



Grace Lutheran Church (LCMC) of Erhard

PO Box 10

Erhard, MN 56534

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2026 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 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group to Follow

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.: Grace Choir meet (during school year)

Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 p.m. Grace Youth Meet

GLW MINUTES from May and June 2026

May 21, 2026

Welcome, Table Grace, and Bible Study with Pastor Steve.

We began our meeting by reading scripture on page 4 of our booklets.

Secretary and Treasurer Report approved.

Thank you to Sandy Brummer for leading April's meeting with the absence of the President and vice President.

OLD BUSINESS:

- *VBS Committee is working on having VBS July 20-23 4:30-7:00pm.

- *Weed and Feed moved to Thursday 21 at 5pm.

- *GLW gave a gift card to Tiffany for Secretary Day.

NEW BUSINESS:

- *Amber Nichols contacted Tiffany in regard to reserving Fellowship Hall for Celebration of Life approval

- *GLW gives money for Camp.

- *Debbie Bergren will take over Baptismal Banners for Ardis.

Thank you to Renee and Karen N for the great brunch. Volunteers for June is Faye and Karen R.

Birthday and Birthday Song

Offering and Offering song

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting June 18, 2026

Sheila Ouren, Secretary

June 18, 2026

Welcome, Table Grace and Bible Study with Pastor Steve.

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Secretary and Treasurer Report reviewed and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- *Celebration of Life for Robin Klovstads brother Keith went well on Sat.

- *No meeting in July

NEW BUSINESS:

- *Our sympathy to Margaret Barringers family in her passing.

- *Was brought up to keep in touch with our youth that have been confirmed and graduated to let them know we still care about them.

- *VBS still needs help

- *Fathers Day Sunday 21st.

- *Mission of the Month for July is Lisa Emery who lost her home in a fire.

GLW will not meet in July.

Blood Drives coming up; August 18, 2026; Jan. 18, 2027; May 17, 2027; September 20, 2027.

Craft Days June 22 and 23, with potluck meet at 9am.

Volunteers for August brunch Carol H. and Karen N.

Birthday and Birthday song.

Offering and Offering Song.

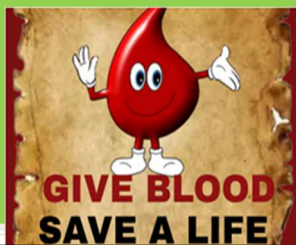
Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting, August 20th, 2026

Sheila Ouren, Secretary

August Birthdays

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| 1-Taylor Thorson | 19-Clayton Peterson |
| 2-Bennett Haiby | -Zechariah Skunberg |
| 3-Marcia Dillon | -Michael Honrud |
| -Jullian Norgren | 20-Renee Stadum |
| 5-Dick Rossow | 21-Madalyn Ripley |
| -Jim Klitzke | -Cora Dillon |
| 6-Kirby Swanson | -Myra Dillon |
| 7-Mitchell Wright | -Kelsey Price |
| 8-Donna Anderson | -Vicki Demblon |
| 10-Holly Bilden | -Jacob Nehk |
| -Hazen Milbeck | 23-Jerry Pederson |
| 13-Scott Scheer | -Andy Ripley |
| -Julie Winkels | -Billy Milbeck |
| -Bruce Schaible | 24-Sheila Ouren |
| 14-Eugene Harthun | 25-DeAnn Melkert |
| -Gracie Hill | -Jared Dewey |
| -Rita Olson | 26-Danny Melkert |
| 15-Jennifer Sonmor | -Lisa Fiala |
| 16-Shannon Bilden | 28-Save Haiby |
| -Caleb Lewis | 29-Robin Klovstad |
| 17-Sam Ravenscraft | -Arica Sanchez |
| -Brooklyn Christianson | -Sandy Brummer |
| -Chloe Dillon | 30-John Wright |
| -Frederick Mavis | 31-Claire Metzger |
| 18- Jesse Scheer-Lyman | |
| -Connor Larson | |



Grace Lutheran Church

August 18th

1:00PM - 6:00PM

726 Fergus Ave

Erhard, MN 56534

For an appointment, please visit Red-CrossBlood.org

Or call or see DeAnn Melkert 701-640-3461

Treasurer Report

July 2026

Monthly

Income: \$17,067.05

Expenses: \$13,045.41

Submitted by Rick Drevlow

Year to Date

Income: \$112,687.22

Expenses: \$86,231.62



Grace Lutheran Church (Erhard)



Grace Lutheran Church of Erhard, MN (LCC)

Fergus Falls Area
Habitat for Humanity
Affiliate

Grace Lutheran Church

Mission of the Month

Amanda Grover



Amanda pictured with her husband and children

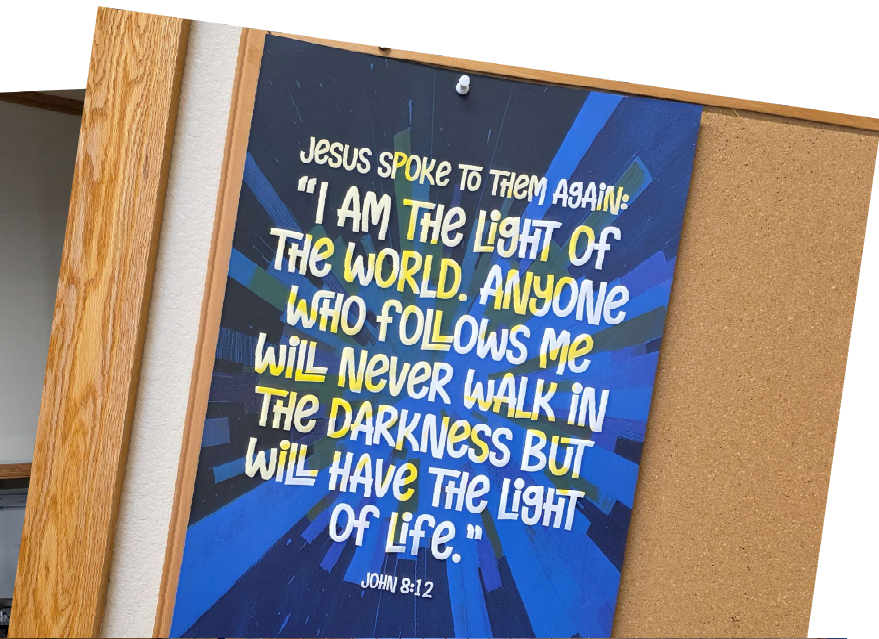


Amanda Grover (from Barnesville) has lived with the debilitating pain of chronic pancreatitis for over 20 years. Her condition has recently grown worse, leaving her unable to work and making daily tasks a severe challenge. Between frequent week-long hospital stays and constant trips to the University of Minnesota, her husband has missed a significant amount of work to be her primary caregiver and driver. This challenging health condition has taken a financial toll on Amanda and her family. The doctors at one time were going to remove her pancreas, but if they would've, she would've developed diabetes. Instead the doctors are looking into a spinal pain pump for continuous medication to help Amanda with her constant pain.

Amanda's family is incredibly grateful for any financial relief you can provide during this challenging time, and they ask most of all for your powerful prayers.

Vacation Bible School at Grace Lutheran Church

Illumination *John 8:12



VBS was a success this year! There was around 25 students I believe! This could not have been Done without all those who volunteered their Time to make VBS possible for these children. You all are so greatly appreciated for what you Have done! VBS volunteers were:

*Pastor Steve & Ryder Sundblad; 5&6 graders
*Emma Rasmusson & Brenda Waswick; 3th & 4th
*DeAnn Melkert & Jean Bengston; K-2nd grade
*Music; Aimee Nordlund & Annette Struck

*Crafts: Sandy Brummer, Cheryl Rotz, Kelly Peasley & Diane Klitzke
*Games: Jim Klitze, Jeff Struck, & Rita Olson
*Kitchen: Carol Haiby, Karen Nelson, Lisa Zimmerman & Brooke Marquardt
*Hall Monitor & Speaker: Duane Haiby

*Paulette Haddock, for organizing the activites and keeping track of the time and introducing everyday the lessons!

*Linda & John Wright for helping where help was needed.

*Jeanette Ripley for helping myself (Tiffany Nelson) with decorating!

***If I forgot anyone, I apologize, you're help was also greatly appreciated.

*Speaker: Pastor Steve

*Audio/Slides: Ryder Sundblad

*Parade/float volunteers: unsure of who all helped,
but thank you so much for doing what you did!



Women's Gathering at
Franks Lodge, Dent
MN back in June 2026.
With Guest Speaker
Barb Walswick





- 5th Annual -

Awesome for Andy Day **BENEFIT**

Saturday, August 15

The Depot on 59, Erhard

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM AWESOME FOR
ANDY DAY GO TO SUPPORT JACE GRANT**

Jace Daniel Grant, a fun-loving 13-year-old, was diagnosed with T-cell leukemia on December 11th, 2025, bringing a sudden and life-altering change to his family. As Jace goes through this difficult journey alongside his parents, Jarod Grant, Chelsey and Justin Ness, and his sibling, the family is facing ongoing travel, treatments, medications, and many unexpected expenses. Support from this fundraiser will help ease the financial burden so the family can focus on Jace's care, comfort, and recovery.

Jace is the grandson of Jody Grant and the late Daniel Grant, who passed away last year, Feb. 25, 2025.

FUN RUN \$20

**REGISTRATION 10 AM
RIDE 11 AM - 6 PM**

Anything with wheels is welcome!

**STOPS INCLUDE: SILVER DOLLAR - ELIZABETH, ROTHSAY POWERHOUSE, PELICAN RAPIDS VFW,
LOONIES PUB - VERGAS, BILLY'S BAR - VERGAS, DOUGOUT - DENT, BELL'S - STAR LAKE,
PIT 611 - LAKE PARK, CORMORANT PUB, ROAD HOUSE - CORMORANT,
YE OLD SCHOOOLHOUSE - ERHARD, THE DEPOT ON 59 - ERHARD**

PRIZES

**1ST PRIZE - \$200 CASH
2ND PRIZE - \$100 CASH
3RD PRIZE - \$50 CASH**

MUSIC • DJ 6-10 PM

RAFFLE BOARD

**+ CASH
PRIZES & GUN
RAFFLE**

Your Support is Greatly Appreciated

2026	AUGUST					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
	Pastor Steve gone 7/27-8/2/26		No Bible Study 7:00-8:30pm: Grace Youth Meet			
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
10:00 AM: Worship followed by Fellowship			9:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Steve, prayer group to follow 7:00-8:30pm: Grace Youth Meet		Rehearsal for Johnson/Stachler Wedding	Johnson/Stachler Wedding
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
10:00 AM: Worship with Holy communion followed by Fellowship		MN Primary Election Day	9:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Steve, prayer group to follow 7:00-8:30pm: Grace Youth Meet			
		6:00 PM: Council meets				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:00 AM: Worship followed by Fellowship		1:00 PM-6:00 PM: Blood Drive	9:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Steve, prayer group to follow 7:00-8:30pm: Grace Youth Meet	9:00 AM: GLW meets		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:00 AM: Worship followed by Fellowship with cake and ice cream for Sheila Ourens birthday (family will provide)	Gazette Deadline		9:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Steve, prayer group to follow 7:00-8:30pm: Grace Youth Meet			