



**Grace Lutheran Church (LCMC)**

PO Box 10  
Erhard, MN 56534

May

2022 Grace Gazette

To:

**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**

**Sunday Worship:** 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion the first Sunday of every month. Coffee Fellowship every Sunday after Worship.

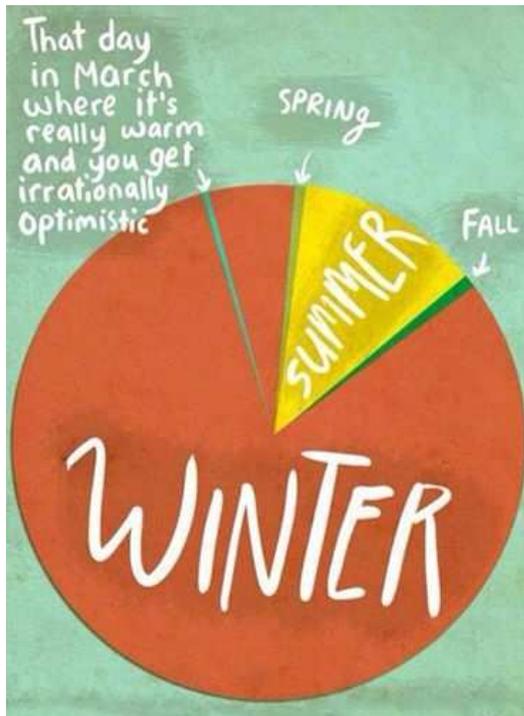
**Sunday School, Confirmation Class, Adult Bible Study:** 9:00 a.m. every Sunday (September-May)

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

**The Foundry (Youth Group) Gatherings:** Meets the first and third Wed of each month. (unless otherwise specified).

*From Pastor Brad...*

### **Eventually**



We've had quite the winter! We had January weather in January, January weather in February, March didn't make us forget about Old Man Winter, and then April never got the memo that it was supposed to be spring! We are just a little weary of it all. Will spring ever get here? The most common answer I hear to this question is, "Eventually." My response back is, "What month is that in?" Alright, alright, I know; spring will come and summer soon behind it, but right now, it seems like the season will never change.

Yet, something is happening. We've already experienced, as the pie chart at the top of the page explains, that warm day (maybe two) in March where we were shaken out of our pessimism and given a glimpse of what is coming. "Eventually" is now close enough for us to stop looking back at the snow, the wind, and the cold; and start looking forward to our gardens,

fresh cut grass, shorts, sitting in our lawn chairs, and maybe even a dip in the lake!

Actually, this feeling of anticipation, while waiting out Old Man Winter's last hanging on, is a good way to think about the change that is coming to our earthly lives. To be honest with you, we've been forced this past year to think a lot about the resurrection as we've said "goodbye for now" to some beautiful souls from our church family.

So, as you look forward to the new life soon to pop out at us this spring; think also about that awesome and final spring God has scheduled for us and the rest of His creation. "Eventually," is closer than we think, and what a change it will be! So, even though we northern folk tend to live in the reality of the present, God has gifted us with something to dream about. And this gift is that there is something far better waiting for us when the season of our here-and-now lives change to the "season" of eternity. We were given a beautiful glimpse of this season on Easter Sunday as we witnessed the resurrected Jesus free from the grip of death.

But we must notice something very important when looking at the glory of the resurrected Jesus – He still wears the marks of the nails. These marks are God's reminder that the price for our eventual freedom from this cold world of sickness, aging and death has been completely paid. Once again on Good Friday, we heard Jesus proclaim to us, "It is finished!" (John 19:30). And may we, like Thomas, when we look at the marks of the cross worn by the resurrected Jesus, proclaim in wonder, "My Lord, and my God!" (John 20:28).

Enjoy the beauty and new life of spring this May, and as you're taking it all in, don't forget to look up in thanks to the God of life and resurrection!

Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes April 22, 2022

Present: Duane Haiby, Cheryl Rotz, Harlan Seidell, Curt Cardwell, Karen Rossum, DeAnn Melkert, Steve Larson, Jeff LaVigne, Gaylene Bader, and Pastor Brad.

Absent: Shelly Fresonke

Duane Haiby called the meeting to order and we read the mission statement.

Pastor Brad gave opening devotions and prayer.

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

The secretary's report was reviewed, amended, and approved.

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. OLD BUSINESS:

- We reiterated our commitment to promoting evangelism and outreach.
- Mother/Daughter banquet is Women's Spring Fling. It will be held April 30 starting at 5:00.
- Summer worship schedule will remain at 10:00 A.M.
- An external hard drive for Gaylene has been ordered.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Good Friday we will once again have communion at the altar.
- Replacement of ovens in the kitchen was discussed. GLW will have input and a committee needs to be organized to research possibilities.
- Parking lot needs gravel to level some spots which can be done May 15 on clean up day. A pot luck will follow.
- Buying the adjacent lot to the church was also discussed.

Mission of the month:

May will be Everly Martinson, a two-year-old from Fergus who has multiple life threatening issues.

June will be Steve Anderson.

A motion was made to adjourn and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is May 10, 2022 at 6:00.

Usher for the month of May is Duane Haiby.

Karen Rossum, secretary

## GRACE GAZETTE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

March 31, 2022

### GENERAL FUND: March 2022

Monthly Budget

Amount	Receipts	Gain/ ( Shortfall)
\$15,481.81	\$13,911.97	(\$1,569.84)

Attendance Average, 5 Services 97

No Concert

Mission Receipts \$829.09

### GRACE BUILDING EXPANSION FUND

Balance, March 1, 2022 \$54,564.00

March Receipts \$

March Disbursements (\$ 00.00)

Balance, March 31, 2022 \$54,564.00

### GRACE MAJOR MAINTENANCE FUND:

Balance, March 1, 2022 \$11,224.53

March Receipts \$ .00

March Disbursements \$ .00

Balance, March 28, 2022 \$11,224.53

### CONCERT/MISSION OF THE MONTH

Balance, March 1, 2022 \$4,894.02

March Receipts (\$897.95 transfer from other acct) \$ 1,727.04

March Disbursements (\$ 829.09)

Balance, March 31, 2022 \$ 5,881.97

Submitted by Gaylene Bader, Treasurer

## The GLW Minutes

The April GLW Minutes were not available

## Grace Lutheran Church

### MISSION OF THE MONTH

**Everly Martinson**  
a two-year-old from Fergus Falls who has multiple life threatening issues

Almighty God, heal your little angels from their afflictions. Ease their discomfort and bring their heavenly smiles back to their faces. Hear our prayer, Lord, in Jesus' name, Amen.



NURSEBUFF

## MAY LIBRARY CORNER *by Paulette Haddock*

We had quite a variety of weather in April! Likewise, an interesting variety of books and a large variety of movies were donated to our library last month. I hope you will enjoy them. Five books were donated for children: four ***Sugar Creek Gang*** and one ***Dear America***. According to the back cover, "The ***Sugar Creek Gang*** series chronicles the faith-building adventures of a group of fun-loving, courageous Christian boys. These classic stories have been inspiring children to grow in their faith for more than five decades." Originally written in the 1940's the books were updated in 1997 to appeal to modern children. We have ***The Winter Rescue***, ***The Lost Campers***, ***The Chicago Adventure***, and ***The Secret Hideout***." The ***Dear America*** title is ***When Will This Cruel War Be Over? The Civil War Diary of Emma Simpson***. Because of the content, I recommend this book for girls fifth grade and older.

The adult books include three fiction and two non-fiction volumes. Our first novel is from the ***Under Northern Skies*** series by Lauraine Snelling. In ***A Season of Grace***, Nelda Carlson's dreams appear to be coming true, but a new opportunity brings her face-to-face with an unwelcome person from her past. Has this man really changed? Can she forgive and trust him? The other two novels are by Angela Ewell Hunt: ***The Emerald Isle*** and ***The Velvet Shadow*** from ***The Heirs of Cahira O'Connor*** series. Karen Nelson recommends them. The first non-fiction book is by Eric Metaxas and is recommended by Hans Ronnevik: ***Is Atheism Dead?*** The book cover fly-leaf tells us Metaxas "cheerfully and factually [makes] his astonishing case that the belief in a Creatorless universe is no longer logically tenable." ***Lessons from Landon: Through the Seasons of Life*** is filled with insights God gave Steven Blomberg, the father of a boy with severe epilepsy. Grand mal seizures are a daily occurrence. Despite his difficult life, Landon has a surprisingly positive attitude. The pencil illustrations are by Landon. It will touch your heart! We also have three new magazines: March and April ***Christianity Today*** and the March/April ***Connections***.

Thank you to everyone who donated books and movies in April. The movies have not been processed, so you will need to wait until June to enjoy those.



- 2 Carol Nygaard
- 5 Lindy Motz
- 6 Jessica Metzger
- 7 Christopher Bilden
- 12 Jeremy Winkels
- Alex Bullis
- Erica Bullis
- 13 Luke Mostue
- 14 Joshua Sundblad
- 16 Ron Stadum
- John Jenson
- 17 Brady Stadum
- Rockie Weston
- 19 Karrie Ouren
- 20 Joyce Kubitz
- 21 Jordyn Grunewald
- 22 Dennis Bauman
- Lily Monson
- 23 Clifford Mayfield
- Easton Thorson
- 25 Janice Harthun
- McKenzie Spaeth
- 27 Oakley Carlson
- 28 Wallace Grunewald
- Charlie Mavis
- 29 Karlea Thorson
- 30 Sandy Mann
- Allison Jessen
- 31 Connor Nelson
- Eli Milbeck
- Braden Thorson
- Joe Stenger
- Mark Milbeck

To our Grace family—

Our heartfelt thanks for the many ways you demonstrated your love and care following our March car accident.

We were deeply touched and helped by your prayers, cards, visits, calls and messages, kind words, fresh flowers, meals delivered to our door, etc. Thank you, Pastor Brad, for your encouraging visit. We have felt God's presence on this journey of healing and know that He will see us through.

God bless each one of you!  
Rachel and Hans Ronnevik

**June Gazette Deadline.....  
May 27th!**



**DVD copies of services  
are available  
on the Nathex or contact the  
church office!**

**High School Seniors  
will be presented quilts  
Sunday, May 8th, 10:00 AM  
Worship**

Kalli Christianson  
Jett Kulak  
Hannah Motz  
Cadynce Norgren  
Loagn Schleske

**Sunday, May 15th after Worship**

**Pot-Luck Meal to Follow!**



**May 11, 2022  
7:00 p.m.**

**Grace Lutheran Church**

Grace Concert Series  
US Hwy 59, Erhard, MN  
Call (218) 842-5205 for more info.

**All Are Welcome!!!**

A free-Will Offering will be taken.

2020 Artist of the Year - Academy of Western Artists  
2018 Entertainer of the Year - Pro Cowboy Country Artist Association  
Nashville Produced artist with nine albums & over 120 Annual US Shows

GREGHAGER.COM   

*June Concert is  
"Off the Hook"*

**Giving at Grace Lutheran Church of Erhard through Tithe.ly, a safe and secure giving platform that allows you to give one-time or recurring gifts!**

**You can get started by using one of the below options.**

**1. Tithe.ly Giving App:**

- **Download the Tithe.ly App from the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (Android). Once you've downloaded the app select Grace Church of Erhard. If this is your first time giving with Tithe.ly you will be prompted to create an account that you can use for all future gifts.**
- **The first time you will also need to add your credit/debit card or ACH/banking info. Once your account has been created you will not need to enter your personal or payment information. Just enter your PIN and give!**
- **A reminder you can set your gift up as recurring.**

**2. Website Giving:**

- **Click on this link [gracechurchoferhard.org](http://gracechurchoferhard.org) to give through the church website. It's a safe and easy way to give any time.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Rena Kubitz or Kim Pederson for more information.**

2022	MAY					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
	9:30 AM: Womens Home Bible Study at Rachel Ronnevik's		8:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Brad 9:15 AM: Prayer Fellowship Meets 6:30 PM: Youth Group meets 7:00 PM: Choir Practice			
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
9:00: Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM: Worship Honoring HS Seniors with Holy Communion followed by Fellowship <b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!</b>		6:00 PM: Council meets	8:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Brad 9:15 AM: Prayer Fellowship Meets 7:00 PM: Greg Hager Concert			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:00 AM: Worship followed by <b>CLEAN UP DAY</b> and a Pot-Luck Meal	9:30 AM: Womens Home Bible Study at Rachel Ronnevik's		8:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Brad 9:15 AM: Prayer Fellowship Meets 6:30 PM: Youth Group meets 7:00 PM: Choir Practice	9:00 AM: GLW meets		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10:00 AM: Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship			8:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Brad 9:15 AM: Prayer Fellowship Meets 7:00 PM: Choir Practice			
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
10:00 AM: Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship	MEMORIAL DAY				Gazette Deadline	