

Newsletter

2024



Grace Lutheran Church

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Monday - Thursday 8-4
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unlocked)
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God of steadfast
love, create in me a
clean heart and
renew me with a
humble spirit ready
to receive your
forgiveness
through Jesus
Christ our 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. KBK

****Worship area subject to change**

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

NE MN website:

www.nemnsynod.org



God gives us mercy and forgiveness.

Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3	
<p>9:00 Communion Sunday</p> <p>8am - Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am - Sanctuary Service</p> <p>5pm - Mardi Gras Dinner</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 & Prayer Shawl</p> <p>12pm - Pastor's Bible Study</p> <p>6pm - Choir</p> <p>6pm - Confirmation Meal</p> <p>6:30pm - Confirmation</p> <p>7:15pm - Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>9:30am - Evo Circle</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
<p>Celebration Singers</p> <p>9:00 OFFERING - Good Samaritan Fund</p> <p>Transfiguration of Our Lord</p> <p>8am - Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am - FLC Service</p> <p>2pm - St. Clare's Service</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 - AI Anon</p>	<p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>10am - Staff Check-In</p> <p>12pm - Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>ASH Wednesday</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p> <p>8am - Office Open</p> <p>9:30am - Quilters & Prayer Shawl</p> <p>5:30pm - Choir</p> <p>6:30pm - Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p>8am - Office Open</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
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PASTOR'S PAGE



Lent 2024:

Holden Evening Prayer plus lessons for Mayberry

February brings the season of Lent, a spiritual time to reflect on who we are and what we value. On Wednesday February 14th (Valentine's Day) we will gather in the sanctuary to receive ashes on our forehead to remind ourselves that life is short and life is sacred. The next five weeks will be the Wednesday gatherings in the family life center for a meal and for a time of worship/reflection on renewal. Holden Evening prayer is part of the experience, songs of mediation and renewal. The teaching part of the night will include five weeks of stories from the Andy Griffith show; watching an episode and reflecting open the story line. I have come to see many of the stories from this series as parables, teaching moments about human sin and redemption. The lessons are not simply sweet moral lessons. When unpacked they can serve as a portal into the bigger means of life and the purpose of lent. Not to mention, they can be really fun. Mark your calendar for the journey of lent and the chance once again to gather around the word of God, fellowship with other Christian and the power to wait for the message of Easter.

It is the promise of new life.

See you in church,

Pastor Gary



FEBRUARY

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

16. Vernon Nordeen & Tanner Berry

17. Dean Stassen, Chip Brandt, Sierra Thomson & Aubree Callander

19. Lorna Salmonson

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



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

Worship Schedule February 2024

8:00 Service

Feb 4th:

Ushers: John & Lynn Paulson

Lector: Lynn Paulson

Communion: Dale Hawkins

Feb 11th:

Ushers: Guy & Peggy Groshek

Lector: Peggy Groshek

Feb 18th:

Ushers: Roger Peterson & Dale Hawkins

Lector: Deb Schultz

Communion: Andrea Hams

Feb 25th:

Ushers: Keith & Sheila Rogne

Lector: Laura Strand

9:30 Service

Feb 4th:

Ushers: Harry & Robin Blegen

Lector: Linda Johnson

Communion: Harry Blegen

Feb 11th:

Ushers: Ray & Diane Knutson

Lector: Jeremy Schultz

Feb 18th:

Ushers: Don & Mary Olson

Lector: Judy Roeschlein

Communion: Judy Roeschlein

Feb 25th:

Ushers: Art & Lurette Kottke

Lector: Sue Oehrlein

Hospitality

February 4th

8 a.m. Guy & Peggy Groshek

9:30a.m. Dianne F. & Suzie H.

February 11th

8 a.m. Your Name Here ☺

9:30 a.m. Verona G.

February 18th

8 a.m. Kim & Theresa S.

9:30 a.m. Andy & Renee C.

February 25th

8 a.m. Paul & Jill K.

9:30 a.m. Dave & Betsy V.

Altar Guild

February 4th: Dianne F & Peg G

February 14th: ASH WEDNESDAY: Jill K

February 18th: Kristin & Kinzie

Acolyte Schedule

February – April 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!!!

February 4th 8 – Kendall B./Keaton B. 9:30 – Caden J/Brayden H	March 3rd 8 – Josie B./ Autumn L. 9:30 – Taliah P./Presley M	April 7th 8 – Eddie J. / Sawyer S. 9:30 - Honor S. /Gretta J.
February 11th 8 – Ian S./Jaxson M. 9:30 – Urijah C. / Ethan H.	March 10th 8 – Stratty N. /Marek N. 9:30 -Raylan S. / Easton H	April 14th 8 - Taliah P./Presley M. 9:30 - Josie B./ Autumn L.
February 18th 8 – Honor S. /Gretta J. 9:30 - Eddie J. / Sawyer S.	March 17th 8 - Joe S. /Noah D. 9:30 - Kendall /Keaton B.	April 21st 8 - Izzy G./Hailee B. 9:30 - Stratton /Marek N.
February 25th 8 – Ayva D. / Maggie B 9:30 – Izzy G./Hailee B.	March 24th – Palm Sunday 8 – Caden J/Brayden H. 9:30 - Ian S./Jaxson M.	April 28th 8 - Raylan S. / Easton H. 9:30 - Joe S. /Noah D.
	March 31st – Easter Sunday 8 – Urijah C. / Ethan H. 9:30 - Ayva D. /Maggie B.	

Grace Lutheran Church

Pray Continually

Prayer Concerns:

Tim Roberts, Gretchen Anderson, Jasmine Anderson, Linnea Haasken, Nancy Nygaard, Marlow Geyer, Justine Isom, Chad Pranke, Beverly Fore, 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

²Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2



Pastoral Acts

Grace Lutheran Church ~ January 2024



Sunday, January 14th 9:30 Service- Baptism for
Krosby Michael Nolt. Son of Kevin and Kelsey Nolt.

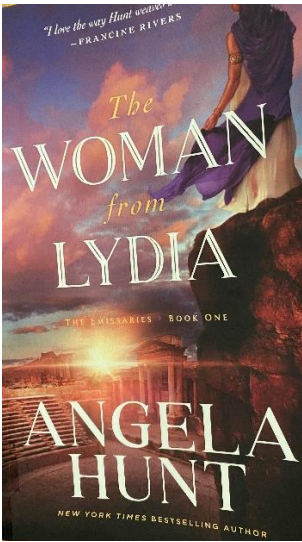


Thursday, January 18th 11:00 A.M. Service of Hope honoring our
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and his servant Roger Arnold Teich.

Welcome to Our Church Family!

December 2023:

James and Anita Tollefson transferred in from Cambridge Lutheran Church.
Craig Menze transferred in from Calvary Lutheran Church- Mora.



Living *Grace* Library Mission

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

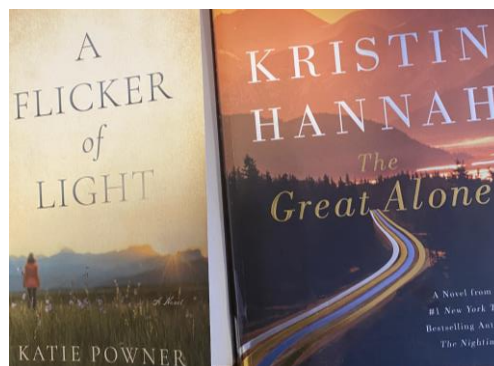
Fiction

A Flicker of Light by Katie Powner. This story is set in a small mountain town in Montana called Moose Creek where everyone knows everyone and yet there are secrets still to be told. Bea’s mom had died several years ago from cancer. Bea’s dad Mitch & Bea have lost their connection to each other. Bea went away to college and got married to a “city” boy and got pregnant. Jobless and broke, the young couple moved back in with Bea’s dad in Moose Creek. Pastor Frank & Mitch have always been friends, but Mitch has stopped going to church since his wife died. Grandma Rose has secrets of her own but is slipping away with early onset dementia. And yet if you know where to look, the flicker of light shows up over the mountain at just the right time.

The Woman from Lydia by Angela Hunt. This story is set in Biblical times. The widow Euodia, also known as the woman from Lydia, has settled in the foreign city of Philippi where she had encountered the apostle to the Gentiles, Paulos. A retired Roman soldier, Hector, has also settled in Phillippi with dreams of acquiring wealth and status partly with the use of a young slave girl who can foretell the future. Paulos has removed this demon from the young girl. Hector begins to travel the world to find someone who can restore this “gift” to his slave girl. Euodia and her servants follow Hector on this journey to rescue the young girl.

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah. This story is set in Alaska and is divided into three sections, 1974, 1978 and 1986. A family in crisis, including a former Viet Nam POW, Ernt Allbright, his wife, Cora, and his daughter, Leni, find their way to a wild, remote area of Alaska to start a new life “off the grid.” The family is unprepared for this life, but the locals’ step in to help. Even so, the long, dark winter is too much for Ernt’s fragile metal state. This is a compelling story of survival in the most trying circumstances.

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.

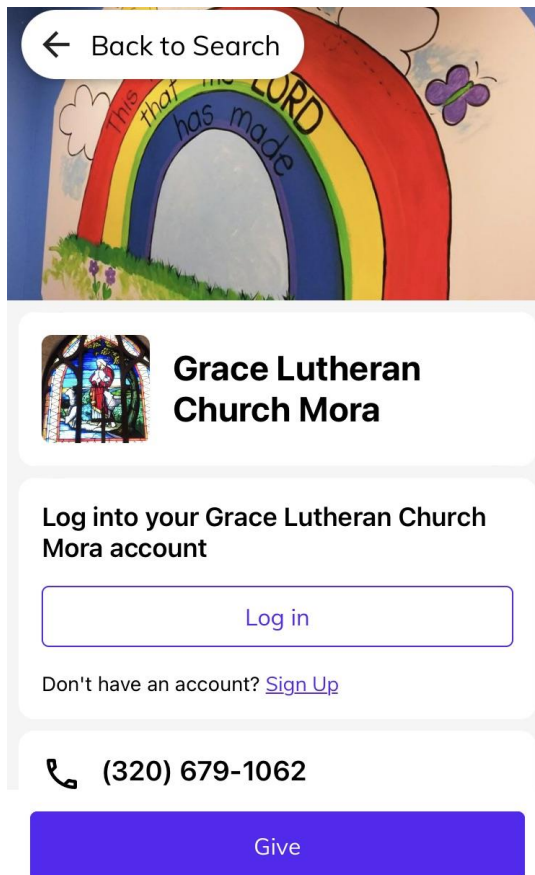
WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

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



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-December-23 General Checkbook:

General Checkbook:

Beginning balance	(7,479.73)
Deposits*	41,898.53
Checks written *	(34,551.37)
Ending balance	(132.57)

* 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 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

2024 Council Minutes

2024 COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Sarah Hanson

Vice President: Ethan Elvehjem

Secretary:

Treasurer: Kristin Nelson

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

Thank you, for serving on council.

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting 1-7-2024 Minutes

Called to order 10:42 A.M. by: Sarah

- Council Sharing

Opening

Roll Call

- Members present: Sarah, Robin, Andrea, John, Craig, Ethan, Lacey, Linda, Mary, Pastor Gary
- Members absent:
- Devotions by: John --- The Power of the positive

Open Forum

Agenda- Approval—Ethan / Craig m/s/c

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- o Minutes approved Andrea / Craig m/s/c

Ministry Reports

- **Senior Pastor Report:**
- **Children, Youth and Family:**
 - o Fundraiser Feb. 4, 24 New Orleans dinner, kids going to Synod Gathering
- **Worship and Music:**

Treasurer's Report

- Dec. 31, 2023 (132.57)
 - o Council 2024 Budget. Motion approve Craig / Ethan m/s/c

Unfinished Business

- Tech Area in FLC
- Solar Panel

New Business

- Annual Meeting: One service 9:30 A.M. January 21, 2024
- Soup after Annual Meeting Jan. 21, 2024
- Thanks to Robin Blegen for serving 6 years on council. Ethan & Lacey for second term on council.
- Parish Nurses

Next meeting, Sunday, February 18, 2024, 10:40 A.M. after second service

Motion to adjourn Andrea / Lacey 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

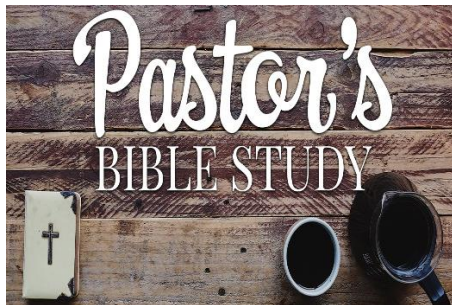
SOWING GRACE QUILTERS

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



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY— LAST MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 7TH THEN LENT

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

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

Fun, Fellowship,
Friends

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!



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 26th, 2024!

NEWSLETTER

GLC newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month.

February newsletter information is due January 20th @ 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.





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!!



February Noisy Offering is going to the Good Samaritan Fund

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 😊

LENT

WALKING WITH CHRIST



ASH WEDNESDAY

Please join GLC for...

Ash Wednesday Service

February 14th, 2024

6:30 p.m. GLC SANCTUARY



LENT

2024

Please join GLC on Wednesday nights in the Sanctuary from

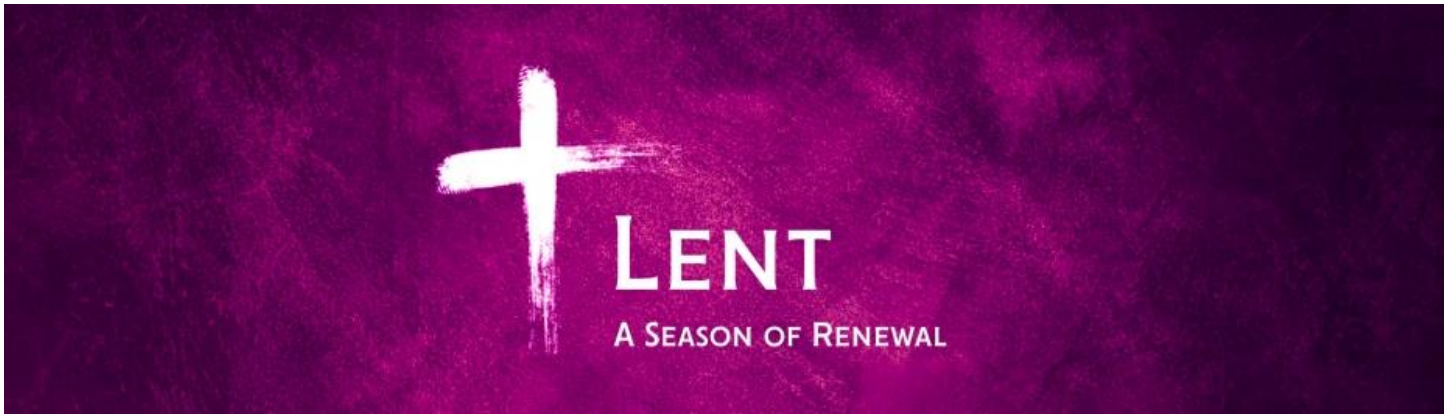
5:30 p.m. -6:15 p.m. for

Soup Supper followed by

Our Lenten service @ 6:30 p.m.

February 21st and 28th

March 6th, 13th and 20th

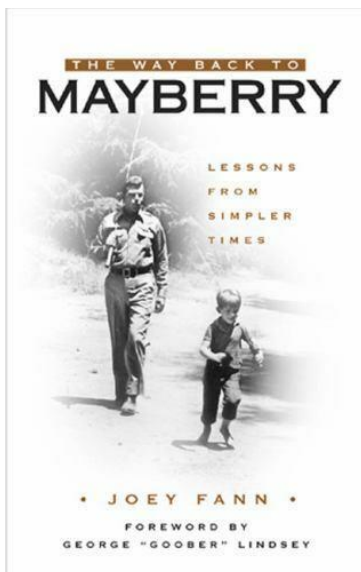


On Ash Wednesday, February 14th, 2024, we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

Let the Children Come

The cross-shaped smear of ashes we impose on our foreheads this holy day is, for many Christians, one of the few times each year when we wear a publicly visible sign of our religious identity. Children notice how neighbors of other faiths—whether they live on the same block, share a classroom, or show up on television—daily bear outward expressions of their faith through wardrobe, diet, or prayer practices. The dusty cross we wear today expresses something that is true every day:

we are beloved children of God who are joined to the love of Jesus in life and in death.



Lent 2024: Holden Evening Prayer plus lessons for Mayberry

Join us Wednesdays for our
Sanctuary Lenten service's @ 6:30 p.m.
February 21st and 28th March 6th, 13th and 20th

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**Please join us Wednesdays in Lent from
5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M. for Soup Supper.**

Lenten Service to follow at 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, February 21st – Matt Berry and Leah Berry

Wednesday, February 28th – Peterson's and Schroeder's

Wednesday, March 6th – Jason Sjoberg and Barb Sjoberg

Wednesday, March 13th – Chad Chromey

Wednesday, March 20th – Haasken's and Sampson's

Call the church office to sign up! 320.679.1062- Many Thanks!

LENT 2024 GRACE LUTHERAN

D R E N E W A L P B H F I G C J Q W
B N I U P D P R A Y E R X O J Z P H
P H P A L M S U N D A Y V O E O U O
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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

ALMSGIVING

ASH WEDNESDAY

BAPTISM

CROSS

DUST

FASTING

GOOD FRIDAY

GRACE

HEART

HOLY WEEK

JESUS

JOURNEY

LENT

LITURGY

MAUNDY THURSDAY

PALM SUNDAY

PRAYER

RENEWAL

SALVATION

SOUP SUPPER

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

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.

World Missions Campaign!

We will continue to collect items and donations for Lutheran World Relief School Kits into February. On February 11th we will pack the kits during Sunday School and bless them during the Sunday School Sit Down.



← Giving made easy!

Follow the link to our Walmart registry page where we have listed the specific items that are needed for the Lutheran World Relief School Kits. Simply purchase the items that you want to donate and they will be shipped to Grace! Let Kelly Kehr know if you have any questions.



Celebration Singers – Mondays after school 3:15-4:15 with pick up until 5.

Rides from school are available if needed. Please contact Kelly if your child(ren) would like to join us!

February Practice dates: 5th, 12th, 26th. No School on the 19th.
Our next performance date is February 11th.

The next Religious Release Time is Feb 7th!

Once a month on a Wednesday, we welcome the 1st -6th 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-ahead of Release Time. 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 in February

Feb. 7th - Combined event with Calvary and Immanuel Brunswick. We have been invited to share a meal at 6pm at Immanuel followed by some time with our NE MN Synod Bishop, Amy Odgren.

Feb. 14th – Ash Wednesday. We begin our break for Lent. We ask that all youth and parents attend Ash Wednesday Service together. During Lent, youth and parents are encouraged to attend the Soup Suppers and the services together as much as possible. We do not have regular Wed. confirmation during Lent.

Get Signed up!! The Middle School Blast at Camp Onomia is February 23rd-25th! The sign up for this event is available during Confirmation and at the CYF Counter on Sundays. You must Sign up by Feb. 11th.

The Synod Journey to the ELCA National Youth Gathering is in NEW ORLEANS July 14th-21st 2024!!

We are teaming up with youth and adults from Calvary and Immanuel Brunswick for an awesome group of 26 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.**

Last call for tickets for the Mardi Gras Fundraiser Dinner! Advance Tickets are \$30 per individual or \$25 per person for 2 or more. \$40 per person at the door.



Sunday Feb. 4th

5pm Social time

5:30 meal served

Grace Lutheran Church

Funds raised will support the youth attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Thank you for all your support for our journey so far! Please continue to keep the group in your prayers.



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

Please join us for... *The*



Holy Sacraments



Class

WHAT: *First Holy Communion*

WHEN: *Sunday, March 24th, 2024*

TIME: *10:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.*

WHERE: *Grace Lutheran Church*

Anyone interested in the First Holy Communion Class may sign up by calling 320.679.1062 or emailing moragrancelutheran@gmail.com (the church office).

First Communion will be *celebrated* on Maudy Thursday, March 28th at the 6:30 P.M. service or Sunday, April 7th.

COME HAVE A
Winter Blast
AT CAMP

February 23rd 7pm- 25th, 11am

Calling all 6th-9th graders!

Join us for a Middle School Winter retreat at Camp Onomia! You'll have a blast playing games, spending time with others, eating some good food, and learning more about God's love.



Cost: \$120 per person

Register online individually or as a church group. One adult comes along free with every 7 youth from your church. Please bring your own bedding and toiletries to stay in our year round retreat center.



www.CampOnomia.org

320-532-3767

CampOnomia@gmail.com



SOUP for the Blessing Box!

Wednesday's in Lent when you come to worship, we are asking if you could please bring a can of Soup with a pull tab top.

–the red bin will be out for collections



Friends of Grace!

Our church directory is still a work in progress!

It should be ready this spring.

GLC Annual
Giving
Statements

Your 2023 Annual Giving Statements will be mailed out the first week of February.

The NEMN Synod Assembly
Saturday, April 27, 2024

The Assembly will be a one-day, online (Zoom) assembly. The theme for the assembly is *Make Us One!*
Ephesians 4:1-6

More information can be found at the synod website [2024 Synod Assembly](https://www.nemnsynod.org).



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