

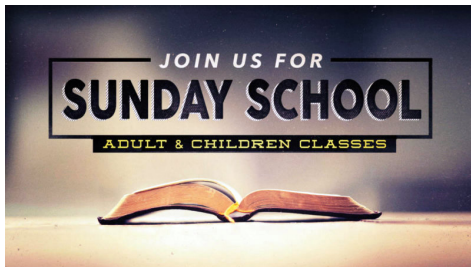


Grace Lutheran Church (LCMC)

PO Box 10
Erhard, MN 56534

September
2023 Grace Gazette

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

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 Pr. Brad...

Dominion



The history of the law enforcement agency we know today as the Texas Rangers traces its beginning back to 1823. With close to 700 families homesteading the territory of Texas, 10 men were commissioned by the territorial authority as Rangers. Their mandate was to provide law and order for the settlers. By 1837 the force had grown to 300 men.

The Rangers functioned as both law enforcement and military defense. They fought in Texas' War of Independence from Mexico and then later in the Mexican-American War. With their knowledge of terrain and tactics, combined with a fearsome reputation as fighters, they brought law, order, and peace to Texas.

Throughout the history of Texas, those who committed crimes ranging from cattle stealing to murder would have to contend with the Rangers. Through their tenacity and toughness, they extended the dominion of the Texas government to the remotest of regions. As one outlaw confessed,

The Rangers... their guns were always loaded and their aim was unerring; they slept in the saddle and ate while they rode... when they took up our trail they followed it doggedly day and night.

“Dominion” is a word that means “control” – it’s based on the old Latin root “dominium”

meaning, “property ownership rights.” Now that’s a concept we can all relate to – when we pay for something, whether it be a hamburger, a car, or a house, it’s ours and we have rights that come with ownership.

Today, as Christians, we live under the dominion of human government, and the Bible tells us that we should submit to this authority when it doesn’t violate our faith. As our Lord told us, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s; and to God the things that are God’s” (Matthew 22:21).

Yet, there is a clear priority for us as God’s children who are citizens of His eternal kingdom – He calls us to live first and foremost under His dominion. The reason for this priority is that God has not only created us, but He has also paid the price to redeem us out of our slavery to sin and death. He has “purchased” us through the suffering and death of His Son Jesus Christ and therefore has all the rights of ownership or “dominion” over us.

But, here is the good part – instead of fearing His rule, or fighting His control, we can rest in it, because His ownership is marked by His unconditional love and personal sacrifice for us. It’s because of His blessed and eternal dominion won for us through Jesus Christ that He calls to cast our anxieties upon Him. We can do this knowing that He cares deeply for us. And, He reminds us that even during our trials, His dominion is in tact and our future is secure. As the Apostle Peter wrote to early Christians suffering persecution and death from a Roman government (1 Peter 5),

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, 7 casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you... 10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. 11 To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes August 15, 2023

Present: Duane Haiby, Harlan Seidell, Jennifer Larson, Shelly Fresonke, Jeff LaVigne, Karen Rossum, and guest, Randy Freund.

Absent: Curt Cardwell, Gaylene Bader, DeAnn Melkert, and Pastor Brad.

The meeting was called to order by Duane and our mission statement was read.

Duane Haiby gave opening devotions and prayer.

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Pastor Brad's letter of resignation was read and accepted.

Randy Freund from Augustana District then discussed avenues we need to explore considering Brad's resignation effective a year from now. Randy discussed short term and long-term vision.

After discussion, it was decided to have a committee of three meet with Pastor Brad regarding short term help.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Continue our commitment to outreach and evangelism.
- The insurance claim for the wall has been submitted.
- After a brief discussion regarding at a short meeting a week ago regarding two CD's that have come due. A motion was made and approved to renew the CD's for another seven months at a higher interest rate.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jeff Struck presented information regarding organ alternatives.
- August 27 Cheryl Melkert's years of dedication to Grace will be celebrated with a corsage, gift, and cake.
- November 26 the group Crossroads will do the service.

Mission of the month for September if Ryan Severson.

A motion was made to adjourn and approved.

The next meeting is September 12, 2023 at 6P.M.

Usher for September is Karen Rossum.

Karen Rossum, secretary

GRACE GAZETTE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

July 31, 2023

GENERAL FUND: July 2023

Monthly Budget

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Gain/ (Shortfall)</u>
\$16,354.84	\$15,406.33	(\$948.51)
Attendance Average, 5 services		92
Concert Receipts		\$686.00
Mission Receipts		\$1,254.12

GRACE BUILDING EXPANSION FUND

Balance, July 1, 2023	\$6,069.00
July Receipts	\$
July Disbursements	(\$ 00.00)
Balance, July 31, 2023	\$6,069.00

GRACE MAJOR MAINTENANCE FUND:

Balance, July 1, 2023	\$16,103.88
July Receipts	\$.00
July Disbursements	\$.00
Balance, July 31 2023	\$16,103.88

CONCERT/MISSION OF THE MONTH

Balance, July 1, 2023	\$7,014.12
July Receipts	\$1,940.12
July Disbursements	(\$1,554.12)
Balance, July 31, 2023	\$7,400.92

Submitted by Gaylene Bader, Treasurer

What: An Invitation to Women of Grace to be part of a home Bible study and fellowship time

Why: To receive joy, hope, comfort, and kindness that will refresh hearts as God's word is read amidst the beautiful support of Christian women fellowship

Where: In the home of Hans and Rachel Ronnevik

When: Sept-May monthly gatherings on the first and third Monday of each month, 9:30-11:00 A.M. (The first study this fall is Monday, Sept. 18 due to Labor Day being on the 4th of Sept. (the first Monday)

There is a special bonding of friendship as people gather in homes to find additional encouragement in the Word and share thoughts gleaned from Scripture in a smaller intimate setting.

As a relatively new member of Grace, I have appreciated this home setting to study scripture because I have gotten to know other Christian women of all ages and walks of life with more depth. I consider these Bible study women my sisters in Christ because there is a closeness that develops when relationships are founded in faith in Jesus.

This summer, in addition to the monthly gatherings of Sept-May, women enjoyed a July morning of fellowship at the home of Marty and Cynthia Sheide. Along with a delicious brunch, I was refreshed with the smiles and kindness from all who came. It affirmed the need to keep gathering in homes to grow our friendship and faith.

Women of Grace, you are invited to the home Bible study which meets twice a month at Rachel Ronnevik's home. If you cannot come for all gatherings, come when you can and be refreshed.

Apostle Paul wrote the following words to his friend Philemon, who offered his heart and home to the Colossian church. These words are very fitting for Grace, as well. They encourage us to keep connecting with one another in Bible study and fellowship:

"Your love has given me much joy and comfort, my brother, for your kindness has refreshed the hearts of God's people." Philemon 1:7

Annette Struck

Grace Lutheran

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Ryan Syverson Family



Ryan was a beautiful soul taken too soon. His faith was strong and was evident in how he lived each day. Often telling others "What is Faith without Faith." His diagnosis of Glioblastoma (brain cancer) was devastating but he was determined to never let it stop him. His motivation to live life to the fullest all throughout his 3 ½ year cancer battle gave hope to others that if he could do it, others can too. Never give up on your dreams. "Work hard and believe you can" were his words of wisdom for others. "If you want to be AMAZING, you have to work for it!" He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and students. His legacy will live on in all those he loved.



- 1-Virginia Stangeland
- 2-Brian Fresonke
 - Ryan Metzger
- Alisa Grunewald
- 4-Mason Mann
 - Bria Peterson
- 5 -Linda Wright
- 6 -Cheryl Melkert
- 7 -Daren Tollefson
- 8 -Brody Peterson
 - Ray Weiss
- 9 -Calli Thorson
- 10 -Christopher Haugen
 - Jim Pederson
 - Austin Stoll
- Christopher Bigelow
- 11 -Michelle Teberg
- 12-Herman Hafner
 - Dalton Stenger
 - Seth Martin
- 13 -Rick Teberg
 - Sarah Bigelow
- 14-Dacia Johnson
- 16-Myrna Skunberg
 - Robyn Hoeper
- 17 -Alana Pettit
 - Ethan Olson
- 21 -Jerry Ouren
 - Gene Nygaard
- 22 -Bruce Walker
 - Ruby Milbeck
- 23 -John Thorson
 - 24 -Staci Haiby
- 25 -Susan Hafner
 - April Monson
 - Shannon Scheer
 - Steve Sundblad
 - Lisa Milbeck
 - Andrew Price
- Carter Grunewald
- 27 -Jason Grunewald
 - Pat Cardwell
- 28 -Bill Thompson
- 29 -Maggie Melkert
- 30 -Brianna Mostue
 - Dean Nelson
 - Marty Sheide

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study
will begin *Sunday, September 10th*
9:00 AM
All are welcome to join our study

The Grace Concert Series presents.....



Paul and Kara Fladland

Date: Wednesday, September 13th, 2023
Time: 7:00 pm
Venue: Grace Lutheran Church, Erhard, MN

Everyone welcome-free will offering
Refreshments served after concert

Rally Sunday

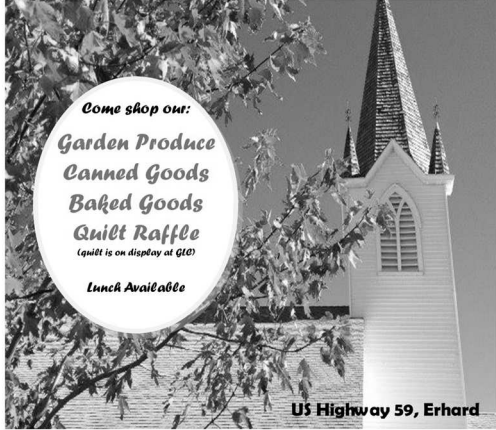
The Grace Lutheran Sunday School & Confirmation Class will kick off their new year on Sept 10th at 9:00 AM



Please join us for Rally Sunday
Worship at 10:00 A.M.
Meal immediately following worship

October Gazette
Deadline.....
September 27th!

Grace Lutheran Church of Erhard
Annual Fall Bazaar
Saturday, September 30, 2023
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM



Come shop our:
Garden Produce
Canned Goods
Baked Goods
Quilt Raffle
(quilt is on display at GLO)
Lunch Available

US Highway 59, Erhard



MARK YOUR CALENDARS
OUR FUTURE BLOOD DRIVE DATES

12/18/23
04/15/24
08/20/24

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

2023	SEPTEMBER					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
						Sunday School Teachers Classroom Prep.
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM: Worship with Holy Communion followed by Fellowship		3:00-4:00 PM: Pastor Brad at Riverfront on Main and PV Senior Living	8:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Brad 9:15 AM: Prayer Fellowship Meets NO FOUNDRY			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
RALLY SUNDAY 9:00 AM: : Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM: Worship followed by Rally Sunday School Picnic 1:30 PM: Church Reserved		6:00 PM: Council Meets	8:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Brad 9:15 AM: Prayer Fellowship Meets 10:00 AM: Stephens Ministry Meets 7:00 PM: Concert Fladlands			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00 AM: Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM: Worship followed by Fellowship	9:30 - 11:00 AM: Women of Grace Bible Study at the home of Rachel Ronnevik		8:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Brad 9:15 AM: Prayer Fellowship Meets 6:00 PM: Choir Practice 6:30 - 8:30 PM: Foundry Fall Kickoff!	9:00 AM: GLW Meets		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:00 AM: Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM: Worship followed by Fellowship			8:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Brad 9:15 AM: Prayer Fellowship Meets 6:00 PM: Choir Practice			9:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Grace Fall Bazaar

2023-2024 Grace Sunday School/Confirmation Registration Form

PLEASE RETURN TO OFFICE OR TEACHER ASAP

Child's Name: _____
Grade in school: _____
Birthday (month, day and year): _____
Any special needs or allergies (if so, please list): _____

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Any special needs or allergies (if so, please list): _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone (please list who's number this is): _____

Cell Phone (please list who's number this is):: _____

Emergency contact (name and phone number): _____

Note: To register your child for the Pre-kindergarten class he/she must be 4 years old by September 1st of this year. All Pre-K children must be picked up inside the church each week.