

# Grace's Mountain View

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## Grace Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship @ 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday School @ 10:00 A.M.  
Sept. through May

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Quilters.....Thursdays...9:30 A.M.  
Fellowship/Game Day...Wednesdays...1:00 A.M.  
Grace Café.....Wednesday.....11:00-1:00  
Confirmation.....Wednesdays...6:30 P.M.  
Church Council.....2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday...10:25 A.M



**IT'S TIME** for the Salad Luncheon on September 13, 2024! This is a BIG event for Grace Lutheran. The community enjoys this event and supports greatly during this Luncheon. *There is still time for you* to donate money for supplies that need to be bought or sign up to bring a salad, bread, bars, or other things found on the posters in the church narthex. We need everyone's help to make this another successful Salad Luncheon!!! We will be setting up on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are able, please come to help. There are many tasks that need to be completed before Friday. Some of the proceeds will be going to Mahube School Supplies Drive.

The Salad Luncheon hours are 11:00 A.M.-1:00P.M.

***Please have your salads here Friday morning by 9:30 A.M.***

***Hope to see you on Thursday or Friday or both days!!!***



**NO-BAKE BAKE SALE** is still going on. If you haven't donated towards this event, you still may do so. Proceeds are going towards mortgage reduction/repair church roof.



September 2024

The other day, as I was waiting for someone, I began watching some people doing some cement work. It brought back some memories of college summers when I dabbled in cement work on one of the jobs I worked. During those days, I remember thinking a lot about cement and how it was made. First, one has the basic mixture of clay, limestone and water. Then, one also adds some sand and gravel. If one takes a close look at the cement, one might be able to notice the flecks of sand and maybe some of the larger pieces of gravel. Still, so very much is hidden from view. But, it's there! It's doing the work it was intended to do. Even though it's not seen, it continues to provide stability, strength, and durability to that which is seen.

Many times I've thought how this could be a parable of sorts about a congregation. There are a lot of people and talents which go into the "mix" of a congregation. Some of those people and talents seem to be larger and more obvious. Others aren't quite as noticeable. Yet, each person **and** their talents has an important function in the congregation. Even those people who seem to be "not that important", are, in fact, helping to lend stability, strength, and durability to the congregation. Also, most of the people who are part of the congregation may seldom or never be that visible. Still, they are no less important! Because they do their work behind the scenes, the rest of the ministry of the congregation holds together.

Paul wrote often about the church being a body with many parts. Each part has its own function. And each is important! It's so very true. Still, we seem to get caught up in petty arguments as to who may have a more prestigious job or who seems to get all the credit for the work which is done. Unfortunately, such disagreements only tend to weaken the ministry of a congregation. Even worse, it may cause some to choose not to be involved in a congregation. A congregation **needs** all people with their many and varied skills and talents to lend strength to the ministry we have!

As we once again launch into our fall schedule, I would strongly encourage you to involve yourself in some of the ministries of our congregation. I realize not all things are of interest to everyone. And, heaven knows, this year is very different from other years. However, our ministry continues. I would hope you would explore and examine where you feel your skills and talents can contribute to our ministry. This year we will be looking at doing ministry in a variety of different ways. Some of the things we do can't be done in groups but must be accomplished on a smaller scale. One thing which comes to mind is identifying a person or a family to whom you can write a card or a note to encourage them, to share with them how you have noticed the example their life has given to others, or to say thank you for some act of kindness, a simple gift or somehow raising your spirits on a particular day.

Without the gifts you bring to the ministry of our congregation, it would be like making cement using balloons instead of gravel. It may look good, but there would be many hollow spots in that cement (and its strength would be compromised as well).

May God continue to bless us in our ministry together!

*Pastor Mike*



HAPPY  
LABOR  
DAY

Bless, O God, all those who labor.  
Whether they are compensated by  
paycheck or pride, let them know  
their true worth in your eyes.  
May all workers be gifted with a sense  
of service to the common good, and  
graced with the satisfaction of a job  
well done.  
Thank you for those whose work  
provides protection, comfort, healing,  
and relief from suffering and stress.  
May all of our labors be for your  
goodness and glory, O God.  
Amen.



**THANK YOU** to Lois Flatau for watering the flowers adorning our church. The plants all look very healthy thanks to your green thumb!!

**THANKS** to those who have volunteered to be on the Call Committee: Jim Brogren, Glennis Olson, Traci Mace, Michelle Pary, Ava Esser

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

\* Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 A.M. The students will be assembling Birthday Bags (see page 7) for Lakes Crisis Center. The first class will be on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks again to Traci Mace who will be the teacher. If anyone is interested in helping her on Sundays, please talk to Traci. She can always use the help!!

### **CONFIRMATION**

\* A Confirmation orientation meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. This is an important meeting for students and their parents! The schedule and other important information will be handed out. Confirmation class will begin on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mike or Becky Esser.

\* The Rite of Confirmation will be held on Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2024.

### **NURSING HOME MINISTRY:**

*Don't forget our members in Nursing Homes and Care Facilities.*

Oak Crossing #110 1040 Lincoln Ave.  
**Audrey Ronning**

Oak Crossing #115 1040 Lincoln Ave  
**Clarice Anderson**

## **CHURCH MEETINGS**

### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

The Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 following the worship service. Glennis Olson has devotions and helping with communion.

### **CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE**

Christian Education will meet September 18<sup>th</sup>.



# SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
September 1, 2024	Psalm 15	Deuteronomy 4;1-2, 6-9 James 1:17-27	Mark 7;1-8, 14-15, 21-23
September 8, 2024	Psalm 146	Isaiah 35:4-7a James 2:1-17	Mark 7:24-37
September 15, 2024	Psalm 116:1-9	Isaiah 50:4-9a James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
September 22, 2024	Psalm 54	Jeremiah 11:18-20 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
September 29, 2024	Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22	Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3 Revelation 12:7-12	Luke 10:17-20

## SEPTEMBER USHERS, GREETERS, GREETERS--9:30 A.M.

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR
September 1, 2024	Vivian Wittnebel	Sheila Longfors, Sonia Anderson	Steve Swanson
September 8, 2024	Ardis Tollefson	Steve Swanson Sonia Anderson	Steve Swanson
September 15, 2024	Lani & Eleesha Olson	Eleesha Olson Sonia Anderson	Becky Esser
September 22, 2024	Vivian Wittnebel	Tom & Kathy Lormis	Tom Lormis
September 29, 2024	Evan Westrum	Blair & Kelly Westrum	Ruby Kiihn

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN TO PARTICIPATE IN ELCA EVENTS

- **CHOOSING JOY!** First Baptist Church, Detroit Lakes, is holding a **Ladies Conference** on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This conference will address joy fillers, joy killers, and choosing joy in the sea son of life. The event is free. See Nathex bulletin board for more details. Registration is due by September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **NWMN SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION ANNUAL CONVENTION** will be held on Friday, September 20 and Saturday, September 21 at Christ the King Lutheran in Moorhead, MN. If you are interested in attending, please see Glennis in the office as she will get you registered. *Early registration is due by August 15<sup>th</sup>.* See Narthex bulletin board for more information and schedule.



**DETROIT LAKES LIONS "Care, Give, Recycle" bucket** for eyeglasses, reading glasses, hearing aids, and cellphones can be found on the Narthex Table. If you have questions about the program, contact Gerry Johnson, 218-847-3923.

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



**September 4**  
Shane Renner

**September 8**  
Karen Bunnis

**September 16**  
Vivian Wittnebel

**September 21**  
Andrea Brogren

**September 22**  
Ethan Endersbe

**September 26**  
Kelly Carrier

**September 29**  
Lillian Nybo

# SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



**September 1**  
Ryan & Becky Esser  
Dan & Machel Krengel

**September 6**  
Jim & Clarice Zick

**September 15**  
Gary & Dona Rosell

**September 21**  
Dennis & Elaine Forsell

**September 30**  
Shane & Kim Renner

**God Bless You  
On your  
Anniversary**

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, PLEASE let us know so that we can add your birthdays and/or anniversaries into our computer. Thank you.

**IT'S A GRACE THING!**

# CHURCH COUNCIL

(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS June 9, 2024)

- † Meeting was called to order by President Jim Brogren Jr.
- † Devotions was given by Ranae Sexton.
- † Correspondence was read. Motion carried to give \$100 to Camp Emmaus-MinneWaKan.
- † Secretary report approved as read.
- † **Finance report** approved as printed.

July Income	\$8,541.48
July Total Expenses	\$10,545.23
Checkbook Balance 7/31/2024	\$2,820.14
Rainy Day Fund	\$10,058.65
Savings Balance	\$11,610.46
Mortgage Balance 7/31/2024	\$97,180.21

† **PROPERTY**—Garbage disposal not working. Motion carried to contact Hobart’s to check garbage disposal to fix or replace. Church phones are outdated and not working properly. Motion carried to spend up to \$700 to purchase 3 phones plus 1 portable phone. Office computer has been fixed and cleaned. Jim will check on changing internet service due to issues with current internet service.

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH**—Meeting scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup>.

† **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE**---\$21,000 has been given towards mortgage reduction. Letter was sent out to families explaining mortgage reduction, statements, no-bake sale, and pastor call.

† **EVANGELISM/OUTREACH**--- \$230 was taken in for the mortgage from the Family Picnic meal. Salad Luncheon scheduled for Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$10. Kelly & Jim are co-chairing the event.

† **WORSHIP**---Funeral for Jim Howe will be September 13<sup>th</sup>. Reception meal of salad will be served after the Salad Luncheon.

† **OLD BUSINESS**---None

† **NEW BUSINESS**—August 18<sup>th</sup> will be a meeting to set up a call committee. Traci Mace, Jim Brogren, and Glennis Olson have volunteered. At meeting we will get at least 2 more members and a youth from the congregation. September 8<sup>th</sup> is the worship service with the Blessing of Backpacks. It is also God’s Work...Our Hands Sunday. Our project will be cleaning the church and church grounds. Family Picnic will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Synod Road Trip at Calvary Lutheran in Perham from 5:30-7:30 P.M.

† Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

† Next Council Meeting will be held September 15<sup>th</sup> with Glennis Olson giving devotions and help serve communion during September.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gale LaFerriere*

Council Secretary



**BIRTHDAY BAGS**---will be assembled next Sunday by our Sunday School students as their project for God’s Work...Our Hands Sunday. These bags are for children who are celebrating birthdays and mothers have no resources to get the supplies. These bags will be given to Mary’s Place were mothers and children are given refuge. Needed items for the bag:

*Cake mix, frosting, disposable cake pans, cake decorations such as candles and numbers, birthday plates & napkins, large gift bags, goody bags, décor such as Happy Birthday signs and balloons, little birthday toys (optional)*



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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in**  
**America**

213 Roosevelt Avenue  
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*Church Worship Service 9:30 A.M.*  
*Sunday School Sept - May 10:00 A.M.*  
*Adult Ed. Opportunities Year-round*  
*Office Hours 9:00 till Noon M – F*

*“Come and join us in growing into God’s  
amazing Grace.”*

**EXPERIENCE GRACE AT GRACE**

*Grace Lutheran Church...a place to belong*

Grace's MOUNTAIN VIEW

SEPTEMBER 2024

Vision Statement---Grace Lutheran Church seeks to be a serving and witnessing people of God, united to share the Gospel with all. Through the Holy Spirit, we respond by reaching out with concern and support to the varied needs of a diverse people.

## **SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

- \* Sunday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> --- Worship service with special music, Gerard Faith.
- \* Monday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> --- *Office closed due to Labor Day*
- \* Tuesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> --- First day of school for Detroit Lakes
- \* Thursday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> --- Synod Road Trip at Calvary Lutheran in Perham. 5:30 P.M.
- \* Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> --- God's Work...Our Hands Sunday—Sunday School begins, Worship with Back Pack blessings, Clean-up day around and inside the church. ***All are encouraged to stay and help out with this project!***
- \* Wednesday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> ---Confirmation Orientation Meeting at 6:30 P.M. *All students and parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting!*
- \* Thursday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> ---Work day to prepare for Salad Luncheon
- \* Friday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> ---Salad Luncheon beginning at 11 and running until 1:00 P.M.
- \* Sunday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> ---3<sup>rd</sup> graders receive Bibles during Worship Service.
- \* Friday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> ---Jim Howe funeral at 1:00 P.M. Group 1 serves the lunch.
- \* Saturday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> ---Synod Training Workshop at Grace Lutheran at 9:00 A.M.

**Address Service Requested**

**SALAD LUNCHEON on SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

Please help by donating money or bringing a salad, bars, or other items found on posters.

**We need everyone to help with this Fundraiser!!!**

***SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M....COME JOIN US...YOU ARE INVITED***