



Grace Lutheran Church (LCMC)

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2016 Grace Gazette

To:

Grace Lutheran Church

A member of the LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)



“Loving, Inviting, Teaching, Encouraging”

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The Foundry @ Grace Lutheran Erhard
Grace Lutheran Church (LCMC) of Erhard, MN

A Lutheran community of faith engaging the present while embracing the Biblical and Reformation heritage of:

Grace Alone:

God, out of His great mercy, has reconciled humanity to Himself through His Son Jesus Christ. Acts of Christian goodness are a thankful response to God’s mercy shown to us in Christ.

Faith Alone:

God’s gift of faith apprehends the great work of eternal redemption accomplished for us by Jesus Christ. A faith relationship with the Triune God is the key to our eternal future and it brings meaning and joy to our present lives.

Word Alone:

The Bible is God’s authoritative Word to humanity. It is the sole and true guide for Christian faith, doctrine, and living.

YOU ARE WELCOME AT GRACE

Sunday Worship: 9:00 am with Holy Communion the first Sunday of every month.
Coffee Fellowship every Sunday after Worship.

Morning Bible Study: Wednesdays at 8:00 am

Prayer Fellowship: Every Wednesday immediately following Morning Bible Study.

The Foundry (Youth Group) Gatherings: Meets the first and third Wed of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (unless otherwise specified).

Choir Practice: 1st, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm

From Pr. Brad...

Anticipation



Yes! This just happened! We've been anticipating this little guy's arrival for months. Micah Bradley Pontius was born on July 25, and like his mother, he came right on the due date. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 13 oz., and was 19 inches long. Our daughter Kelly and her husband Ben are now happy parents of a very cute baby boy (a little bias here). And yes, their lives will be forever changed by having him to nurture, protect, and raise in the Faith. What a happy time! I'm rejoicing in James 1:17,

Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow.

The Soenksen family is looking forward to enjoying with him the many good things this world has to offer. I'm looking forward to taking him fishing, watching his grandmother stuff him with tasty treats, enjoying his uncle David skiing with him, and marveling at his auntie Anna exploring the wonders of nature with him. These will all be icing on the cake of the many adventures his mom and dad will take him on and the lessons they will teach him.

Yet, I'm also reminded that the world my grandson has been born into is a world of trouble. We will support his parents in praying for him, protecting him, and teaching him how to navigate the dangers of

a fallen world as a man of faith. And, as we elevate our vision to the God that Micah will be introduced to, we believe he has a bright future, not only in the fun things, but also in the forever things!

As Christians, we must always remember that the Bible's view of history is "teleological" (aimed at an end, a consummation). We live anticipating that God will once again pronounce all things good because evil will be no more. The Christian anticipation for the world is that God has worked, is working, and will work to remove evil from the human experience. The cross of Jesus Christ is the definitive proof of this.

We must never forget this concept of history when living in our world. We know that in the beginning, God created all things "good" (Genesis 1) but the Fall into sin (Genesis 3) brought with it evil and its fruit of suffering. God, however, has planned, promised, and paid the awesome price of His own Son's death to seal the fate of evil and guarantee its complete eradication. Christ's resurrection guarantees a new heaven and earth that will know nothing of sin, sorrow, and suffering. We anticipate that God's best is yet to come!

When we find ourselves suffering the effects of a fallen world, we have the opportunity in Christ to turn these sorrows upward toward God. And, when we relinquish our claims to self-sufficiency and confess our complete dependency upon our heavenly Father, true worship happens. Worship, like faith, is often refined down to the simple yet profound essence of pure dependency on, and simple trust in, our Father God. This trust takes place during our personal struggles within the larger framework of God's good plan to restore all of creation back to its blessed state.

Micah, your name means "Who is like the LORD." May you, like the Old Testament prophet you're named after, live in the incomparable greatness of God's faithfulness. To God be the glory.



This past July I had the privilege of going on a trip with 8 of our youth from Grace Lutheran Church. Kori and I went with, Sam Rotz, Brady Stadum, Kristen Haiby, Ashley Haiby, Cassidy Kubitz, Alesha Ouren, Hannah Cuhel, and Brittany LaPoint. This was the first ever LCMC National Youth Convention and it was held in Des Moines, Iowa. Its theme was “Called 2 Serve.”

While much of our time there was spent having fun, eating ice cream, playing games, and attending concerts, we also were taught about what it means for us to serve as Christians. Each day had its own theme as it broke down the event into parts. The first day was “Called.” The second was “2”. The third was “Serve.”

As we focused on being “Called” the first day we learned that it is Jesus who has called us to serve. He has allowed us to freely serve because he first served us with his entire life. Our service now is out of the complete and radical freedom of the Gospel.

The second day focused on “2” in all of its forms, to, too, and two. We learned that we have been sent to serve the world and our neighbor. The Holy Spirit comes along too, and we are sent in pairs of two. As we go out and serve we must remember that we need support of one another and the Holy Spirit.

On the final day we focused on the theme of “Serve.” This concerned how we

might go out and serve. It was a practical discussion of how might we hear the call of Christ to love our neighbor. We were challenged to find ways to serve in our own communities as we returned home.

Ephesians 2:8-10 says: For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so that no one can boast. For we are his workmanship, having been created in Christ Jesus for good works that God prepared beforehand so we may do them.

This is a passage that I hope and pray that the youth that went on this trip will always remember. I hope that you will remember it too. It is an absolute truth that our works do not save us. It is faith alone that carries us home. Yet, this faith is not idle. The very purpose of our creation in Jesus is to do good works. God has pre-created opportunities for us to look outward, away from ourselves, in order to serve him by serving the world and our neighbors, near and far.

The Lord’s Prayer is an excellent starting place. Starting with faith, the petitions move then to daily honor God’s name, for the true Sabbath rest, and for the power to live according to the will of God here and now, doing his good work, always by faith. When Jesus was asked about good works he said, “This is the good work of God, that you believe in the one whom he has sent.”

In Christ, Rev. Drew Nelson
Associate Pastor
Grace Lutheran Church (LCMC)
Erhard, MN

Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes

July 12, 2016

President Eleanor Stadum called to order the regular meeting of the Grace Lutheran Church Council on July 12, 2016, at 7:07 P.M. in the fellowship hall.

Also present were Tom Fouquette, Joe Gerold, Jim Klitzke, Associate Pastor Drew Nelson, Jeanette Ripley, Rachel Ronnevik, Phyllis Rossow, Pastor Brad Soenksen, Treasurer Lucy Stadum, and John Wright. Cheryl Rotz was absent.

Pastor Brad provided devotions and led in prayer.

The Council heard an extensive presentation by Lyn Sahr about Ruby's Pantry, a 501(c)(3) faith-based charity. In operation for 14 years, Ruby's Pantry distributes food at rural sites in Minnesota and Wisconsin and is looking to expand.

Following Fouquette's motion, which Ripley seconded, the secretary's report was approved on vote.

The treasurer's reports were filed for audit following Klitzke's motion and Gerold's second. On June 30 the General Fund balance was \$1,130.91, the Building and Improvement Fund balance was \$10,405.24, and the Concert/Mission of the Month Fund balance was \$440.27.

Old business:

Wright will ask the Property Committee to do more research regarding sound abatement in the fellowship hall.

New business:

Pastor Brad presented his report.

Pastor Drew presented his report. Per Drew's request, Klitzke moved to approve sending a letter to the congregation seeking support for a mentorship for a talented member of The Foundry. Wright seconded this motion, and it carried on vote.

Ripley made a motion to designate the Seibold Girls Fund as Mission of the Month for August. Following Gerold's second, this motion passed on vote. Eric Seibold died in March leaving five daughters. Morning Sun Christian School in Fergus Falls is Mission of the Month for July.

Consensus was to approve Gene Nygaard's request to remove lilac bushes on the old church property that are obscuring the church sign.

The next Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting is scheduled for 7 P.M. on August 9.

Ripley moved to adjourn this meeting; following Fouquette's second, this motion carried on vote. The meeting closed at 9:10 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer.

Phyllis Rossow, Secretary

Grace Lutheran Women Meeting Minutes

The GLW did not meet in July
The next meeting is at 9:00 A.M.
Thursday, August 18th

GRACE GAZETTE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

June 30, 2016

GENERAL FUND:

Balance, June 1, 2016	\$4,475.22
June Receipts	\$10,558.94
June Disbursements	<u>(\$13,903.25)</u>
Balance June 30, 2016	\$1,130.91

Average Attendance (4 services) 98

Mission Receipts ~ "The Foundry" (LCMC Youth Convention)	\$1,135.00
Wednesday Concert – The Haining Family	\$ 820.00

CONCERT/MISSION OF THE MONTH

Balance, June 1, 2016	\$411.50
June Receipts	\$1,955.00
June Disbursements	<u>(\$1,926.23)</u>
Balance, June 30, 2016	\$440.27

BUILDING FUND:

Balance, June 1, 2016	\$9,840.24
June Receipts	\$565.00
June Disbursements	<u>(\$0.00)</u>
Balance, June 30, 2016	\$10,405.24

Construction Loan Balance \$0.00

PAID OFF LOAN – DECEMBER 10, 2015

Submitted by Lucille Stadum, Treasurer

August 2016 Health Tip from The Welcome Place

Even though it's a month early, it's still a good time to note September's Farm Safety week (September 18-24). Otter Tail and Becker County people focus much of the summer's activities on recreational activities and we sometimes forget that agriculture is a big resource, too.

Agriculture is among our most hazardous industries, with a work related death rate of 22.2 deaths per 100,000 workers according to the US Bureau of Labor statistics. This is far ahead of transportation and mining.

Drivers in the Lakes area need to be aware that farm equipment is large and slow moving. Use care when approaching a hill near fields and crop areas.

Those involved in farming also deal with significant health and safety risks. These include dust, large machinery with many complicated and moving parts, grain bins, large animals, long hours with fatigue, and weather.

We as consumers are so fortunate in this country to have a reasonably priced variety of food. We forget the efforts and dangers that go into producing it.

So, as August starts the harvest season, this reminder to non-farmers is to please drive attentively near farm areas and for those engaged in farming, please make the extra effort to follow the recommended safety practices. Guard devices are there for a reason!

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THE GLC LIBRARY CORNER

by Paulette Haddock

The longer hours of sunlight make summer the perfect time for a good read (unless you're a farmer). That is exactly what Aimee Nordlund wants in our GLC Library for the 5th -6th grade students: good, time-tested, classic books. Her first suggestion was The Chronicles of Narnia, a collection of six fantasy novels for children by C.S.Lewis, which have a spiritual theme. Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan is another great Christian classic. We have a simple version and a teen parody already in our library, but not the original. Robert Lawson has done a wonderful children's adaptation that brings the characters and theme to life. The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare is an award winning historical fiction novel set in Palestine at the time of Christ. It pictures beautifully how Christ changes lives.

If you would like to donate one of the Christian classics above, or another you loved as a child, please put them in the Book Return drawer along with a note. We still need books from the Kindergarten and 4th grade book wish lists, too. Let's try to fill the children's shelves for the upcoming Sunday School year.

Thanks for supporting your church library! Enjoy the remainder of summer with a good, classic book!

AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Seibold Girls Fund

Eric Seibold of Fergus falls died in
March leaving five daughters



- 1 Taylor Nehk
- 3 Marcia Dillon
- Jullian Norgren
- 5 Dick Rossow
- Jim Klitzke
- 7 Mitchell Wright
- 8 Donna Anderson
- 10 Holly Bilden
- Hazen Milbeck
- 13 Scott Scheer
- Julie Winkels
- Bruce Schaible
- 14 Eugene Harthun
- Gracie Hill
- 15 Jennifer Sonmor
- 17 Samuel Ravenscraft
- Brooklyn Christianson
- Chloe Dillon
- Frederick Mavis
- 18 Jesse Scheer-Lyman
- 18 Connor Larson
- 19- Clayton Peterson
- Zechariah Skunberg
- Lyle Barringer
- 20 Michael Honrud
- Renee Stadum
- Donna Johnson
- 21 Madalyn Ripley
- Cora Dillon
- Myra Dillon
- Kelsey Price
- 23 Jerry Pederson
- Andy Ripley
- Billy Milbeck
- 24 Sheila Ouren
- 25- DeAnn Melkert
- 26 Danny Melkert
- Lisa Fiala
- Cody Brown
- 28 Steve Haiby
- 29 Robin Klovsstad
- Arica Sanchez
- 30- John Wright
- 31 Claire Metzger

September Gazette

**Deadline:
August 24th**

THANK YOU!

A heartfelt thank you for all your prayers, cards, food, phone calls, hugs and well wishes. Your caring has been such a blessing during my surgery and recovery.

Linda Wright

Rally Sunday

The Grace Lutheran Sunday School, Confirmation Class, High School Group and Adult Bible Study will kick off their new year on Sept 11th!



Please join us for Rally Sunday with worship at 10:00 A.M.

*Picnic immediately following worship
Everyone invited!*

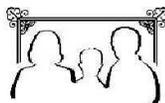
The Grace Concert Series Presents.....



**THE NORTHERN LIGHTS
GOSPEL QUARTET**

Wednesday, August 10, 7:00 P.M.

**The Grace Lutheran Weed-n-Feed Club
August 29nd at 5:30 P.M.**
Bring your yard gloves and be ready to spruce up the grounds of the church.
All helping hands are welcome!



**Church
Photo
Directory
Sign-Up**

Our Church Photography Dates

Tuesday, August 9
This date is for those who will not be in the area the end of September

**Tuesday – Saturday
September 27-October 1**

**Weekday hours
2 - 9 P.M.**

**Saturday hours
9 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

You can sign up three ways:

1. Use the scheduling link on our church website www.gracechurchoferhard.org.
2. Sign Up after worship on select Sundays
3. Contact Rena in the church office at 842-5205 or glclcmc@gmail.com.

(Watch for updates on website, Facebook page and in bulletin)

No sitting fee
Just for participating, you will receive a complimentary 8"x10" portrait and a free church directory! Additional portraits will be available for sale, but Lifetouch has promised not to pressure us to order!



Send us your photos!

If you have photos of any church activities/events from the last few years, please place them on a CD and submit to the office or send to Rena at glclcmc@gmail.com. We may use them for the activity pages at the beginning of our new directory.



Questions?
Contact Rena Kubitz
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THIS DIRECTORY WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!

We want to make this a complete representation of our church family. PLEASE be a part of it!

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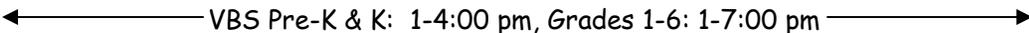
The Foundry Youth Group

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FIRST and THIRD Wednesday
of each month (unless otherwise specified)
from 6:00 pm to 8:00pm!

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Come as you are and bring a friend!
We will start with a meal, hear a lesson about
our AWESOME God and
play some really fun games!

AUGUST 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 8:00 am: Bible Study 9:15 am: Prayer Fellowship	4	5	6
 <p>← VBS Pre-K & K: 1-4:00 pm, Grades 1-6: 1-7:00 pm →</p>						
7 9:00 am: Worship with Holy Communion followed by coffee fellowship honoring Tom & Joanie Fouqutte's 25th Anniversary	8	9 7:00 pm: Grace Council meets	10 8:00 am: Bible Study 9:15 am: Prayer Fellowship 5:30 pm: The Foundry RedHawks night 7:00 pm: The Grace Concert Series presents... <i>The Northern Lights Quartet</i>	11	12	13
14 9:00 am: Worship followed by coffee fellowship	15	16	17 8:00 am: Bible Study 9:15 am: Prayer Fellowship	18 9:00 am: The GLW meets	19	20
21 9:00 am: Worship followed by coffee fellowship honoring Donna Johnson on her 85th birthday	22	23	24 8:00 am: Bible Study 9:15 am: Prayer Fellowship 5:30-9:00 pm: The Foundry "End of Summa" Extravaganza at the Pederson's	25	26	27
28 9:00 am: Worship followed by coffee fellowship	29 5:30 pm: Weed and Feed	30	31 8:00 am: Bible Study 9:15 am: Prayer Fellowship			

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE
Our Sunday Worship time will be at 10:00 am beginning September 11th!