



MAY 2024 GLC

**Grace Lutheran Church**

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**Summer Sunday Worship**

May 26<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>

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](http://www.gracechurchmora.com)

Facebook: @moragracelutheran

**Grace Google Calendar:**

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

ELCA website: [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

NE MN website:

[www.nemnsynod.org](http://www.nemnsynod.org)



*Christ's reign reaches all people.*

GLC

# Newsletter

Almighty and living God,  
we thank you for bringing  
all the people of the  
earth under your reign  
that all may know of your  
steadfast love and  
faithfulness in Christ.

Amen.

# PASTOR'S PAGE

## NEW PATHWAYS... A MINISTRY FOR US??

Grace Lutheran was approached by a ministry organization that currently works with a dozen Lutheran churches in the area (Cambridge, North Branch, others) helping families who are in transition. The organization called New Pathways helps families who are seeking a new path in life and find themselves without a home and in need of support and structure. Churches rotate in providing a place for families to live for a week supplying lodging, meals and a sense of community and support. Families stay in the program for roughly 8 – 20 weeks. The church council of Grace has met with leadership from the organization including a leader in the church of Cambridge who works with Cambridge Lutheran to make this ministry happen.

I am looking for congregation members' feedback on people's willingness to lead this kind of ministry and our receptivity in supporting this ministry. We would be responsible for opening up rooms in the basement and setting up beds for those involved. We would also serve evening meals and have somebody spend the night to make sure all things run smooth. A big-time commitment? You bet. Before the next church council meeting, if you have thoughts, ideas, experience, or opinions on supporting this ministry, please talk with me. Maybe most important of all, would you be willing to take on key leadership to make this happen? I look forward to your response as we consider how to live out our Sunday morning proclamation, "We will go as spirit filled disciples of Jesus Christ."

See you in church,

Pastor Gary

# WELCOME TO church

An invitation to ALL who would like to become official members of Grace Lutheran.

All who wish to join Grace Lutheran Church, will be received as new members in the month of **JUNE** on **ANY Sunday** that you are available.

Please contact **Leah** in the office @ 320.679.1062 or email [moragrancelutheran@gmail.com](mailto:moragrancelutheran@gmail.com), and let her know which **Sunday** looks best for you!

All services in June are at 9:00 A.M. 😊

Thank you, kindly!

*We're so glad you're here!*

# PRAYING FOR YOU

**Prayer Concerns:** Dave Franko, Robbie Berglund, Sylvia Nelson, Jaxson McGrath, Tim Roberts, Nancy Nygaard, Marlow Geyer, Justine Isom, Chad Pranke, Beverly Fore, Gerri Teich, David Ulstrom, Meagan Barrett Isom and Jody Burton.

**Service Personnel:** Adam Herwig, Noah Wicklund, Christopher Unger, Chris Garbacz, Emmie Otto and all other active members

## PASTORAL ACTS GLC ~ APRIL 2024



April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Judy Faye Bergstadt  
Born: 10.04.1942  
Called Home: April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024



April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Brooks Michael Koehnle  
Parents: Brandon and Kayla Koehnle  
Sponsors: Katie Sherrill and Brett Koehnle



April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Transferred into Grace Lutheran Church  
WELCOME~ Tim and Natalie Matthewson

If you are interested in becoming a new member or you know  
of someone who is interested ~

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# MAY

## GLC MAY 2024 Birthdays

1. Addison Hawkins
2. Jakob Felger, Amy Gotfredson, Barbara Orstad, Violet DeGracia
3. Julie Olen
4. Debra Piescher
6. Don Overson
7. Kate Anderson, Nolan Berry
8. Haley Nordenstrom
9. Braylen Belsheim, James Fisher, Katherine Hovland, Kevin Nikodym
13. Brooke Hohn
14. Leah Smith
15. Eunice Weckwerth
16. Richard Berry, Marri Larson
17. Zackary Felger
18. Derek Douglas, Alexis Hughes, Brendan Smith-Unger
19. Linda Johnson, Dawson Joy
20. Bob Isom, Diane Lamp
21. Sheila Parent, Laura Strand, Olivia Thompson, Kasen Nolt
22. Arnold Barabash, Jane Myers, Marlene Swearingen
23. Teala Chromey, Elissa Schley
25. John Kehr, Justin Schley, Bonnie Unger
26. Kendall Brandt, Diane Knutson, Raylan Sjoberg, Evelyn Ohnstad
27. Stephen Denzine, Taliah Peterson
29. Shirley Klepsa, Alice Sogn
30. Chad Chromey, Gerald Funk, Paul Kent
31. David VanBurkleo

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

# Worship Schedule May 2024

## 8:00 Service

### May 5th:

Ushers: Nick & Kam Schroeder  
Lector: Nick Schroeder  
Communion: Andrea Hams

### May 12th:

Ushers: Bryan & Dianne Wachsmuth  
Lector: Dianne Wachsmuth

### May 19th:

Ushers: Guy & Peggy Groshek  
Lector: Peggy Groshek  
Communion: Barb Ennis

## 9:00 Service

### May 26th:

Ushers: Gene & Eunice Weckwerth  
Lector: Gene Weckwerth

## 9:30 Service

### May 5th:

Ushers: Craig & Jodi Schultz  
Lector: Craig Schultz  
Communion: Jeremy Schultz

### May 12th:

Ushers: Mark & Verona Gravich  
Lector: Mark Gravich

### May 19th:

Ushers: Harry & Robin Blegen  
Lector: Harry Blegen  
Communion: Diane Runquist

**Altar May**  
Dianne Wachsmuth

## Hospitality

May 5 <sup>th</sup>	8 a.m. Guy & Peggy Groshek	9:30 a.m. Don & Mary Olson
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	8 a.m. Galen & Mary Brelie	9:30 a.m. Verona Gravich
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	8 a.m. Rollie & Marie Fredrickson	9:30 a.m. The Schultz Family
<b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>– Start of Summer Service 1 Service 9:00 A.M. ~ 9 a.m. Kim &amp; Terry Salsbury</b>	
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9 a.m. Suzie Halverson & Dianne Fisher	
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	9 a.m. Verona Gravich	
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	9 a.m. Bob & Carol Kolodejchuk	
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9 a.m. Dave & Betsy VanBurkleo	
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	9 a.m. Don and Mary Olson	

# 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](http://www.gracechurchmora.com)

It's not too late to sign up for **Summer Camp!**  
Talk to Kelly about camp options and camperships.

Get signed up for **Mora Community VBS!**  
More info and online registration link on separate page.

**Our last day of Sunday School for the year will be May 12<sup>th</sup>!**  
**Our last Religious Release Time of the year May 8<sup>th</sup>!**  
**May Confirmation Dates: May 1<sup>st</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, last day May 15<sup>th</sup>!**



**THANK YOU** to all who have helped with Sunday School, Release Time and Confirmation this year! Our Children Youth and Family Ministries can not happen without our awesome volunteers!

**Sunday School** – Lacey Johnstone, Amanda Strom, Jess Olen, Parker Ennis, Karla Qual, Annika DeGracia, Grace Johnson and Heidi Johnson.

**Release Time** – Mary Brelie, Nancy Peterson, Eunice Weckwerth, Carol Allman

**Celebration Singers** – Rhonda Felland, Amanda Strom, Steve Denzine, Jodi Schultz, Jacki Peterson

**Confirmation** – Heidi Johnson, Sarah Hanson, Steve Denzine, Jason Sjoberg, Jeremy Schultz.

Thank you to the confirmation parents for providing the meals for the year!!

**The Celebration Singers Spring Musical is MAY 5<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 service. The kids have been working hard to present...**

***“A Not so Terrible Parable!”***

Celebration Singers will have an end of year celebration on Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> during the regular after school time.



# LITTLE STEPS!!



## **SOMETHING NEW for parents of infants and toddlers (ages birth-3)**

Starting in June, Little Steps will be a monthly gathering for parents of birth to 3 children! We will meet after the worship service, down in the corner playroom in the basement. Take the main stairs down, turn left 2 times and you'll see the "Little Steps" room at the end of the hallway. Siblings are welcome! Summer Dates: June 16<sup>th</sup> , July 28<sup>th</sup> and Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **The Synod Journey to the ELCA National Youth Gathering is in NEW ORLEANS July 14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 2024!!**

We are teaming up with Calvary and Immanuel Brunswick for an awesome group of 25 youth and adults.

**Our group from Grace is: Adult Leaders:** Kelly Kehr and Cristy Thomas. **Youth:** Kendall Brandt, Abby Donaghue, Isaac Holland, Caden Johnson, Grace Johnson, Ledgyn Nelson.



**We are very close to meeting our goal for fundraising!!  
Thank you for all the support!!**

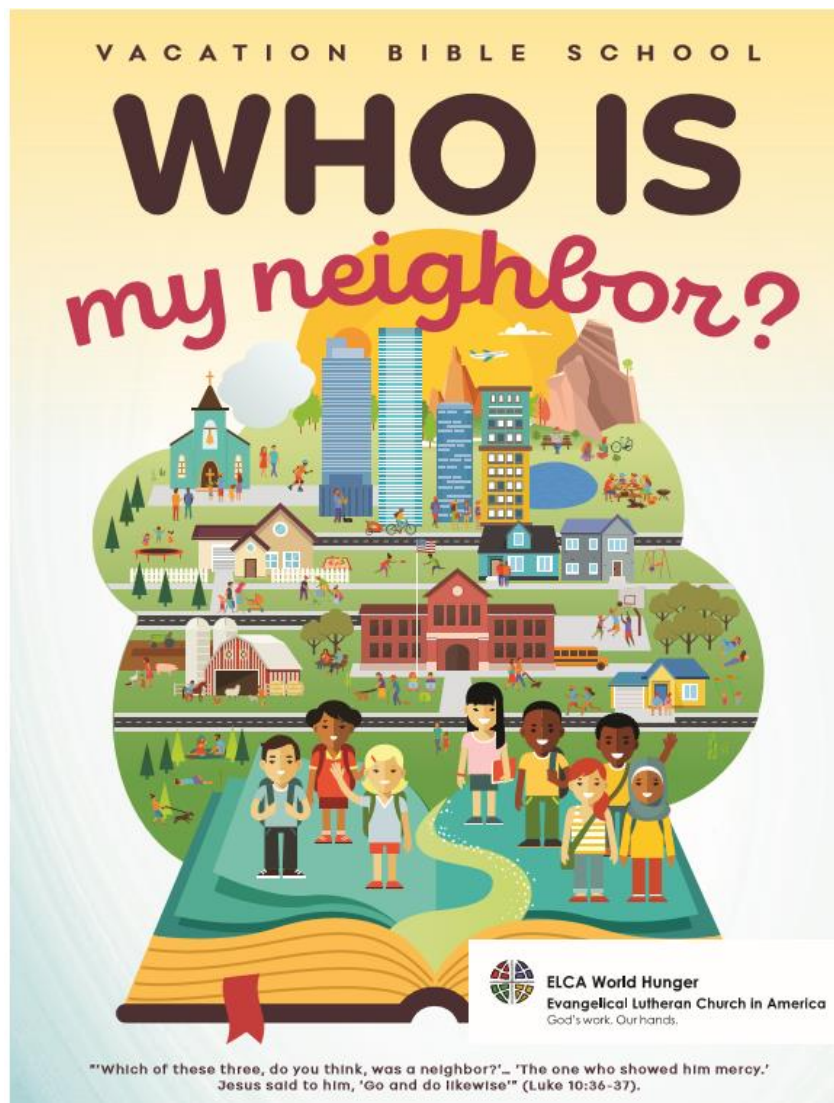
**A HUGE thank you to the Grace Card Makers** who put together kits for assembling cards for the Nola youth to put together and sell! The proceeds raised from the sale of the card kits will go towards supplies for making emergency hurricane kits when we are in New Orleans. The Gathering hopes to assemble 15,000 kits for the New Orleans area! **Card packs are 6 for \$10 and include 3-4 birthday cards, and 2-3 assorted cards (sympathy, thinking of you, get well, etc.)**



Grace Lutheran's Children Youth and Family Ministry is a Christ centered program with the purpose of building disciples for Jesus by supporting and partnering with parents in fulfilling their baptismal promises. By God's Grace we seek to provide meaningful faith formation experiences for all ages. For more information regarding Children, Youth and Family Ministry please contact Kelly Kehr (320-336-8028) or [kellykehr01@gmail.com](mailto:kellykehr01@gmail.com)



# Vacation Bible School 2024!



## Join us for VBS 2024!

**When:** Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> **SAVE THE DATES**

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

**Where:** Grace, Calvary and United Methodist

Preschool, Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade @ **Grace Lutheran**

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade @ **Calvary Lutheran**

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade @ **Mora United Methodist**

Register online via the church websites:

[www.calvarymora.org](http://www.calvarymora.org)

<https://moraumc.org>

[www.gracechurchmora.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.camponomia.org)

(copy and paste in your browser)

and sign up today!



Register by May 31<sup>st</sup> 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.grindstonelakebilecamp.org/>

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SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 9:00 A.M.

# GRADUATION SUNDAY

**Seniors and Parents:** Please be watching for more info.

We will recognize the **Seniors** from our congregation as they complete their high school career on Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 9:00 A.M. church service.

## Our graduating seniors are:

*Tanner James Berry*

*Vitali Allan Price Chromey*

*Annika DeGracia*

*Carson James Donaghue*

*Parker Lee Ennis*

*Zackary Russell Felger*

*Maggie Marie Holmgren*

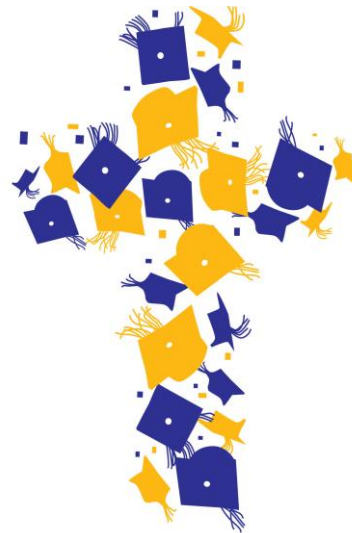
*Elizabeth Mary Marohn*

*Benjamin Matthew Mulford*

*Karla Jo Qual*

*Isabel Schley*

*Zachary Gene Tetnowski*



**There will be a  
Baccalaureate Service**  
for all High School Seniors at  
the High School on  
Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, at  
8:00 pm sponsored by the  
Kanabec County Ministerial  
Association.

# 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><b>May 5<sup>th</sup></b> 8 – Stratty /Marek Nelson 9:30 – Caden J./Brayden H.</p> <p><b>May 12<sup>th</sup></b> 8 – Ian S./Jaxson M. 9:30 – Urijah C. / Ethan H.</p> <p><b>May 19<sup>th</sup></b> 8 – Honor S. /Gretta J. 9:30 - Eddie J. / Sawyer S.</p> <p><b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b> 9am! Change to 1 service for the summer! Ayva D./ Maggie B.</p> <p><b>June 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 9am – Izzy G./Hailee B.</p> <p><b>June 9<sup>th</sup></b> 9am - Josie B./ Autumn L.</p> <p><b>June 16<sup>th</sup></b> 9am – Taliah P./Presley M.</p> <p><b>June 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 9am - Kendall /Keaton B.</p>	<p><b>June 30<sup>th</sup></b> 9am - Joe S. /Noah D.</p> <p><b>July 7<sup>th</sup></b> 9am - Raylan S./ Easton H.</p> <p><b>July 14<sup>th</sup></b> Stratty /Marek N.</p> <p><b>July 21<sup>st</sup></b> 9am Ian S./Jaxson M.</p> <p><b>July 28<sup>th</sup></b> 9am - Caden J/Brayden H.</p> <p><b>Aug. 4</b> 9am - Ayva D. / Maggie B.</p> <p><b>Aug. 11<sup>th</sup></b> 9am- Urijah C. / Ethan H.</p> <p><b>Aug. 18<sup>th</sup></b> 9am - Eddie J. / Sawyer S.</p> <p><b>Aug. 25<sup>th</sup></b> 9am - Honor S. /Gretta J.</p>	<p><b>Sept. 1<sup>st</sup></b> 9am - Josie B./ Autumn L.</p> <p><b>Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> – Back to 2 services</b> 8 - Kendall /Keaton B. 9:30 - Taliah P./Presley M.</p> <p><b>Sept. 15<sup>th</sup></b> 8 - Joe S. /Noah D. 9:30 - Izzy G./Hailee B.</p> <p><b>Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 8 – Caden J. /Brayden H. 9:30 – Stratty /Marek N.</p> <p><b>Sept. 29<sup>th</sup></b> 8 – Uriah C./ Ethan H. 9:30 - Ian S./Jaxson M.</p> <p>The current 9<sup>th</sup> grade (10<sup>th</sup> in the fall) will acolyte through September. In October the new 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be added to the schedule and the 10<sup>th</sup> graders removed.</p> <p><b>CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>!!!</b></p>
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# Monthly Activities



Sewing Grace Quilters

## SEWING GRACE QUILTERS AND PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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.



GLC Choir

## GLC CHOIR

Wednesdays @ 6:00 P.M.  
GLC Choir Room

All are welcome!

Fun, Fellowship, Friends

## NEWSLETTER

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

June newsletter information is due May 20<sup>th</sup> @ noon.

## Newsletter Deadline



## EVE CIRCLE

Eve Circle will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in May at 9:30 A.M. in the West Narthex.

We would love to have you join us!

## PROPERTY

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



EVE Circle

## CARD MAKERS

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

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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



Card Makers



# THE PROPHET MICAH

Wednesday's bible studies will return May 8<sup>th</sup> with a study of the prophet Micah.

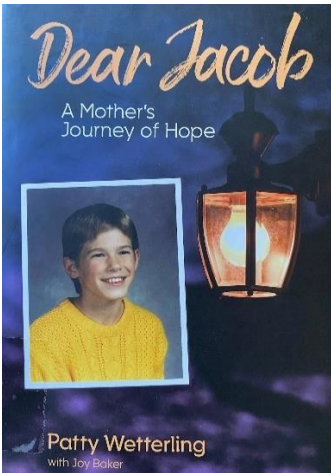
Classes are open to all people. A noon study and an evening study which starts at 7:15 will gather in the library. Bring your bible and an open mind with questions.



# Living Grace Library Mission May 2024

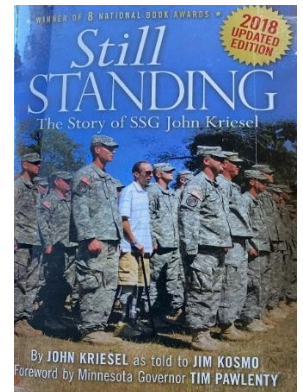
**Mission Statement:** The Grace Lutheran Library Mission will support all the members of Grace using the library resources to help them interpret what they read, see, and experience within the context of the Christian Gospel.

## Non-Fiction

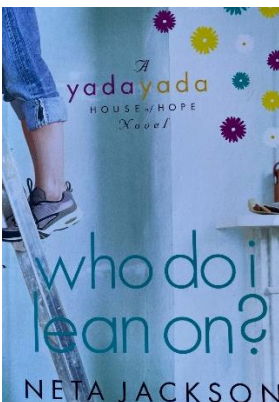


Dear Jacob, A Mother's Journey of Hope by Patty Wetterling with Joy Baker. On October 22, 1989, 11-year-old Jacob Wetterling was kidnapped at gunpoint. For the next 27 years, his mother, Patty Wetterling focused on the hope that somehow, somewhere, Jacob had survived. Patty became a speaker and an advocate for missing and exploited children. This book is a story of a mother's strength and perseverance and so many years of not knowing and then in 2016 of finally knowing. The book ends with a letter to Jacob from his mom – "Jacob, because of you I learned so much along the way. I learned that each and every one of us has the capacity to do more than we ever dreamed....I learned that worry is useless.....I learned that hope is a verb. It requires movement and doing ....I learned to not let the worst things in my life define me...I learned to pick myself up-over and over..."

Still Standing, The Story of SSG John Kriesel by John Kriesel as told to Jim Kosmo. On December 2, 2006, the vehicle that John Kriesel and four Army comrades were in was hit by an Improvised Explosive Device in the deserts of Iraq. Two of his comrades lost their lives in this blast and John was severely injured losing both of his legs. This book is John's story beginning with joining the National Guard as a 17-year-old in Minnesota, life in the military and serving during the war in Iraq. It is the story of a man who was not expected to survive and then told he would probably be in a wheelchair the rest of his life to the man who was able to walk out of Walter Reed Army Medical Center on two prosthetic legs. It is the story of a man who has become a sought-after motivational speaker.



## Fiction



Who Do I Lean On? By Neta Jackson. This is book 3 on the YaDa YaDa House of Hope series found in the library. The books in this series center around the Manna House Homeless Shelter in Chicago. Gabby Fairbanks had been a wealthy wife living in a Chicago penthouse and found herself having to live at the shelter. In Who Do I Lean On?, an unexpected windfall allows Gabby to leave the shelter and live on her own in a six-plex property and she is able to have her two sons come back to live with her. When Gabby refuses to loan her estranged husband money to cover gambling debts, he makes desperate moves that put them all in danger. Gabby finds that she needs to lean on more than her own strength or the strength of her friends, that she needs to learn to lean on the only One who knows all things.

**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. 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!!



## MAY Noisy Offering is going to the Vacation Bible School (VBS)

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 😊





# Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Ascension of Our Lord

**Ascension of Our Lord**, the fortieth day of Easter, thus always a Thursday. (May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024), sometimes celebrated on the Sunday after Ascension Day.

**What is the Ascension of Our Lord?** Ascension Day marks not only the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, but his exaltation from servanthood to Ruler and Lord as the fitting climax of Resurrection Day.

**Meaning: Ascension=Rising.** We remember Jesus ascension into heaven and the promise to send the Spirit and be with us always.

### Why Do You Stand Looking Up Toward Heaven?

We often cast our eyes upward to look for God. When we are feeling lonely or misunderstood, we raise our hands to ask why, or shake our fists in gestures of prayer, anguish, or praise. While the scriptures promise that God is king of all the earth, sitting on his holy throne (Psalm 47), we need not only look up for God's action in our lives. Our ascended Lord lives in the heavens, but Jesus does not leave his disciples—or us—to fumble while he naps in the clouds. Before he ascends, Jesus promises that we are clothed with the Holy Spirit's power, witnesses "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

"Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?" the two men in white robes asked the witnesses remaining after Jesus ascended. Why do we stand still in our lives? Is it that we just saw God (Look! Up there! Did you see?), so we expect God to arrive in the same way again? Can God be that expected and predictable? This story of Jesus ascending to the heavens after his time with us on earth gives us mixed feelings: we know he's returning to where he belongs—out of this world full of brokenness and sin to holiness and glory. Still, our longing is intense: Lord, we want to see you! How will we know it is you when you come again?

Ascension Day could be explained as the cynical "I'm outta here" of a God weary of us self-centered, broken humans, but that explanation would be short-sighted because it leaves out the important stop on the cross. Instead, Jesus' departure is accompanied with the promise of the Spirit's presence remaining among us. We look up to the skies for help, then return our gaze to those among us in need of our care, to the body of Christ and the wind of the Spirit among the baptized, preparing for the time when Jesus comes again to gather us in.

*Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Wear Red for...*

# **PENTECOST**

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.



# Grace Lutheran Church

## 2024 Council Minutes

### Grace Lutheran Council Meeting 4/14/24 Minutes

Call to order at 10:40 AM by Sarah.

#### Opening

- Council sharing
- Devotions done by Andrea
- Presentation about Family Promise Program/New Pathways- will add to Unfinished Business for next meeting
- Members Present- Pastor Gary, Ethan, Andrea, Linda, Shaun, Mary, John, Lacey, Sarah, Craig

Agenda Approval- Ethan/Mary

Approval of Meeting Minutes

#### Treasurer's Report

- Summarized by Ethan

Ministry Reports- Pastor Gary

- Pastor's report
- Worship and music

#### Unfinished Business

- Tech area- reviewed quote on partial material list
- Next step- move forward with finding materials and volunteers

#### New Business

- Discussion about Family Promise Program

Next meeting Sunday, May 19th at 10:30 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 (Ethan/Andrea). Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

### 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.*

# Worship and Music Minutes 04.08.2024

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

Devotions by Linda ~ Be prepared always. Your glorious hope.

## Youth

- Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> Celebration Singers Musical
- Last day of Sunday School is May 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Choir

- Back to 6:00 P.M.
- Singing April 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Lent

- Great attendance all of Lent and Holy Week.
- Good Friday was awesome. – Different church next year.

## Easter

- 8:00 A.M. Sanctuary Service and 9:30 A.M. Family Life Center Service
  - Same times next year.

## Altar

- More juice is needed when the Celebration Singers sing
  - Please add a half circle of juice to trays.

## Nursing Home Services

- April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 2:00 P.M. ~ St. Clares

## Sound/Tech

- Todd met w/ the engineer.

## Summer

- Possibly once a month, on a non-communion Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>) we will have a Congregation involvement service, songs can be thrown out to pianist/organist. And Pastor can answer questions in place of sermon.

Pastor closed in prayer.

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

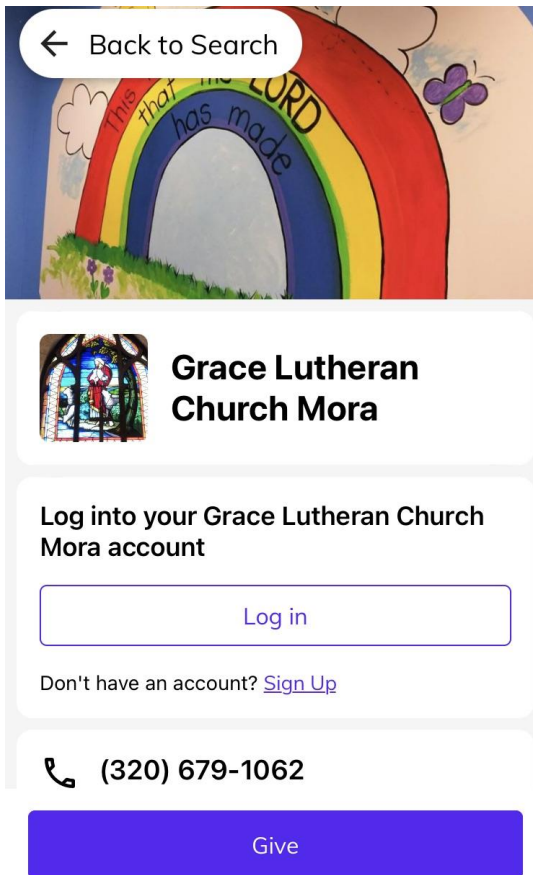
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>28</p> <p>8am - Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>9:30am - FLC Service</p> <p>9:30am - Spring Musical</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>10am - Staff Check In</p> <p>4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>7pm - Property</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>9:30am - Quilters &amp; Prayer Shawl</p> <p>9am - Choir - Year End Party!</p> <p>9am - Confirmation Meal</p> <p>6:30pm - Confirmation</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>9:30am - EVE Circle</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Office Closed</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8am - Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>9:30am - FLC Service</p> <p>9:30am - Spring Musical</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>10am - Staff Check In</p> <p>3:15pm - Celebration Singers</p> <p>4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel</p> <p>6pm - All Anon</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>9:30am - Release Time</p> <p>9:30am - Quilters &amp; Prayer Shawl</p> <p>12pm - Pastor's Bible Study</p> <p>6pm - Confirmation Meal</p> <p>6:30pm - Confirmation</p> <p>7:15pm - Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>9:30am - EVE Circle</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Office Closed</p>
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