



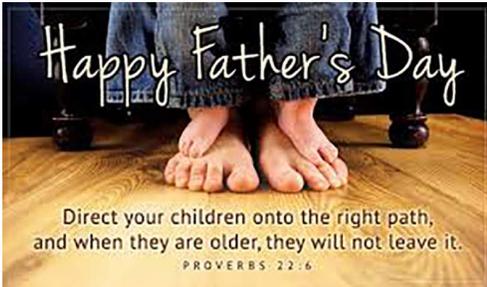
**Grace Lutheran Church (LCMC)**

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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

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**

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

*From Pr. Brad... His Prayer for Us*



In his book, *Kingdom Triangle*, J. Moreland records this true account of British medical missionary Dr. Helen Roseveare (she served in Zaire, Africa from 1953-1973).

Dr. Roseveare once helped a mother of a two-year old girl give birth to a premature baby. Sadly, she died from complications during the delivery and the two-year old was devastated over her mother's death. Keeping the newborn alive was a struggle. They had no incubator, so keeping the baby warm became their most pressing challenge. Their best option was a hot water bottle, but the old one they had burst when they tried to fill it. They did what they could, sleeping with the baby by the fire.

The next morning, Dr. Roseveare went to have morning prayers with the orphanage children. She mentioned the newborn and her two-year old sister. She told them about the hot water bottle bursting and their struggle to keep the baby warm. During their prayer time, a 10 year old girl named Ruth, boldly prayed for God to send a hot water bottle that day so the baby wouldn't die. She finished her prayer with this request, "While You are about it, would You please send a dolly for the little girl so she'll know You really love her."

Little Ruth's audacious prayer caught Dr. Roseveare off guard. She struggled saying the "Amen" to it since she didn't believe God would answer such a prayer. The only way she thought it would be possible was if she received a package from England – something she hadn't seen in nearly four years. But,

later that afternoon, a twenty-two pound package arrived at the doctor's door. She sent for the orphanage children, and together they opened the cardboard box. First came some clothes, then bandages, and some dried fruits. Finally, reaching to the bottom of the box, she pulled out a brand new hot water bottle. The children erupted with screams and tears of joy. Moments later, Ruth, the little girl who had prayed, walked up to the box, looked to Dr. Roseveare and stated, "If God sent that, then I'm sure He also sent a doll." And yes, sitting at the very bottom of the box was a small, beautifully dressed dolly.

As it turns out, the package had been sent five months earlier by the doctor's former Sunday School class, whose leader had felt God's prompting to send a water bottle. One of the young girls from the class had also put in a doll.

This story illustrates how God discerns our present needs well in advance, and even makes provision for us before we are even aware of what to ask for – our prayers tap into His gracious will and planned provision. Our struggles in prayer usually come in matching our desires with God's will – we don't see the big picture as He does. Yet, it's a comfort to know that in all the hit and misses of our prayers, as we stumble about asking for all manner of things, Jesus, who knows God's will far better than we do, prayed in advance for us (John 17).

In His "High Priestly Prayer," Jesus laid out for us God's gracious will and provision for us as we live in this sin-soaked world. His prayer is a perfect expression of God's will for us: By His victory on the cross, He has defeated sin, death, and the devil setting us free to be God's children in this world. He points us to the truth of God's Word, giving us the faith, joy, and a willingness to follow Him in this world as witnesses to His goodness. He assures us that we are protected by His power and set apart for His purpose. Jesus prayed for us and His prayer is perfect! To God be the glory!

## Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes May 11, 2021

Present: Rachel Ronnevick Jeanette Ripley, Harlan Seidell, Jim Klitzke, Curt Cardwell, Karen Rossum, Dean Larson, Jeff LaVigne, Lucy Stadum and Pastor Brad.

Absent: Cheryl Rotz

President Klitzke called the meeting to order. We opened with the mission statement followed by devotions and payer by Pastor Brad.

The secretary's report was reviewed, a motion was made to accept and it was approved.

The treasurer's report was reviewed, a motion was made to accept and it was approved.

Pastor Brad gave his report.

Old Business:

- We reiterated promoting evangelism and mission outreach.
- A report on comparison of money market funds was given and a motion was made to stay with Bell Bank.

New Business:

- Outdoor services. It was discussed and voted on to have an outdoor service the first Sunday in June at 10:00 with fellowship following inside.
- Since July 4 is on a Sunday, there will be no service. It was decided to have a Wednesday evening service June 30 instead. There will be a potluck from 5:30 to 6:30 followed by a service.
- All services in the summer will be at the usual time 10:00 A.M.
- Concerts will start again September 8 at 7:00.
- The custodial position has been filled, but not the treasurer's position.
- Mission of the month for June is Carissa Sjolie who has critical medical issues.
- Installing security cameras was also discussed. The system would have four or five cameras strategically placed. A vote will have to be taken at a congregation meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn and passed.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be June 8, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

Karen Rossum, Council Secretary



- 2 Kathy Johnson
- 3 Jason Winkels
- Londyn Milbeck
- 5 Ashley Bilden
- 6 Rachel Longfors
- 13 Judy Michaelson
- 14 Shelly Grunewald
- Kaleb Tollefson
- 15 Mary Ferguson
- 16 Bryce Monson
- Amy Hasling
- Ted Tollefson
- 17 Roger Anderson
- Dennis Haiby
- Teena Jessen
- 18 Gordon Skunberg
- Elisse Hasling
- Harlen Seidell
- 19 Julie Larson
- Kaytlyn Thorson
- Thomas LaVigne
- 21 Owen Grunewald
- 24 Kim Pederson
- 26 Liza Bennett
- 27 Eric Ripley
- Troy Milbeck
- 28 Cadynce Norgren
- 29 Chase Winkels
- 30 Stacy Carlson

**Save the Date!**  
*Vacation Bible School is  
 scheduled for July 5-8, 2021*  
*More details to come!*

**Recycling Opportunities:**

Lions Eyeglass Drop Box in Sanctuary AND Plastic Bag Recycling Drop Box in entry-way. All bags must be clean and dry!

**Greeting Cards For Sale!**  
 See Wall Rack by the Library  
 \$1.00 each!

**Special congregation meeting to discuss security equipment for the church. Please attend!**

**Sunday, June 13 after Worship**

Thank you to everyone who came to our 50th Anniversary Open House . Thank you for the cards, gifts and well wishes. Thank you to GLW Group II for working that day. You all made our day extra special!  
 ~Jim & Sandy Brummer

**NEW TREASURER NEEDED!**  
 Lucy is retiring and we continue to search for a new treasurer. This is a PAID position with mileage reimbursement and does not require one to be at every church function. Please contact Jim Klitzke or Jeanette Ripley if interested!

**June Mission of the Month**

**Carissa Sjolie & family**

In April, Carissa was diagnosed with terminal cancer which doctors originally believed was Melanoma. Carissa and her husband Chuck Ryan have 4 children under the age of 9 and live in West Fargo.

Carissa is the daughter of Wade Sjolie & Marcia Thompson, Marcia and her siblings attended Grace Lutheran. Grandparents are Carolyn Engelhart of Fergus Falls and Jerry Thompson of Erhard.

Carissa is currently on medication which allow her to not be bedridden to enjoy a few good months with her family. After that medication is no longer effective, she will return to immunotherapy treatments.

**GRACE GAZETTE FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

April 30, 2021

**GENERAL FUND: April 2021**

Monthly Budget		
<u>Amount</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Gain/ ( Shortfall)</u>
\$15,373.66	\$18,161.68	\$2,788.02
Attendance Average, 4 Services		115
No Concert No Mission Receipts		

**GRACE BUILDING EXPANSION FUND**

Balance, April 1, 2021	\$49,134.00
April Receipts	\$ 20.00
April Disbursements	(\$ 00.00)
Balance, April 30, 2021	\$49,154.00

**GRACE MAJOR MAINTENANCE FUND:**

Balance, April 1, 2021	\$11,094.53
April Receipts	\$ 20.00
April Disbursements	\$ .00
Balance, April 30, 2021	\$11,094.53

**CONCERT/MISSION OF THE MONTH**

Balance, April 1, 2021	\$2,520.41
April Receipts	\$ 352.00
April Disbursements	(\$ 352.00)
Balance, April 30, 2021	\$2,520.41

Submitted by Lucille Stadum, Treasurer

## *...ponderings from the clothesline*

by Rachel Ronnevik

When I was eight years old, my parents, along with the four of us kids, made the move from Long Island, NY, to a town in North Dakota. For Mom and Dad it was a move back home as they had both been born and raised in the Midwest. Our new town, which would be home for eight years, was small. You know, one of those towns where nearly everyone knows nearly everyone else, plus something about them.

It was also a time and place when there was a clothesline in nearly every yard. Most of the clotheslines were two metal T posts secured into the ground several feet apart and strung with half a dozen lines of wire from one T bar post to the other T bar post. That's the kind of clothesline we inherited when we moved into our house.

When I grew tall enough to reach the clothesline easily, hanging out the washed laundry became one of my jobs on occasion. I learned early on that hanging out laundry was an artform of sorts. It was important to have a properly hung line. The outside lines were for items like bath towels, sheets, nicer pants and shirts, etc. The outer lines needed to look nice and organized with all the bath towels hung together in the same area, then the hand towels and last of all the washcloths. Shirts were in another section as were pants, and the sheets were neatly hung with the pillowcases all together in a section. The inner lines were for the "unmentionables" such as underwear, stained items like washed up rags to re-use, all those items you don't necessarily want your neighbors to know you were bothering to wash and dry. After all, the neighbors walking or driving by likely would take notice of how you exhibited your laundry.

Isn't it interesting how we sometimes do the same with the laundry of our lives in other ways? We try hard to maintain a nice, orderly and presentable exterior and hide the unmentionables of our lives from our neighbors. The attractive exterior attempts to hide, but doesn't take away, the inner rags of our lives.

Our omniscient God sees it all. He sees the rags of our lives, with their stains that never wash out. Rags that we refuse to give up on, so we wash them and re-use them and wash them again even as we try to hide them.

But miracle of miracles, our all-knowing God sees all of this and still loves us far beyond our understanding. He is the Miracle Worker who removes the stains, the holes and frayed edges of our lives by replacing them with something new. 2 Cor. 5:17 promises us that *"if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come."*

I am not defined by the rags of my life or the unmentionable things I have done, but rather by the position that is mine as God's child, His new creation. Thanks be to God!

The stains are gone and I'm set free;  
My laundry's white as white can be!

2021	JUNE					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	01	02	03	04	05
			6:30 PM: Youth Group Meets			
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
10:00 AM: OUTDOOR WORSHIP - N side of church. Park up close, stay in your car, or bring a lawn chair to sit in. Followed by Fellowship.		6:00 PM: Council Meets				Grant Scheer Memorial
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10:00 AM: Worship followed by a Special Congregational Meeting and Fellowship			6:30 PM: Youth Group Meets	9:00 AM: GLW meets		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:00 AM: Worship followed by Fellowship Julie Smude will be here!						Merle Grossman Memorial
27	28	29	30	01	02	03
10:00 AM: Worship followed by Fellowship  Happy Father's Day!	Gazette Deadline		5:30-7:00 pm: We will gather for a potluck meal at 5:30 followed by a short time of worship to take the place of our cancelled July 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday.			
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
No Worship - 4th of July						