

Grace's Mountain View

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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.....2nd Sunday...10:25 A.M

WE ARE TRYING SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS COMING YEAR!

Starting February 5th, for coffee/fellowship time, we will be having congregation members sign up for the Sundays they wish to serve coffee & treats. This way we will have people remembering which Sundays they signed up for!

If noone signs up for a Sunday, we are sorry to say that there will be NO coffee/fellowship. We don't want this to happen, but we need volunteers to step up and do their part by taking on this task. We do understand there are members who cannot physically volunteer to help on Sundays.



So please, please sign up for a Sunday/s which you are willing to serve. There should be 2 families signed up for each Sunday. Please do your part and sign up!!!!!! **Everybody enjoys a treat with their coffee and good conversation with fellow church members.**



Pastor Mike

“No Room!”

These are hauntingly familiar words from the Christmas story which we have heard so often in the past few weeks. We wonder, to ourselves, “How could the innkeeper turn them out into the stable?” It seems so cruel and unfeeling. Such words help us see Christ’s birth into the world as just the beginning of Christ’s struggle to find “room” in this world for Him and His message.

We may despair in the thought that such rejection should greet Jesus as He entered the world. But Jesus confronted rejection throughout His life. He was rejected or denied by the religious leaders, by the people and even by His own disciples. They were saying there was no room for Jesus in their lives. The Good News is, in spite of people telling Him there was no room, He loved them, cared for them, taught them, and died for them. Though there was no room for Him, He made sure there was room for all people with Him. That’s what the “Emmanuel” is all about – “God With Us!”

So, where does that leave us? Or, better yet, where does that lead us? We need to look at ourselves to ask how and when we communicate the message “no room”. Oh, I’m sure we would have room or make room if it were Jesus seeking our love or time or concern. But, how often does Jesus come to us through other people – people we so easily forget? People like the person who is difficult to get to know, or the person who grumbles about most everything, or the very quiet and lonely person we hardly ever see, or the person who seems to demand so much of our time. Do we tell such people, “There is no room for you here.” Most of the time we send such a message without even intending to do so.

As we begin a new year, may those two haunting words of the Christmas story – “no room” – cause us to open our hearts, our lives, and our congregation to Christ as he comes to us today!

May God’s richest blessings be yours in the New Year!

Pastor Mike



I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who remembered me with a card or a gift. The greetings I have received during this past Christmas season have been most heartwarming. Thank you for thinking of me at this time, but also for all the support you have shown throughout the year!

God Bless You!

Pastor Mike

Jesus Is My Valentine

**Jesus is my Valentine;
I talk to Him each day.
He never, never leaves me;
and always listens when I pray.
Yes He is my Valentine;
there is no love like His.
He is the heart of all that is;
for Him I breathe and live.
He's a Valentine that never lies;
never hurts or breaks.
He always has forgiven me;
for all my past mistakes.
If you only knew my Valentine;
You would love Him too.
For His love is always perfect;
His love is always true.
So if your heart is longing;
for a love that never ends.
for someone that is faithful;
you know you can depend.
call upon my Valentine;
He'll wash away your sin.
He will be your Valentine;
and your dearest, dearest friend.**

**by: Susan Y Nikitenko
December 2008**





THANK YOU to our Salvation Bell Ringers!
We appreciate your willingness to represent
Grace Lutheran Church!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- * Sunday School is held on Sundays at 10:00 A.M. Sunday School students go to their class following the Children's sermon or after communion when it is a communion Sunday.
- * Sunday School **will not be held** on February 16th due to President's Day weekend.

CONFIRMATION

- * Confirmation class meets on Wednesdays @ 6:30 P.M.
- * Confirmation class will **not be held** on February 12th due to President's Day weekend.



Meeting
Reminder!

CHURCH MEETINGS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2025 following the worship service. Steve Swanson has devotions and helping with communion.

CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

Christian Education will meet
Wednesday, February 19th at 5:30 P.M.

2025 BUDGET

On the next page (6) you will find the proposed budget for 2025. We have included the hiring of a part-time pastor, thus the higher budget.

This budget has been approved by the church council. This budget was voted on by the congregation at the annual meeting which was held on Sunday, January 26th

SOURCE OF INCOME	Budget 2025
Offering Income	\$142,402.00
Building Use	\$2,500.00
Fund Raisers	\$10,000.00
Memorials	\$2,000.00
Total Income	\$156,902.00
EXPENSES	
Advertising & Publicity	\$750.00
Building Expenses	\$20,900.00
Worship Expenses	\$1,300.00
Hospitality/Fellowship	\$1,500.00
Education	\$2,000.00
Property (assessments, ins)	\$12,904.00
Mortgage	\$16,948.00
Office	\$5,500.00
Synod Convention	\$2,000.00
Northwest Synod	\$1,200.00
Other Outreach	\$2,000.00
Pulpit Supply	\$3,000.00
Pastor Salary & Benefits	\$55,000.00
Pastor Mileage	\$5,400.00
Payroll	\$26,500.00
Total Expenses	\$156,902.00

2024 ANNUAL MINUTES

January 26, 2025

Meeting called to order by President Jim Brogren Jr.

Prayer given by Pastor Mike Schendel.

2024 Annual Meeting minutes read by Jim. Motion by Michelle Pary. Second by Steve Swanson to accept minutes as read. Motion carried.

Jim read his president report.

Steve Swanson volunteered to spear head the community garden.

Glennis reported on the need to replace the existing green hymnals as they are outdated and worn out. They will be replaced with the new red hymnals at a cost of \$25.50 each with funds coming from undesignated funds. There is also a CD available that can be used if organist is unavailable. Suggestion was made that members could donate a hymnal in memory of or in honor of loved ones, with a sticker designating such, placed inside front cover. Approximately 45 hymnals will be needed. Motion by Kelly Carrier. Second by Becky Esser to order needed hymnals. Motion carried.

Audit of the books completed by Kim Renner and Dona Rosell. All was found to be complete and correct.

Financial report given by Jim Brogren Jr, Glennis Olson, and Kelly Carrier.

Total income for 2024 was \$142,581.98. Expenses for 2024 was \$138,656.47.

Proposed budget for 2025 is \$156,902.00. This budget not only includes normal operating expenses as: mortgage, insurance, assessment for curb replacement payments, fire inspection, watchman fees, repairs, city utilities, snowplowing, lawn spraying, custodian supplies, pest control, kitchen repairs, geo-thermal fluid, office supplies, and salaries, and the calling of a part-time pastor as Pastor Mike's interim is done in June. Motion by Ranae Sexton. Second by Gerry Nybo to accept the 2025 budget. Motion carried. The mortgage will need to be refinanced in the spring. Kelly Carrier and Jim Brogren Jr. will negotiate refinancing with Bell Bank, Detroit Lakes.

Election of church council: Motion by Steve Swanson. Second by Glennis Olson to elect to the council Dan Alley and Maggie Schmit. Motion carried. They will join current council members Jim Brogren Jr, Ranae Sexton, Steve Swanson, Tom Lormis, Kelly Carrier, Glennis Olson, and Gale LaFerriere.

Election of church treasurer: Motion by Dan Alley. Second by Steve Swanson to elect Glennis Olson as Church treasurer. Motion carried.

Election of Pathways delegate: Kaycee Leitheiser volunteered to be the delegate. Motion by Steve Swanson. Second by Lillian Nybo accept Kaycee as delegate. Carried.

Election of Synod Assembly delegate: Glennis Olson and Michelle Pray volunteered to be delegates. Motion by Steve Swanson. Second by Lillian Nybo to accept Glennis and Michelle as delegates. Carried.

Detroit Lakes Conference 6 delegates: Glennis Olson and Michelle Pary volunteered. Motion by Steve Swanson. Second by Dan Alley to accept Glennis and Michelle as delegates. Carried.

Motion by Bill Hill. Second by Lillian to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale LaFerriere, council secretary



We Are All
God's People

FEBRUARY USHERS, GREETERS, GREETERS---9:30 A.M.

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR
February 2, 2025	Kelly & Katy Carrier	Liam & Robbie Bennett	Kelly Carrier
February 9, 2025	Sonia Anderson	Kathy & Tom Lormis	Tom Lormis
February 16, 2025	Kelly & Katy Carrier	Bonnie & Jerry Nygard	Kelly Carrier
February 23, 2025	Kelly & Katy Carrier		Kelly Carrier

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
February 2, 2025	Psalms 71:1-6	Jeremiah 1:4-10 1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30
February 9, 2025	Psalms 138	Isaiah 6:1-13 1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
February 16, 2025	Psalms 1	Jeremiah 17:5-10 1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
February 23, 2025	Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40	Genesis 45:3-11, 15 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	Luke 6:27-38

NURSING HOME MINISTRY:

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

Oak Crossing #115 1040 Lincoln Ave

Clarice Anderson



SERVING COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP in FEBRUARY

February 2nd ---Ranae Sexton, Bonnie & Jerry Nygard

February 9th ---Jerry & Cathy Schwoboda, Greg & Megan Schwoboda

February 16th---Loree Krueger, Gerry & Lillian Nybo

February 23rd ---Kevin & Kathy Erickson, Bill & Anita Hill, Bob & Michelle Pary

JANUARY & FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 7
Mary Ritchie

January 15
Tucker McDermond

January 24
Joann Eliassen

January 25
Dale Hendrickson

January 26
Sara Nelson

January 31
Tyler Leitheiser

February 1
Kelly Westrum

February 2
Elijah Ritchie

February 5
Greg Schwoboda

February 7
Zachary Schumann

February 10
Mckenna Krengel
Kim Renner
James Zick

February 23
Terry Bowers
Brad Endersbe

February 26
Jim Brogren Jr.

February 28
Heather Peterson

JANUARY & FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

None in January

Chad & Maggie Schmit---February 22nd

**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!

7th Annual
Minne “Soda”
Hotdish Challenge & Dinner

Sunday February 23 - 4:00PM to 5:30PM

Grace Lutheran Church

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Recipe for a Good Time!

The great Minne “Soda” Hotdish Challenge will feature the BEST OF THE BEST hotdish recipes. Back by popular demand the BEST OF THE BEST dessert bar recipes!

Judges will determine the 7th Annual Minne “Soda” Hotdish Challenge Champion ... trust me, you’ll want this trophy!

Free Will Donation to benefit Grace Lutheran Church and their Charity of Choice.

Hotdish, dinner roll, dessert bar and soda provided (while supplies last).

*Get here early and enjoy this traditional
Lutheran church social.*

For More Information, Contact the Church Office:

218-847-4568 - Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM to Noon

Submit entries 3PM to 3:30PM; Judging 3:35PM -4:05PM; Dinner 4PM - 5:30PM





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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

February 2025

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.

Address Service Requested

FEBRUARY EVENTS

February 9, 2025---Souper Bowl Sunday—Bring a monetary donation or one of the following no-perishable food items which will be donated to the Grace Café.

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| spaghetti O's | spaghetti sauce | spaghetti | syrup |
| potato packets | flavored rice packets | soup | vegetables (canned) |
| pancake mix | vegetables (canned) | mac n cheese | peanut butter |
| canned luncheon meat | Vienna sausages-canned | cereal | soup tuna |

February 23, 2025---Polar Fest Hotdish/Dessert Challenge @ Grace Lutheran beginning at 3:00 P.M.

March 5, 2025---**ASH WEDNESDAY**
Meal @ 5:30 P.M.
Worship @ 6:30 P.M.

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