



Grace Lutheran Church (LCMC)

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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

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

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, please visit our website or Facebook for latest schedule information

From Pr. Brad...

Majesty



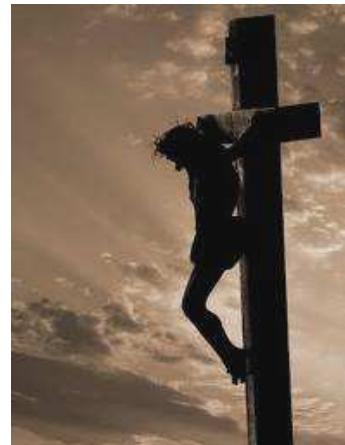
Louis XIV King of France, known as "Louis the Great," was the longest-reigning king in European history, reigning 72 years and dying in 1715. Louis was a staunch believer in the doctrine of "The Divine Right of Kings," which stated that God Himself stood behind earthly kings. For Louis, this meant creating a centralized government that revolved exclusively around him, as he was recorded as saying, "I am the state." By royal power he consolidated a system of one-man rule over France that lasted until the French Revolution (1789-1799).

Few rulers in world history controlled their image like Louis. He used building projects and the arts to present himself in as grand a manner as possible. He built the magnificent Palace of Versailles as a visible display of his power. He also financed over 300 formal portraits of himself – all of which depicted him as a larger-than-life figure. One of the last of these portraits (shown above) has a 63 year-old Louis standing on a set of unnaturally young and athletic legs!

This spring as we once again witness the events of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter and the Easter season, we can appreciate the true majesty of Jesus. It is in the darkness of the crucifixion and the brilliant light of the resurrection that God paints for us a true portrait of majesty.

Untouched by the falsification of human pride, the majesty of Jesus focuses not on the love that He expects from us but on His love taking action for us. That's His majesty.

There are many in this day and age who are willing to judge God by their own standards. If only God would do this, or stop this, then He could be acknowledged as God and submitted to in faith. But God does not answer to our standards. Rather, He sets His own standards, defining Himself for us in the cross and resurrection of Jesus. Nowhere is God more fully revealed as worthy of our faith than in these events.



What does this mean for us? If God has so lavished His majesty upon us in Jesus' great passion, then we can have the confidence that comes with being the objects of His love. Confident not because He has discovered our love for Him, but confident that in Christ, He has created in us what is pleasing to Him. This was Luther's life changing breakthrough that brought him final peace with God.

The love of God... loves sinners, evil persons, fools, and weaklings in order to make them righteous, good, wise, and strong. Rather than seeking its own good, the love of God flows forth and bestows good. Therefore sinners are attractive because they are loved; they are not loved because they are attractive. (Martin Luther)

To God be the glory!

Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 9, 2021

Present: Dean Larson, Harlen Seidell, Jim Klitzke, Cheryl Rotz, Jeanette Ripley, Rachel Ronnevick, Karen Rossum and Jeff LaVigne. Also present were Pastor Brad and Lucy Stadium. Absent: Curt Cardwell

President Jim Klitzke called the meeting order and the mission statement was read.

The secretary's minutes were reviewed and approved after a motion was made and seconded.

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved after a motion was made and seconded.

Pastor Brad gave his report on activities during the month and parishoners' visits.

Old Business:

- The commitment to promote evangelism and mission outreach was restated.
- Yearly audit of the treasurer is ongoing.

New Business:

- Holy Week and Easter schedule were discussed. Friday, April 2 there will be a Good Friday service at 6:30.
- Easter Sunday there will be a 7:30 A.M sunrise service, followed by an 8:30 breakfast, and a 10:00 A.M. Easter service.
- Confirmation Sunday will be April 25, 2021 during 10:00 A.M. service.
- Wednesday morning Bible study will resume in the near future.
- March mission of the month is Tony Smude. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to give \$500.
- April mission of the month will be Someplace Safe.
- Council meeting time will remain 6:00 P.M.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Our next meeting will be April 13, 2021 at 6:00 P.M

Karen Rossum, Secretary

GRACE GAZETTE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

February 28, 2021

GENERAL FUND: February 2021

Monthly Budget

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Gain/ (Shortfall)</u>
\$15,373.66	\$23,371.80	\$7,998.14

Attendance Average, 4 Services 57

No Concert

No Concert No Mission Receipts

GRACE BUILDING EXPANSION FUND

<u>BALANCE BEING CARRIED FORWARD</u>	\$49,134.00
Balance, February 1, 2021	\$49,134.00
February Receipts	\$
February Disbursements	(\$ 00.00)
Balance, February 28, 2021	\$49,134.00

GRACE MAJOR MAINTENANCE FUND:

Balance, February 1, 2021	\$11,074.53
February Receipts	\$.00
February Disbursements	\$.00
Balance, February 28, 2021	\$11,074.53

CONCERT/MISSION OF THE MONTH

Balance, February 1, 2021	\$ 2,520.41
February Receipts	\$.00
February Disbursements	(\$ 0.00)
Balance, February 28, 2021	\$ 2,520.41

Submitted by Lucille Stadium, Treasurer

The GLW Minutes

February 18, 2021

All present were welcomed. There was no Secretary's report and Diane gave the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business:

- It was decided to keep booklets the same and add names to membership as needed.
 - Thank you to everyone who brought items for the Christmas boxes and helped fill and deliver them.

New Business:

- We discussed what activities we could do this year. Rally Day, Group II would be in charge of the kitchen and the Fall Bazaar, Group I would be in charge of the kitchen. Also discussed having the bazaar outside. Looking ahead, Group I would be in charge of the kitchen for the Christmas program.
 - For now, it was decided that we would have rolls, donuts or muffins and coffee for our meetings.

Faye brought rolls, Thank You Faye! We had birthdays and birthday song and offering and offering song.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is March 18, 2021

Sheila Duren, GLW Secretary

APRIL LIBRARY CORNER by Paulette Haddock

- The celebration of Jesus' birth is wonderful, but His RESURRECTION is even MORE wonderful! Because He lives, all who put their faith in Him will live eternally with Him. All pain, tears, sorrow—Gone! All disease—Gone! All war, dissention, harsh words, arguments, hurt feelings – Gone! All sin –Gone! Eternal life with God will be more wonderful than we can imagine! In light of what He has done for us, how should we live, now, while on this earth? Some of our new DVD's and magazines give us examples through the lives of those who are already with our Savior. Some of our older movies also give an example of how to live the Christian life. New ones are on the top shelf, and older ones below. Watch one or two and be inspired!
 - ***The First Valentine*** is an imaginary story about a young girl who learns from her teacher about the real Christian martyr, Valentine, and his impact on those living in ancient Rome. We celebrate Valentine's Day every year, but do you know why this saint is honored around the world? St. Patrick's Day is also celebrated with great enthusiasm, but do you know the real story of Patrick? America is the only country where it is not a religious holiday. You may be surprised by his life story. Watch ***I Am Patrick*** or ***St. Patrick: Pilgrimage to Peace*** to learn of how he made an impact on Ireland for Christ.
 - ***Eric Liddell: Champion of Conviction*** was an Olympic athlete, missionary to China, prisoner, of war and humbly lived his life to glorify God. You may have seen his Olympic stand against running on a Sunday in the movie "Chariots of Fire." How did Eric withstand a Japanese internment camp? ***World War I Military Chaplains*** and the *Christian History* magazine's "***Faith in the Foxholes***" issue, give us a glimpse into the lives of those who risked their lives to bring hope to soldiers facing death. We seldom hear of the work of these vital members of our armed forces! You probably know of the courageous work of Corrie Ten Boom and her family during WWII, but there were many other families who also risked their lives to save those of the Jews. ***Making Choices: The Dutch Resistance During World War II*** tells the story of four more Dutch citizens who risked everything to help total strangers. What are you willing to risk for Christ?



3 Phyllis Gilbertson
Hannah Motz
4 Gary Motz
Terry Motz
Benton Rossum
Mya Braman
7 Jack Dillon
Trisha Nord
10 Lori Craig
Zachery Rossum
Lainey Motz
11 Jordan Arntson
12 April Arntson
13 Darcie Hill
Lois Bogenreif
18 Carrie Peasley
Alec Mavis
19 Cari Ripley
Chuck Sonmor
Payton Johnson
20 Nathan Ouren
Stacie Scheer
22 Greg Anderson
22 Tonya Honrud
23 Philip Johnson
Jordan Rasmussen
24 Duane Haiby
Sam Ripley
Kolby Spaeth
25 Caren Dillon
Bethanie Skunberg
26 Devin Christianson
27 Mason Price
28 Samuel Rotz
30 MaKenzie Hams
Samantha Milbeck
Paislee Price

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School is
scheduled for July 5-8,
2021

More details to come!

Confirmation Sunday

April 25, 2021
10:00 A.M.

The Confirmation Class of 2021:

Claire Metzger
Hazen Milbeck
Cole Motz
Sophie Ravenscraft
Kelsey Thorson

The family of Gary Honrud would like to express their appreciation and thanks to those participated in his funeral. Grace had been his home and he came to depend on it for fellowship and caring. Pastor Brad always has the right words. The music was so soothing, and bless the ladies who took the time and effort to make his last stop feel like home again. Thanks to Grace Lutheran Church and its members.

The Honrud Family

**Thank you to all who purchased
lilies to be placed in our Sanctuary
for Easter Sunday!**

The Foundry Easter Breakfast



8:30 A.M.

Sunday, April 4th

Dine in, To Go and Curbside
Deliver Options Available.

Free Will Offering

After reaching one of life's milestones, Lucy Stadium has decided to step down as church treasurer.

Thus we are looking for someone with bookkeeping and computer skills to assume this paid position.

If interested, please contact
Jim Klitzke at 218-280-8321 or
Jeanette Ripley at 218-770-2270

GLW Minutes

March 18, 2021

Welcome and rolls & coffee. We had Bible Study with Pastor Brad, *The Pew Sisters*.

We began our meeting by reading Joshua 3:9 on page 4 of our booklet.
We read the Secretary and Treasurer's Reports.

Old Business:

- Discussed and decided the Bazaar was the only sure thing, possible outside.
- GLW meetings will include Bible studies from now on. *The Pew Sisters* is the book we're studying.
- Diane Klitzke reported on the card holder we purchased. It will be installed by the Library. We would like to thank Karen Nelson for all the cards she has been sending out to our stay at home people for different occasions.

New Business:

- Our sympathies to Gary Honrud's family and to the Cardwell family on the death of Gary Cardwell.
- We need new centerpieces for our tables. Diane will take care of this.

Sheila will serve next time on April 15, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

Birthdays and birthday song, offering and offering song.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer

Sheila Duren, GLW Secretary

2021 APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
					6:30 PM: Good Friday Communion Worship	
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
7:30 AM: Sunrise Easter Worship 8:30 AM: Easter Breakfast 10:00 AM: Worship He Is Risen~Happy Easter!			6:30 PM: Youth Group Meets			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 AM: Virtual & In Person Sunday School & Confirmation Classes 10:00 AM: Worship with Holy Communion				9:00 AM: GLW meets		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:00 AM: Virtual & In Person Sunday School & Confirmation Classes 10:00 AM: Worship			6:30 PM: Youth Group Meets			
25	26	27	28	29	30	01
9:00 AM: Virtual & In Person Sunday School 10:00 AM: Confirmation Ceremony						
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
	Be Safe Minnesota - Masks are required and Social Distancing Guidelines apply at all times while in the church building					

Please Note: Schedule Subject to Change Due to Covid 19 Restrictions