



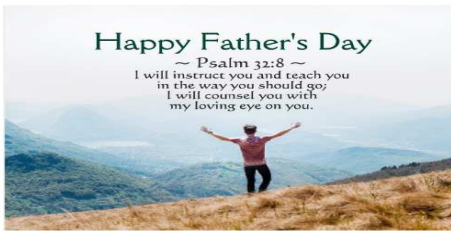
Grace Lutheran Church (LCMC)

PO Box 10
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June

2019 Grace Gazette

Grace Lutheran Church



Mission Statement:

Grace Lutheran strives to be a welcoming church family, committed to the Bible as God's truth, worshiping together, and reaching out to love, pray for, teach, and serve others in Christ's name.

U.S. Highway 59 in Erhard, MN

Visit us online at – <http://gracechurchoferhard.org>

Facebook Pages:

The Foundry @ Grace Lutheran Erhard
Grace Lutheran Church (LCMC) of Erhard, MN
Grace Lutheran Church Women "GLW" & Friends

To:

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

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 (Summer): 9:00 a.m. with Holy Communion the first Sunday of every month. Coffee Fellowship every Sunday after Worship.

Morning Bible Study: Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m.

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 p.m. (unless otherwise specified).

From Pr. Brad...

Stephen Ministry



Christ Caring for People Through People

It's been over five years now since we launched our Stephen Ministry program at Grace. We began with training, continued with training, and then commissioned our first five Stephen Ministers. Our five Grace Stephen Ministers are John and Linda Wright; Patricia Teberg; and Hans and Rachel Ronnevik.

Here are some answers to frequently asked questions about Stephen Ministry:

What exactly is Stephen Ministry?

It's a ministry of our congregation in which trained and supervised lay persons provide one-to-one Christian care for people of their same gender who are facing a life challenge. The people who are cared for can be from our congregation or from our community. This care giving is done confidentially and takes the form of listening, identifying feelings, recognizing boundaries, and using Christian resources like prayer and Scripture to "bear one another's burdens." Feel free to talk with any of our Stephen Ministers about this ministry, but don't be offended if they will not discuss who they are visiting or any details – their duty is to be confidential.

Who is in charge?

A Stephen Leader is the one who oversees and directs this ministry. I am our Stephen Leader at Grace. I recruit, select, train, organize, and supervise our Stephen Ministers. I also identify people in need of care, and then (and only with their permission) match them with a Stephen Minister.

What Do Stephen Ministers Do?

Stephen Ministers are caring Christian friends who listen without making judgments, understand, accept, and pray for their care receivers – The motto of Stephen

Ministry is, "Christ caring for people through people." Stephen Ministers usually visit with their care receivers once a week for about an hour. They continue the relationship for as long as the care receiver wants to meet and will benefit by it. These scheduled meetings can last weeks or years.

Are Stephen Ministers Counselors?

Stephen Ministers are not counselors; they are trained lay caregivers. Their role is to listen and care—not to give advice or counsel. They are also trained to recognize when a care receiver's need exceeds what they can provide. When that happens they work with their care receivers and the Stephen Leader to provide the level of care that is appropriate for that situation.

Can I Trust a Stephen Minister?

Trust is essential to a caring relationship, and Stephen Ministers are people you can trust. Confidentiality is one of the most important principles of Stephen Ministry, and what a care receiver tells his or her Stephen Minister is kept in strictest confidence. The Stephen Minister will not even reveal the identity of his or her care receiver to his or her spouse.

Why the Name Stephen?

The name comes from St. Stephen, who was the first lay person commissioned by the apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need as recorded in Acts 6.

What's the Pastor's Role?

Pastors will always be the primary caregivers, but there is no way pastors can meet all the needs for care. God has called all of us, not just pastors, to minister to one another. Stephen Ministry multiplies ministry by equipping lay people to provide caring ministry as well.

How Can Someone Receive Care from a Stephen Minister?

If you or someone you know could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please talk to me. I would be happy to help you through the referral process.

Grace Lutheran Church
Unapproved council meeting minutes
May 14, 2019

Vice President Duane Haiby called to order the regular meeting of the Grace Lutheran Church Council on May 14, 2019, at 6 P.M. in the chapel. The meeting opened by reading our church's mission statement in unison:

Grace Lutheran strives to be a welcoming church family, committed to the Bible as God's truth, worshiping together, and reaching out to love, pray for, teach, and serve others in Christ's name.

Also present were council members Jim Klitzke, Karen Nelson, Kim Pederson, Rachel Ronnevik, Phyllis Rossow, Cheryl Rotz, and Bruce Schaible, as well as Pastor Brad Soenksen and Treasurer Lucy Stadum. Council member Jeanette Ripley was absent.

Pastor Brad led in devotions and prayer.

The agenda was approved on vote following Nelson's motion and Pederson's second.

Klitzke made a motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting with one correction, Schaible seconded this motion, and it carried on vote.

The April treasurer's reports were filed for audit after Pederson's motion and Rossow's second. As of April 30, 2019, the General Fund balance was \$15,757.35, the Major Maintenance Fund balance remained at \$11,776.14, the Building Expansion Fund balance remained at \$30,160.00, and the Concert/Mission of the Month Fund balance was \$1,292.65 with April's Hope for Hudson mission of the month receiving \$484.25. In addition, Sunday School Treasurer Arlinda Tollefson reported a first quarter balance of \$3,062.50 as of March 31.

Pastor Brad presented his report, which included Wednesday morning Bible studies and meetings with the Grace Prayer Team; conducting First Communion instruction, two Lenten fellowships, the Good Friday Communion service including First Communion for three students, and worship services at Riverfront on Main and Pelican Valley Nursing Home in Pelican Rapids; attending the Grace concert, choir practices, and four Confirmation open houses; numerous visitations and phone care; meetings with The Foundry youth group, Grace Lutheran Women, and the Grace Council and a meeting regarding the Idaho mission trip; Stephen Ministry peer supervision, helping with the rummage and bake sale, and two blizzard days and one vacation day. He reported three vacation days planned for May 16 through 19, with the Reverend Don Suiter preaching on May 19. Pastor Brad also requested and received council approval for a fundraiser to help meet the goal of limiting student out-of-pocket expense to \$175 each for the Idaho mission trip scheduled for June 15-22.

Old business:

Council members who did not have keys for the new lock on the building's front door received keys. Consensus was to change the lock on the kitchen door too.

Consensus was to schedule a time to brainstorm ideas for mission outreach. Ronnevik reported that Hans Ronnevik had attended the LCMC district convention where he'd learned that the district is encouraging LCMC churches to form liaisons to do outreach projects and that three \$5,000 grants are available to help fund these projects.

Pederson lead a discussion regarding our church's electrical bills, in view of the LED lighting conversion completed in October 2017. Extended cold weather this past winter drove electricity bills higher. Recommendations regarding operation of our heating systems was discussed and will be conveyed to Dean Nelson.

Pederson reported that the Sanctuary Seating Fund balance was approximately \$28,500 on May 9 and that three proposals from vendors were due May 20. These proposals would be for traditional-style pews with two rows of chairs, one in the back of the sanctuary and one in the front, all with upholstered seats only.

New business:

Klitzke moved to designate Tomas Hernandez as mission of the month for June. Rotz seconded this motion, and it carried on vote. Tomas, a Pelican Rapids preschooler, was diagnosed in April with B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia. He is receiving treatment at Sanford Health in Fargo and will be for two to three years. The Hernandez family is originally from Guatemala. The youth Idaho mission trip is mission of the month for May.

Klitzke moved to adjourn; Rotz seconded the motion, which carried on vote, and this meeting closed at 7:06 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer.

The next regular meeting of the Grace Lutheran Church Council is scheduled for 6 P.M. on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, in the chapel.

As usher for May, Ripley provided refreshments.

Phyllis Rossow
Secretary

GRACE GAZETTE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

April 30, 2019

GENERAL FUND:

Balance, April 1, 2019	\$ 14,961.04
April Receipts	\$ 13,766.00
April Disbursements	(\$ 12,969.69)
Balance April 30, 2019	\$ 15,757.35
Average Attendance (5 services)	140
Mission Receipts ~ "Hope for Hudson"	\$484.25
Wednesday Concert ~" Beyond Blue"	\$420.00

GRACE BUILDING EXPANSION FUND

Balance, April 1, 2019	\$30,160.00
April Receipts	\$.00
April Disbursements	(\$.00)
Balance, April 30, 2019	\$30,160.00

GRACE MAJOR MAINTENANCE FUND:

Balance, April 1, 2019	\$11,776.14
April Receipts	\$.00
April Disbursements	(\$.00)
Balance, April 30, 2019	\$11,776.14

CONCERT/MISSION OF THE MONTH

Balance, April 1, 2019	\$1,314.65
April Receipts	\$ 904.25
April Disbursements	(\$ 926.25)
Balance, April 30, 2019	\$1,292.65

Submitted by Lucille Stadum, Treasurer

JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH:

Tomas Hernandez was diagnosed with B-cell lymphoblastic leukemia in April and is receiving treatment at Sanford in Fargo and will be for the next two to three years. He is doing well and has an awesome attitude. A Viking Elementary preschooler in Pelican Rapids, Tomas loves school. His father Gregorio arrived in the United States four years ago from Guatemala and works at West Central Turkeys. Tomas, his brother Pedro, a kindergartener, and mother Paulina, who is expecting another baby boy in August, arrived in October 2018.

The sanctuary seating committee is currently evaluating three proposals from vendors with expertise in providing new pews and chairs for churches. All vendors have quality products that can fit our needs. The vendors have provided layouts of pews and chairs for consideration along with numerous samples of design, finishes, and fabric.

The costs for the project appear to be on track with early estimates. An estimated \$30,000 has been donated to date.

A special meeting of the congregation will be called in the future. The committee will present its findings and ask for input from the meeting attendees.

Stay tuned for updates or ask any sanctuary seating committee member for more information: Sheila Ouren, Harlen Seidel, Jeanette Ripley, Jim Klitzke, John Ripley, Bruce Schaible, Jessica Rotz, Dave Ripley, Cheryl Rotz, Kim Pederson

Grace Lutheran Women Meeting Minutes

Grace Lutheran Women met on May 16, 2019. Welcome and Table Prayer. We had Bible Study with Pastor Brad, *Pew Sisters*

We started our meeting by reading Philippians 4:13 on page 4 of our booklets. Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and placed on file.

Old Business:

- Administrative Professionals Day was April 24th. We gave Rena a \$50 gift certificate to Garden Pleasures.
- We gave \$5000.00 toward the seating fund.
- Thanks to those who attended and donated baked goods for the Faith Westby benefit.
- Sanctuary seating meeting in May. June 30th (tentative) there will be congregational meeting for the final vote for sanctuary seating.
- Thank you to the fundraising committee for organizing the rummage sale which cleared \$1462.50.

New Business:

- Quilt and quilt tickets will be made for the bazaar which is September 28th.
- Carol H. made a motion that we give \$1000.00 to the youth group. Faye 2nd it and it passed.

Thank you to Renee S. and Jeanette R for the great brunch.

Birthdays and Birthday song, offering and offering song. Next meeting is June 20, 2019

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sheila Ouren, Secretary

JUNE LIBRARY CORNER

As children we may have said something like, "My dad is braver than . . ." So, what is bravery? Webster defines "bravery" as "the quality or state of having or showing mental or moral strength to face danger, fear, or difficulty." I don't know how brave our dad's were, but the men in these featured movies (dad's or not) showed mental and/or moral strength when faced with danger, fear, or difficulty. Check out one of these movies from our library and see how brave these men were! Maybe you will learn that you, too, are brave.

Biblical heroes are featured in ***The Book of Daniel***, ***The Story of the Twelve Apostles***, and ***Paul: Apostle of Christ***. Missionary heroes show extraordinary faith and courage in ***C. H. Spurgeon: The People's Preacher***, ***Robber of the Cruel Streets: The Prayerful Life of George Muller***, and ***The Cross and the Switchblade***. Heroes sometimes become prisoners, like Louis Zamperini captured by the Japanese in World War II (***Captured by Grace***), and Richard Wurmbrand imprisoned by the Communist government of Romania (***Tortured for Christ***). ***Martin Luther*** and ***God's Not Dead*** tell the stories of a real hero and an imaginary one who stood for The Truth! Some modern heroes, and no doubt some in the past, have triumphed over great physical difficulties. ***Life Without Limbs*** tells how Nick Vujicic succeeded despite difficulties that would have led others to despair. These godly men set an example for all of us as we face our own "danger, fear, or difficulty."

Honor your father and grandfather this month.

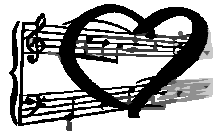
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- 28 Cadynce Norgren
- 29 Chase Winkels
- 30 Stacy Carlson

The Richard Ouren family would like to thank Pastor Brad and all of those at Grace who supported the Visitation and Funeral Service for Richard. Also thank you to the Circle who served lunch. Thank you to all of the members of the Congregation for the countless hugs, memories and support during this time of loss in our family. We are lucky to be a part of such a supportive congregation.

Sing Along with Aimee



June 19, July 17,
August 21
6:30 p.m.

Open to all

If you love to sing, please join us!

Dear Friends at Grace,
From the Fund Raising Committee, we would like to thank all those who volunteered at the rummage sale~with your time and talents, we raised \$1462.50 for the seating fund.

Yours in Christ,
Phyllis G., Jennifer C., Pat C.,
and Karen N.

July Gazette Deadline June 24th!

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Formerly United Blood Services

Blood Drive at Grace Lutheran

Thursday, July 11th

5-8:30 p.m.

See Jeanette Ripley for information and to schedule your appointment!

THE GRACE CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS...



The Zion Gospel Band

Grace Lutheran Church, LOMC
US Hwy 59, Erhard, MN
Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Free will offering ~ Refreshments served following concert!

REGISTER NOW ! FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH

DAY CAMP 2019 Grace Lutheran Church

724 Fergus Ave | Erhard, MN

July 29-Aug 1, 2019

Grades 1-6: 1PM - 7PM

PreK/K: 1PM-4PM

Cost: \$10/child



please drop off and pick up your children inside the church building

Supper will be provided for campers.

For more information call
Church: 218-942-5205 or
Pastor: 218-205-5608 or visit
www.gracechurchoferhard.org.

Please register by July 19.



Inspiration Point

CHRISTIAN CAMP + RETREAT CENTER

2019 Day Camp Registration

Please return completed registration form to the church by July 19.

Name (First & Last) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Male Female Date of Birth ____/____/____ Grade Entering ____
 Home Church (Optional) _____
 Allergies/Medical Conditions _____

 Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Parents/Guardians Information

Name(s) _____
 Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____
 Email _____

Parent/Guardian Consent

I hereby give permission for my child to attend an Inspiration Point Day Camp and designate Day Camp officials to act on my behalf in authorizing routine and/or emergency medical care. I also agree to hold harmless Lutheran Brethren Bible Camp, Inc. and the host church for any and all claims for injuries, causes for action, or liability related to the Day Camp facilities or activities. I give Day Camp officials authority in matters of discipline, understanding that any camper disregarding Day Camp rules is subject to being sent home. I give my child permission to ride in Day Camp provided transportation. I further authorize Inspiration Point and the host church to use photos or video taken of my child at Day Camp for promotional purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Thank to the Grace Quilters for the quilt you made for my for my high school graduation. I love it!

God Bless,
Cassidy Kubitz



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The Foundry Youth Group

The Foundry Meets the
FIRST and THIRD Wednesday
of each month (unless otherwise specified)

6:00 pm to 8:00pm!

Follow us on Facebook~

The Foundry @ Grace Lutheran Erhard

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!

June 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 9:00 a.m.: Worship with Holy Communion followed by CHURCH CLEAN UP & a potluck	3	4	5 8:00 am: Bible Study 9:15 am: Prayer Fellowship	6	7	8 Gideon World Day of Prayer 7-10:00 a.m.
9 9:00 a.m.: Worship followed by coffee fellowship 6:00 p.m.: Tentative Idaho Mission trip meeting	10	11 6:00 pm: GLC Council meets	12 8:00 am: Bible Study 9:15 am: Prayer Fellowship	13	14	15 Youth attending Idaho Mission Trip leave-Time TBD
16 9:00 a.m.: Worship followed by coffee fellowship Happy Father's Day!	17	18	19 8:00 am: Bible Study 9:15 am: Prayer Fellowship	20 9:00 am: GLW meets	21	22
23 9:00 a.m.: Worship followed by coffee fellowship	24	25	26 8:00 am: Bible Study 9:15 am: Prayer Fellowship	27	28	29
30 9:00 a.m.: Worship followed by coffee fellowship	1	The Foundry's "Summa Time" schedule was not available at press time. Please check with the advisors for dates and times				

Bible Wordsearch

Moses & The 10 Commandments Puzzle #81

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward,
backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Exodus 20:1-21



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| AARON | LIKENESS |
| ADULTERY | LORD |
| BORDERS | MERCY |
| CHILDREN | MORNING |
| CLOUD | MOSES |
| COMMAND | MOTHER |
| COVENANT | MOUNT |
| DESTROY | NEIGHBOUR |
| FACE | OBSERVE |
| FALSE | PARDON |
| FATHER | REST |
| GRACE | SABBATH |
| GRAVEN | SACRIFICE |
| HOLY | SEVENTH |
| HONOUR | SIN |
| IMAGES | SPOKEN |
| INCENSE | STEAL |
| ISRAEL | TABLES |
| KILL | TENT |
| LEAVEN | VAIL |
| WITNESS | |

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a
Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Psalm 33

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