

GLC JUNE 2025 Newsletter

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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.

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Summer Sunday Worship

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

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. KBEK

GLC Website: www.gracechurchmora.com

Facebook: @moragracelutheran

Grace Google Calendar: https://calendar.google.com/calend ar/u/0/r?tab=mc

ELCA website: <u>www.elca.org</u>

Love and mercy triumph over suffering.

Pastor Gary

Ask the Pastor Sundays this summer

Sermons are good. They bring us the Word of God to heal us, to guide us and to teach us the meaning of scripture. It is the most important part of a pastors' call to take that time very serious. After all, much is at stake. The path in life which guides us through is heard on Sundays. But sermons always have their limitations. There is no dialogue which might be helpful in many ways. Sometimes they don't connect. And sermons can't teach in ways sometimes we would like. Enter a new idea. "Ask the Pastor" Sundays. This is a time to write a question on any topic of interest to you. Sheets of paper are available from the office or on the table in the Narthex to write down your question. During the sermon, I will as best as possible teach and preach and dig a little bit deeper into theology and the state of the church today. Give it a try. Write down your questions. Of course, you can ask me anytime on any subject. I will give it my best. Most of the time the right answer is Jesus. But not always. Welcome to summer worship at Grace.

See you in worship,

THESE SUMMER DAYS. SHEPHERD LORD. YOU LEAD US AMID GREEN GRASSES AND PEACEFUL WATERS TO RESTORE OUR SOULS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GODNESS AND MERCY!

Pastor Gary

ASK THE PASTOR SUNDAY

<u>Ask the Pastor Sunday.</u> The **Fourth Sunday** of June and July. (June 22nd and July 27th)

Congregation members will be asked to choose, during worship, all hymns to be sung that morning. Come ELW prepared!

The sermon will be reflections from Pastor Gary on any topic folks have submitted. Questions can be text, email or written down on note cards the Sunday before. All topics are fair game. **However, time is limited to only a few questions.**



PRAYING FOR YOU

Prayer Concerns: Paul Hunt, 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 ~ MAY 2025



Lorna Mae Haasken

Service: May 19th, 2025 Born: August 24th, 1927 Called Home: May 7th, 2025

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2025

9:00 am

June 1st: Ushers: Gene & Eunice Weckwerth Lector: Kim Saulsbury Communion: Kim Saulsbury

June 8th: Ushers: Art & Luette Kottke Lector: Linda Johnson

June 15th: Ushers: Paul & Jill Kent Lector: Roger Peterson Communion: Mike Harris

June 22nd: Ushers: Dan Funk & Gerald Funk Lector: Judy Roeschlein

June 29th: Ushers: Galen & Mary Brelie Lector: Mary Brelie

July 6th: Ushers: Arnie Barabash & Rollie Fredrickson Lector: Rollie Fredrickson Communion: Dale Hawkins

July 13th[:] Ushers: Greg & Jane Myers Lector: Greg Myers

9:00 am

July 20th: Ushers: Bryan & Dianne Wachsmuth Lector: Dianne Wachsmuth Communion: Jan Falk

July 27th: Ushers: Lector: Laura Strand

Aug 3rd[:] Ushers: Bruce & Jackie Thompson Lector: Bruce Thompson Communion: Diane Runquist

Aug 10th: Ushers: Matt & Amanda Felger Lector: Matt Felger

Aug 17th: Ushers: Mark & Verona Gravich Lector: Mark Gravich Communion: Jeremy Schultz

Aug 24th: Ushers: Teri & Josh Heggernes Lector: Teri Heggernes

Aug 31st[:] Ushers: Craig & Jodi Schultz Lector: Craig Schultz





- 1. Marlene Marohn
- 2. Ryan Hawkins, Marshall McGrew
- 4. Laird Mork
- 7. John Berry, Vicki Fore
- 11. Natalie Matthewson, Fairuza Chromey, Joshua Heggernes
- 12. Owen Marohn
- 14. Lee Hallauer
- 15. Ernest Blaisdell, Danielle Olson
- 17. Gregory Funk, Tenley Hohn, Michael Sampson
- 18. Teri Heggernes
- 19. Roger Peterson
- 20. Diane Blegen, Ronald Lykins, Matthew Smith, Mark Wicklund, Abby Donaghue
- 22. Sheila Rogne, Ian Schley, Brandon Belsheim
- 23. Michael Funk
- 24. Honor Schroeder, Grayson Belsheim
- 25. Suzie Halverson
- 26. Karen Olson
- 28. Tom Boyer, Bob Kolodejchuk, Jennifer Haasken, Koven Ostien
- 29. Haven Graves, Kris Sampson

If you are missing from the birthday list, please let the office know, we don't want to miss anyone.

Blessings 🕹



Living Grace Library Mission ~ JUNE 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



<u>"Luther, The Reformer, The Story of the Man and His Career</u>" by James M. Kittelson. This book is found in the Biography section (2) of the library in the non-fiction area under the windows. This book begins with the birth of Martin Luther born into a pheasant family in Germany in 1483 until his death in 1546. Learning about the Lutheran Church begins with Martin Luther and this book may be a helpful tool in learning about this man and his spiritual journey.

Adult Fiction



<u>"Midnight on the Scottish Shore</u>" by Sarah Sundin. This story is set in World War II. Germany has overtaken the Netherlands. Cilla van der Zee survives by becoming a spy for the Nazis with a plan to get to England and use her knowledge to aid the Allies. When boat she takes washes ashore in Scotland, she is arrested by naval officer Lt. Lachlan Machenzie. How can Cilla convince British Intelligence that she really wants to help the Allies and not the Germans? Even though the British and especially Lachlan Machenzie do not entirely trust her, she is hired as a double agent to send misleading messages to Germany.



<u>"A Single Spark"</u> by Judith Miller. This book is historical fiction set in the time of the Civil War. Clara McBride is hired to work in the cartridge room of the Washington Arsenal to help the war effort. Lieutenant Joseph Bradly was injured in the war and can no longer lead his troops. He is given a supervisor position at Washington Arsenal and fights for measures to prevent explosions which have occurred at other arsenal plants. After shipments of cartridges from Washington Arsenal fail to fire, suspicions of espionage the factory begin to impact Clara and Joseph.

Just a Reminder: There are devotional books in the library found on the Y section of shelving in the center of the library on the spinner rack. These books do not need to be checked out. You can take one home to use or use one in the church library or as an inspiration for anyone wanting to do a devotion prior to a meeting or event at church. If you have a devotional book at home that you have completed, you can, if you wish, donate it for others to use by just placing it on or near the spinner rack.

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.



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Women ELCA

... are inviting you to a special meeting to talk about the purchase of a new kitchen coffee pot.

Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025 6:30 P.M. – West Narthex

WELCA welcomes women of ALL AGES to become involved in a community that gathers to grow in faith and live our faith through ministry and action. At WELCA, participants practice seven marks of discipleship: praying, studying, worshiping, inviting, encouraging, serving, and giving. Come and See how we need YOU involved in WELCA!



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ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE

June 16th through June 20th @ NOON



Start saving your cans!

June 16th through June 20th @ NOON! Grace will be collecting cans on the East side parking lot!

All monies collected will be going to Social Justice.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

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

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 and other confirmation parents and youth!!



Vacation Bible School 2025!! "At the Table"

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



Helpers of ALL AGES are needed! Sign up here! <u>VBS Volunteer Form</u>



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

We will be on Summer Break (no Sunday School) until Rally Sunday on September 14th. Here are some ways to keep faith formation going this Summer.

Celebration Singers

On May 4th we presented our Spring Musical, The Lions, the Switch and the Warm Robes! In between the cat herding and mixing up some parts we had a ton of fun and delivered the message of God's faithfulness.



Confirmation

In Late April some of our confirmation youth participate in a World Religions retreat with Shepherd of the Hills in Shoreview. We visited a Jewish Temple, Buddhist Temple and Mosque. We were

beautifully welcomed by each faith community. We talked about similarities (there are many!) and differences in prayer, worship and beliefs. Along the way we made some new friends! A valuable exercise in loving our neighbors by caring enough to be curious and learn. Thank you to Jeremy Schultz for leading and driving ALL the boys!

Prayers~ Kelly is on sabbatical until August 10th to complete her Clinical Pastoral Education requirement for Seminary and Synod Candidacy. She will be part of a cohort at St. Cloud CentraCare Hospital, working full days Monday-Friday. Please keep her in your prayers. Kelly will be around off and on this summer for VBS, preaching and making plans for August. Be watching for information about August activities and all the fall start up info!



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 kellykehro1@gmail.com





Register online via the church websites: <u>www.calvarymora.org</u> <u>https://moraumc.org</u> <u>www.gracechurchmora.com</u>

or scan this QR Code:

When: Monday June 16th -Friday June 20th

Time: 9:00 A.M.- 11:30 A.M.

Where: Grace, Calvary and United Methodist

Preschool, Kindergarten and 1st Grade © Grace Lutheran

> 2nd, 3rd and 4th Grade © Calvary Lutheran

5th and 6th Grade @ Mora United Methodist



SUMMER BIBLE CAMPS!



Camp is a place for everyone!

Join us this summer at Luther Point Bible Camp for a week filled with fun, joy, faith and great friendship! Space is limited, register today!

<u>www.LutherPoint.org</u>

When the weather warms, so does our heart's desire to get back to camp this summer! Explore summer camp for all ages at <u>www.camponomia.org</u> and sign up today!



Here you will find a list of the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Minnesota and 2 in Wisconsin.

- Bay Lake Camp Pathways Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Camp Emmaus Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry Camp Hiawatha Camp Vermilion
- Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Green Lake Bible Camp Shores of St. Andrew Camp House Camp Knutson Camp Patmos Chi Rho Camp Good Earth Village Luther Crest Bible Camp Luther Point Bible Camp (WI)
- Lake Wapogassett Lutheran Bible Camp(WI) Wapo Bible Camp Ox Lake Bible Camp Wilderness Canoe Base Mount Carmel Ministries Mount Olivet Cathedral of the Pines Camp Onomia Shetek LutheranMinistries Spirit in the Pines

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Josh Heggernes

Son of: Teri and Rob Heggernes

Future Plans: Go to Luther College to play basketball and major in business



Grace Johnson

Daughter of: Matthew and Heidi Johnson

Future Plans: Gracie plans to go to cosmetology school once her and her fiance are settled wherever he gets stationed for the Marines.



Ledgyn Nelson

Son of: Brent and Amy Nelson

Future Plans: Ledgyn will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the fall.



Cayce Nikodym

Son of: Brianna Nikodym

Future Plans: Cayce will be attending Anoka Ramsey community college in the fall to work on his generals.



Archer Schroeder

Son of: Nick & Kam Schroeder

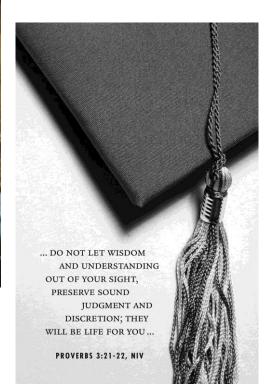
Future Plans: I will be attending Mitchell Tech in South Dakota in the Power Line program in the fall. I want to travel and fish in my spare time.



Gabby Wright

Daughter of: Jamie and Deb Wright

Future Plans: Gabby will be attending the University of Wisconsin- River Falls, pursuing a degree in English, with an emphasis in Creative Writing.



NOT PICTURED: Aubrey Athey Brenna Kroon

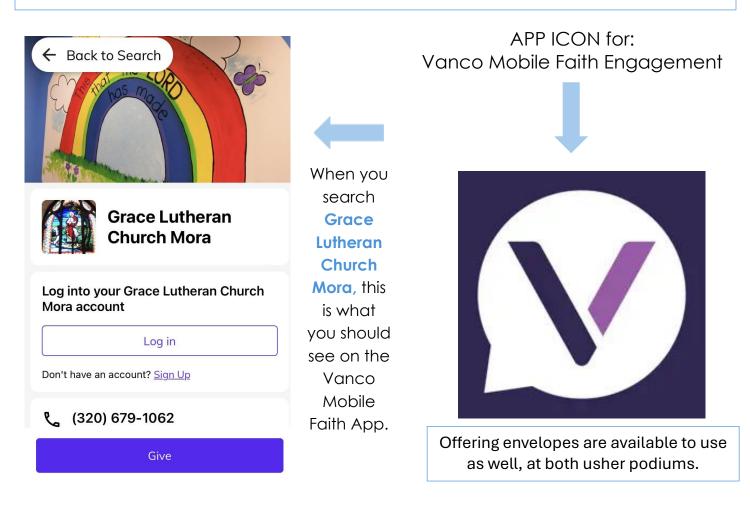
WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

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 of 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!



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	(9, 023.11)

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 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 <u>www.gracechurchmora.com</u>

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 5/18/25 Minutes

NO COUNCIL MINUTES SUBMITTED

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.

Worship and Music Minutes 05.05.2025

Members Present: Pastor Gary, Jacki Peterson, Leah Smith, Kelly Kehr, Linda Johnson, Krista Elvehjem, Todd Sjoberg, Judy Radeke and Dianne Wachsmuth Absent: Richard Schultz

Devotions: Linda ~ Be Joyful

Summer Worship

• 9:00 A.M. Worship in Sanctuary May 25th – August 31st

June 1st will be in the FLC for Graduation Sunday

Choir

• Done for the season

Kelly/Youth

- Last Sunday School May 11th.
- Graduation Sunday June 1st- Family Life Center
- Rally Sunday September 14th, 2025

Holy Week

- Palm Sunday
 - \circ If we do a procession next year, we will have the choir lead the way so all know what to do.

Altar

- Communion May 11th and 18th
- Altar members feel they are not in the know.

Nursing Home Services

• 3rd Sunday of each month- unless noted.

Pastor Gary closed in prayer.

NEXT MEETING will be on Monday, June 2nd @ 11:00 A.M.

Monthly Activities



SEWING GRACE QUILTERS AND THE HANDICRAFTERS

Quilters and Handicrafters 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

ls on hold for the season.

All are welcome! Fun, Fellowship, Friends

EVE CIRCLE

Eve Circle meets the 2nd

Thursday at

9:30 A.M. in

the West

Narthex.

CARD MAKERS

NEWSLETTER

GLC newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month.

July newsletter information is due June 20th @ noon.

PASTOR

Newsletter Deadline

PASIUR BIBLE STUDY Wednesday June 4th, 18th and 25th @ 7:00 P.M.

What's a Lutheran?



WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Card makers meet the last Tuesday of the month at 1:00 P.M. in the West Narthex. MUSIC Worship and Music meets the first Monday of the month at 11:00 A.M. *Date subject to change.

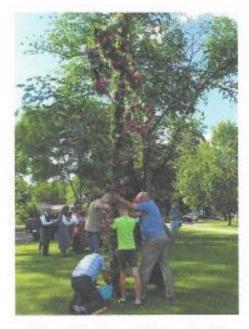




Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.



Free Community Event!!



Swedish Midsommar Celebration

Featuring the Swedish American Children's Choir

Thursday June 19th at 4:45pm at Mora's Library Park, 200 W. Maple Avenue. Mora, MN



The community is invited to the Dala

Heritage Society's 2025 Swedish Midsommar Celebration as we put up the Majstang and welcome summer with traditional music and dances.

The event includes entertainment by the Swedish American Children's Choir, the largest choir of its kind in the Midwest. The choir will teach the maypole dances and sing a medley of Swedish tunes. Bring your lawn chair and join us for an afternoon of Swedish culture and fun!



This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the East Central Regional Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



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