A.M. Sanctuary Worship ~ Lesson and Carols

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Christmas Eve

S E R V I C E

All Are Welcome. Please join us at
Grace Lutheran Church
for our
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24th
Family Life Center | 4:00 P.M.
and/or
Sanctuary | 9:00 P.M.

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TITHING

And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

1 Chronicles 29:13

Thank you kindly for your continued generosity to GLC.

Your offering helps our ministries grow.

If you have **year-end offering**, please make sure to place it in the offering plate by Sunday, December 29th or please make sure to have it to the church office by

Monday, December 30th by 9:00 A.M.

Please and Thank you!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

End
-of-Year
Giving





Grace Lutheran Church
2024 Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 26th, 2025

Grace Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting 01-21-2024 Minutes

Meeting called to order 10:45 A.M. by: Sarah Hanson
Opening Devotions: Pastor Gary Guptill -- Opening Liturgy & Son of God, Eternal Savior song
Certification of the Quorum: Sarah Hanson

62 Congregation members / we have a Quorum.

Approve Agenda / or Additions: motion by: Roger Peterson & Greg Myers
Vote: yes – pass No -- none

Approval of Minutes: 2023 Annual Meeting: motion by: Greg Myers & Jacki Peterson
Vote: Yes – pass No – none

Old Business: None

New Business: 1. Grace Lutheran Church Constitution
This document summarizes changes between the existing 2003 and the proposed 2024 updated Model version by Ethan Elvehjem, Craig Schultz and Mary Olson. Presented by: Craig S. Pointed out changes in red. One change is: Chapter 12. C12.05,c. The Congregation Council may enter contracts of up to \$10,000 or 2% of approved annual budget, whichever is greater, for items not included in the budget. Questions: None Motion: Linda Johnson & Dianne Fischer

Vote: Yes – pass No – none

2. Family Life Center (FLC) Tech area

Sarah Hanson presented to Congregation the need to build in the back of FLC, an area to protect equipment we have and any future equipment. Two of the proposed suggestions are 1. Tech area booth 2. Loft above entrance.

Question by: Harry – Building code for Loft & handicap accessibility.
Todd – Something needs to be done. Equipment has been getting damaged. Wires all over, needs protection.
Kim – Is it about getting better sound?
Mike – Question about the electronics we have
Harry – Having a loft better. Has seen it at another church.
Linda – Would both area be safe
Pastor Gary -- Create committee to study and present. **The cost would have to be approved by GLC Congregation.**

Nominating Committee Report: Two members on council doing another 3-year term, Ethan Elvehjem and Lacey Danelski. Third position name: Shaun Joy. 2025 Nominating Committee will be Laura Strand, Jessica Thomson and Robin Blegen.

Nominating Committee Election: Motion to approve by: Todd Sjoberg & Roger Peterson Vote: Yes – pass No – none

Election of Synod Assembly Delegates and Church Council Members: May 2024 will be done via/ZOOM meeting. Need two people to take part of Synod Gathering.

Presentation of the 2023 Financial Statement for Approval: Motion: Roger Peterson & Greg Myers Vote: Yes – pass No – none

Presentation of 2024 Budget: By Ethan Elvehjem

Proposed Budget 2024: Motion by Roger Peterson & Greg Myers Vote: Yes – pass No – none

Recess of Annual Congregational Meeting for Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Foundation Meeting:

Motion to Adjourn for Grace Lutheran Church Foundation, Inc. meeting

by: Greg Myers & Gene Weckwerth Vote: Yes – pass No – none

Grace Lutheran Church Foundation:

By Sarah Berry & Ethan Elvehjem. 2023 Thrivent Investment Account \$62,729.84
Checking Account \$24.28
Interest Income \$2,877.50

Date & Time for next Annual Meeting:

Sunday, January 26th, 2025.

Adjourn: Harry Blegen & Linda Johnson Vote: Yes – pass No – none

Benediction: Pastor Gary Guptill

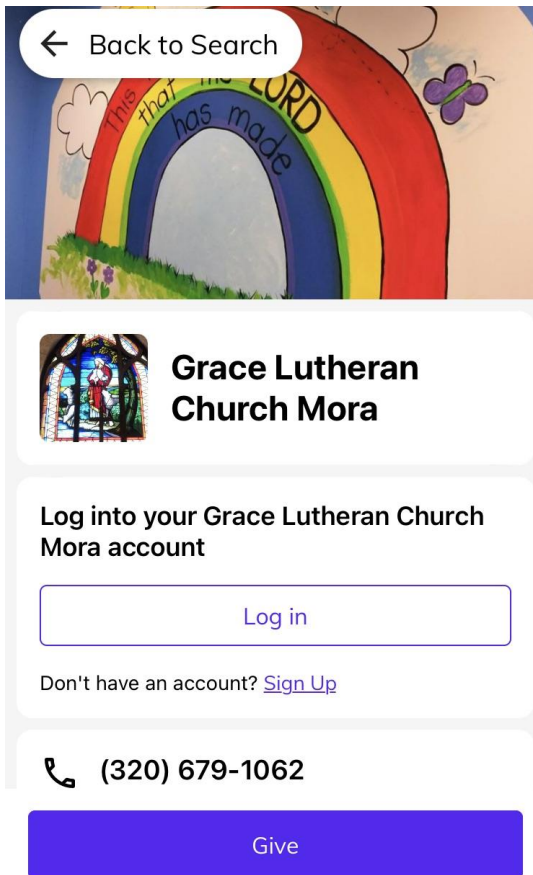
WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

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-OCTOBER-2024 General Checkbook:

General Checkbook:

Beginning balance	(4,582.46)
Deposits	35,051.42
Checks written	<u>(34,457.57)</u>
Ending balance	(3,988.61)

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.

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.

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



PROPERTY

Property meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M.
Main Narthex

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.

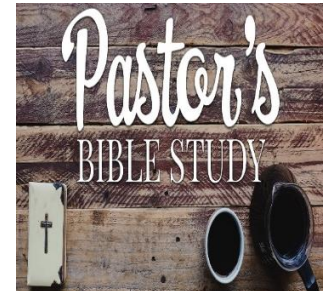


NEWSLETTER

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

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY~GOSPEL OF MARK

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.**



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.

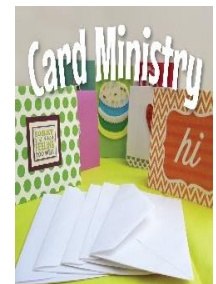
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CARD MAKERS

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: December, January or February.
We look forward to March!



NOISY OFFERING

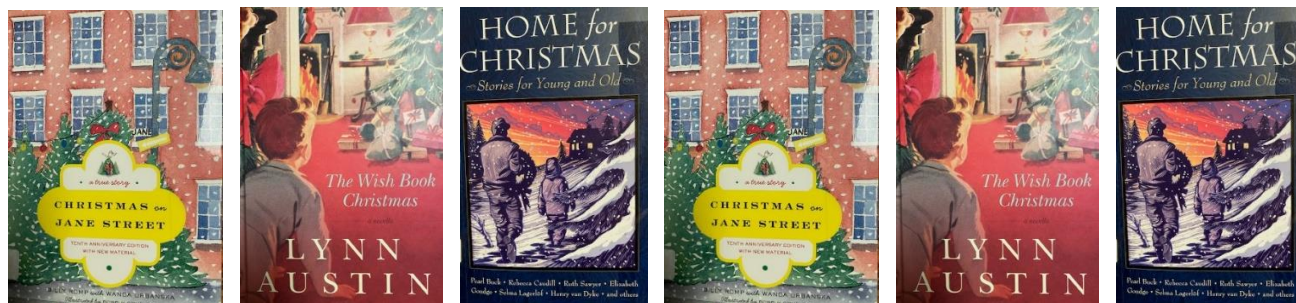
Second week of each month, coins and loose offerings are collected to donate to a different local ministry.



Living *Grace* Library Mission December 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.

Christmas Books in the Library



As you come into the library, you will find Christmas books displayed on top of the bookshelves ready to be checked out and read including the following:

“*The Wish Book Christmas*” by Lynn Austin. It is 1951. Two single mothers, Eve Dawson and Audrey Barrett share a bungalow raising their five-year-old sons, Bobby & Harry. The boys discover the Sears Christmas Wish Book and want every toy in it (except the girl toys and the baby toys). The two moms realize that they need to help the boys realize that the true meaning of Christmas is more than just getting presents.

“*Home for Christmas, Stories for Young and Old*” compiled by Miriam LeBlanc and illustrated by David G. Klein. This book is a collection of twenty stories & essays by various authors including but not limited to Pearl Buck, Rebecca Caudill, Ruth Sawyer, Madeleine L’Engle and others. A quote from the back cover states “Selected for their literary quality and their spiritual integrity, they will resonate with readers of all ages, year after year.

“*Christmas on Jane Street*” This book is the tenth anniversary edition of a touching memoir by Billy Romp with Wanda Urbanska. Billy, his wife, Patti and three children live on a farm in Vermont. Every year the family comes to Jane Street in New York City beginning the day after Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve to sell their Christmas trees living in a small camper and becoming a part of the New York neighborhood for that month. This memoir is about a year in which Billy is especially worried about money and worried that he is losing touch with his daughter Ellie. Ellie has decided that what she wants for Christmas is for the family to go to the theatre to see *The Nutcracker*. Billy says that they cannot afford the tickets or take the night off from selling trees.

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.



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!!



DECEMBER Noisy Offering is going to the Soup for the Soul Inc.

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 😊



January 2025 Newsletter deadline is December 20th. Please have all information turned into the office by the 20th of July 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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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



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 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.



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.



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 accept gas cards and Coborn's cards, for those in need.

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“Touch of Grace”

Did you know GLC has a Ministry called... Touch of Grace?

We have a team, here at GLC, that are the hands and feet of Jesus to our home bound, Assisted Living, Nursing Home, Rehab, etc. members.

“Touch of Grace”

Each team participant, duo, or couple, is assigned one or two home bound “friends.” They visit their **Touch of Grace** “friends” once a month. If they would like communion on these visits, we have at home communion kits, blessed by Pastor, and a short, printed service that is used.

This act of service is a blessing to our home bound as well as those of us who are a part of **Touch of Grace**.

If you are interested in more information or helping in some capacity, please contact Leah in the church office 320.679.1062 or moragracelutheran@gmail.com and she will guide you in the right direction. God’s Blessings to all who lovingly extend God’s love to others in any way!!



PRAYER MINISTRY

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

Acts 6:4b



PRAYER MINISTRY

As Paul exhorts Timothy in 1 Timothy 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 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 moragracelutheran@gmail.com or the Prayer Chain Ministry Coordinator: Barb Sjoberg at: 320.266.3727 (cell) or encourager4him@hotmail.com

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



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry here at Grace is going – we have room for more at our group sessions.

We invite everyone who has a desire to knit or crochet to come for an hour or so to participate in the crafting of the shawls. If you want to learn in order to participate we are more than willing to teach you to knit or crochet also.

We appreciate those of you who are making Prayer Shawls even though you can’t come to the sessions here at church. We want you to know that every one of your shawls are being given out and they are very much appreciated by individuals at their special time - men, women and children alike! When a shawl is completed we do a “hands on” prayer and then it is ready to be given out to people who are sick, sad, or to those experiencing a special joy.

We meet every Wednesday morning 9:30 a.m. at the same time as our Quilters in the West Narthex. We share devotions and a coffee time with the Quilters. This joint meeting time works great for ‘co-creating’ our crafts to be used by God’s people in our community and our world.

We do have yarn that needs to be knitted or crocheted into prayer shawls so you only need to bring your own crochet hook (size K, L, M, or N) or knitting needles (size 11, 13, or 15). Thank you!!



DO GOOD WITH EVERY RING

Be a bell ringer

Volunteers are the difference between an empty kettle and one that raises about \$90 per hour—enough to provide three families with groceries for a week or help shelter three individuals for a night.

Join us at a kettle this November through Christmas Eve!



Scan the QR code to register or visit RegisterToRing.com

Get Connected!

Name: Kanabec Co Kettle Team
 Email: kettleteam.sakanabec@gmail.com
 Phone: 763-250-8039

December Worship Schedule 2024

8:00 Service

Dec 1st: 9:00am

Ushers: Mark & Verona Gravich

Lector: Sue Oehrlein

Communion: Sue Oehrlein

Dec 8th: 9:00am

Ushers: Art & Lurette Kottke

Lector: Youth

Dec 15th: 9:00am

Ushers: Greg & Jane Myers

Lector: Greg Myers

Communion: Jan Falk

Dec 22nd: 9:00am

Ushers: Arnie Barabash & Dale Hawkins

Lector: Roger Peterson

Dec 24th: Christmas Eve 4pm

Ushers: Teri & Josh Heggernes

Lector: Teri Heggernes

Communion: 3 people needed

Dec 29th: 9:00am

Ushers: Rollie Fredrickson & Bob Isom

Lector: Rollie Fredrickson

9:30 Service

Dec 1st: One Service 9:00am

Dec 8th: One Service 9:00am

Dec 15th: One Service 9:00am

Dec 22nd: One Service 9:00am

Dec 24th: Christmas Eve 9pm

Ushers: Nick & Kam Schroeder

Lector: Nick Schroeder

Communion: 1 person needed

Dec 29th: One Service 9:00am

December Altar Guild

Andrea Hams and Kristin and Kinzie Nelson



Grace Lutheran Church

December

BIRTHDAYS

3. Oliver Schultz
4. Alex Johnson, Ethan Hanson, Brady Strand, Richard Reynolds
5. Elvin Norling
6. Theresa Saulsbury
7. Bryce Ellingson, Thomas Larson
10. Cheerie Olson
11. Melissa Peterson, Stella Denzine
12. Qiana Brasch
13. Drew Elvehjem, Ruth Mattison, Blake Danelski
14. Joe Mulford
15. Harold Blegen, Noah Donaghue
16. Vicky Semelhack
17. Beverly Fore, Richard Klepsa, Mikala Peterson
19. Rodney Knudsen, Brentley Feine
20. Judith Bergstadt, Molly Lukenbill, Renee Unger
21. Robert Bergstadt
23. Noelle Elvehjem, Finn Schultz
24. Enoch Chromey
25. Tricia Otto
26. Ray Knutson
27. Kris Johnson, Sheri Strickland, Sarah Ruth Hottinger
29. Lauren Berry, David Ulstrom

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!

Grace Fall Bazaar Update

The Grace Fall Bazaar would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year's bazaar. Once again, the Grace congregation came forward using the gifts and talents God has given them. God truly blessed the day. At this time, the financial report shows receipts of \$16,116.05. There were 425 dozen cookies sold at Cookie Lane and 1131 pieces of lefse sold. 41 handmade quilts and approximately 150 lunches were sold. Our 10% donation to local charities was given to Mora food shelf, Food for Friends food shelf, Soup for the Soul, and the Good Samaritan Fund. A truly amazing number is the unofficial total revenues raised in 21 years of the Bazaar. That number is \$340,063.61. Praise Be to God! 10% of that total has been given to local charities and the rest has gone to programs, ministries, and property improvement here at Grace.

THANK YOU to all individuals and businesses who donated food, ingredients, money or other items. THANK YOU to all willing workers who helped in many ways before, during, and after the Bazaar.

Thank you to all individuals who willingly donated items for the Silent Auction: Irene Johnson Family, 2 paintings; Rollie Fredrickson, child's table and chairs; Dave and Betsy VanBurkleo, rocking moose; Lee Hallauer, ash folding table; Rhonda Felland, baby cradle; Tom and Judy Roeschlein, Pampered Chef package and 2 half pig packages; Guy and Peg Groshek, barn quilt; Pam Lane, quilt; Leah Kehr, painting; Elvin and Wendy Norling, quilt rack; and Bruce Thompson, stained glass painting.

Thank You to all the ladies who served on the Bazaar committee and chaired the various committees:

Chair- Lynette Skolte

Secretary- Jodi Schultz

Treasurer- Kristin Nelson

Silent Auction- Carol Allman, Eunice Weckwerth

Gracemark- Pam Lane

Harvest Sweets- Bev Deis, Lynette Skolte

Garden of Grace- Sharon Holmstrom, Diane Runquist

Winter Arrangements- Peg Groshek

Morning Coffee- Kelly Kehr and Grace Youth

Pre and Post(set up and take down)- Peg Groshek

Publicity- Judy Radeke, Verona Gravich, Sharon Holmstrom,

Diane Runquist

Quilts- Wendy Norling

Pickles- Jodi Schultz

Lefse- Kim Brown, Pam Isom, Judy Roeschlein, Jodi Schultz,
Mary Brelie

Cookie Lane- Julie Mulford, Amanda Felger

Apple Pies- Dianne Wachsmuth, Dianne Fisher

Grace Cafe- Susan Loosmore

Cash in the Box- Kristin Nelson

Inventory and Pricing- Peg Groshek

THANK YOU to Matt and Leah Smith. The Bazaar ladies truly appreciate your cheerful attitudes and your willingness to help. We wouldn't be able to set up or take down without you.

THANK YOU to the confirmation students and parents who helped with the set-up, serving lunch, and the take down and storing equipment and props.

But most of all, THANK YOU to all who crafted a variety of creative items, baked, canned, or donated ingredients or money. Countless hours were spent by so many people. The Bazaar wouldn't be possible without all of you. THANK YOU to everyone who worked at the Bazaar, whether this was your 21st year or your first year. We hope it was a positive experience for all of you.

If you purchased any canned items from Harvest Sweets, you may return your empty canning jars to the church to be used again next year. Also, if you purchased an outdoor arrangement, you may also recycle those containers by returning the containers to be used again next year.

The application forms for the distribution of the Bazaar funds will be available in the church office after January 1st. These completed applications are due back in the church office by February 19th. The committee will meet to act on the applications on February 26th, 2025.

Next summer, we will start planning for Bazaar 2025, our 22nd anniversary, which will be held on November 8, 2025. We need enthusiastic, willing individuals to work on the Bazaar team. You do not have to be a crafter to help out, just be a willing worker. If you are interested in getting involved, contact anyone on the Bazaar team. You will be glad you got involved and the fun and fellowship.

As we approach winter and perhaps some quiet time, please consider working on some craft projects for next year's Bazaar. Thank you in advance.

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

Mark your Calendars! We will be worshiping all together during Advent at 9am!

December 1st – Family Life Center 9am. We will start in Worship for Sunday School and go downstairs before the Sermon to practice for the Christmas Program. Sunday School will go till 10:30. Families are invited to stay for the ADVENT decorating!

December 8th – Family Life Center 9am. Christmas Program!!

December 15th – Sanctuary 9am. Enjoy the Grace Choir's annual Christmas concert as a family. No Sunday School (Sunday School will resume January 5th)

December 22nd – Sanctuary 9am

December 24th – Christmas Eve Services at 4pm and 9pm

December 29th – Sanctuary 9am



Bachman's Poinsettias!

Thank you to all who ordered Poinsettias!
They will be ready for pick up on Dec. 8th
following the Service.



GRACE TIME!



This is our NEW 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. **Nov/Dec Dates: Dec 4th (final practice for the Christmas Program!) Dec. 11th**

No Religious Release till the spring!

We will be offering Religious Release 2 more times this year. **March 5th and April 2.**



Confirmation

December Discipleship Activities



December 1st – Stay after the 9am service to help decorate the church for Advent!

December 8th – Participate in the Christmas Program! We need readers and prayer leaders.

Volunteer for Soup for the Soul

Sign up with your family or a group of friends to Bell ring at Coborns for the Salvation Army

See you all back at regular Confirmation on January 8th!

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

This is the
**DAY THE
LORD
has MADE!**
PSALM 118:24



Religious
Release Time
2025

Religious Release needs a Coordinator!

Registration for Grace's CYF programs is open! Scan the QR code for online registration or you can pick up a paper form at church!

Registration for Christian Education - Sunday School: preschool to 6th grade and GRACE TIME
(New this year!): kindergarten to 6th grade



We still need a few more Sunday School helpers!

This does not require an every Sunday commitment! If we can have a team of 4-5 adults/youth then it would be 1-2 Sundays a month. Please contact Kelly if you feel the call to serve in this way.

Registration for Confirmation
(grades 7th -9th grade)



Confirmation

We need one more mentor for 7th grade. Mentoring Jr. High kids is not as scary as it may seem! Talk to Kelly if you are interested in helping!

Grace has a long history of providing Religious Release Time opportunity for kids in grades 1st through 6th. **In order for the program to continue, we need someone willing to take this on!**

Time commitment is one Wednesday morning per month (7-11:30am) with a few hours for prep on a different day. Mora Elementary has the dates scheduled for this year and a bus driver available to return kids to school. If you are experiencing a "Spirit Nudge" to coordinate this ministry please contact the church office (320.679.1062)!

The next Release Time will be March 5th.

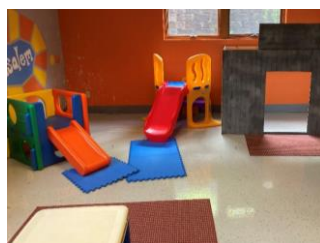
Release Time dates for the 2025 School year
March 5th, April 2nd



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



Come and
join us for

Advent Decorating

December 1st, 2024

Please stay after the
services and help
where you can. Many
thanks to all who help!



† Sowing Grace Quilters †



Quilts
(63 x 80)
\$40.00

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



Sowing Grace Quilters will have quilts for sale on Sunday, December 8th, following the service at 9:00 A.M. .Thank you for your continued support to the Sowing Grace Quilters.



EAST CENTRAL
MINNESOTA CHORALE
2024 Christmas Concerts

DEC 13 7pm
Princeton - Christ Our Light Catholic Church

DEC 14 2pm
Mora - Zion Lutheran Church

DEC 14 7pm
Cambridge - Cambridge Lutheran Church

Free Will Donation

Free Community Event!!

The Dala Heritage Society invites the community to this free event!!!

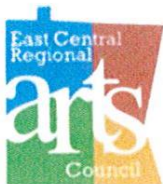
St Lucia Celebration Featuring the Swedish Fiddlers

Sunday December 15th at 3pm at Calvary Lutheran Church, 414 S. Wood Street. Mora, MN 55051



The community is invited to the Dala Heritage Society's 2024 St. Lucia Celebration as our current Lucia, Isabelle Keehr, crowns the next Lucia. The event includes entertainment by the Swedish Fiddlers and *fika* afterwards (coffee and a treat, a Swedish tradition). The St. Lucia Celebration is free of charge and is sponsored by a generous grant from the East Central Regional Arts Council.

The Swedish Fiddlers, a fiddling duo with ties to the local area, play a unique style of music that originated in Rättvik, Sweden. They have performed throughout the United States and Sweden.



This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the East Central Regional Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Holy Communion Sunday 8am - FLC Service 9am - Sunday School</p>	<p>8am - Office Open 10:30am - Staff Check In 11am - Worship and Music 4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel 6pm - Al Aron</p>	<p>8am - Office Open</p>	<p>8am - Office Open 9:30am - Quilters & Prayer Shawl 12pm - Pastor's Bible Study 2:15pm - Grace Time 6pm - Choir 7pm - Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>8am - Office Open 9:30am - Evo Circle</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>	
<p>INDIVY OFFERINGS Soup for the Soul Inc. Sunday School Program 9am - FLC Service 10:15am - Church Council</p>	<p>8am - Office Open 10:30am - Staff Check In 4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel 6pm - Al Aron</p>	<p>8am - Office Open</p>	<p>8am - Office Open 9:30am - Quilters & Prayer Shawl 12pm - Pastor's Bible Study 3:15pm - Grace Time 6pm - Choir 7pm - Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>8am - Office Open</p>	<p>Office Closed 12pm - Newsletter Deadline</p>	
<p>Choir Concert Holy Communion Sunday 9am - Sanctuary Worship</p>	<p>8am - Office Open 10:30am - Staff Check In 4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel 6pm - Al Aron</p>	<p>8am - Office Open</p>	<p>8am - Office Open 9:30am - Quilters & Prayer Shawl 12pm - Pastor's Bible Study 3:15pm - Grace Time 6pm - Choir 7pm - Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>8am - Office Open</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>	
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<p>Lessons and Carols 9am - Sanctuary Worship</p>	<p>8am - Office Open 9am - End of Year Offerings in by 900 10:30am - Staff Check In</p>	<p>New Year's Eve 8am - Office Closed</p>	<p>New Year's Day 8am - Office Closed</p>	<p>8am - Office Closed</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>	

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