



## Grace Lutheran Church

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*Restore us.  
O LORD God of  
hosts;  
let your face  
shine,  
that we may be  
saved.*

*Psalm 80:19*

## 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  
\*\*Worship area subject to change

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)



*Advent is a season of hope.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	27	28	29	30	1	2
<p>1st Sunday in Advent</p> <p>8am - Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>9:30am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am - FLC Service</p>	<p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>10am - Staff Check In</p> <p>11am - Worship and Music</p> <p>3:15pm - Celebration Singers</p> <p>4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel</p> <p>6pm - AI Anon</p>	<p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>7pm - Property</p>	<p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>8am - Release Time</p> <p>9:30am - Quilters &amp; Prayer Shawl</p> <p>12pm - Pastor's Bible Study</p> <p>6pm - Choir</p> <p>7:15pm - Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>8am - Office Open</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>1st Sunday in Advent</p> <p>8am - Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>9:30am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am - FLC Service</p>	<p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>10am - Staff Check In</p> <p>4pm - Soup for the Soul @ Emmanuel</p> <p>6pm - AI Anon</p>	<p>8am - Office Open</p>	<p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>9:30am - Quilters &amp; Prayer Shawl</p> <p>12pm - Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>12pm - Pastor's Bible Study</p> <p>6pm - Choir</p> <p>7:15pm - Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>8am - Office Open</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>Christmas Eve</p> <p>8am - Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>4pm - Christmas Eve Service FLC</p> <p>10pm - Christmas Eve Service Sanctuary</p>	<p>Christmas Day</p>	<p>8am - Office Closed</p>	<p>8am - Office Open</p>	<p>8am - Office Close</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
<p>New Year's Eve</p> <p>8am - Sanctuary Worship</p>	<p>New Year's Eve</p>	<p>8am - Office Closed</p>	<p>8am - Office Open</p>	<p>8am - Office Close</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>

# Special WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 A.M. Sanctuary Service**

**9:30 A.M. FLC Service- Sunday School Program**

## **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 1 Service**

**9:00 A.M. Choir Christmas Concert Sanctuary**

## **Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Eve**

**9:00 A.M. Sanctuary Service ~4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**

**4:00 P.M. Family Life Center Service**

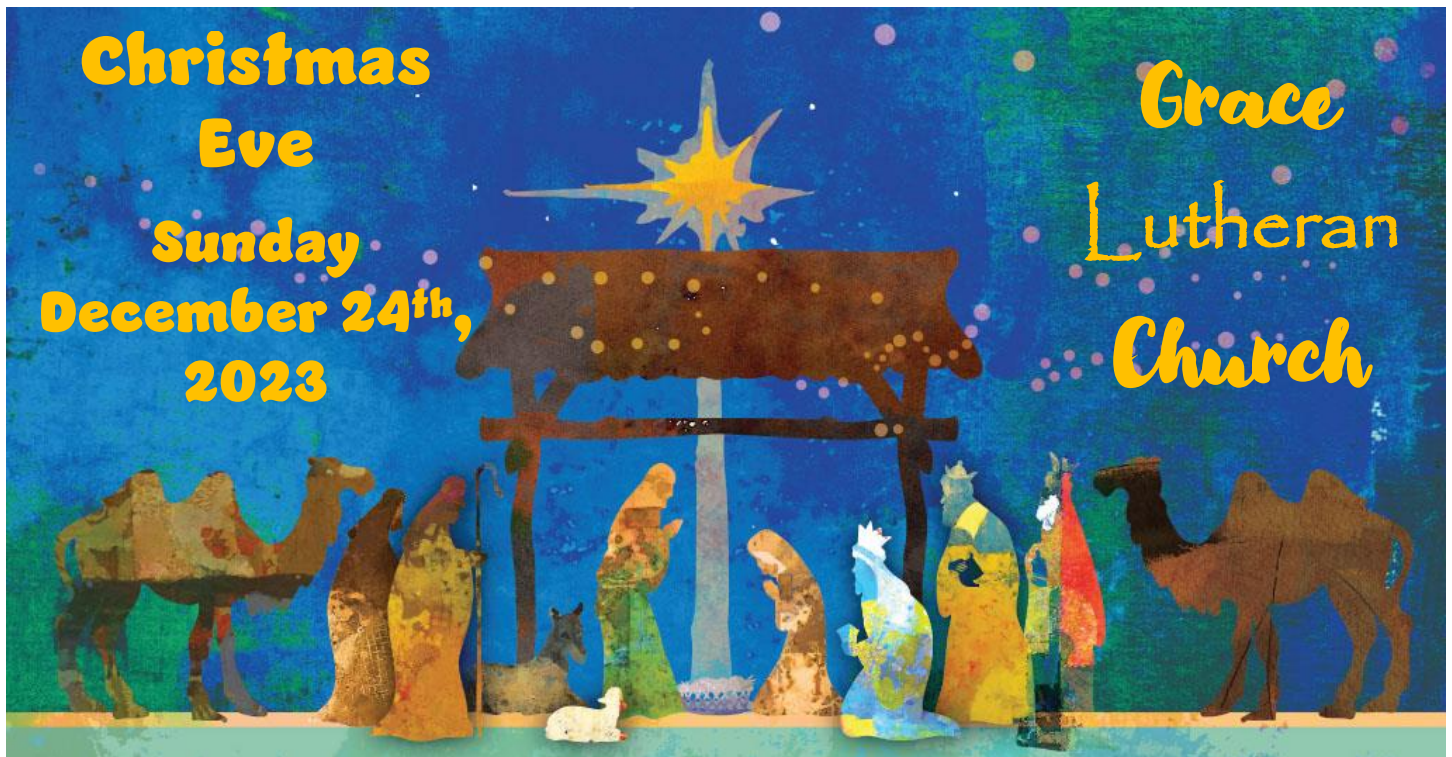
**7:00 P.M. NICE 95.5 F.M. KBEK**

**10:00 P.M. Sanctuary Service**

## **Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> ~ 1 Service NY Eve**

**9:00 A.M. Sanctuary Service ~1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Years to our Grace Family.**



## Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

9:00 A.M. Sanctuary Service- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

4:00 P.M. Family Life Center Service

7:00 P.M. NICE 95.5 F.M. KBEK

10:00 P.M. Sanctuary Service

Services at 4 and 10 will be candlelite services with Holy Communion.

All Are Welcome.

## Please Join Us

# PASTOR'S PAGE



## *Ministers at Grace Lutheran*

I have served as a pastor in churches of all sizes. In North Dakota, I served as a pastor in a large church out west and a tiny church in the Red River Valley. In the cities I served as the senior pastor of a large church with a staff of roughly 11 people. Balancing areas of interest and ministries with what a church can afford to pay staff is always a tricky task. In this vein, there is something amazing going on at Grace Lutheran Church in Mora which I would like you all to know about and give thanks for those serving Christ and his church in meaningful ways. In many churches, paid staff positions happen in several categories which Grace Lutheran has members who use their talents without it being a paid position. Let me name them and give thanks to them.

Kristin Nelson is the church's financial administrator. She gives of her time to make sure the church runs well behind the scenes. She does it flawlessly and has such a great idea for details all on everyone's behalf. She, along with her daughter Kinzie also run the sound and visual board at the second services with grace and efficiency. Thank you, Kristin and Kinzie.

Todd Sjoberg runs all things with sound, technology and spends hours making sure everything at Grace happens without effort. Todd has a vision that our sound and visual systems would be taken good care of so it will work well. Well done Todd, good and faithful servant.

Jacki Peterson is the church director of music ministry. She does more than just play piano and organ. She oversees all that takes place, heads up the worship committee and does it all without effort. To you Jacki, servant of Christ, thank you.

Of course, there are many who serve this church and other churches as servants on boards, in the kitchen, as teachers without it being an official job. Thank you to all who give to the mission; we will change the world by God's grace through worship, education, mission and ministry.

***You are all light for the world.***

See you in church,

Pastor Gary



**Grace Lutheran Church**



**Pray**  
*Continually*

**Prayer Concerns:**

Bob Isom, Linnea Haasken, Sylvia Nelson, Nancy Nygaard, Marlow Geyer, Natalie Matthewson, Phyllis Johnson, Justine Isom, Chad Pranke, Beverly Fore, Roger Teich, Gerri Teich, Diane Blegen, David Ulstrom, Darlene Armstrong, John Armstrong, Meagan Barrett Isom, Doug Price, Jody Burton, Cliff and Marla Williams and Pearl Peterson.

**Service Personnel:**

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

BE A PRAYER  
Warrior

# Worship Schedule December 2023

## 8:00 Service

### Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>:

Ushers: Galen & Mary Brelie

Lector: Galen Brelie

Communion: Barb Ennis

### Dec 10<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers: John & Sarah Berry

Lector: Sarah Berry

### Dec 17<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 A.M. One Service

Ushers: Keith & Sheila Rogne

Lector: Kim Saulsbury

### Dec 24<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 A.M.

Ushers: Galen & Mary Brelie

Lector: Linda Johnson

### Dec 24<sup>th</sup>: 4:00 P.M.

Ushers: Don & Mary Olson

Lector: Matt Felger

Communion: Shari Salmonson, Matt Felger,  
Kathryn Tiede

### Dec 31<sup>st</sup>: 9:00 A.M. One Service

Ushers: Dale Hawkins & Arnie Barabash

Lector: Harry Blegen

*Hospitality*

## 9:30 Service

### Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>:

Ushers: Dave & Pam Johnstone

Lector: Pam Johnstone

Communion: Diane Runquist

### Dec 10<sup>th</sup>:

Ushers: Jason & Jessica Thomson

Lector: Kris Pulford

### Dec 17<sup>th</sup>: No Service

Ushers:

Lector:

Communion:

### Dec 24<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 P.M.

Ushers: Nick & Kam Schroeder

Lector: Nick Schroeder

Communion:

### Dec 31<sup>st</sup>: No Service

Ushers:

Lector:

*Altar Guild*

Andrea Hams, Kristin and Kinzie Nelson

## December

8:00 A.M.

12/3 Dianne Fisher

12/10 Guy and Peggy Groshek

12/17 9:00 A.M. – One Service - Rollie and Marie Fredrickson

12/24 9:00 A.M.- Dianne Fisher 4:00 P.M.- Schultz's 10:00 P.M. – ???

12/31 9:00 A.M. – One Service – VanBurkleo's

9:30 A.M.

Don and Mary Olson

Verona Gravich

Thank you to Dianne Fisher and Peggy Groshek for leading Hospitality. If you are interested in being part of this group you can reach out to either of these ladies... Peggy Groshek 320.679.3375 or [grospg@gmail.com](mailto:grospg@gmail.com) or Dianne Fisher 218.464.3761 or [dfisher1966@gmail.com](mailto:dfisher1966@gmail.com)



## 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*

\* A special *Thank You* to our Library Lady who writes the monthly articles. You are wonderful, JM! \*

### *New Books in the Library!*

The library team has added some “new to the library” books to the library recently. Come into the library and check some out. The following three books are some of the new offerings.

#### *Non-Fiction*

*It's Good to Be Queen, Becoming as Bold, Gracious, and Wise as the Queen of Sheba* by Liz Curtis Higgs. (Section 7 in the non-fiction section of the library) According to the author of this book, the Queen of Sheba only appears in the Bible twice – one is 1 Kings, Chapter 10 with the same story retold in 2 Chronicles, Chapter 9. This wealthy queen travels a long distance with large caravan bringing gifts of gold, precious stones, and spices to seek out Solomon. She comes seeking wisdom and with hard questions for the wise King. Liz Curtis Higgs challenges the reader to be like the Queen of Sheba and to Be Bold, Good to Be Open, Good to Seek Wise Counsel, Good to Be Humbled, Good to Be Honest, Good to Encourage Others, Good to Praise Good, Good to Give Generously, Good to Receive Graciously and Good to End Well.

*The Greatest Gift, Unwrapping the Full Love Story of Christmas* by Ann Voskamp (Section 4 in the non-fiction section of the library). This book celebrates the lineage of God's gift to us of his Son in the Advent tradition of the Jesse Tree. The book contains a Bible reading and discussion for each day of Advent with questions for reflection on each reading. A quote from the author, “I don't want a Christmas you can buy. I don't want a Christmas you can make. What I want is a Christmas you can hold. A Christmas that holds me, remakes me, revives me. I want a Christmas that whispers, JESUS.”

#### *Fiction*

*When We Meet Again* by Kristina Harmel. Emily Emerson had just had her syndicated column cancelled for budgetary reasons. She is at a loss of what to do next, but she was used to being alone. Her father had left her and her mother when she was a young child, her mother had died when she was 18 and her grandmother had just died. So many secrets and things left unsaid. Emily has her own secrets. Then a mysterious painting arrived from Germany of a woman who looks like a younger version of her grandmother with a handwritten note that said, “He never stopped loving her.” Emily begins to dig into her family story which leads her to a World War II POW internment camp in Florida and was surprised to learn that German prisoners were brought to America to work for American farmers. What did this have to do with Emily and the mystery painting?

**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.



# A Grace Harvest Bazaar UPDATE

The Grace Fall Bazaar Committee 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 \$17,947.54. There were 485 dozen cookies sold at Cookie Lane and 860 pieces of lefse 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 the 20 years of the Bazaar. That number is \$323,947.56! Praise be to God! 10% of that total has been given to local charities and the rest of it 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 the willing workers who helped in many ways before, during and after the Bazaar.

**THANK YOU** to all the individuals who willingly donated items for the silent auction: Tom and Judy Roeschlein, 2-20 lb. packs of hamburger, hunting blind, ice fishing shelter, and an ice fishing chair; Sharon Holmstrom, framed cross-stitch picture; Greg Nikodym, framed cross-stitch picture; Gary Broehl, western bench; Kim Saulsbury and Russ and Donna Callander, porch swing; Peg and Guy Groshek, barn quilt; Family of Irene Johnson, painting; Family of Ruth Mills, framed needlework; and Dave and Betsy Van Burkleo, moose rocking toy.

**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, Linda Johnson

Harvest Sweets- Bev Deis, Lynette Skolte, Eunice Weckwerth

Garden of Grace- Judy Radeke, Verona Gravich, Diane Runquist

Morning Coffee- Kelly Kehr and Grace Youth

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

Publicity- Judy Radeke, Verona Gravich, Diane Runquist

Quilts- Mary Kobberdahl

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

Cookie Lane- Julie Mulford, Amanda Felger

Apple Pies- Dianne Wachsmuth, Dianne Fisher

Grace Café- Ashley Thompson, Jillian Yocum

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 setup, serving lunch, and take down and the storing of equipment and props.

But most of all, THANK YOU to all who crafted such 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. The committee will meet to act on the applications on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Next summer, we will start planning for Bazaar 2024, our 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary, which will be held on November 9, 2024. We need enthusiastic, willing individuals to work on the Bazaar team. You do not need 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 joined 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](http://www.gracechurchmora.com)

## Advent Decorating on December 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 9:30 service!

Stay after the service for Advent activities, snacks and to help get the Church ready for the Advent Season! This is always a fun family activity so join us!



## Here We Come a' Caroling! December 10<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 Service



This year the Sunday School kids will be presenting "Here We Come a' Caroling". We will practice during Sunday School Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and during Celebration Singers on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.

This year's program will feature readings in between some old and new Christmas songs. We want everyone to be able to participate if they want to! Any kids who would like to join us for practice on Monday the Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. are welcome! Please contact Kelly about coordinating rides.

ALL kids are welcome to join us whether they have been to practice or not. No reading parts will be given the day of the program but we will go over the songs right before the program.

Please have kids who are participating in the program to church by 9am on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Children are not required to participate. Some children prefer to stay with their family and watch the program, which is just fine!

## Coming in January! The Annual World Missions Campaign!

Once again our focus for January will be World Missions! This year we will be collecting for **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS**. Be watching for a list of items that we will be collecting in the GOL and January newsletter!



**Celebration Singers - Mondays after school 3:15-4:15 with pick up until 5.** Carpooling from school is available if needed. Please contact Kelly if your child(ren) would like to join us. December Practices: December 3<sup>rd</sup> (final practice for Christmas Program) December 11<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Party!)

## Sunday School at Grace

Sunday School starts at 9:15 on Sundays. This gives parents a chance to get their kids downstairs and get themselves settled for worship, which starts at 9:30 in the Family Life Center.

After the sermon, the kids all come up front for the "Sunday School Sit Down" where the adults get to hear what we've been up to and maybe learn a little something too!

Families stay in worship together for the remainder of the service.



We invite families who prefer to have their children with them for the whole service to attend our 8am Worship Service in the Sanctuary and then come for Sunday School after.

There will be no Sunday School Dec. 17th - 24th or 31st. We will have ONE service on those Sundays at 9am!! Regular Sunday School will resume on January 7th.



### **The next Religious Release Time is December 6th!**

Once a month on a Wednesday, we welcome the 1<sup>st</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> graders to come for a morning of fun and learning. You **MUST** complete and turn in the registration form indicating Release Time participation so that the school can be informed. Drop off from 7am-8am. Activities start at 8, kids are bussed back to school at 10:45. Kids can join us any time as long as they have a registration form with Release Time checked on it.

**Confirmation** – Regular Wednesday night confirmation will start up again January 10<sup>th</sup>.

A great time was had by all the youth and adults who attended the NE MN Synod's ALL YOUTH GATHERING at Cragun's! Thank you for your continued support of camperships that help to make the event accessible and affordable for our families.



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

The ELCA National Youth Gathering happens every three years and is an incredible opportunity for young people to experience the love of Christ through service, worship, interactive learning, and fellowship with thousands of other youth from across the country. They are exposed to people, cultures and stories that can expand their understanding of Jesus' call to love our neighbor and be truly life changing! We are teaming up with youth and adults from 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.**

**Bachman's Poinsettia's** will be available for pick up on Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>!  
**Thank you to all who ordered!**



The NOLA youth will be selling goodies and serving fellowship for a December Fundraiser on the 10<sup>th</sup>!



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)

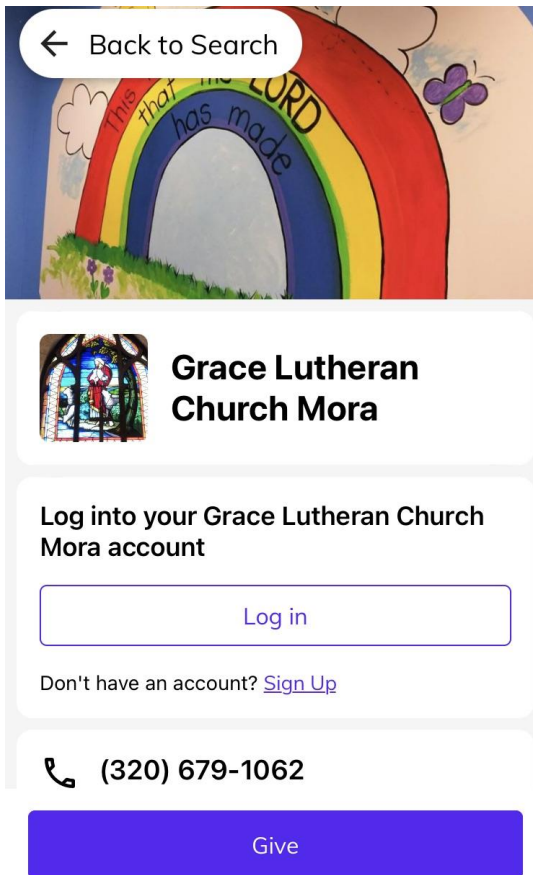
# WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

## 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

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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-August-23 General Checkbook:

General Checkbook:

Beginning balance	(1,061.53)
Deposits *	32,774.33
Checks written *	(35,341.30)
Ending balance	(3,628.50)

\* includes amount to and **FROM** savings



Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. You can set up your donations on our website, [www.gracechurchmora.com](http://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](http://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.*

# TITHING

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

*1 Chronicles 29:13*

End  
-of-Year  
Giving



Thank you kindly for your continued generosity to GLC . Your offering helps our ministries grow. If you have year-end offerings, please make sure to place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or please make sure to have it to the church office by

**Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM.**

Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year to all.



**Grace Lutheran Church  
Congregational Annual Meeting**

**Save the Date!  
Sunday  
January 21<sup>st</sup>,  
2024**

Grace  
Lutheran  
Church  
2023 Annual  
Congregational  
Meeting  
Sunday,  
January 21<sup>st</sup>,  
2024

2022 Congregational Meeting Minutes~ Call to Order: 10:42am by Laura Strand, Council Chair

Certification of Quorum by Laura Strand, Council President, with 66 members signed in

Agenda- Approval as written  
-- Todd Sjoberg / Sarah Hanson m/s/c

Old Business:  
-- None

New Business:  
--None

Discussion:  
1. Congregation attending 8 am & 9:30 am service getting to know each other  
2. Questions about how Sunday School work would

Nominating Committee:  
-- Committee members; Dan Funk, Betty Smith and Nick Schroeder  
-- 3 council positions open and 3 candidates  
    Andrea Hams, Mary Olson and John Paulson  
-- Motion to approve white ballot for council members  
    Roger Peterson / Deb Schultz m/s/c  
-- Committee for 2023; Laura Strand, Jessica Thomson and Josh Madson

Synod Assembly 2023  
-- We have no candidates for May 2023 Synod Assembly Gathering

Presentation of 2022 Financial Statement:  
-- Finished year with + 943.44

Presentation of 2023 Budget:  
-- Increased staff salaries to Synod guidelines per Personnel and Finance recommendations  
-- Add to salaries: Health Insurance benefit \$200 full time employee / \$100 part time employee  
-- Motion to accept the 2023 Financial Statement  
    Gene Weckwerth / Verona Gravich m/s/c

Recessed Annual Meeting for: Foundation Meeting  
-- Motion to approve Foundation Minutes Mary Olson / Todd Sjoberg m/s/c

Date and Time for next year Meeting:  
-- Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Motion to Adjourn Roger Peterson / Greg Myers

Benediction by: Pastor Gary Guptill

**One Service  
9:30 A.M.  
Lunch to  
follow!**



# Grace Lutheran Church

## 2023 Council Minutes

11-19-2023 Meeting Minutes

### 2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

**President:** Sarah Hanson

**Vice President:** Ethan Elvehjem

**Secretary:** Robin Blegen

**Treasurer:** Kristin Nelson

Lacey Danelski, Andrea Hams, Linda Johnson,  
John Paulson, Mary Olson and Craig Schultz

*Thank you, for serving on council.*

Called to order 10:45 A.M. by: Pastor Gary Guptill

Council Sharing

Opening

Roll Call

- Members present: Pr. Gary, Robin, Linda, Mary, John, Craig
- Members absent: Ethan, Sarah, Andrea, Lacey
- Devotions by: Mary

Open Forum

Agenda- Approval—Linda / Mary m/s/c

Approval of Meeting Minutes

o Minutes approved John / Craig m/s/c

Ministry Reports

- **Senior Pastor Report:**
  - o Pastoral support for Calvary Lutheran and Hope Lutheran during their time of transition.
- **Children, Youth and Family:**
- **Worship and Music:**
  - o December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 will be the Sunday School Christmas Program.
  - o Christmas Choir Concert Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – one service at 9:00 A.M. in the Sanctuary. No Communion
  - o Christmas Eve
    - 9:00 A.M. Sanctuary Service – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent-No Communion
    - 4:00 P.M. Candlelight service in Family Life Center, w/Brass and Holy Communion / 2 stations
    - 10:00 P.M. Candlelight service in the Sanctuary w/ Holy Communion
  - o New Year Eve: 9:00 A.M. Sanctuary Service, No Communion

Treasurer's Report

- Sept. 30, 2023 (3,646.76)
  - o Next month get 2024 Budget proposal

Unfinished Business

- Church Constitution
- FLC Tech area

New Business

- Personal committee / role

Next meeting, Sunday, December 17, 2023 10:00 A.M. (one service @ 9 am this Sunday)

Motion to adjourn Robin / Mary m/s/c

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Robin Blegen, Council Secretary

# WEEKLY, MONTHLY, AND HERE AND THERE ACTIVITIES!



Sowing Grace  
Quilters

## SOWING GRACE QUILTERS

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

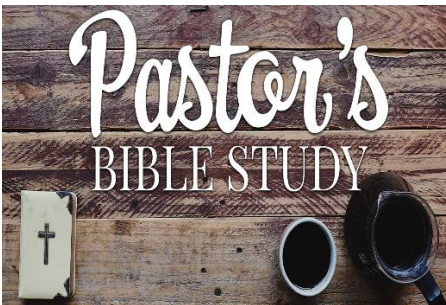
All are welcome, we come together each week with open hearts and willing hands to serve our Lord.

## PROPERTY

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



Property Board



Pastor's  
BIBLE STUDY

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

A study of Isaiah is on Wednesdays, at either noon in the FLC and/or 7:15 in the library. All are welcomed. This class will study the chapters 40 - 55, known as Second Isaiah. This covers the time in Israel's history while in Babylonian Captivity about to return back to Jerusalem. It is a celebration of the forgiveness of God for an entire nation. Come and learn.



GLC Choir

## GLC CHOIR

Wednesdays 6:00 P.M.  
GLC Choir Room  
All are welcome!

Fun, Fellowship,  
Friends

## EVE CIRCLE

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

We would love to have you join us!



EVE Circle



Card Makers

## CARD MAKERS

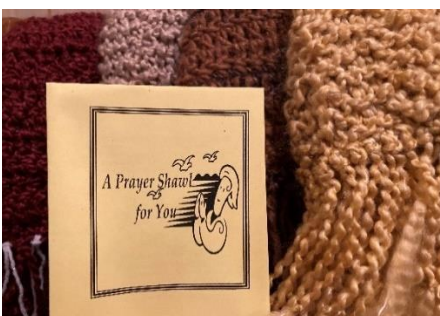
Card makers meet the last Tuesday of the month at 1:00 P.M. in the West Narthex.

Card Makers are on hold until March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024!

## NEWSLETTER

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

January newsletter information is due December 20<sup>th</sup> @ noon.



## PRAYER SHAWL

Prayer shawl ministry meets every Wednesday of the month at 9:30 A.M. w/ quilters.

All are welcome!

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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





# December

## BIRTHDAYS

3. Oliver Schultz
4. Alex Johnson, Ethan Hanson, Brady Strand, Richard Reynolds, Michael Ziegler
5. Elvin Norling
6. Theresa Saulsbury
7. Bryce Ellingson, Thomas Larson
9. Israel DeGracia
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, Jane Olson, Mikala Peterson
19. Rodney Knudsen
20. Judith Bergstadt, Molly Lukenbill, Reese Graves, 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](mailto:moragrancelutheran@gmail.com) with your correct information. We don't want to forget anyone!

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