



## GLC May 2025 Newsletter

### Grace Lutheran Church

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Monday - Thursday 8-4  
(Main handicap doors  
unlocked)  
Friday Office Closed

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Almighty God, like the  
disciples by the Sea of  
Galilee, give us  
courage, faith, and joy  
to be sent out to follow  
you and care for  
others as you care for  
us through Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

### Grace Lutheran Church

#### Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. FLC Service  
10:15 a.m. NICE 95.5 F.M. KBK

#### Summer Sunday Worship

May 25<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>  
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship  
\*\*Worship area subject to change

GLC Website:

[www.gracechurchmora.com](http://www.gracechurchmora.com)

Facebook: @moragracelutheran

Grace Google Calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r?tab=mc>

ELCA website: [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

*Caring for others with God's abundant joy.*

# Pastor Gary



## What do Lutherans believe?

A Wednesday evening class starting May 7th will be a series exploring the dominate themes of being Lutheran. What we believe is important and has the power to shape daily life. The Lutheran faith owes its identity to a 16th century monk who sought to know a loving God rather than the God he had imagined. His questioning of many of the church practices lead him straight to scripture to uncover what the bible had to say about the heart and identity of God.

Classes start at 7:00 and will go roughly an hour and a half. If you have any questions, please talk with me.

*See you in church,*

*Pastor Gary*

May 25<sup>th</sup> starts  
GLC Summer Worship  
One Service at 9:00 A.M.

# PRAYING FOR YOU

**Prayer Concerns:** Chrissy DeLong, Galen Brelie, Bella Rogne, Pam Bastie, Nancy Nygaard, Dave Franko, Marlow Geyer, Beverly Fore, David Ulstrom, Meagan Barrett Isom and Jody Burton.

**Service Personnel:** Owen Marohn, Sam Marohn, Adam Herwig, Noah Wicklund, Christopher Unger, Chris Garbacz, Emmie Otto and all other active members

## PASTORAL ACTS GLC ~ APRIL 2025



April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Henry Patrick Voss

Parents:

Christopher and Katie Voss

Sponsors:

Jordan Lease and Rachael Gardner

And

Tim and Amber Kosel

# WELCOME TO church

**An invitation to ALL who would like to become official members of Grace Lutheran.**

All who wish to join Grace Lutheran Church,  
will be received as new members in the  
**month of JUNE on ANY Sunday** that you are available.

Please contact **Leah** in the office @ 320.679.1062 or  
email [moragrancelutheran@gmail.com](mailto:moragrancelutheran@gmail.com), and let her know  
which **Sunday** looks best for you!

All services in June are at 9:00 A.M. 😊

Thank you, kindly!

*We're so glad you're here!*

# May Worship Schedule 2025

## 8:00 Service

### May 4th:

Ushers: John & Lynn Paulson  
Lector: Lynn Paulson  
Communion: Jan Falk

### May 11th:

Ushers: Guy & Peggy Groshek  
Lector: Peggy Groshek

### May 18th:

Ushers: Arnie Barabash & Dale Hawkins  
Lector: Kris Pulford  
Communion: Kris Pulford

## 9:30 Service

### May 4th:

Ushers: Craig & Jodi Schultz  
Lector: Craig Schultz  
Communion: Sue Oehrlein

### May 11th:

Ushers: Don & Mary Olson  
Lector: Mary Olson

### May 18th:

Ushers: Tim & Natalie Matthewson  
Lector: Natalie Matthewson  
Communion: Shari Salmonson

**SUMMER SERVICE STARTS  
HERE – One Service 9:00 A.M.**

### 9:00 Service Summer Schedule

#### May 25th:

Ushers: Harry & Robin Blegen  
Lector: Harry Blegen

## Altar Guild May

Peg Groshek and Sheila Rogne





# MAY

## GLC MAY 2025 Birthdays

1. Addison Hawkins
2. Jakob Felger, Amy Gotfredson, Barbara Orstad, Violet DeGracia
3. Julie Olen
4. Debra Piescher
6. Don Overson
7. Nolan Berry
8. Haley Nordenstrom
9. Braylen Belsheim, James Fisher, Katherine Hovland, Kevin Nikodym
13. Brooke Hohn
14. Leah Smith
15. Eunice Weckwerth, Michelle Ostien
16. Marri Larson, Richard Berry
17. Zackary Felger
18. Cheryl Petry, Derek Douglas, Alexis Hughes, Brendan Smith-Unger
19. Linda Johnson, Dawson Joy
20. Bob Isom, Diane Lamp
21. Sheila Parent, Laura Strand, Olivia Thompson, Kasen Nolt
22. Arnold Barabash, Jane Myers, Marlene Swearingen
23. Teala Chromey, Elissa Schley
25. Bonnie Unger, John Kehr, Justin Schley
26. Diane Knutson, Kendall Brandt, Raylan Sjoberg, Evelyn Ohnstad
27. Stephen Denzine, Taliah Peterson
29. Alice Sogn, Shirley Klepsa
30. Chad Chromey, Gerald Funk, Paul Kent, Chad Bowen
31. David VanBurkleo

If your birthday is not listed, please contact the church office at 320.679.1062 or email Leah at [moragrancelutheran@gmail.com](mailto:moragrancelutheran@gmail.com) with your correct information. We don't want to forget anyone!

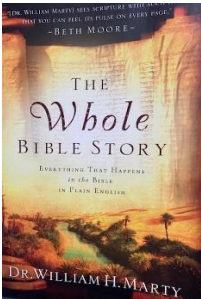


# Living Grace Library Mission ~ May 2025

**Mission Statement:** The Grace Lutheran Library Mission will support all the members of Grace using the library resources to help them interpret what they read, see, and experience within the context of the Christian Gospel.

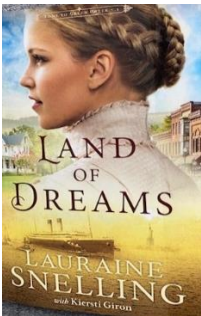
*“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.” -John 1:14*

## Non-Fiction

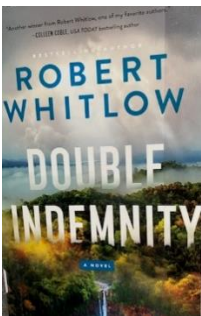


“The Whole Bible Story, Everything That Happens in the Bible in Plain English” by Dr. William H. Marty. This book is not a Bible or a direct translation of the Bible, but it is the author’s attempt to tell the story of the Bible in chronological order in an easy-to-read format in just 300 pages. The author states in the introduction that this book “is not intended to replace Bible reading. My hope is that it will motivate people to read the Bible.” The book is written almost like a novel with each chapter beginning with a list of characters and the setting described in that chapter. Each chapter ends with a short summary.

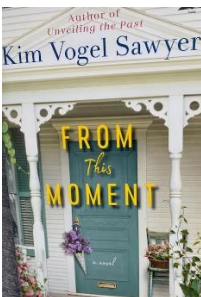
## Adult Fiction



“Land of Dreams” by Lauraine Snelling with Kiersti Giron. This is a story of young Norwegian woman, Amalia Gunderson, and five-year-old Ruth Forsberg who both lost their parents in a dreadful epidemic aboard a ship bringing them to America in 1889. Before her death, Ruth’s mother had made Amalia the guardian of little Ruth. Ruth had inherited a farm and former boarding house in Iowa, and it is there that Amalia and Ruth went to start a new life.



“Double Indemnity” by Robert Whitlow. This book is a faith based legal thriller. In this story, a newly graduated attorney, Liz Acosta is getting some job experience in rural Georgia before her plan to join a large firm in the city and in Georgia meets a pastor, Connor Grantham who is not sure that being a pastor of a small rural church is what he wants to do with his life. Liz and Connor are drawn into the shadowy world of Matt and Elena Thompson. The couple had come to Connor for marriage counselling and Liz is Elena’s lawyer. Then Matt is killed in a hunting accident. What really happened to Matt and what about the double indemnity clause in his life insurance policy?



“From This Moment” by Kim Vogel Sawyer. In this story, Jase Edgar, who has spent his childhood in the foster care system dreams of a stable life, but then his fiancée is killed. Jase has been given the opportunity to serve as a youth pastor in Kansas but has trouble setting aside his doubts. Lori Fowler hides behind a spunky personality but suffers from a secret eating disorder and has a strained relationship with her father. Kenzie Stetler is a former Amish woman living away from her family in the English world. The lives of these three people interact as they try to solve a puzzling mystery and try to move away from the past into the future.

*Living Grace Library is open whenever the church is open. Come in anytime.*

*Please remember to return your finished books. The book you may have forgotten to return may be just the book someone else is patiently waiting to read. Thank you.*

# Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Check out CYF Ministry on FACEBOOK! Grace Lutheran Children Youth and Family (private group)  
or on-line: [www.gracechurchmora.com](http://www.gracechurchmora.com)

**THANK YOU to all who have helped with CYF programs this year!**

Lacey Danelski, Jess Olen, Amanda Strom, Rhonda Felland, Eunice Weckwerth, Carol Allman,  
Nancy Peterson, Mary Brelie, Kris Pulford, Jodi Schultz, Teri Heggernes, Josh Heggernes,  
Sarah Jane Madison, Marlene Marohn, Sara Hanson, Natalie Matthewson, Jeremy Schultz,  
Jeremy Brasch, Karena Brasch, Ashley Bowen, Peter Larson, Mandy Felger, Amber Donaghue,  
other confirmation parents and youth!!



## Vacation Bible School 2025!! “At the Table”

The Mora Community VBS will be **JUNE 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>** this year! Registration is open!  
<https://forms.gle/69yBfmUkUCdYAcn98>



Helpers of ALL AGES are needed!  
Sign up here! [VBS Volunteer Form](#)



**Grace will need 2 adults per day to be onsite during VBS (from 8:30-12)**  
Please let Kelly know if you can help with a day or two!



## Sunday School

**May 4<sup>th</sup> – Spring Musical Message at 9:30 service. NO Sunday School**  
**May 11<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Sunday School! Happy Mother’s Day!**



## Grace Time in May

**Last day! May 7<sup>th</sup>!**



## Celebration Singers

**The Spring Musical MAY 4<sup>th</sup> during the 9:30 service!**

**“The Lions, the Switch and the Warm Robes” You won’t want to miss it!**



## Confirmation

**Last night of Confirmation for the year – May 7<sup>th</sup>!**



Grace Lutheran’s Children Youth and Family Ministry is a Christ centered program with the purpose of building disciples for Jesus by supporting and partnering with parents in fulfilling their baptismal promises. By God’s Grace we seek to provide meaningful faith formation experiences for all ages. For more information regarding Children, Youth and Family Ministry please contact Kelly Kehr (320-336-8028) or [kellykehr01@gmail.com](mailto:kellykehr01@gmail.com)





THE  
LIONS,  
THE  
SWITCH  
AND THE  
WARM  
ROBES

MAY  
4<sup>th</sup> 9:30  
Service

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Facebook: @moragracelutheran

THE CHRONICALES OF DANIEL & THE GOD WHO SAVES

# “At the Table”

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us for VBS  
2025!



**When:** Monday June 16<sup>th</sup> –  
Friday June 20<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

**Where:** Grace, Calvary and  
United Methodist

Preschool, Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

@ Grace Lutheran

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

@ Calvary Lutheran

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

@ Mora United Methodist

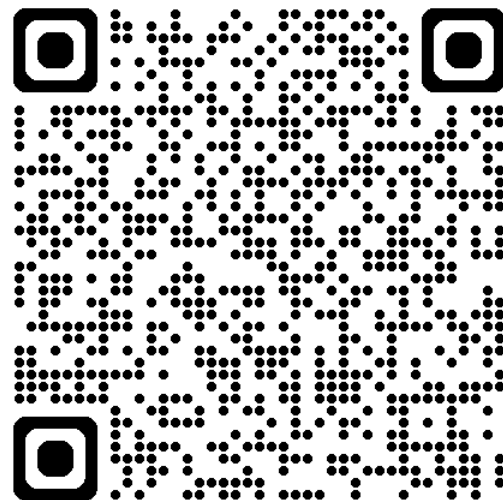
Register online via the  
church websites:

[www.calvarymora.org](http://www.calvarymora.org)

<https://moraumc.org>

[www.gracechurchmora.com](http://www.gracechurchmora.com)

or scan this QR Code:



# May and June 2025 Acolyte Schedule

If you cannot acolyte on the scheduled day/time please switch with someone else.  
If you need help contacting people, let me know.

Kelly Kehr 320-336-8028 / kellykehr01@gmail.com

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the service starts.

The acolyte procedures include lighting the altar candles, helping with offering and helping with Holy Communion. Pastor Gary will give special instructions for anything else (i.e. baptisms/Advent candle). The procedures, robes, cinctures and candle lighters are located in the Sanctuary sacristy. A copy of the procedures is also in the front pew/chairs. Let me know if you have questions or concerns. **THANK YOU!!!**



## **May 4<sup>th</sup>**

8am – Presley M./Bryce E.  
9:30 – Keaton B. / Allyson O.

## **May 11<sup>th</sup>**

8 – Noah D./Caiden F.  
9:30 – Sawyer S./ Boone S.

## **May 18<sup>th</sup>**

8 – Marek N./ Hunter R.  
9:30 - Raylan S./ Kole J.

**May 25<sup>th</sup> - Summer  
Services start! One service  
at 9am!!**

9 - Ayva D. / Maggie B.

## **June 1<sup>st</sup>**

9 – Izzy G. / Hailee B.

## **June 8<sup>th</sup>**

9- Ethan H./Andy F.

## **June 15<sup>th</sup>**

9- Easton H. /Brayden H.

## **June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9 – Honor S./ Greta J.

## **June 29<sup>th</sup>**

9 - Josie B. / Autumn L.

**July-Sept Schedule will  
be out middle of May.**

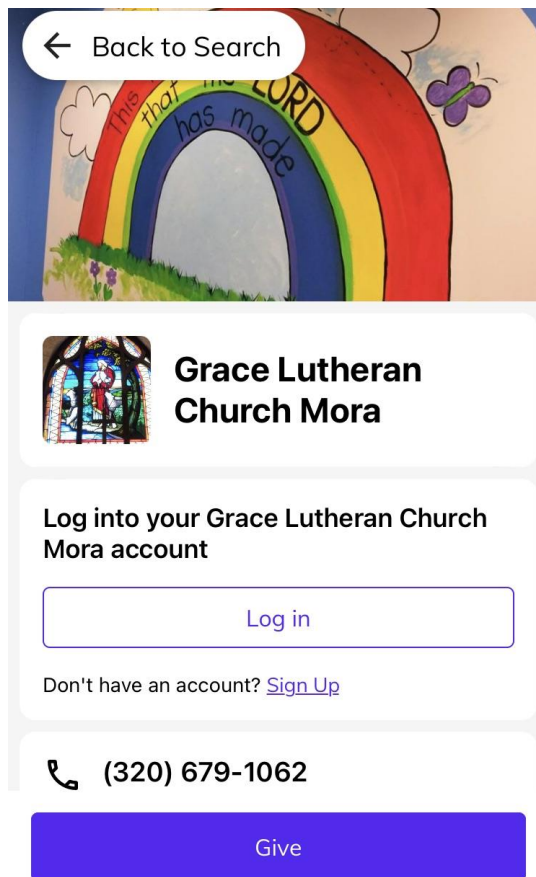
# WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

## VANCO MOBILE FAITH ENGAGEMENT APP OPTION:

If you would like to have the app right on your phone for easy use please follow these steps under your app store on your phone:

1. Search Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement
2. Download app onto phone
3. Open the app.
4. Set up an account or sign in if you already have an account
5. The first time you use it, you'll need to search **Grace Lutheran Church Mora**. It should show our icon (stained glass window) and address. Choose as your church. You should only need to do this once.
6. Click GIVE
7. Click the down arrow to see the options
8. Choose whatever you would like to give to.
9. Enter amount, select frequency, type in the designation (what it's for) and click Give now
10. Review the summary and submit
11. You will receive an email receipt of your payment

**Thank you for your continued support of Grace Lutheran Church and our ministries!**  
**We are the church together; and together we are strong and faithful!**



APP ICON for:  
Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement



When you search **Grace Lutheran Church Mora**, this is what you should see on the Vanco Mobile Faith App.



Offering envelopes are available to use as well, at both usher podiums.

# SCAN to DONATE VANCO ONLINE GIVING



You may also put offering  
in offering plate or mail to:

301 Forest Ave. E.  
Mora, MN 55051

## 31- March -2025 General Checkbook:

### General Checkbook:

Beginning balance	(7, 243.05)
Deposits	31, 843.66
Checks written	<u>(33, 623.72)</u>
Ending balance	<b>(9, 023.11)</b>

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the finance committee.

Bonnie Boyer, Ethan Elvehjem, Matt Felger,  
Kristin Nelson, Roger Peterson or Betty Smith

Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. You can set up your donations on our website, [www.gracechurchmora.com](http://www.gracechurchmora.com) or scan the QR code above with a downloadable free QRC Scanner app on your electronic device and follow the onscreen instructions.

## To set up your electronic donation on our website:

- 1) Go to [www.gracechurchmora.com](http://www.gracechurchmora.com)
- 2) Click on the More tab, then click the Give tab, then scroll down to click on Give online, once you click Give online, it brings you to Vanco a Secure Site.
- 3) Follow the onscreen instructions to schedule your one time or recurring contribution.

*Thank you, kindly, for all the ways you give to Grace.*



# Grace Lutheran Church

## 2025 Council Minutes

GLC Council Meeting 4/6/25 Minutes

Call to order at 10:45 AM by Sarah.

### Opening

- Council sharing
- Devotions by Linda.
- Members Present- Pastor Gary, Craig, Andrea, Linda, Shaun, Mary, Lacey, Sarah, John
- Member Absent- Ethan

Agenda Approval- Craig/Andrea

Approval of Meeting Minutes- Andrea/Mary

### Treasurer's Report

- Summarized by Craig

### Ministry Reports- Pastor Gary

- New Pathways- June is next visit

### Unfinished Business

- Wild Game Feed- planning for September 27th

### New Business

- None

Next meeting Sunday, May 18th at 10:30 AM. (Shaun will take devotions in May and Andrea in June)

Meeting adjourned at 11:25; closed with the Lord's Prayer.

### 2025 COUNCIL MEMBERS

**President:**

**Vice President:**

**Secretary:**

**Treasurer:** Kristin Nelson

Lacey Danelski, Ethan Elvehjem,  
Andrea Hams, Sarah Hanson,  
Linda Johnson, Shaun Joy,  
John Paulson, Mary Olson and  
Craig Schultz

*Thank you, for serving on council.*



# Monthly Activities

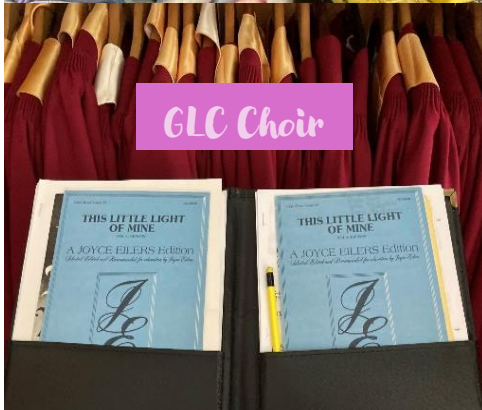


**Sewing Grace Quilters**

## SEWING GRACE QUILTERS AND PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Quilters and Prayer Shawl meet every Wednesday from 9:30 A.M. to Noon in the West Narthex.

**All are welcome,** we come together each week with open hearts and willing hands to serve our Lord.



**GLC Choir**

## GLC CHOIR

Last Practice for the Season was April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

**All are welcome!**  
*Fun, Fellowship,  
Friends*

## NEWSLETTER

GLC newsletter deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month.

June newsletter information is due May 20<sup>th</sup> @ noon.

## Newsletter Deadline



**EVE Circle**

## EVE CIRCLE

Eve Circle meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 9:30 A.M. in the West Narthex.

## PROPERTY

Property meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:00 A.M. Main Narthex



**Property Board**



**Card Makers**

## CARD MAKERS

Card makers meet the last Tuesday of the month at 1:00 P.M. in the West Narthex.

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Worship and Music meets the first Monday of the month at 11:00 A.M.

*\*Date subject to change.*



**Worship & Music Committee**

# GLC Card Makers

**Friends!**

**Please join *Linda Johnson*  
for a day of card making!**

- Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>
- 1:00 P.M. ~ West Narthex
- Please bring adhesive if you have it.

**All are welcome.**

***Cards for sale***

***\$2.00 each***

**Please place money in the envelope  
and place under the office window. All  
proceeds go to support the youth of  
GLC. Thank you, Kindly!**







# Happy Mother's Day

## *To the Moms Who Are*

To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.

To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.

To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.

To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.

To those with fur children.

To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.

To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it.

To those remembering Moms no longer with us.

To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

*She is more precious than rubies*

*~Proverbs 3:15*

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