



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



GLC 2025 May Weekly GOL

Grace Lutheran Church

301 Forest Ave. E.
Mora, MN 55051
320.679.1062

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

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God of goodness
and mercy,
thank you for your
shepherding love
that leads us to care
for one another
through Jesus Christ
our Good Shepherd.
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. KBEK

Summer Sunday Worship

May 25th – August 31st

9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
10:15 a.m. NICE 95.5 F.M. KBEK
**Worship area subject to change

GLC Website:

www.gracechurchmora.com

Facebook: @moragracelutheran

Grace Google Calendar:

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

ELCA website: www.elca.org

Jesus shepherds us so we can shepherd others.

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, 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!

In Our
Hearts
and
Prayers

Grace Lutheran Church PRAYER CONCERNS

Louise Mork, Lorna Haasken,
Chrissy DeLong, Galen Brelie,
Bella Rogne,
Kathy Anderson (WI),
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

**O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me. ~ Psalm 30:2**

PRAYER WARRIORS.





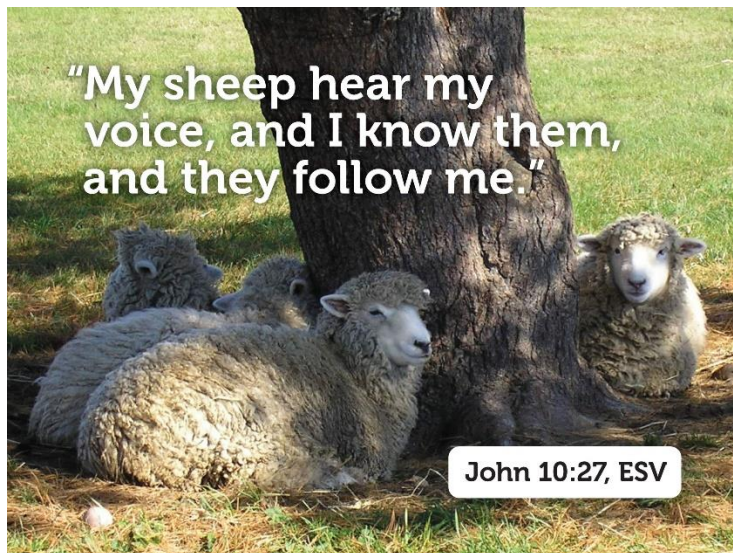
Chuck & Debee McGovern,
Drew, Rob & Clint

OUR RADIO BROADCAST for
this Mother's Day Sunday,
May 11th, 2025 is SPONSORED
by the McGovern Family in
LOVING REMEMBRANCE of
Debee McGovern.



Ritual and Traditions :

This Sunday is Mother's Day. It is a time to be thankful for the women in our lives who have cared for us and others. Reach out to a woman you know with a special thank you card, with a phone call, or a visit. **Use this prayer:** Lord God, thank you for (name). May she know how grateful I am to have her in my life. Bless her this day and each day with your love and care. Amen.



John 10:27, ESV

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

"My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and they
follow me."
~John 10:27



What do Lutherans believe?

Please join Pastor Guptill...

Wednesday Evenings @ 7:00 P.M.
will go roughly an hour and a half

Starting May 7th, 2025


6 Principles of Lutheran Theology

1. Understanding Luther in his time. May 7th
2. Justification. What does it mean? May 14th
3. What is the bible and its purpose? May 28th
4. How does the Law and Gospel work together June 4th
5. Two Kingdoms? Politics and Lutheranism. June 18th
6. What are the sacraments and why are they important? June 25th



what's a
lutheran?

Dear Grace Family,

Thank you for all the ways you have helped me heal in the past 4 months 
I have felt your prayers which have encouraged me with hope and perseverance. Your cards came at just the right time when I needed a smile to know someone from my Grace family was thinking of me.

A prayer shawl greeted me the day I arrived at St. Clares- left as a gift outside my door. I knew my Grace Family was with me on this journey.

More blessings came from calls, visits, flowers, and food-Richard always was grateful for that!

You are our family in Mora and we are forever grateful for all the ways you continue to care for us. We are blessed beyond measure 

With a heart full of love and gratitude,

Deb



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May Worship Schedule 2025

8:00 Service

May 4th:

Ushers: John & Lynn Paulson

Lector: Lynn Paulson

May 11th:

Ushers: Guy & Peggy Groshek

Lector: Peggy Groshek

Communion: Jan Falk

May 18th:

Ushers: Arnie Barabash & Rollie Fredrickson

Lector: Kris Pulford

Communion: Kris Pulford

9:30 Service

May 4th:

Ushers: Craig & Jodi Schultz

Lector: Craig Schultz

May 11th:

Ushers: Don & Mary Olson

Lector: Mary Olson

Communion: Diane Runquist

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



Summer WORSHIP TIMES

9:00 A.M. GLC Sanctuary

May 25th – August 31st

*Sunday, June 1st – FLC Graduation Sunday



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
9. Braylen Belsheim, 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
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

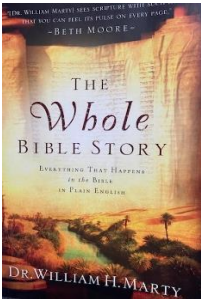
If your birthday is not listed, please contact
the church office at 320.679.1062 or email
Leah at moragrancelutheran@gmail.com
with your correct information.
We don't want to forget anyone!

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.

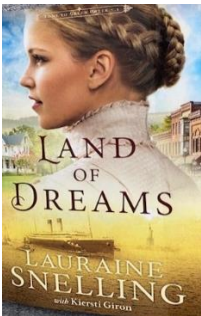
“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.” ~John 1:14

Non-Fiction

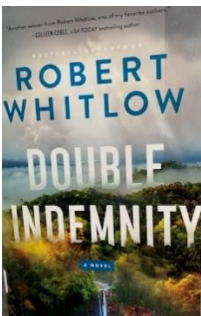


“The Whole Bible Story, Everything That Happens in the Bible in Plain English” by Dr. William H. Marty. This book is not a Bible or a direct translation of the Bible, but it is the author’s attempt to tell the story of the Bible in chronological order in an easy-to-read format in just 300 pages. The 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.

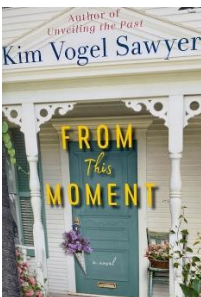
Adult Fiction



“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.

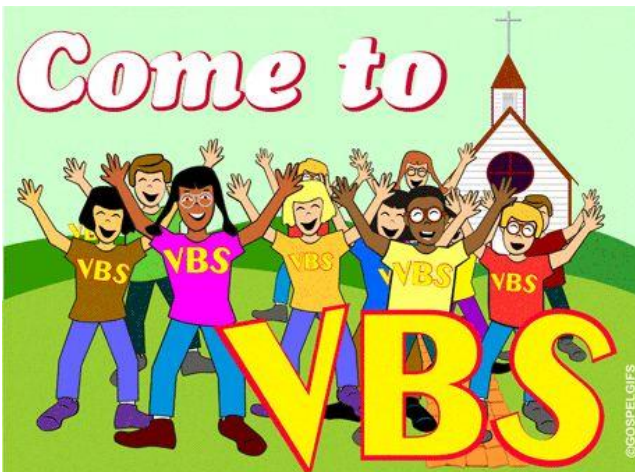
Living Grace Library is open whenever the church is open. Come in anytime.

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.

Grace Lutheran Church

Noisy Offering Noisy

**May Noisy Offering:
Vacation Bible
School**



VBS – Every summer, local churches come together to provide a week long Bible School experience for children in our community. Funds collected are used to help purchase supplies for this program.

I ♥ VBS

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

“At the Table”

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us for VBS
2025!



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

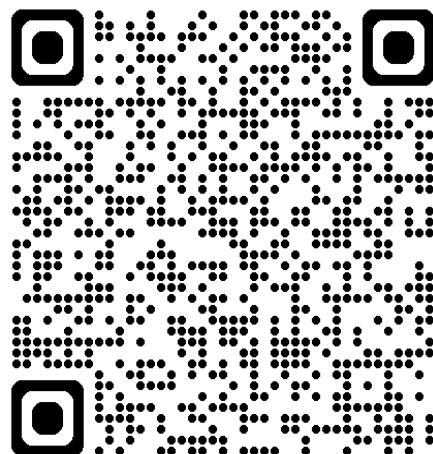
Register online via the church
websites:

www.calvarymora.org

<https://moraumc.org>

www.gracechurchmora.com

or scan this QR Code:



SUMMER BIBLE CAMPS!

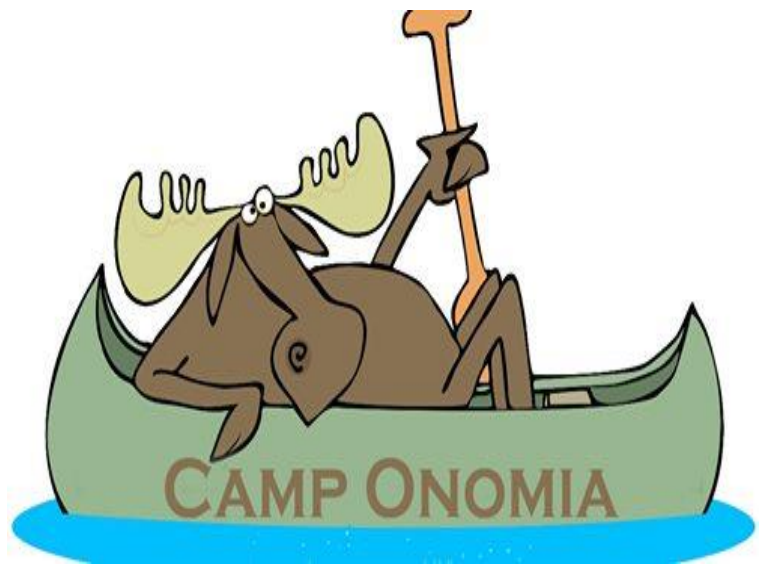


Camp is a place for everyone!

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!

www.LutherPoint.org

When the weather warms, so does our heart's desire to get back to camp this summer! Explore summer camp for all ages at www.camponomia.org 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 Wapogasset
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 Lutheran Ministries
Spirit in the Pines

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 4th

8am – Presley M./Bryce E.

9:30 – Keaton B. / Allyson O.

May 11th

8 – Noah D./Caiden F.

9:30 – Sawyer S./ Boone S.

May 18th

8 – Marek N./ Hunter R.

9:30 - Raylan S./ Kole J.

May 25th - Summer

Services start! One service at 9am!!

9 - Ayva D. / Maggie B.

June 1st

9 – Izzy G. / Hailee B.

June 8th

9- Ethan H./Andy F.

June 15th

9- Easton H. /Brayden H.

June 22nd

9 – Honor S./ Greta J.

June 29th

9 - Josie B. / Autumn L.

July-Sept Schedule will be out middle of May.

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday June 1st, 2025 9:00 A.M.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Seniors and Parents: Please be watching for more info.

We will recognize the Seniors from our congregation as they complete their high school career on Sunday June 1st at the 9:00 A.M. church service.

Our graduating seniors are:

Aubrey Athey

Joshua Heggernes

Grace Katherine Johnson

Brenna Kroon

Ledgyn Nelson

Cayce Arturo Nikodym

Archer Marren Schroeder

Gabrielle Elizabeth Wright



*Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.*

Psalms 119:105

**There will be a
Baccalaureate Service**
for all High School Seniors at
the High School on
Wednesday, May 28th, at
8:00 P.M. sponsored by the
Kanabec County Ministerial
Association.

Faith in Action Playroom AKA.. The Nursery



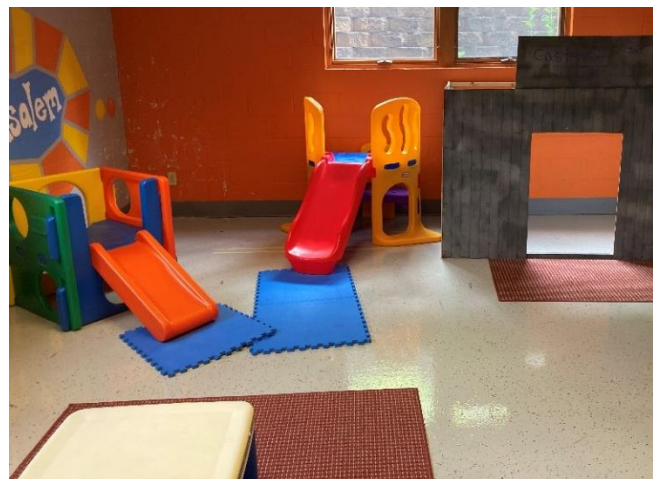
Parents, Families and Grandparents!

Did you know that Grace Lutheran has a **Faith in Action playroom aka... the Nursery**, in the basement of Grace. Go down the stairway in the main Narthex take a left at the bottom of the stairs and another quick left and the Nursery is the last door at the end of the hallway. It is a very nice area to take a fun, rambunctious toddler or to rock a baby, there is a sink and changing table in there as well. If you would like to come and check it out, stop by the church office and you can check it out! 😊 😊



"So in Christ
Jesus, you
are all
children of
God through
faith."

Galatians 3:26



"A Space for Grace"

Welcome to the Family Life Center's

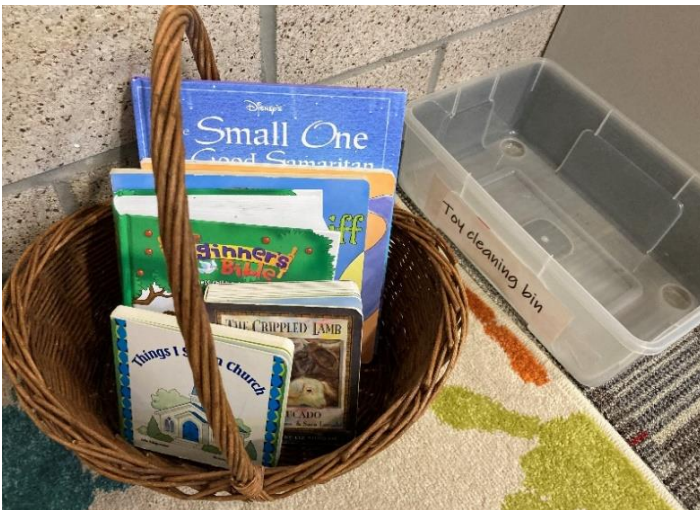
"A Space for Grace"

This space is reserved for our littlest disciples, age 5 and under. Please help children use the space respectfully.

Our goal is to give parents with young children the option to remain engaged in worship while still meeting their children's developmentally appropriate needs.

We also have a larger playroom downstairs with a changing table and rocking chair. Take 2 lefts at the bottom of the large staircase. (heading down to Sunday school)

If toys are mouthed, please place in designated bin for cleaning. Many thanks!



This is the day the
LORD has made;
let us rejoice and
be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24





2025 Food Drive GIFT of the MONTHS

Consider adding some spices to your donations!



March Breakfast Items	July Condiments	November Baking Items
April Baking Items	August Canned Fruits and Veggies	December Boxed Foods
May Canned Meats	September Spaghetti Night	January Breakfast Items
June Hygiene Items	October Hygiene Items	February Hygiene Items

All items can be dropped off in the bins under the Main Narthex Bulletin Board @ GLC. Many, many thanks for your amazing donations for Food Pantry Month and beyond!

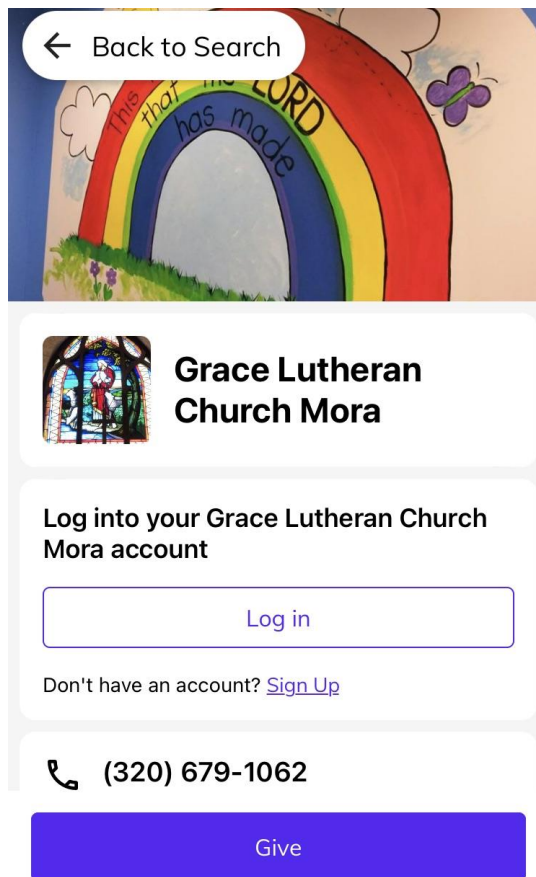
WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

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!



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

APP ICON for:
Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement



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	(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 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.

Worship and Music Minutes 04.07.2025

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

Devotions: Linda ~ Inheritance of Love. Journey with me. Nothing can separate us between Us and God's love.

Choir

- Starting at 5:15 during lent
- Singing Palm Sunday with the kids

Kelly/Youth

- Kids singing Palm Sunday w/ the Senior Choir.
- May 4th Kids Musical

Holy Week

- Palm Sunday
 - Choirs sing together
- Maundy Thursday – April 17th, 6:30 P.M.- w/ Holy Communion
 - special for those who took the Sacraments class
- Good Friday @ Calvary Lutheran @ 7:00 P.M.
 - Choir singing w/ Calvary and MUM practice at 6:20 – all wear black
- Easter Sunday
 - Brass

Nursing Home Services

- 3rd Sunday of each month- unless noted.

Altar

- NO communion May 4th
- Communion May 11th and 18th

Tech/Radio

Office

Pastor Gary closed in prayer.

NEXT MEETING will be on Monday, May 5th @ 11:00 A.M.



It is always such a nice touch to the service when there are flowers on the Altar.

If you would like to sign up for Flowers on the Altar, please sign-up in the main Narthex. Please bring your flowers to church on Sunday Morning by 7:45 for the first service at 8:00 A.M. or you may bring your flowers to church on Thursday afternoon, by 3:00 P.M. Please let us know if you will be providing flower on the Altar! Many Thanks!!



Would you like to sponsor a NICE 95.5 F.M. KBK Church Service Radio Broadcast on Sunday Morning @ 10:15 A.M.? If so, please send a check for **\$150.00** to GLC 301 Forest Ave. E. Mora, MN 55051 or drop one in the offering plate- and sign-up in the Main Narthex for the Sunday you would like to sponsor!

Please include any special occasion you would like to celebrate (birthday, graduation, wedding or anniversary) or a special someone you would like to honor.

Or stop in the office and talk with Leah. 😊 Many Thanks!!

May Noisy Offering is going to the *Vacation Bible School*

The second week of each month, coins and loose offering are collected to donate to a different local ministry, specifically addressing needs in Mora and Kanabec County. For a full list of where your donations go please check out our website @ <https://www.gracechurchmora.com/social-justice>



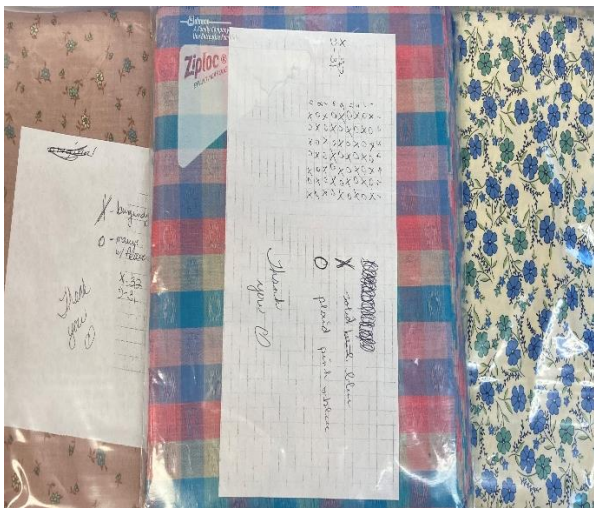
If you are interested in helping serve at Grace, please stop by the office and we will be happy to help guide you in the right direction. Thank you, to all of our Ushers, Lectors, Psalmists, Communion Assistants, Sound Techs, the behind-the-scenes folks and anyone that I am missing!

Thank you, kindly 😊



June 2025
Newsletter deadline is
May 20th.

Please have all information turned into the office by the 20th of the month by noon or as soon as you have it ready!



Friends!

The Grace Quilters have made up a bags with tops in them to be sewn together. If you are interested in helping the ladies out, stop by the office to pick up your top bag!

Thank you, kindly 😊



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CHURCH SUPPORT

Social Justice

Our Mission Statement:

Empowered by Christ, we will minister to the world by extending a hand to those in need.



The Mora Food Pantry

214 Railroad Ave- Mora
(North entrance) 679.5513

Donations may be dropped off
on Tuesday and Friday
mornings 9:00 A.M.- noon.
Special arrangements can also
be made. The phone is
answered during open hours
and their email is constantly
monitored

morafoodpantry@gmail.com



Soup for the Soul

Monday's 4 P.M.- 6 P.M.
Volunteers are needed to help
from
4:15 p.m.- 6:15 p.m.

Emmanuel Baptist-
536 Union ST. S.



Catholic Charities Meals on Wheels

If you are interested in being a
driver for Meals on Wheels-
Please contact LaShawn - Meals
on Wheels Coordinator with any
questions 320-679-4029 THIS IS

Community in Action-
YOU are needed!

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Blessing
Box

Blessing BOX

(Free to ALL)

Take what you need.

Leave what you can.

Above all be blessed and
help others to be blessed.

If you would like to help
keep our blessing box filled,
please do so, we greatly
appreciate it! Non-
perishable food items
please and really anything
that you use, others could
use as well.

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Emergency Food Bags

EMERGENCY FOOD BAGS

These bags contain peanut
butter, crackers, tuna,
instant mac and cheese,
protein bars, soup, and
other non- perishable
items. These bags are not
to feed someone for a long
period of time, they are to
help a person in need.
We are always looking for
donations for these bags,
as there are many people in
this community who are in
need.

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There is a donation bin for
the Mora Food Pantry,
Blessing Box and
Emergency Food Bags in
the Main Narthex under
the bulletin board at Grace.
We also except gas cards
and Coborn's cards, for
those in need.

Monthly Activities

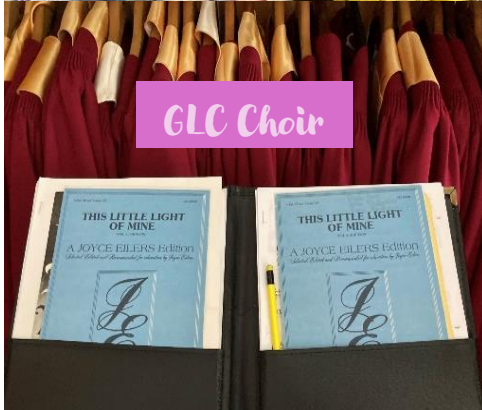


Sewing Grace Quilters

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

GLC CHOIR

Is on hold for the season.

All are welcome!

*Fun, Fellowship,
Friends*

NEWSLETTER

GLC newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month.

June newsletter information is due May 20th @ noon.

Newsletter Deadline



EVE Circle

EVE CIRCLE

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

PROPERTY

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



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.*



Our Prayer Shawl time at Grace is changing to be a 'Handicrafters' time.

Please bring whatever craft you want to work on on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the West Narthex.

We meet in conjunction with the Quilters and we share in their devotion and fellowship time.

Knitting, crocheting, embroidery are just a few arts that are being done now, but any transportable art could be welcomed...or just come to visit for a while. We love to talk gardening and self care.

Please contact Dianne Wachsmuth if you have questions.



Media Ministry



**SOUND
Operators
Needed**

**WANTED:
SOUND
TECH'S**

Do you have an
EAR
for music/sound?

Have you ever thought, we need to
turn him or her up or down?

Then we have the spot for you!

If this is something that sparks your
ear, feel free to meet Todd Sjoberg
by the sound booth THIS SUNDAY
MORNING MAY 11th!

HOPE TO SEE YOU!



Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard.

Psalm 66:8, NIV

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound.

PRAYER MINISTRY

*while we, for our part, will devote ourselves
to prayer and to serving the word.'*

Acts 6:4b

*As Paul exhorts Timothy in 1Timothy 2:1 "I urge, then, first
of all, that supplications, prayers, intercession and
thanksgiving be made for everyone." Our goal is to pray
and petition on behalf of our church family needs, uplifting
one another in prayer to the Lord.*



PRAYER MINISTRY

PRAYER IS ONE OF THE WAYS WE ARE ABLE TO RELATE DIRECTLY WITH GOD.

A quiet moment of reflection. A talk with Jesus. A recited text celebrating faith. Though very different, all of these are valid definitions for "prayer." Prayer is an intentional and meaningful way that every individual — no matter of age, race or background — can deepen his or her personal relationship with God. — ***ELCA Prayer Center***

PRAYER INFORMATION – One of the great privileges and ministries listed in the New Testament is the opportunity to remember one another in prayer, to "bear one another's burdens." To help us in this ministry, Grace Lutheran offers a prayer chain to which specific prayers may be made.

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? – If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office @ 320.679.1062 or moragrancelutheran@gmail.com or the Prayer Chain Ministry Coordinator: Barb Sjoberg at: (H) 320.679.5373 or encourager4him@hotmail.com

BECOME A PRAYER VOLUNTEER – If you would like to be added to the prayer chain email, you can either email Leah in the church office @ moragrancelutheran@gmail.com or Barb Sjoberg @ encourager4him@hotmail.com Thank you!





We would like to take a moment to **THANK** and recognize our **AMAZING VOLUNTEERS** from the **ONE MORE TIME Thrift Store**:

Darla Stenstrom

And

Eunice Weckwerth

Grace received a donation of \$69 for all the generous time these ladies have donated. You are all vital enablers to the success at One More Time and it is greatly appreciated by the community and Grace Lutheran Church!





Thursday, May 29th, 2025

Ascension of Our Lord

Ascension of Our Lord, the fortieth day of Easter, thus always a Thursday. (May 29th, 2025), sometimes celebrated on the Sunday after Ascension Day.

What is the Ascension of Our Lord? Ascension Day marks not only the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, but his exaltation from servanthood to Ruler and Lord as the fitting climax of Resurrection Day.

Meaning: Ascension=Rising. We remember Jesus ascension into heaven and the promise to send the Spirit and be with us always.

He Ascended, and We in Him

“Two men in white robes” acknowledge the great mystery that scripture and the creeds attest to: “He ascended into heaven.” Jesus has been taken up from us, ascending into heaven, back to the right hand of the Father. Yet he is taken up *for* us, both as a pledge of our own future bodily resurrection following his, but also as a means of empowering our witness to him on earth amongst all sorrowing flesh. Having descended from heaven to take up our flesh, fulfilling scripture and accomplishing our salvation, Jesus now ascends back from whence he came, bearing our humanity into the presence of God forever. Our human flesh, in all its frailty and redeemed glory, is now before God forever! So no longer are things in heaven and life on earth far apart, and no longer is the suffering and weakness of our own flesh far off from God's own life. Thus the two men ask the gawking disciples, “Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?” Just as God has put God's great power to work in raising up Christ above all things, so in this same ascension God has given us a glimpse of the heavenly glory that we too one day shall share in, and that we share in already within the church, “which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.” Confident that Christ has brought our humanity on high, we are unleashed to be his people in this world.

Sunday June 8th, 2025 Wear Red for...

PENTECOST

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.



♪ ♪ ♪ Happy Birthday to
You... Happy Birthday to
You... ♪ ♪ ♪ Happy Birthday,
dear CHURCH... Happy
Birthday to You!! ♪ ♪ ♪



What's Happening at Grace this week:

	Happy Mother's Day
Sunday May 11th	8:00 A.M. Sanctuary Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:30 A.M. FLC Service w/ Holy Communion
Monday May 12th	8:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M. Office OPEN
Tuesday May 13th	8:00 – 4:00 Office Open
Wednesday May 14th	8:00 – 4:00 Office Open 9:30 A.M.- Quilters and Prayer Shawl~ West Narthex 7:00 P.M.- Pastor's Lutheran Class
Thursday May 15th	8:00 – 12:00 Office Open 9:30 A.M.- EVE Circle
Friday May 16th	<i>Office Closed</i>
Saturday May 17th	<i>Office Closed</i>
	Blended Sunday
Sunday May 18th	8:00 A.M. Sanctuary Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:30 A.M. FLC Service w/ Holy Communion

A Blessing to Give:

May God's care for you bring you joy.

Free Breads

Every Wednesday, 3-5 pm (or until gone)

Mora United Methodist Church

500 Clark St, Mora

(south of hospital on 65)

Free breads and sweet rolls available!

Bread distribution every Wednesday 3—5 pm or until gone. Stop by to pick up loaves of bread, rolls, sweet breads and other bakery products.

◇ **No cost (*but donations welcome*)**

◇ **No ID needed—just come**



Service provided to our community by the Mora United Methodist Church.

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500 Clark St., Mora (south of hospital on Hwy 65)





Traumatic Brain Injury

Support Group

Led by:

Becky Ponto, a Survivor

Who is it for?

Survivors of traumatic brain injury and their support people.

Where?

Emmanuel Baptist Church
536 South Union St. Mora, MN

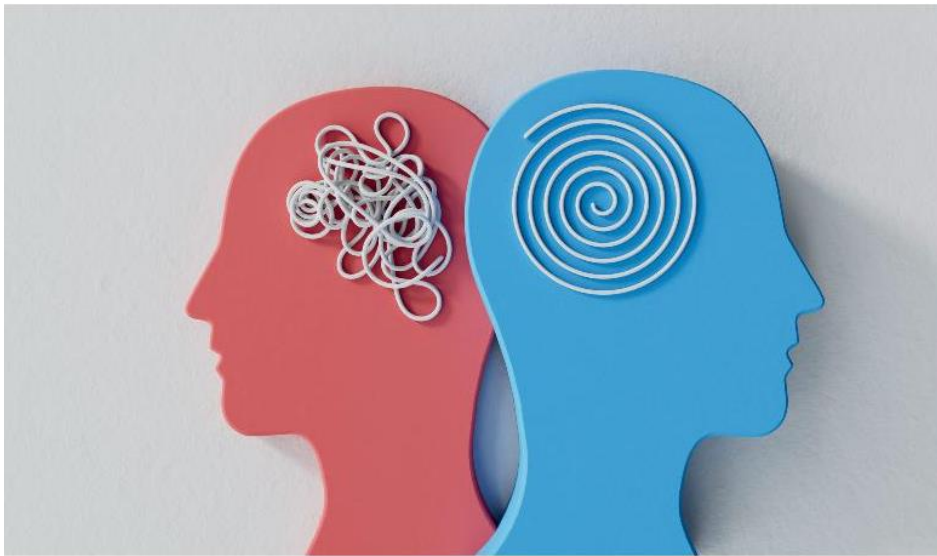
When?

1st Tuesday every month from 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. – Starting May 6th

Why?

My name is Becky Ponto and I have a traumatic brain injury (TBI). It is very hard to understand the life we have from a TBI. We need to find a new life we will live with the TBI. Talking to other people that have a TBI and understand what it is like to have frustration, anger, happiness, and confusion is good. The group I am in now there is NO judging. Whether I say something wrong or look for the right word or just say forget it. It is a place to feel safe to be who I am now, that is very different from before my TBI. The people in the group don't have any expectations of us, they are just happy that we are there.

This is what I want to bring to the Mora area. There are many people that have TBI here from accidents, falls, surgery, attacks and strokes, and I want you to know you are not alone. The people that help us recover and live with our TBI are invited to come also. There are things that they see, hear and live with that is not normal for people without a TBI. The group is a place for you to have a time to just be you whatever day it is today.



Understanding and Talking About Mental Health

**Thursday, May 8
4:30–5:30pm**

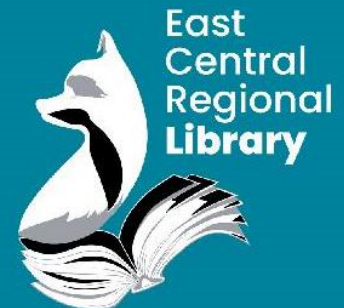
**Mora Public Library
Community Room**

Do you find it challenging to discuss mental health? This presentation addresses the widespread impact of mental health issues and the stigma that hinders dialogue. We'll focus on steps to improving mental health dialogue, drawing on the valuable resources of the Make It Ok campaign by HealthPartners, Inc.

All are welcome

No registration
required

Scan for more
library events



**MORA PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

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Mora, MN
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SERVICE

In the Bible, love is more than an emotion. Love is a commitment to care for others with our whole being. Conflict can get in the way of this love. Bringing

God into our conflicted relationships can be a difference maker. This week think of those you have a conflict or tensions with, and pray to God for a clean and loving heart to reconcile your relationships.



For Bereaved Parents and Siblings:

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS: EAST CENTRAL MN CHAPTER is a local support group opportunity for bereaved parents and siblings. The group meets the third Thursday of the month, at 7:00 P.M. at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church (1050 Southview Ave., Braham, MN). The facilitators of this group are bereaved parents who have lived with the loss of their child for a long while. They have developed a lending library of resources for the parents who attend their meetings.

Like them on Facebook at: **The Compassionate Friends of East Central Minnesota**

To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, go to:
<https://www.compassionatefriends.org>



UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR PEACE

(FROM THE IONA COMMUNITY)

LEAD US FROM DEATH TO LIFE,
FROM FALSEHOOD TO TRUTH.
LEAD US FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE,
FROM FEAR TO TRUST.
LEAD US FROM HATE TO LOVE,
FROM WAR TO PEACE.
LET PEACE FILL OUR LIVES,
OUR WORLD, OUR UNIVERSE.
PEACE, PEACE, PEACE.

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I & II THESSALONIANS
I & II TIMOTHY
TITUS
PHILEMON

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HEBREWS
JAMES
I & II PETER
I, II & III JOHN
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The purpose of this listing
is to encourage the memorizing of the
names of the Books of THE HOLY BIBLE
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21 HOUSE RULES

1. We obey God.
2. We love, honor and pray for one another.
3. We tell the truth.
4. We consider one another's interests ahead of our own.
5. We speak quietly and respectfully with one another.
6. We do not hurt one another with unkind words or deeds.
7. When someone needs correction, we correct him in love.
8. When someone is sorry, we forgive him.
9. When someone is sad, we comfort him.
10. When someone is happy, we rejoice with him.
11. When we have something nice to share, we share it.
12. When we have work to do, we do it without complaining.
13. We take good care of everything that God has given us.
14. We do not create unnecessary work for others.
15. When we open something, we close it.
16. When we take something out, we put it away.
17. When we turn something on, we turn it off.
18. When we make a mess, we clean it up.
19. When we do not know what to do, we ask.
20. When we go out, we act just as if we were in this house.
21. When we disobey or forget any of the 21 Rules of This House, we accept the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Grace Friends! Please share! It appears a scammer is sending text messages and emails that appear to be from "Pastor Gary" requesting help, money and or gift cards. PLEASE-DO NOT REPLY. Pastor Gary did not send these messages, he would never reach out to anyone in this way and he is aware these messages are going around. Thank you for not replying! God's Peace to all



Grace Lutheran Church



If you would like to share info on your loved one who is Serving, please email moragracelutheran@gmail.com their name, which branch, a few pictures and where they are stationed.

*Creative God, when you formed the world,
you separated chaos from order. I invite
you to take my mess and place it in an
order that follows the plan you have for
me. Calm me when I feel tossed around by
the troubles of this world. I trust you. I will
obey you. You are in charge.*

Amen

Thank you for reading the GOL all the
way through! Truly!

In His Grip,
Leah Smith
320.679.1062

moragracelutheran@gmail.com



Grace Members:

**There is an AED machine in
the Main Narthex.**

All is updated.

Please watch future GOL's for
information on an AED
Training Class.