



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, worshipping 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: 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 (only 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...

Set Free



Many years ago as a seminary student, I participated in a ministry at the county jail. With bars between us, we conducted a short Bible study with the inmates and then opened it up for questions – and that’s when the fun started. Some questions were only attempts at self-justification. Others were mischievous, along the line of “let’s stump the pastor.” But some questions came from the empty space of a hungry soul, a soul sitting in jail with its failure before God as its constant cell mate.

One such question came to me one night as I stood off to the side of the jail bars to gain a modest amount of privacy. The man on the other side of the bars asked me, “Pastor, can God really forgive me, no matter what?” There was no mischievous twinkle in his eyes, no attempt to put the question out in front of the other inmates, just a hungry soul looking for something other than his failure to fill the emptiness he was feeling.

My answer was a simple “Yes,” and then followed by an explanation that

included the stories of David from the Old Testament, and Paul in the New – two men used by God in mighty ways to further His Kingdom. We often forget that both men at one time in their lives were notorious sinners. Each man in his own way had taken a serious moral fall, each had done despicable things to disgrace themselves and the God they professed to follow, and each needed to be set free by God’s undeserved forgiveness.

It was David, who wrote these words of Psalm 32,

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

And it was Paul, who penned the words in Romans 5,

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly... While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

There is a very true slogan that states, “Freedom isn’t free.” It’s a truism that reminds us to honor those who have paid the costly price to ensure our political freedoms. And for those who are free to name Christ as Savior, we are called to recognize the price that He paid to secure our spiritual freedom. The cross was the place of His death, but also the place where we were set free from the judgment for our sins.

To God be the glory!

Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes June 14, 2022

Present: DeAnn Melkert, Curt Cardwell, Shelly Fresonke, Chery Rotz, Karen Rossum, Gaylene Bader, Pastor Brad and John Ripley.

Absent: Duane Haiby, Jeff LaVigne, Harlan Seidell, and Dean Larsen.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Curt Cardwell and the mission statement was read.

Pastor Brad gave the opening devotions and prayer.

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

John Ripley gave a report on the current condition of our 40 year old organ. After having the Organ checked out, no repairs were recommended and it is a possible the organ may not last much longer. We may need to consider using the existing keyboard as an alternative.

The secretary's report was reviewed and approved.

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.

Pastor Brad gave his contact and visitation report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- We reiterated our commitment to promote evangelism and outreach.
- Cheryl Rotz gave a very positive update on the progress of the new directory.
- The date of the blood drive has been moved from October to December.
- The council members present made a motion to increase the payment for lawn mowing. Since there was no quorum, those not in attendance will be contacted.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Further discussion regarding the organ issue elicited information of the possible cost of a new organ. A new organ would cost around \$30,00 to \$35,000. More discussion is needed.

Mission of the month for July is Thip Prathane family benefit. She is the victim who survived being shot by her ex.

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

Next meeting is July 12, 2022 at 6:00.

Usher for the month of July is Jim Klitzke.

GRACE GAZETTE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

May 31, 2022

GENERAL FUND: May 2022

Monthly Budget

Amount	Receipts	Gain/ (Shortfall)
\$15,481.81	\$24,563.90	\$9,082.09
Attendance Average, 5 services		103
Concert Receipts		\$464.00
Mission Receipts		\$961.00

GRACE BUILDING EXPANSION FUND

Balance, May 1, 2022		\$54,564.00
May Receipts		\$
May Disbursements		(\$ 00.00)
Balance, May 31, 2022		\$54,564.00

GRACE MAJOR MAINTENANCE FUND:

Balance, May 1, 2022		\$11,224.53
May Receipts		\$.00
May Disbursements		\$.00
Balance, May 31, 2022		\$11,224.53

CONCERT/MISSION OF THE MONTH

Balance, May 1, 2022		\$5,881.97
May Receipts		\$1,425.00
May Disbursements		(\$1,631.00)
Balance, May 31, 2022		\$ 5,989.97

Submitted by Gaylene Bader, Treasurer

JULY 2022 LIBRARY CORNER *by Paulette Haddock*

Happy 4th of July!

Two animated children's movies were added this month. **Friends and Heroes: Horseplay**, features lessons on the importance of forgiveness and having true godly values. The episodes are based on the story of Joseph and his brothers and on the story of Philip and Simon the Sorcerer. This movie is for school aged children. **Iesodo—The Way of Jesus—Joy** is another animated movie. This one is about the birth of Jesus, featuring birds as the main characters. For example, King Herod is a peacock, and the three wise men are owls. Songs enhance the listening pleasure of young children. Both movies give parents opportunities to discuss Biblical values with children.


Four non-fiction books were added to our library, three for adults and one for young women. **For Young Women Only**, by Shaunti Feldhahn and Lisa A. Rice, is a compilation of information gleaned from interviews and surveys of Christian and non-Christian young men. The cover has the comment "What you need to know about how guys think," which tells the reader what this book is about. The authors are Christians who include Biblical values and comments. **I Promise: How 5 Commitments Determine the Destiny of Your Marriage** by Dr. Gary Smalley, is a wonderful guide for young people planning on marriage, or those newly married, but the principles may even put new life in an older marriage. **Fifty Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die** by John Piper, brings us face to face with the Savior, His love for us sinners, and what He accomplished by His death. Piper gathered the fifty reasons from the New Testament. Our last new book is **Not by Sight: A Fresh Look at Old Stories of Walking by Faith** by Jon Bloom. Thirty-five Bible stories have been retold by Bloom to help the reader understand what it means to walk by faith and to trust in God's faithfulness. Each story is preceded by the Scripture passage it is based on. Then the story is retold briefly, and a devotional message is added with an application.

June GLW Minutes

Not available at time of printing.

July Mission of the Month

Rally for Team Thip



AUGUST 21

VFW POST 5252

12 - 3 pm

Sunday April 10, 2022, our small town of Pelican Rapids, MN experienced a tragedy: Phonethip "Thip" Prathane, was shot 3 times by her long-time abuser. Despite having an Order for Protection, her abuser gained access to her parents' home. At the time of the incident, 6 of her children, her nephew, mother, and a friend were also in the home. She was taken by ambulance to Lake Region Hospital and was then life-flighted to St. Cloud Hospital.

She is left with a bullet in her body, a shattered hip, and multiple other injuries that leaves her unable to work. Once she is able to bear weight she will need to learn to walk again. She has been attending Physical Therapy & numerous trips to St. Cloud for follow up visits. The near future brings a long time of therapy services and assistance.

Prior to the incident, Thip had recently left her abuser and was establishing an independent life for her and her 7 children. Her parents welcomed them into their home while she was transitioning to this new lifestyle. She was working multiple jobs to provide a better life for her and her family.

As a result, of this incident, Thip's mother has also taken an undetermined amount of time off from work to stay home and help with the children during her recovery. This leaves one person, her dad, working to provide for all.

Please join us for a rally to help this hard-working family make it through this difficult time. Every bit helps!



DONATIONS

Donations can be sent to all Bell Bank locations.



Birthdays of the Month

- 2-Brad Bilden
- 3-Holly Stenger
- 4-Evelyn LaVigne
- 7-Brent Walker
- 8-Jane Berg
- 9-Cheryl Muchow
- 11-Zach Stoll
- 12-Hunter Pettengill
- Bev Scheer
- Alicia Teberg
- Rick Drevlow
- 13-Toby Ripley
- 14-RayLynn Ripley
- 16-Michael Norman
- 17-Jennifer Larson
- 19-Charlie Haugen
- 20-Judy Suiter
- 21-Gaylene Bader
- Wyatt Milbeck
- 22-Shelly Fresonke
- Arthur Wissbrod
- 24-Wyatt Haiby
- Brett Weiss
- 26-Don Wahlstrom
- 28-Arlene Stadum
- Larry Mostue
- 29-Carol Haiby
- 31-Amy Tollefson

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

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!!!

THE GRACE CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS...



The Zion Gospel Band

Grace Lutheran Church. LCMC
 US Hwy 59, Erhard, MN

Wednesday, July 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Free will offering ~ Refreshments served following concert!

Some of you know that we've launched online 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 to give through the church website. It's a safe and easy way to give any time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rena Kubitz or Kim Pederson for more information.

Thank you for your generosity and partnering with Grace to live our mission.

2022	JULY					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	01	02
						Church Reserved
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
10:00 AM: Worship with Holy Communion followed by Fellowship	Foundry Bingo in the Park following the 		8:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Brad 9:15 AM: Prayer Fellowship Meets			1:30 PM: The Foundry River Tubing @ Johnson's
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:00 AM: Worship followed by Fellowship		6:00 PM: Council meets	8:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Brad 9:15 AM: Prayer Fellowship Meets 7:00 PM: Concert -The Zion Band	TBD: The Foundry Sky Zone/Red Hawks Game (RSVP to Dacia by June 30th)	Pastor Brad out Friday-Sunday	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:00 AM: Worship followed by Fellowship			8:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Brad 9:15 AM: Prayer Fellowship Meets	6:30 PM: Senior High (9-12) Night at the Fair-Meet at the West Otter Tail Co. Fairgrounds		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:00 AM: Worship followed by Fellowship			8:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Brad 9:15 AM: Prayer Fellowship Meets	Sign Up sheet in Fellowship Hall for Directory Photos August Dates will be available soon! See Cheryl Rotz or call her at 218-205-4754 with questions!		
	Gazette Deadline					