



Grace Lutheran Church (LCMC)

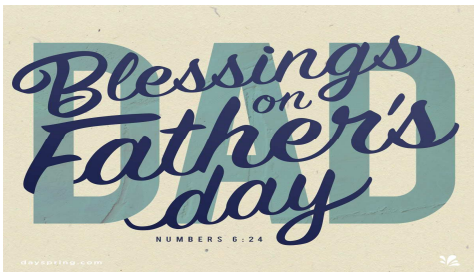
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Grace Lutheran Church



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

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 (during the school year)

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...

Finding Our Way



It was a rough winter that intruded on our spring, but here we are in June! The pre-mosquito season of early June has me thinking of the North Shore of Minnesota. I have enjoyed more than a few June trips to this place to take in the beauty of Lake Superior with its many scenic hiking trails. The rugged terrain with its big timber and thundering waterfalls is good for my soul.

“You can’t see the forest for the trees” is especially true of these winding and steep trails, so line-of-sight navigation is not an option. Instead, you must rely on maps to get to where you want to go. Deviate from the map, and oops, your lost, and then have to follow a stream or a trail back down the hill to get your bearings.

The University of Colorado Boulder Geography Website gives this definition of a good map:

The measure of a good map is how well it conveys information to its readers to enlighten, convince, or persuade... it is the issue of communication that holds the central role in map design. To ask "what is a good map?" is to ask how well it communicates...

We don’t often think of maps as tools of “enlightenment” or “persuasion,” since we only use them as simple tools to get us to our destination. But think about this the next time you pick up a state road map, “What would I do if I had no faith in this map?” In

fact, such a thought has probably never crossed our minds since we so unquestionably expect our road maps to be spot-on, and we take great comfort knowing we have such a resource.

For Christians, the Bible is like a map – a map for our journey through life. In this map God tells us where we came from, where He wants to take us, and how we are going to get there. But in God’s map He also gives us some added information that we normally don’t associate with a regular map – important facts like His love for us, His presence with us on our journeys, and our purpose for traveling. One such Biblical life-map is drawn for us by the resurrected Jesus in Luke 24 when He stated to His disciples,

Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. (Luke 24:46-48)

Three verbs of note: *suffer*, *rise*, and *be proclaimed*. The beauty of the Gospel is that Jesus is the one who has drawn these verbs on the maps of our lives. He “suffered” for us so that we can experience God’s mercy and forgiveness making the road that leads us home to our heavenly Father. He “rose” again for us so that He can be with us on our journey making Himself available to us as a traveling companion. And, He has called us to “proclaim” His Name so that we can experience His deepest purpose in our lives making us a part of His love for others.

Finding our place on God’s map means finding ourselves with Jesus, for He is the key to the whole map. We stay connected to Jesus by using the map He gives us – His Biblical Word, His sacraments, and His gift of prayerful conversation with Him. His map is the best of all maps for by it He *enlightens, convinces, persuades, and communicates* with us for our journeys!

Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes

May 10, 2022

All council members, Pastor Brad, and Gaylene Bader were present.

The meeting was called to order and the mission statement was read.

Pastor Brad gave opening devotions and prayer.

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

A representative for the Red Cross asked us to consider being a host for the blood drive. It would only be one day and a few volunteers would be needed.

The secretary's report was reviewed and approved.

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.

Pastor Brad gave his report of visitations and contacts in April.

Old Business:

- We reiterated our commitment to promote evangelism and outreach.
- Cheryl Rotz gave a directory update. There will be two dates in May for pictures and two dates in August.
- Jeff LaVigne gave a report on lot purchase east of the church.
- A committee is researching new stoves for the kitchen.
- The need for parking lot gravel was discussed to be done in conjunction with clean-up day.

New Business:

- The need for a new vacuum cleaner was discussed and the possible purchase and use of a Rumba for the sanctuary. Research will be done on both.
- A motion was made to allow the Red Cross to set up blood donation stations in early October.
- A donation for a grain bin was discussed and declined.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be June 12, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

Karen Rossum, secretary

GRACE GAZETTE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

April 30, 2022

GENERAL FUND: April 2022

Monthly Budget

Amount	Receipts	Gain/ (Shortfall)
\$15,481.81	\$15,272.69	(209.12)
Attendance Average, 6 Services		124 Con-
cert Receipts		\$444.00
Mission Receipts		\$512.00

GRACE BUILDING EXPANSION FUND

Balance, April 1, 2022	\$54,564.00
April Receipts	\$
April Disbursements	(\$ 00.00)
Balance, April 30, 2022	\$54,564.00

GRACE MAJOR MAINTENANCE FUND:

Balance, April 1, 2022	\$11,224.53
April Receipts	\$.00
April Disbursements	\$.00
Balance, April 30, 2022	\$11,224.53

CONCERT/MISSION OF THE MONTH

Balance, April 1, 2022	\$5,881.97
April Receipts	\$ 956.00
April Disbursements	(\$ 912.00)
Balance, April 30, 2022	\$ 5,925.97

Submitted by Gaylene Bader, Treasurer

JUNE 2022 LIBRARY CORNER *by Paulette Haddock*

Summer is almost here! Praise God for His provision of sunshine, grass, and flowers, of picnics, days on the lake, and laughter. When the children get tired of playing outdoors or helping with outdoor chores, give them a book to read or a good video to watch. We added two more books to the *Sugar Creek Gang* series: **The Swamp Robber** and **The Killer Bear** by Paul Hutchens. We also have new Veggietales DVD's: **The Little Drummer Boy** (What gift can you give the king?), **Heroes of the Bible** (David and Goliath, Esther, and The Lion's Den), **The Wonderful Wizard of Ha's** (the story of a prodigal son), and **Sweetpea Beauty** (A girl after God's own heart). Let your children look at our children's collection on the bottom shelves near the floor, and when they find a book they like, fill in the book card, and place it in the wooden box on the library counter.

Summer is very busy, but you may need to relax quietly sometimes. We have some new magazines and books for adults. New magazines added are **Connections May/June—Holy Communion** and **Christianity Today May/June—Emptied Out**. Adult books added this month include two from our women's "Spring Fling": **The One Thing Every Mom Needs to Know, Vol. 2** by Madeleine Davis and **My Shepherd of Love** by Debbie Kaminski. We also added two books in the *Heirs of Cahira O'Connor* series donated last month: **The Silver Sword** and **The Golden Cross** by Angela Hunt.

You'll find all these items on the top shelf with new items from May.

The GLW Minutes

GLW met April 22 2022. Welcome and table prayer and we had brunch with Karen R and Jeanette serving. We had devotions and Bible Study with Pastor Brad. We began our meeting by reading Psalm 31:3 on page 4 of our booklets. Secretary and Treasurers reports were read, approved and placed in file.

Old Business:

- Thank you to all volunteers who madet he Men's Ham Dinner a success.
- Women's Spring Fling is April 30th.

New Business:

- Our sympathy goes out to the family of Shirley Jenson on her passing.
- Thank you to all the youth who helped make and serve the Easter Breakfast, they did a great job!
- Part of the money from the Ham Dinner will for for buying new stoves. Council would like the GLW input and a committee to research possibilities.
- May baskets are a no.

Thank you to Karen R and Jeanette for our great brunch.

Volunteers for May are Ardis & Faye.

Birthday and birthday song, offering and offering song.

Next meeting is May 19, 2022.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sheila Ouren, Secretary

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Old Business:

- The Spring Fling was a great success and the men did a great job!
- We chose not to give out May Baskets this year.

New Business:

- Our sympathy foes out to the Steven Anderson family.
- We talked about the Robo Vac. Carol made a motion and Sheila 2nd it to talk to Jessica Rotz about it since she has experience with them.
- It was decided to hire someone to wash windows. Motion by Faye and 2nd by Diane.
- Pictures for directory will be taken May 26 & 27.

Thanks you to Ardis and Faye for the great brunch! Servers for June ar Pat & Doreen.

Birthday and birthday song, offering and offering song.

Next meeting is June 16, 2022

We closed with the Lords Prayer.

Sheila Ouren, Secretary



June Birthdays

- 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-Crosby Westby
- 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
- Kasey Clark

Thank you so much for your generous gift to Heart to Heart Thailand! During this COVID season, we have faced many challenges, but the Lord remains faithful, and we are getting back into full gear again. School is out on June 3, so Chris and Esther will be travelling to the States. Christina and I will be holding down the fort while they are away.

June is also the month when we do our "school uniform" sponsorships so your gift is very timely! Children in Thailand must wear uniforms to school but many families do not have the funding to purchase them.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL. I hope Spring has Sprung in Minnesota!

Philippians 4:19



Foundry Summa Time Schedule '22

- June 1st - Summa Time Kickoff Potluck and Uncle Eddie's Ice Cream
- June 15th - Regular night @ Church
- June 22nd - Christ Hike @ Inspiration Point Bible Camp (RSVP to Dacia or FB by June 18th)
- June 29th - Meal, Worship, and Float Prep (meet @ 5:30)
- July 4th - Parade & Bingo in the Park
- July 6th - No Foundry
- July 9th - River Tubing @ Johnson's Meet @ 1:30pm
- July 14th - Sky Zone/ Red Hawks Game (RSVP to Dacia by June 30th) time TBD
- July 21st - Senior High 9-12 Night at the Fair (meet at the West Otter Tail Co. Fairgrounds at 6:30)
- August 3rd - Regular Night @ Church
- August 12th - Lock In @ Church
- August 13th - Lock In Pickup @ 10am
- August 17th - Bonfire & Campout @ Dacia's
- August 24th - Valley Fair PRAY End of Summer Bash
- September 7th - No Foundry (1st Week of School)
- September 21st - Fall Schedule Kickoff!!!

If you've been inadvertently missed on the birthday congratulation to share, please notify the church office at:
(218)842-5205 or
giclcmc@gmail.com

The Grace Concert Series Presents...



Off the Hook

Grace Lutheran Church, LCMC
 US Hwy 59, Erhard, MN
 Wednesday, June 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Free will offering~Refreshments served following concert!

GLC MISSION OF THE MONTH.....

The Steve Anderson Family

Awesome for Andy Day

STEVE ANDERSON BENEFIT

Saturday, June 18
 Erhard, MN

Steven was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer in October of 2021. Since being diagnosed, Steven and his wife Jennifer have not been able to work due to treatments and hospital stays. Steven's health was their number one priority. Sadly, Steven passed away surrounded by his family and friends on May 6, 2022.

POKER RUN 10 AM - 6 PM
 BEGINS & ENDS AT HILLBILLIES

MEAL 3 PM - 6 PM - GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
 TURKEY SANDWICHES, BEANS & COLESLAW
 FREE WILL DONATION

DANCE LIVE BAND! 8 PM - 11 PM
 "CHASING TOMORROW"
 MORE DRAWINGS!

DONATIONS BELL BANK
 PO BOX 678
 PELICAN RAPIDS, MN 56572

RAFFLE PRIZES \$10 TICKETS

1st PRIZE: 10 K & L Storage Shed Fully assembled - \$4,000 value
 Sponsored by Steve Anderson, Steve Olson and Scott Davidson

2nd PRIZE: 20 Gallon Water Jug \$500 value
 Sponsored by Jerry Olson & Tracy Peterson

3rd PRIZE: \$500 Cash
 Sponsored by Steve Anderson

4th PRIZE: 20 Gallon Water Jug \$500 value
 Sponsored by Steve Anderson

5th PRIZE: \$500 Cash
 Sponsored by Steve Anderson

6th PRIZE: \$500 Cash
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7th PRIZE: \$500 Cash
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17th PRIZE: \$500 Cash
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18th PRIZE: \$500 Cash
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19th PRIZE: \$500 Cash
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20th PRIZE: \$500 Cash
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Need not be present to win.
 Drawing point # 621527-016
 Pelican Rapids Water Association

2022	JUNE					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
			8:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Brad 9:15 AM: Prayer Fellowship Meets The Foundry Summa Time Kickoff with Potluck and Uncle Eddy's Ice Cream			
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
10:00 AM: Worship with Holy Communion followed by Fellowship			8:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Brad 9:15 AM: Prayer Fellowship Meets 7:00 PM: Concert -Off the Hook			Church Reserved
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:00 AM: Worship followed by Fellowship			8:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Brad 9:15 AM: Prayer Fellowship Meets 6:30 PM: Youth Group meets	9:00 AM: GLW meets		3:00 - 6:00 PM: Steve Anderson Family Benefit Meal
		6:00 PM: Council meets				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:00 AM: Worship followed by Fellowship FATHER'S			8:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Brad 9:15 AM: Prayer Fellowship Meets The Foundry Christ Hike at Inspiration Point (RSVP to Dacia or Facebook by June 18th)	8:30:00 AM: Stephens Ministry Meets		
					Gazette Deadline	
26	27	28	29	30	01	02
10:00 AM: Worship followed by Fellowship						
Sign Up sheet in Fellowship Hall for Directory Photos 28th, 29th & 30th: Noon-7:20 See Cheryl Rotz or call her at 218-205-4754 with questions!						