



Grace Lutheran Church (LCMC)

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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 (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).

2022 Annual Pastor's Report for Grace Lutheran Church

Greetings in the goodness and grace of the Lord:

As I look back on 2022 and the changes it has brought to us, I can't help but be reminded of the opening words of Psalm 96.

*Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. (NIV)*

I think we can all agree that this past year has been a year in which we've had opportunities to sing some new songs to Lord – those silent songs our hearts sing when we trust in His goodness and faithfulness to us.

But, "New" can be a scary word also, especially when the "new" comes through a loss of some kind. I think of the new way of life that has come to us as we've said goodbye to some good friends in the past several years. Although they are free from the suffering and sickness of this world, we miss them dearly and are experiencing a new life without their presence. Yet, we take comfort in a God who is with us and plays His all-sufficient role in our lives as we find our new normal.

But this past year was not just about "new" through subtraction, for we have learned some new songs through addition also. Once again, we can look back on another year of being blessed with some really great new members – people who have blessed us with their talents, their willingness to serve, and their ministry of presence among us. They've been a great fit for the flow of grace filled service that has gone out from our church and into our community.

We continue to be blessed with a great church staff: a talented Minister of Music, an effective Minister of Youth, a diligent Church Secretary, a devoted Treasurer, and a hard-working custodian. Beyond staff, there are all the volunteers who make our church what it is: Grace Lutheran Women, Sunday School Teachers, Stephens Ministers, Church Council, Grace Weed n' Feed, and all the various board members, committees, and Bible Study leaders who give of their time and hearts to make Grace a substantive place.

Knowing that the Lord of the Church is with us in this next year allows us to sing even the old songs with fresh hearts as we continue to enjoy the fellowship and life of our church called "Grace." There will be ministry plans to make, but above all, let's resolve to make this a year in which we, *Sing to the LORD a new song and proclaim his salvation day after day.* I am looking forward to learning some new songs with you in 2023!

Pr. Brad Soenksen

Grace Lutheran Council Minutes January 10, 2023

Present: Duane Haiby, Curt Cardwell, DeAnn Melkert, Shelly Fresonke, Karen Rossum, Cheryl Rotz, Jennifer Larsen, Harlen Seidell, Gaylene Bader, and Pastor Brad.

Absent: Jeff LaVigne

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

Pastor Brad gave the opening devotions and prayer.

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Dean Nelson presented information regarding replacement locks for the front doors. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to get new locks through Budke Lock and Key in Fergus.

The secretary's minutes were reviewed and approved.

The treasurer's minutes were reviewed and approved.

Pastor Brad gave his report on activities and visitations.

Old Business:

- We reiterated our commitment to evangelism and outreach.
- Some money was moved to interest bearing funds in CD's.
- Annual reports are due January 20, 2023.
- Annual meeting is January 29, 2023.
- After some discussion a motion was made to have GLW take over the stove committee and make recommendations.
- Recommended budget was sent to all members.

New Business:

- Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge will visit Grace March 26,2023 during our service. Potluck to follow.
- The question regarding the organ is on hold.

February mission of the month is Pelican Food Shelf.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Next meeting is February 14, 2023.

Usher for the month of February is DeAnn Melkert.

Karen Rossum, secretary

The GLW Minutes

GLW did not meet in January

GRACE GAZETTE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

December 31, 2022

GENERAL FUND: December 2022

Monthly Budget

Amount	Receipts	Gain/ (Shortfall)
\$15,481.81	\$18,705.02	\$3,223.21

Attendance Average, 5 Services	169
Wednesday Concert	\$0.00
Mission Receipts	\$1,616.00

GRACE BUILDING EXPANSION FUND

Balance, December 1, 2022	\$54,794.00
December Receipts	\$ 5,015.00
December Disbursements	(\$.00)
Balance, December 31, 2022	\$59,809.00

GRACE MAJOR MAINTENANCE FUND:

Balance, December 1, 2022	\$11,234.53
December Receipts	\$10,000 .00
December Disbursements	(\$.00)
Balance, December 31, 2022	\$21,234.53

CONCERT/MISSION OF THE MONTH

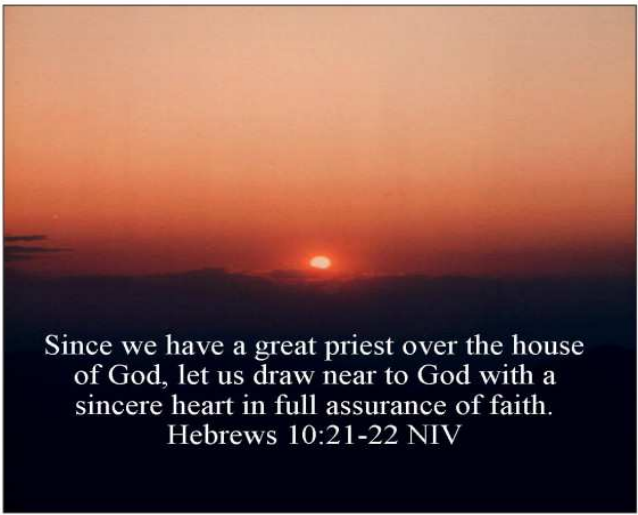
Balance, December 1, 2022	\$6,411.97
December Receipts	\$ 1,616.00
December Disbursements	(\$1,616.00)
Balance, December 31, 2022	\$6,411.97

Submitted by Gaylene Bader, Treasurer

Grace Lutheran Church

MISSION OF THE MONTH

The PR Food Shelf



Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith.
Hebrews 10:21-22 NIV

FEBRUARY LIBRARY CORNER by *Paulette Haddock*

This year I am going to conduct an inventory of our 1,019 items to assure we have an adequate catalog on our church website. Our shelves will not accommodate 1,019 items, so I will be rotating and inventorying a different category each month. If you do not see an item you know we have, please ask me and I will attempt to locate it for you in our storage.

In January, I did an inventory of the 173 movies in our library catalog and discovered that the following movies are missing: #15 *The Ponderosa*, #16 *Brother Against Brother*, # 17 *Spirit Rider*, #18 *Jacob's Harvest*, #48 *Little Ones Can Do Big Things, Too!* Three movies, #94, #110 & #158, have been removed because of damage or content. One damaged movie, #97, was replaced with a new copy. If you have any of the lost movies at home, please return it to the library. Thank you. The Christmas movies were removed and placed in storage after they were counted. Christian fiction will be inventoried next.

Thank you to all those who returned their books, movies and magazines to the library return drawers! Almost everything was returned in a timely manner, so I only had a few people to contact in January. I will only contact you if you have an item more than three months. My purpose is to make sure the item is not lost. Please be sure you print your name and the date clearly on the checkout card, then place the card in the wooden box on the counter. When you return the item, please put books in the top right drawer and movies in the top left drawer. Please DO NOT put them back on the shelf.

Thank you from your library committee: Paulette Haddock, Karen Nelson, and Cheryl Rotz.



FEBRUARY Birthdays

- 3 -Ben Honrud
- 4 -Terry Pauli
- 7 -Danielle Grunewald
- 8 -Derek Tollefson
- 9 -Doug Motz
-Evan Kubitz
-Peter Ronnevik
- 10 -Roger Rossum
-Ryder Noble
- 11 -Shaun Ripley
-David Motz
-Cassie Nelson
-Andrea Nelson
- 12 -Daryl Stadum
-Nicholas Anderson
-Reid Norgren
-Janna Gerold
- 13 -Hailey Peasley
-Ole Nelson
- 14 -Liala Nordling
-Anna Erlandson
- 17 -Amie Chouinard
-Ava Martin
- 18 -Toni Rossow
-Aiden Michaelson
- 19 -Lincoln Haiby
- 20 -Dale Gilbertson
-Jon Mayfield
-Lily Teberg
- 21 -David Ripley
-Colleen LaPoint
-Joseph Gerold
-Denver Gast
- 22 -Ryan Melkert
-Sherri Peterson
- 23 -Carol Ripley
-Marty Soenksen
-Julia Weiss
-Diane Haugrud
- 24 -Sarah Nehk
- 25 -Greta Tollefson
-Amanda Aaberg
- 26 -Lucy Stadum
- 28 -Barbara Schaible

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.

Please join us for Wednesdays during Lent

Soup, Sandwich and the Word

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd—March 29th

with a meal served starting at 5:30 P.M.

Devotional at 6:30 P.M.

Everyone Welcome!



If you've been missed on the birthday list or have a congratulation to share, please notify the church office at:

**(218)842-5205 or
glclcmc@gmail.com**

A huge "thank you" to everyone who so graciously provided meals, goodies and to everyone who prayed for us and gave hugs. We appreciated it so very much.

Danny & Cheryl Melkert

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



Thank you to everyone who helped make my 90th birthday memorable.

Adrian Westergard

2023	FEBRUARY					
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 6:00 PM: Choir Practice 6:30 PM: Youth Group Meets			
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
9:00: Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM: Worship with Holy Communion followed by Fellowship			8:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr Brad 9:15 AM: Prayer Fellowship 6:00 PM: Choir Practice			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00: Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM: Worship followed by Fellowship	<i>Quilters will meet Monday and Tuesday</i>		8:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr Brad 9:15 AM: Prayer Fellowship 6:00 PM: Choir Practice 6:30 PM: Youth Group Meets	9:00 AM: GLW meets		
		 6:00 PM: Council Meets				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00: Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM: Worship followed by Fellowship	9:30 AM: Women's Home Bible Study at Rachel Ronnevik's		8:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Brad 9:15 AM: Prayer Fellowship Meets 5:30 PM: <i>Soup, Supper and the Word with Devotional at 6:30 PM</i> 6:30 PM: Youth Group meets 7:00 PM: Choir Practice ASH WEDNESDAY	8:30 AM: Stephens Ministry Meets		
26	27	28	01	02	03	04
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