

FEBRUARY

GLC February 2025 Weekly GOL

Grace Lutheran Church

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

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Merciful God,
bless your people
like a tree planted
by water that bears
fruit, even during
dry seasons,
through Jesus
Christ our Savior
and 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: @moragrancelutheran

Grace Google Calendar:

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

ELCA website: www.elca.org

Reminder for bad weather:

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

Be careful out there! ❤️

Jesus tells us we are blessed
right now.



JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST

Luke 6:17-26

Is it easy or difficult for you to trust that you are blessed right now by Jesus?

It is understandable to say we are blessed when good things happen to us. However, Jesus reverses this thinking by addressing the poor, the hungry, those weeping, and those hated. In a reversal of fortunes, they will be the ones who receive riches, food, laughter, and joy. Because of this, Jesus calls them blessed right now. The reverse is true for those who seem to be enjoying life now. They are called cursed. Jesus presents a view of life with very different standards and rewards than most people expect. Psalm 1 and Jeremiah 17 also offer this alternative view of life and prosperity. Trusting the teachings of God gives a blessed life, not human powers filled with bad intentions (Jeremiah 17:9). Jesus and Jeremiah, the writer of Psalm 1, honor a life that trusts God's word above all else. This is the faith that blesses us with contentment, even joy. Hear and believe Jesus' words from Luke 6 that you, as a follower of Jesus, are blessed, no matter your circumstances.

Pray: Almighty God, your future is filled with good things for those who trust you; give us hearts to trust that your future is filled with grace and mercy through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Our
Hearts
and
Prayers



Grace Lutheran Church

PRAYER CONCERNS

Chrissy DeLong, Bonnie Boyer,
Betty Evenson, Galen Brelie,
Bob Isom, Elaine VanDriel,
Bella Rogne, Deborah Schultz,
Richard 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

So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

~ Mark 11:24

PRAYER WARRIORS.



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



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February BIRTHDAYS

If your birthday is not listed, please contact the church office at 320.679.1062 or email moragracelutheran@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

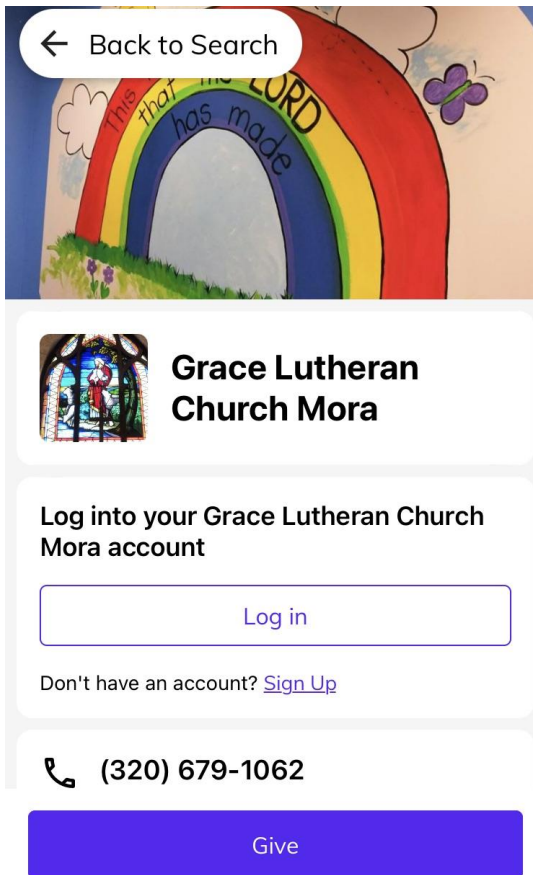
WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

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-January-2025 General Checkbook:

General Checkbook:

Beginning balance	(675.05)
Deposits	31,559.35
Checks written	<u>(33,049.59)</u>
Ending balance	(2,165.29)

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

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.

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.



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!!

March Noisy Offering is going to the Mora Food Pantry



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>



WAYS TO SERVE

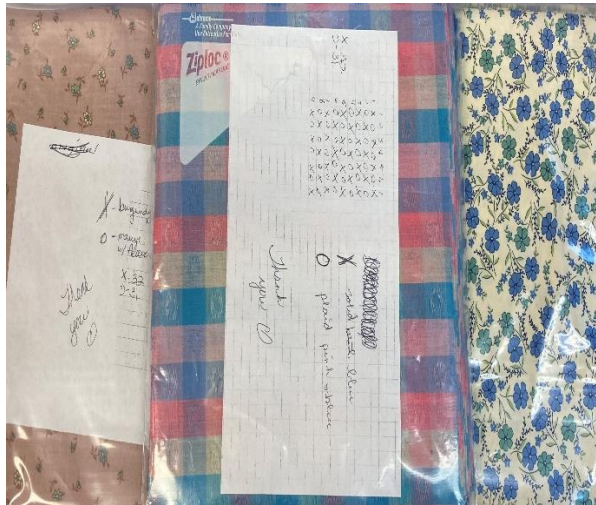


If you are interested in helping serve at Grace, please stop by the office and we will be happy to help guide you in the right direction. Thank you, to all of our Ushers, Lectors, Psalmists, Communion Assistants, Sound Techs, the behind-the-scenes folks and anyone that I am missing!

Thank you, kindly 😊



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



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



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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 😊

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Social Justice

Our Mission Statement:

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



The Mora Food Pantry

214 Railroad Ave- Mora
(North entrance) 679.5513

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



Soup for the Soul

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

Emmanuel Baptist-
536 Union ST. S.



Catholic Charities Meals on Wheels

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

Community in Action-
YOU are needed!

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Blessing Box



Blessing BOX

(Free to ALL)

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

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

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Emergency Food Bags



EMERGENCY FOOD BAGS

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

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



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

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

Below is a very small list of their greatest needs.

Thank you, for loving thy neighbor 😊

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

Thank you for all your support!

ITEMS needed for the Mora Food Pantry:

Shampoo

ANY Hygiene items

Butter/Margarine

Eggs

Baking Mixes

Crackers

Mealtime Prayer: Dear God, may this food give strength to our bodies and your word of life feed our souls with peace and contentment. Amen.

WEEKLY, MONTHLY, AND HERE AND THERE ACTIVITIES!



WORSHIP & MUSIC

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



PROPERTY

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



NEWSLETTER

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



EVE CIRCLE

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

We would love to have you join us!



AL-ANON

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

*unless noted



NOISY OFFERING

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

GLC CHOIR

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

Fun, Friends and Fellowship

Choir on HOLD until February 26th



SOWING GRACE QUILTERS AND PRAYER SHAWL

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

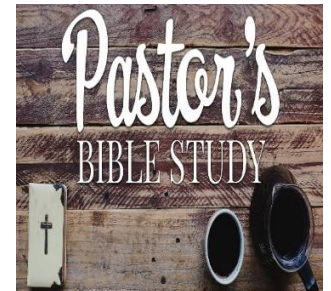
All are welcome, we come together each week with open hearts and willing hands to serve our Lord.

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



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY~ON HOLD!

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

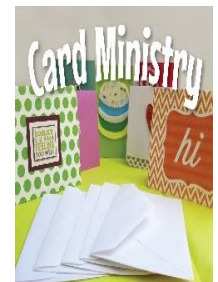


CARD MAKERS

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

All are welcome!

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

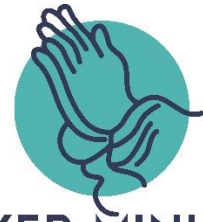


PRAYER MINISTRY

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

Acts 6:4b

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



PRAYER MINISTRY

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

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

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

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

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



Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Check out CYF Ministry on FACEBOOK! Grace Lutheran Children Youth and Family (private group)
or on-line: www.gracechurchmora.com



GRACE TIME!

3:15 P. M.

GLC Basement

GRACE TIME

This is our afterschool program on Wednesdays!

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

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

Rides provided from school upon request.

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

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

There is no cost but parents are asked to help provide snack for the group 1-2 times per year and help with rides if able.

Dates for Grace Time:

February 19th & 26th

March 12th, 19th & 26th

April 9th, 16th 23rd & 30th

May 7th

Kids Singing Dates:

February 23rd

March 23rd

Maybe Palm Sunday



ELCA World Hunger

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

Until All Are Fed!

50 Year Celebration of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal

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



Fish Farms for Our Neighbors

Fish farm Give your neighbors a fish, and they'll eat for a day.

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

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

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

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

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

THANK YOU! You helped raise \$1,065.12 with Noisy Offering and the Fish booth!

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

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

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

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

Acolyte Schedule

February and March 2025

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

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

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the service starts.

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

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

CONFIRMATION

Youth 7th- 9th Grade
Wednesday's
6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Meal 6:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.



Confirmation Families:

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

Urijah Chromey
Caden Johnson
Eddie Johnson
Jaxson McGrath
Stratton Nelson
Ian Schley

Faith in Action Playroom AKA.. The Nursery



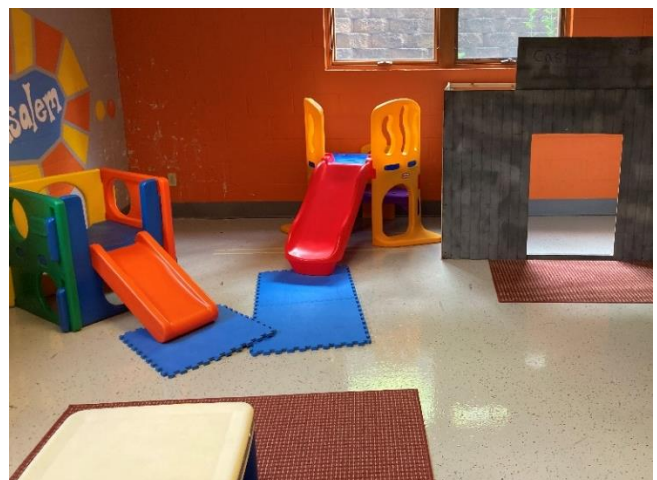
Parents, Families and Grandparents!

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



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

Galatians 3:26



"A Space for Grace"

Welcome to the Family Life Center's

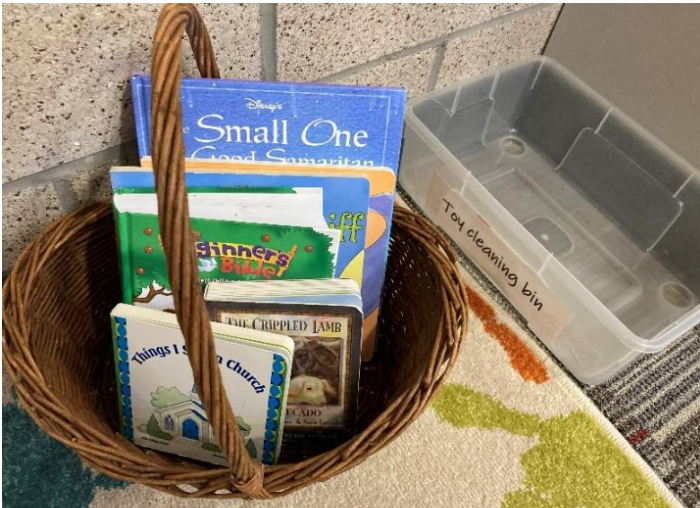
"A Space for Grace"

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

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

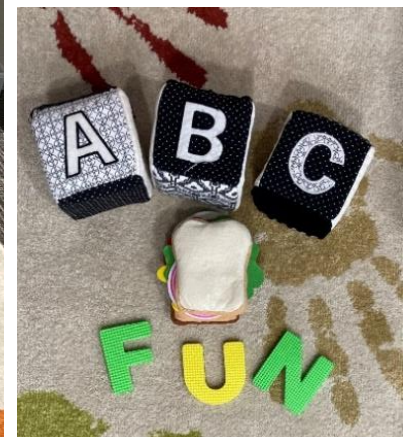
We also have a larger playroom downstairs with a changing table and rocking chair. Take 2 lefts at the bottom of the large staircase. (heading down to Sunday school)

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



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

Psalm 118:24



UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR PEACE

(FROM THE IONA COMMUNITY)

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



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FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

Local schools and organizations need caring adults like YOU! Orientation and training are provided.
All volunteers receive ongoing support from school and staff.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The Foster Grandparent Program provides the opportunity for volunteers age 55 and better to make a lasting difference in the lives of our Minnesota children and youth. Foster Grandparents positively influence our children and youth in a variety of settings, including elementary schools, preschools, shelters, childcare centers, and juvenile detention centers. From striving to prepare children for success in elementary school to mentoring incarcerated teenagers, Foster Grandparent volunteers make a difference in the lives of those they serve.

Foster Grandparent volunteers also gain so much during their service. The sense of joy and pride they feel watching their students succeed is something only the Foster Grandparent program can provide. According to AmeriCorps, a national study has shown that volunteers who are 50 and older live longer than same age non-volunteers. Another recent study of Americans over age 60 found that those who volunteer reported lower disability levels and higher levels of well-being compared to those who do not volunteer. **So, if you are 55+, what are you waiting for? Apply to be a Foster Grandparent today!**



- ✓ **A non-taxable stipend of \$4.00 per hour**
(minimum of 5 hours of service per week to qualify)
- ✓ **Transportation or mileage reimbursement of \$.40 per mile**
- ✓ **Orientation and ongoing training**
- ✓ **Accident and liability insurance while volunteering**
- ✓ **Meals provided while serving**



AmeriCorps
Seniors

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENT TOMORROW

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Please join us!

Women's Spring Lunch

Designed for Joy



We are created and cherished by a loving, living God who desires to commune with us. When we seek and choose Jesus, He promises to fill us with His Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit. These gifts guide us in truth, joy, peace, and love. Join us for this transformative morning as we explore how to cultivate joy and the fruit of the Spirit, grow in His presence, and live according to God's design and His purpose for our lives.

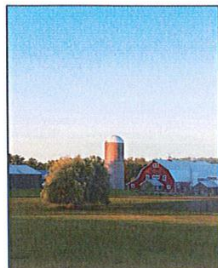
- When: May 10, 2025; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Where: Knife River Place – 2448 Jade Street; Mora, MN 55051
- Speaker/Music: Amanda Ellison
- Food: Luncheon included with gluten and dairy free options available.
- Cost: \$20.00/person – see Leah in GLC office for tickets. **Last day to purchase tickets is April 27.**

About our guest speaker, Amanda Ellison–

Amanda Ellison is an inspiring speaker, vocalist and recording artist from Minneapolis, MN. Amanda, with her rich singing voice gently weaves the testimony of her story and her favorite hymns together to connect with audiences. She is a testament to His leading in her life and how He has provided joy to her in all seasons and challenges of life.

Amanda has toured throughout the upper Midwest for the past 8 years grabbing national attention with The Preacher's Daughters. She has shared the stage with many beloved groups and talented vocalists. Amanda is now embarked on a solo ministry, bringing ministry and the old hymns to new places.

What matters most to Amanda is giving God the glory by conveying His love joy. Her engaging personality and riveting voice will bring smiles to each face and maybe a tear to the eye, as she shares truth from God's word.



About the location – The big red barn at Knife River Place, 2448 Jade Street, Mora, is a beautiful venue full of history, trees and walking trails. The owners, Ted and Paula Heppner, are passionate about serving others, sharing God's love and their little slice of heaven. We know you will enjoy the serene beauty of Knife River Place.



A Message -- Engaged Christian Values

Bishop Amy Odgren



The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1:5

In these past few days and weeks there have been many things said both publicly and on social media that have worked against the scripturally based concepts requiring believers to honor God, keep God's commandments, and love our neighbors – most notably caring for those who find themselves in need, showing hospitality to the stranger, protecting and nurturing all children, making provision for the poor, and working to bear the fruit of kindness, gentleness and peace.

The latest attacks have been on our own denomination's work in these biblically mandated areas – ministry and service that has been done in Christ's name for many, many years, often with high acknowledgement that ELCA Lutherans live their faith by supporting Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) and Lutheran Services in America (which Lutheran Social Services is a part of). The attacks are unfounded and are false.

However, all of us need to be aware of the dangers that such false accusations foster as we live our faith in the world. This is a time to be bold, to shine the light of Christ where darkness lurks to separate and divide us – and to tell the truth with honesty and transparency.

Please make note of the following information and video message that our presiding bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, has provided for ELCA Lutherans. A fact sheet prepared by ELCA Strategic Communications is also a part of this information.

What can we do?

- Be aware and be informed.
- Tell the truth in love and share truthful information with friends and family.
- Watch the amount of time you spend on social media.
- Find a few news sources that give honest reporting and stay up-to-date but not oversaturated.
- Ask good questions if information sounds fantastical or hurtful to fellow humans.
- Contact your representatives and elected officials as a citizen living out Christian values and biblical principles. [See this link](#) provided by Lutheran Advocacy Minnesota.

Keep shining the light of Christ where darkness lurks. Join others in shining Christ's light – it will only get brighter that way.

Bishop Amy Odgren
Northeastern Minnesota Synod



What's Happening at Grace this week:

- Sunday February 16th** 8:00 A.M. Sanctuary Worship
9:15 A.M. Sunday School
9:30 A.M. FLC Service
10:30 A.M. Church Council
- Monday February 17th** 8:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M. Office Closed – Presidents Day
- Tuesday February 18th** 8:00 – 4:00 Office Open
10:00 A.M. ~ Staff Check In
11:00 A.M. ~ Worship and Music
- Wednesday February 19th** 8:00 – 4:00 Office Open
9:30 A.M.- Quilters and Prayer Shawl~ West Narthex
3:15 P.M.~ Grace Time
6:00 P.M.~ Confirmation Meal
6:30 P.M.~ Confirmation
- Thursday February 20th** 8:00 – 4:00 Office Open
Noon ~ Newsletter Deadline ~ Thank You
- Friday February 21st** *Office Closed*
- Saturday February 22nd** *Office Closed*
- Sunday February 23rd** 8:00 A.M. Sanctuary Worship
9:15 A.M. Sunday School
9:30 A.M. FLC Service

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with peace and contentment.

Grace Lutheran Church



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

Redeemer God,
accept my simple words of praise
for your strength and infinite
wisdom. Thank you for revealing
the truth of your love by defeating
Satan and his lies. Let me be part
of your plans, that all people would
know you and be saved. Keep me
alert and diligent in prayer for
your work here on earth.

Amen

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

In His Grip,
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Grace Members:

**There is an AED machine in
the Main Narthex.**

All is updated.

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

**Our office will be closed in observance of
President's Day on Monday, February 17th, 2025.**



★≡ Presidents ≡★

George Washington	John Adams	Thomas Jefferson	James Madison	James Monroe	John Quincy Adams	Andrew Jackson	Martin Van Buren	William Henry Harrison	John Tyler	James Knox Polk	Zachary Taylor
Millard Fillmore	Franklin Pierce	James Buchanan	Abraham Lincoln	Andrew Johnson	Ulysses S. Grant	Rutherford B. Hayes	James Abram Garfield	Chester Alan Arthur	Stephen Grover Cleveland	Benjamin Harrison	Stephen Grover Cleveland
William McKinley	Theodore Roosevelt	William Howard Taft	Thomas Woodrow Wilson	Warren G. Harding	John Calvin Coolidge	Herbert Clark Hoover	Franklin D. Roosevelt	Harry S. Truman	Dwight D. Eisenhower	John Fitzgerald Kennedy	Lyndon B. Johnson
Richard Milhous Nixon	Gerald Rudolph Ford	James Earl Carter Jr.	Ronald Wilson Reagan	George Herbert Walker Bush	William Jefferson Clinton	George Walker Bush	Barack Hussein Obama II	Donald John Trump	Joseph Robinette Biden Jr.	Donald John Trump	The White House

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