

GLC August 2024 Newsletter



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Living God, we
thank you that
even when we
complain and do
not see your
goodness in our
midst, you respond
to our cries for help
through Christ Jesus,
our bread of life.
Amen.

Grace Lutheran Church

Summer Sunday Worship

May 26th – September 1st

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. KBK

GLC Website:

www.gracechurchmora.com

Facebook: @moragracelutheran

Grace Google Calendar:

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

ELCA website: www.elca.org

NE MN website:

www.nemnsynod.org

Jesus is the bread of life.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Music and Holiness now

In July, I played guitar at a couple of local venues; something I've been doing since I was a teenager. I still do it because it keeps me fresh. I do it because I have a certain set of songs that I have meaning and explore characters and events. I came across a new song which I have added to my play list. It is by a guy named Peter Mayer. It's called "Holy Now."

Enjoy the words and its meaning.

VERSE 1 When I was a boy each week, On Sunday we would go to church, Pay attention to the priest. And he would read the holy word, And consecrate the holy bread And ev'ryone would kneel and bow. Today the only dif'rence is Ev'rything is holy now. Ev'rything, ev'rything, ev'rything is holy now.

VERSE 2 When I was in Sunday school, We would learn about the time Moses split the sea in two, And Jesus made the water wine. And I remember feeling sad, Miracles don't happen still, And now I can't keep track Cause ev'rything's a miracle. Ev'rything, ev'rything, ev'rything's a miracle.

BRIDGE 1 Wine from water is not so small, But an even better magic trick Is that anything is here at all. So the challenging thing becomes Not to look for miracles, But finding where there isn't one.

VERSE 3 When holy water was rare at best It barely wet my fingertips. Now I have to hold my breath Like I'm swimmin' in a sea of it. It used to be a world half there, Heaven's second rate hand me down. Now I walk it with a reverent air, 'Cause ev'rything is holy now.

BRIDGE 2 Read a questioning child's face And say it's not a testament. That'd be very hard to say. See another new morning come And say it's not a sacrament I tell you that it can't be done.

VERSE 4 This mornin' outside I stood. I saw a little red wing bird Shining like a burning bush, And singing like a scripture verse. It made me want to bow my head. I remember when church let out. How things have changed since then. Ev'rything is holy now.

VERSE 3 (second half) It used to be a world half there, Heaven's second rate hand me downs, Now I'm walking with a reverent air, 'Cause ev'rything is holy now.

See you in church,

Pastor Gary

PRAYING FOR YOU

Prayer Concerns: Betty Evenson, Sylvia Nelson, Dave Franko, Jaxson McGrath, Nancy Nygaard, Marlow Geyer, Beverly Fore, Gerri Teich, David Ulstrom, Meagan Barrett Isom and Jody Burton.

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

PASTORAL ACTS GLC ~ JULY 2024



Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart.”

Acts 1:24, NRSV

Summer Worship Schedule 2024

9:00 Service

Aug 4th:

Ushers: Greg & Jane Myers

Lector: Greg Myers

Communion: Shari Salmonson

Aug 11th:

Ushers: Dan Funk & Chad Chromey

Lector: Linda Johnson

Aug 18th:

Ushers: Dianne Fisher & Suzie Halverson

Lector: Harry Blegen

Communion: Harry Blegen

Aug 25th:

Ushers: Nick & Kam Schroeder

Lector: Nick Schroeder

Sept 1st:

Ushers: John & JoAnne Skillicorn

Lector: Teri Heggernes

Communion: Teri Heggernes

Altar August

Dianne Fisher

Lurette Kottke

Altar Guild will be cleaning the Sanctuary on Friday, August 30 at 9:00 a.m.

They will be polishing the woodwork and replacing the curtains to the Sacristies, etc.

Hospitality

August 4th 9 a.m. Galen and Mary Brelie

August 12th 9 a.m. Kim and Terry Saulsbury

August 18th 9 a.m. Craig and Jodi Schultz

August 25th 9 a.m. Dave & Betsy VanBurkleo

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 moragrancelutheran@gmail.com

Many Thanks

GLC Birthdays for *AUGUST* 2024



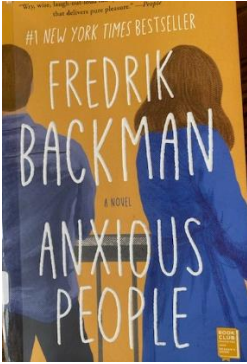
1. Ty Graves
2. Jennifer Berry
3. Sarah Berry
4. Leah Berry, Pam Johnstone, Dorothy Olsen
5. Jill Kent
6. Curtis Orstad
8. Jean Hawkins, Eric Olson
10. Pam Lane
11. Betty Evenson, Elizabeth Marohn, Austin Peterson
12. Carson Donaghue, Tom Roeschlein
13. Anna Weinreich, Ken Gardner
15. Edison Johnson, Madeline Rewitzer, Charles Rewitzer
18. Kevin Fore
19. Dale Hawkins
20. Thomas Berry, Charles McGovern
21. Sawyer Schultz
22. Emma Douglas
23. Kim Brown, Rita Sundberg
24. Kathryn Anderson, Lorna Haasken, Lucas Olen
25. Robert Heggernes
26. Bonnie Boyer, Trevor Funk
28. Gavin Callander, Martha Gotfredson
31. Mary Kobberdahl, Richard Larson

*If you are missing from
the birthday list, please
let the office know, we
don't want to miss
anyone. Blessings ☺*

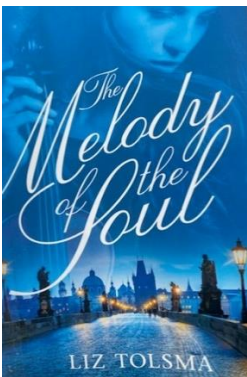
Living *Grace* Library Mission August 2024

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.

Fiction

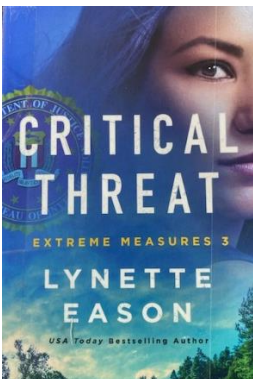
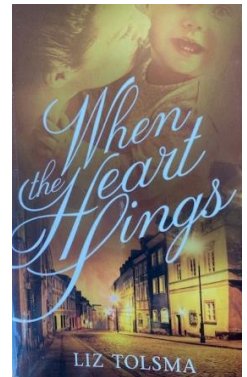


Anxious People by Fredrik Backman. I am not exactly sure what to say about this book, but it draws you in. It is not a typical Christian novel, but it is a story of friendship, forgiveness, and hope in a quirky sort of way. A real estate agent is showing an apartment to a group of prospective buyers when a failed bank robber bursts in and holds this group of strangers hostage. All these people, including the bank robber, and the two police officers who become involved, carry secrets and hurts. None of them are who they seem to be.



The Melody of the Soul and *When the Heart Sings* are books 1 and 2 in the “Music of Hope” Series by Liz Tolsma. Both stories are set in the time of Nazi occupation. In *The Melody of the Soul*, Anna Zadok, a Jewish Christian in Prague is living in a flat with her grandmother. A German officer is quartered in the flat below them. Musical instruments have been declared illegal, but

Anna continues to play her violin. In *When the Heart Sings*, Natia and Teodor have been taken from their farm in Poland to a concentration camp and are separated. Natia is chosen to be a housekeeper for the camp overseer and Teodor is sent to work in a factory. Natia finds a way to communicate with Teodor through messages in songs as she passes by the dormitory where he is living. A Jewish orphan is left on the overseers’ doorstep and Natia does what she can to save the child.



Critical Threat by Lynette Eason. This book is the third book in the series “Extreme Measures” by this author. This is a suspense romance novel. Two FBI agents, Sam Monroe and Grace Billingsley are working to track down a serial killer in the Washington DC area. There are lots of intense moments in the story – both in the efforts of finding the serial killer and the building romantic tension. Their relationship with God helps ground the agents as they do their jobs and find each other.

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.

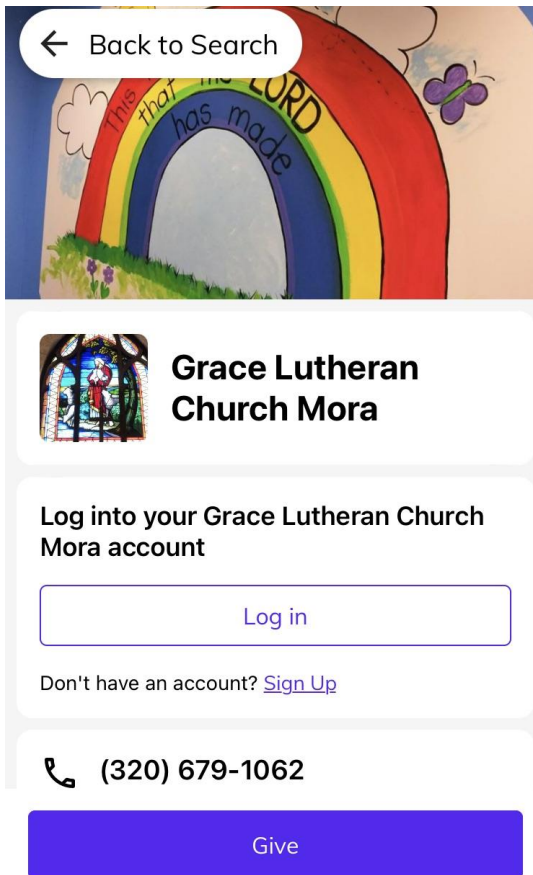
WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

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:
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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

SCAN to DONATE VANCO ONLINE GIVING



You may also put offering
in offering plate or mail to:

301 Forest Ave. E.
Mora, MN 55051

30-June-2024 General Checkbook:

General Checkbook:

Beginning balance	(3,363.04)
Deposits	32,551.74
Checks written	(30,087.87)
Ending balance	(899.17)

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.

A Grace Fall Bazaar Update

By now the flowers and vegetables should be growing and blooming. Soon the fruits will be ripening. Please remember the Fall Bazaar when you are making your homemade jams, jellies, pickles and salsa. These are popular items at the **Harvest Sweets Shop**. Hopefully some of you will have extra produce such as squash, potatoes, and apples to donate to the **Garden of Grace**. Don't forget about drying some of your flowers or even weeds from the fields and road ditches.

Again this year, we are asking for your help. We need a variety of craft items-- "year round " items as well as seasonal items. Use your imagination and get crafting!

The annual **GRACE FALL BAZAAR** will be on Saturday, November 9, 2024. In the past, Grace's congregation has responded very generously with their time and talents. 10% of the money raised goes to local charities. The rest of the money raised has been used for a variety of needs and projects here at Grace. If you would like to be more involved with the Bazaar, please come to the Bazaar meetings which will begin in August or September. Please contact Lynette Skolte to receive notices of our meetings. Consider how you could be more involved in this very worthwhile endeavor.



SPECIAL FOOD DRIVE !

To help in times when funds are low we will be collecting food for Emergency Food Bags. There are many families this time of year that need a little extra help as their kids are at home and not getting breakfast or lunch from school.

We will be collecting the following items in the Main Narthex Bins.

FOOD NEEDED:

Pouches of tuna

Fruit cups

Pudding cups

Crackers plain or

Cheese/Peanut butter crackers

Peanut butter

Jelly in squeezable containers

Protein, Granola and or Nutri Grain Bars

Bottle water

PULL TOP CANS of fruit, tuna, chicken, soup, etc. are good.

Mealtime Prayer: Dear God, as we receive this food, help us to remember with thanksgiving all your good gifts to us through Christ Jesus our Lord and our bread of life. Amen.

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



Thursday Aug. 1st - All ages/family service day!

Feed My Starving Children and Bunker Beach Water Park. 8am-4:30. Meet at Grace at 8am. We will leave by 8:15. We will serve at FMSC 9:15-11:00. Pack a lunch to eat at FMSC. Then we will head to Bunker Beach from about 12-3:30. Return to Mora by 4:30. Bunker Beach is \$19 per person. A suggested donation of \$10 for FMSC.

August 4th to 5th – Campout at Danger Lake!! (Pastor’s place)

For all youth entering 7th-12th grade. Starts at 1 pm on Sunday and goes till 10am Monday. Good old fashion campout in tents with swimming, exploring the theme of God’s creation, campfire, food and fellowship! Contact Kelly by August 1st if your youth plans to attend!!



August 14th – Summer Release Time 9-11:30

Sign up by August 7th at church or let Kelly know. **AND**

Annual Pie and Ice Cream Social 5-6:30. See newsletter page

August 25th – Little Steps following the worship service **AND Confirmation Kick off Party at Brandts!**

August 28th – C,Y and F Open House and Free Meal!

Let us do the cooking while you attend school open houses! Time TBD



Sept. 8th - God’s Work Our Hands Sunday

Sept. 15th – Rally Sunday

Please contact Kelly Kehr 320-336-8028 with any questions!

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

LITTLE STEPS!!

Little Steps is 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!



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 kellykehro1@gmail.com



Join us for Grace Lutheran's

Annual

Pie and Ice Cream Social

Wednesday August 14th

5-6:30

ALL ARE WELCOME! Families, kids, babies, couples, individuals, friends and whoever!

Pies and donations will be needed! See Sign-up Sheet on Office counter or table by the Sanctuary

Free will offering will be collected for Grace Camperships!

Camperships are used to help cover cost of faith formation experiences for children, youth and adults throughout the year!

SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES!



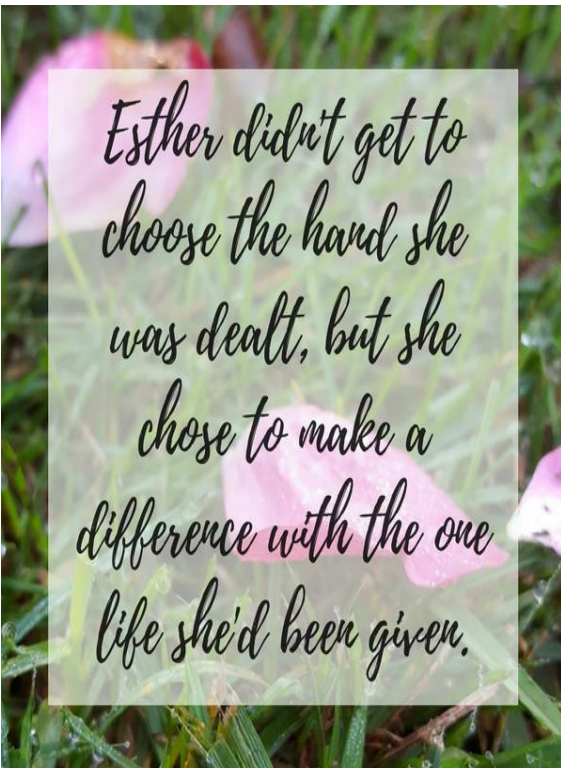
Sewing Grace Quilters

SEWING GRACE QUILTERS

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

*prayer shawl ministry is on hold till fall.

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



Esther didn't get to choose the hand she was dealt, but she chose to make a difference with the one life she'd been given.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

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 will lead this, and all questions and insights are welcomed.

NO BIBLE STUDY IN AUGUST



GRACE ACTIVITIES

CARD MAKING DAY

Join us the last Tuesday of the month at 1:00 P.M. in the West Narthex for an afternoon of Card Making! Bring a friend! All are welcome!



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!!



August Noisy Offering is going to the GLC Blessing Box

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 😊

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<p>8am - Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>10:15am - Little Steps</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>12pm - Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>1pm - Card Makers Day</p>	<p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>9:30am - Quilters & Prayer Shawl</p> <p>12pm - Pastor's Bible Study</p> <p>7pm - Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>Family Service Day</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>
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