



Grace Lutheran Church (LCMC)

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Erhard, MN 56534

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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

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 (during school year)

Morning Bible Study: Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Fellowship: Every Wednesday immediately following Morning Bible Study.

Foundry Youth Group: Every Wednesday night 7:00pm-8:30pm



Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes September 8, 2026

Present: Rick Drevlow, Duane Haiby, Phyllis Rossow, Shelly Fresonke, Jeff Carlson, Karen Rossum, and Pastor Steve. Absent: Jim Klitzke, Brady Stadum and DeAnn Melkert.

The meeting opened by reading our mission statement.

Pastor Steve gave opening and devotions and prayer.

The agenda was then reviewed and approved.

The treasurer's and secretary's reports were reviewed and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Grace Lutheran Continues our commitment to evangelism and outreach.
- The date and cost for Inspiration Point VBS can't be determined until early 2027.
- Jeff Carlson gave a report on security cameras. A subscription is needed.
- Youth update: Geralyn would be interested in doing a Christmas program with our youth.
- There is a need to find a secure place for the church blueprints.
- Forty-four units of blood was collected at the blood drive.
- The minutes for July's special meeting was reviewed and approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Upcoming blood drives; 1/18/2027, 5/17/2027, 9/20/2027.
- October 11 was chosen as a date to recognize Pastor Steve's 25 years in the ministry.
- Usher duties were reviewed.
- Church website will include Pastor Steve's schedule and church secretary's schedule.
- Jeff Carlson gave a report on copyright law regarding church.
- Rally Sunday is September 13, 2026, Group I serves.
- The annual Fall Bazaar is September 26, 2026.
- Pastor Steve recommended finding staff for children's ministry.
- Duane Haiby suggested when church members do Gideon Sunday the fee should be given to the Gideons. After a very short discussion everyone agreed.

Mission of the Month for October is Anne Carlsen Center.

A motion was made to adjourn and passed unanimously.

The next meeting is October 13, 2026.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Usher for October DeAnn Melkert.

Karen Rossum, Secretary

Treasurer Report

August 2026

Monthly

Income: \$13,556.44

Expenses: \$14,797.70

Year to Date

Income: \$138,991.96

Expenses: \$118,109.91

Submitted by Rick Drevlow

Grace Lutheran Church
Minutes of special council meeting
July 12, 2026

President Rick Drevlow called to order a brief special meeting of the Grace Lutheran Church Council on July 12th, after worship. Other council members present was Shelly Fresonke, Jim Klitzke, DeAnn Melkert, and Phyllis Ronnow. Absent: Jeff Carlson, Duane Haiby, Karen Rossum, & Brady Stadum. Drevlow declared that a quorum was present.

Drevlow reported that our church may be eligible for a substantial insurance premium discount if it could be proven that at least 3 years had elapsed since the hail damage to the roof had occurred. He also reported that Haiby would seek a competing quote from North Star Insurance in Pelican Rapids.

Drevlow announced that Minister of Music Aimee Nordlund would be resigning in August but that this information was confidential at this point. He welcomed ideas for filing for position, indicated the need for a position description, and said that a committee of two would be named to seek a replacement at the regular August council meeting.

Phyllis Rosrow
Acting Secretary

GLW Minutes

The Grace Lutheran Women met Thursday, September 17, 2026 with President Karen Rossum presiding.

Welcome and Table Grace.

Brunch with Cynthia & Diane serving.

Pastor Steve lead us in opening prayer and devotion.

We opened our meeting by reading scripture on pg. 4 of our booklets.

Secretary's & Treasurer's Report were read and approved.

~Oct. 11 Pastor appreciation Day, will be celebrating Pastor Steve's 25 years of Ministry that day with serving a meal after worship, and Pastor Steve will be singing special music also during worship.

~8 Confirmation students between 7th and 8th grade.

~15 children between prek-6th grade in Sunday School, as of now.

~Oct. 24th is the Chicken Dinner.

Thank You to Cynthia & Diane for our delicious brunch.

Birthday and Birthday Song.

Offering and Offering Song.

Next meeting is October 15, 2026. Faye & Pat will serve.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sheila Ouren, Sec.

October Library Corner by Paulette Haddock

Traditionally, October 12 was celebrated as Columbus Day to commemorate his landing in the "New World." Today we celebrate this day as Indigenous Peoples' Day in honor of those who were actually the first people on this continent. October 31 was originally known as "All Saints Day Eve," or "All Hallows Eve." Today, in the USA, we call it "Halloween," and it is anything but a hallowed (holy) evening! Many words have changed meaning over time, and even what we know about historical events has changed and been reinterpreted. That is not true with God; He "is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow." He also promised that His Word would never "pass away." We can depend upon His character and His Word.

Inside the Mysteries of the Bible: New Perspectives on Ancient Truths from the American Bible Society is not new in our library, but it gives new insight to many things that concern the Bible and the Church. I found this historical insight interesting. *"On October 13, 1307, King Philippe IV of France, alarmed by the growing power of the [Knights Templar] arrested all the Templars in his kingdom—some 2,000 of them. They were tried, convicted, and sentenced to either imprisonment or death. Only about 150 of those convicted were actually Knights; the rest were of a lower order. A sick, weak Pope Clement V was horrified but went along with Philippe's scheme. The brutal episode effectively put an end to the ascendancy of the Knights—and became the origin of old superstitions about Friday the 13th."* There is no Friday the 13th this month, but there is in November. See more fact books on our display shelves.

This month I have processed more of the children's books donated to the library. They are all for little children, but can be enjoyed by older siblings or parents as they read to younger children. ***Jonah*** and ***Joseph***, from Brendon Publishing, are both padded board books with colorful illustrations. Three board books titled ***The Story of Moses*** range from very simple, to interactive, to a book with short paragraph captions. All have illustrations. Two books use the words to "Jesus Loves Me." ***Jesus Loves Me!*** Is a padded board book featuring a bear family singing all three verses of this wonderful children's song as they go through their day. I am surprised that only one verse is traditionally sung. Read it and see if you don't agree with me. We need to sing all three. The illustrations by Tim Warnes are delightful! The other book, ***Jesus Loves Me: Songs of Joy***, is a "Play-a-Song" book that contains four songs for children and has accompanying music.

One adult book by Lauraine Snelling was added: ***A Season of Harvest*** (Leah's Garden, book 4) Snelling's fans will enjoy this rural homestead adventure with another strong woman playing a leading role. I'll try to find the others in this series.



- 1 -Ashley Hammer
- Teresa Johnson
- Boone Stoll
- 2 -Andy Anderson
- Roger Michaelson
- Sawyer Milbeck
- 4 -Rena Kubitz
- Connie Rutherford
- 5 -Allen Stadum
- Avery Hill
- 7 -Eleanor Stadum
- Paul Aaberg
- Colt Peterson
- 8 -Mark LaPoint
- Kayla Norman
- 9 -Jessica Garner
- Ethan Bennett
- 10 -Gary Stadum
- Ben Dillon
- Kristi Christianson
- Lindsay Milbeck
- Dawn Haiby
- 12 -Craig Ripley
- Phyllis Rossow
- 13 -John Nordling
- 14 -Alexis Ouren
- 15 -Kevin Nehk
- Brianna Norman
- Jeff Struck
- 16 -Whitmen LaVigne
- Dawsen Stoll
- Jessica Grunewald
- 17 -Susan Stengrim
- 18 -Jenna Dillon
- Jeff Anderson
- Diane Klitzke
- 20 -Joanie Fouquette
- 21 -Viva Dillon
- 22 -Amber Martin
- Kelly Dillon
- 23 -Mallory Sand
- 24 -Diane Pauli
- 25 -Kristen Haiby
- Cassie Dillon
- 27 -Brent McKellips
- Brock Hasling
- 28 -William LaVigne

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF ERHARD**
NORTH OF ERHARD
ON HIGHWAY 59

Annual CHICKEN DINNER

**SATURDAY
October 24, 2026
4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Free Will Offering
A Thrivent Action Team Event

MENU
Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Green Beans
Coleslaw
Desserts
Bread
Beverages

*Good Food!
Great People!
Stronger
Together!*

We hope to see you there!

Check our [Facebook](#) page for updates!
Grace Lutheran Church (LCMC) of Erhard, MN

**All Saints Day, Day of Prayer
November 1, 2026**
Grace Lutheran Church
**Starting at 12:15 (end time is
unknown at this time)**

This year the Day of Prayer will be for
the State of Minnesota.

Paulette will be working on the details,
and will also have the booklets
available again this year!

Thank you to Lila Nordling for the
purchase of the handrails in the women's
restroom! It is much appreciated!

A Huge thank you to everyone who helped make the
Bazaar a success, from setting up, bringing in items,
and who worked the day of.

Quilt Winners: Samuel Walswick & Mary Nelson

Door Prize winners of \$25 gift card each were:
Kris Dillon
Jim Nelson
Arlene Duenow
Lila Berund

Thank you again from the Grace Lutheran Women

Bible Study Tools
**31-Day Scripture
Writing Challenge**

October

God speaks to us through His Word, so take some time each day this month to
write down the following Scripture. If you have time, you might want to also write
a prayer that the Scripture leads you to pray, or your reflections as you write.

☐ Oct. 1 Luke 6:35	☐ Oct. 17 Revelation 1:8
☐ Oct. 2 2 John 1:6	☐ Oct. 18 Psalm 42:11
☐ Oct. 3 Proverbs 17:17	☐ Oct. 19 2 Peter 1:16
☐ Oct. 4 Judges 5:31	☐ Oct. 20 Psalm 112:1
☐ Oct. 5 Zechariah 8:16	☐ Oct. 21 Deut. 28:9
☐ Oct. 6 2 Thess. 1:11-12	☐ Oct. 22 1 Kings 8:61
☐ Oct. 7 Hosea 6:6	☐ Oct. 23 2 Peter 1:20-21
☐ Oct. 8 Romans 14:17-19	☐ Oct. 24 John 17:17
☐ Oct. 9 Luke 12:33-34	☐ Oct. 25 Romans 10:8
☐ Oct. 10 1 Peter 4:10	☐ Oct. 26 Judges 6:12
☐ Oct. 11 Zechariah 7:9-10	☐ Oct. 27 Isaiah 41:13
☐ Oct. 12 Daniel 7:13-14	☐ Oct. 28 Matthew 10:28
☐ Oct. 13 Isaiah 47:4	☐ Oct. 29 Romans 8:15
☐ Oct. 14 2 Samuel 22:29	☐ Oct. 30 1 Peter 3:14
☐ Oct. 15 Psalm 8:3-4	☐ Oct. 31 Psalm 23:4
☐ Oct. 16 Haggai 2:6-7	

Come back next month for a new Scripture writing challenge!

**God's Love
shines in every season.**
Let your light shine...
Matthew 5:16

Grace Lutheran Church Trick or Treat at Erhard City Hall

**Friday, October 30, 2026
4:00 - 6:00 pm**
506 Main St. Erhard, MN

Please bring a donation
for the Pelican Rapids
food shelf.

Interested in handing
out candy?
Business's, Neighbors and
Families are welcome to
participate.

For more information, contact
Debbie Bergren (218) 731-6468.

Amanda Grover & Family (August's Mission
of the Month) sent a thank you, thanking all of
you for the donation of money, for prayers, and
thoughts. The money will be put towards
medical bills, and other expenses.

**November Gazette
Deadline
October 23rd**



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mission of the Month

Supporting the Anne Carlsen Center



*This month,
Grace Lutheran Church
is supporting the
Anne Carlsen Center.*

Your gifts help provide life-changing
services and opportunities for children,
young adults and families with
developmental disabilities or delays.

Give • Pray • Make an Impact



ANNE CARLSEN CENTER

A Brief History

Anne Carlsen was born without
forearms or lower legs. Despite these
challenges, she became a teacher,
administrator, and mentor. Her determination,
compassion and leadership inspired a lifelong
commitment to helping others achieve
greater independence and a better quality
of life. Her legacy continues to guide
the work of the Anne Carlsen Center.



What is the Anne Carlsen Center?

The Anne Carlsen Center is a nonprofit organization
providing person-centered support for children, young
adults and families affected by developmental disabilities
or delays. It helps people learn, grow, participate and
build independence, creating a more inclusive world
for all.

*More
Independence.
More Possibilities.
A Brighter Future.*

A Brief History



1930s

The need for a school
devoted to children and
young people with physical
disabilities was identified,
and fundraising began.



1940

Construction began
on the then-named
Crippled Children's School
in Jamestown,
North Dakota.



September 22, 1941

The school opened
with 18 students.



Decades of Growth

Programs expanded to
include education, therapy,
residential services,
early intervention, behavioral
health and autism support,
community support,
assistive technology and
recreation.



Today

The organization
serves more than
3,000 individuals
and families, with
statewide services
across North Dakota
and services also
reaching Minnesota.

Services Include



**Early
Intervention**



**Physical
Therapy**



**Occupational
Therapy**



**Speech
Therapy**



**Residential
Services**



**Center for
Learning**



**Behavioral Health
& Autism**



**Community
Support**



**Assistive
Technology**



**Recreation &
Leisure**

*Together in Christ's Love,
we make a difference!*



2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	01	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
9:00 AM: Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM: Worship w/Holy Communion followed by Fellowship	9:30 AM: Womens Home Bible Study at Rachel Ronnevik's		9:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Steve, Prayer group to follow 7:00-8:30pm: Grace Youth Meet			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
9:00 AM: Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM: Worship			9:00 AM: Bible Study with Pr. Steve, Prayer group to follow 7:00-8:30pm: Grace Youth Meet		Trick or Treat 4:00 - 6:00 PM at the Erhard City Hall!	LIFE IS SCARY  WITHOUT JESUS

Celebrating
PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY
for Pastor Steve and Family
and **25** Years in Ministry



*"A good pastor
leads with faith,
serves with love,
and points us to
Jesus."*



OCTOBER 11, 2026

WORSHIP

*and Swedish Meatball Meal
afterwards.*

