

GLC 2025 May Weekly GOL

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Almighty and living
God, we give you
our thanks and
praise for Jesus'
victory over violence
and death that we
may live with the
power of his
resurrection and
ascension.

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 31th 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

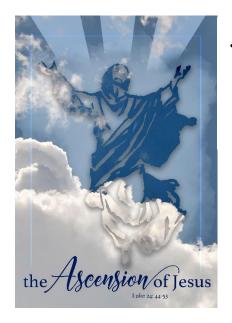
Grace Google Calendar:

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ELCA website: www.elca.org

Power is given through the ascended Christ.

Amen.



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.

Grace Lutheran Church









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

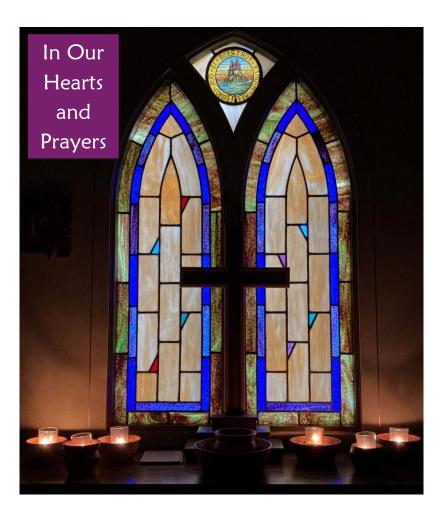
Daughter of: Jamie and Deb Wright

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

Brenna Kroon

Daughter of: Emily Kroon

Future Plans:
To continue
working at
Eastwood senior
living.
And next fall I will
be going to ST.
Cloud for
cosmetology.



Grace Lutheran Church PRAYER CONCERNS

Doris Rippentrop, Danielle Ohnstad,
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

Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.

Jeremiah 17:14





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 moragracelutheran@gmail.com, and let her know which Sunday looks best for you!

All services in June are at 9:00 A.M. Contact Thank you, kindly!

Next Sunday we will welcome new members! We're so glad you're here!

What do Lutherans believe?

Please join Pastor Guptill...

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

June 2025

6 Principles of Lutheran Theology

- 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



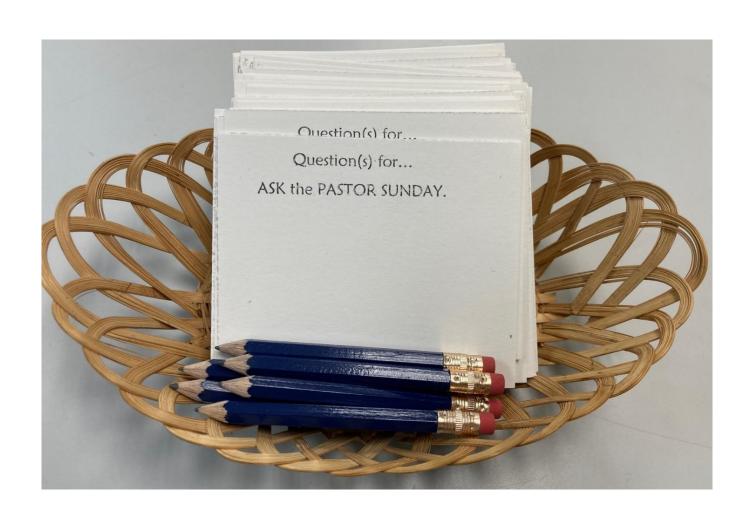
what's a lutheran?

ASK THE PASTOR SUNDAY

Ask the Pastor Sunday. 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.



YOU ARE INVITED!

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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!



A Fall Bazaar Reminder To Gardeners

Have you planted your garden yet? There is still time to put in a few extra plants for the Fall Bazaar. Cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, and beets can be used for homemade pickles and salsa, which are great sale items for Harvest Sweets. If you have berries in your garden, these can be used to make jams and jellies which are also popular items in Harvest Sweets. Potatoes, squash, and apples are good sale items for the Garden of Grace. Flowers that can be dried sell well at the Garden of Grace.

Again, this year, we are asking for your help and cooperation. We need a variety of craft projects, seasonal and year-round projects. Watch the newsletters and Grace On Line for information about groups meeting to work on Bazaar projects.

The Grace Fall Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025.

We will keep updating you throughout the coming months. We encourage all of you to get involved using your time, talents and abilities.



Open the Eyes of My Heart Ephesians 1:15-23

Ascension Day is a time for the church to recognize its true power as followers of Jesus. He had been crucified by the Roman imperial powers, human powers that are a constant challenge and source of concern for followers of Jesus. Jesus' resurrection made clear that earthly powers like violent governments and playground bullies are rendered powerless. Ephesians is an encouraging pep talk to those discouraged by the abuse of earthly powers. To grasp this mystery and deep truth, it takes the "wisdom and revelation" of God (v. 17). With this wisdom we are able to give praise for God's greatness and power that is beyond measure, yet very real and very powerful. Ours is not the power to conquer one earthly power with another as the apostles hoped when they asked, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6). God put all earthly powers under the feet of our Lord Jesus Christ and gave authority for the church to do good and to heal, to forgive, and to give hope through the resurrected and ascended Christ.

In what ways have you seen the church do good in the community? in the world?

Pray: God of power and might, help us to see how your authority on earth leads us to use our powers for good, for healing, and for hope through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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: Bruce & Jackie Thompson

Lector: Bruce Thompson

Summen Summen WORSHIP TIMES

9:00 A.M. GLC Sanctuary

May 25th - August 31st

*Sunday, June 1st - FLC Graduation Sunday

9:00 am

July 20th:

Ushers: Bryan & Dianne Wachsmuth

Lector: Dianne Wachsmuth Communion: Jan Falk

July 27th:

Ushers:

Lector: Laura Strand

Aug 3rd:

Ushers: Greg & Jane Myers

Lector: Greg Myers

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



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 moragracelutheran@gmail.com with your correct information.

We don't want to forget anyone!

Grace June Birthdays

- 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.

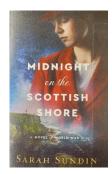
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. full of grace and truth. - John 1:14

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



"Midnight on the Scottish Shore" 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.



"A Single Spark" 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.

<u>Just a Reminder</u>: 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.

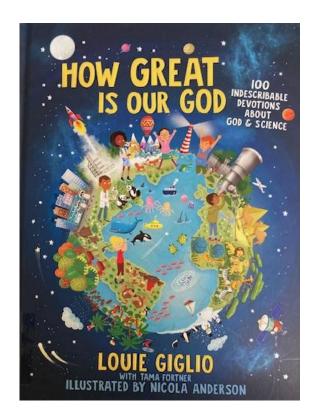
Sunday School Families! Confirmation Families!

Visit the Living Grace Library!

There are **SO MANY** great youth and children's books.

The library is accessible Monday- Thursday 8am-4pm during regular open church hours or on Sunday Mornings when you come to worship.

Check out this new addition











14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:14-15



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



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 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

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 <u>Sanctuary</u> 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.

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

GRADUATION SUNDAY

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR SENIOR SUNDAY

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.
Psalm 119:105





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





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

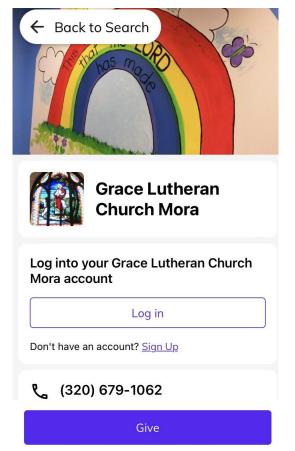
VANCO MOBILE FAITH ENGAGEMENT APP OPTION:

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 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!





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





30- April -2025 General Checkbook:

General Checkbook:

 Beginning balance
 (9,023.11)

 Deposits
 46,374.16

 Checks written
 (40,581.25)

 Ending balance
 (3,230.20)

*Note: \$6,000 was moved from Saving in April

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.



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 signup 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. KBEK 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. (3) Many Thanks!!



June Noisy Offering is going to the Kick Cancer to the Curb

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 baq!

Thank you, kindly 😊





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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 Aue- 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 ActionC

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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! Nonperishable food items please and really anything that you use, others could use as well.

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.

CHURCH

SUPPORT



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.

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!







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

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.







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 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.

Media Ministry



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, talk to Todd Sjoberg!



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

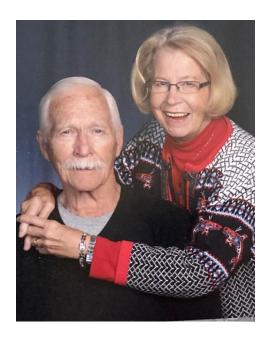
A quiet moment of reflection. A talk with Jesus. A recited text celebrating faith. Though very different, all of these are valid definitions for "prayer." Prayer is an intentional and meaningful way that every individual — no matter of age, race or background — can deepen his or her personal relationship 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 moragracelutheran@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 @ moragracelutheran@gmail.com or Barb Sjoberg @ encourager4him@hotmail.com Thank you!





You are all Invited to the Celebration of Life for... James Fisher

Saturday, June 21st
2:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M.
Park Forest Estates
200 South Park St. ~ Mora

My husband now gone since April 18th is going to be the subject of A Celebration of life on Saturday June 21 and I am inviting my Friends at Grace to be a part of that special period in time. It will take place from 2 to 4 PM at the community room at Park Forest Estates at 200 South Park . We have reserved and are excited to see you there.

Many of my family members, Jim's family members are planning on being there and I would love to see some or most of you be a part of this special day. There will be a light lunch served during the course of that 2:00- 4:00 pm gathering.

I am hoping to make the name tags for the family members and how they are connected to Jim so that it's a little easier to have a conversation with them if you like.

Every day that passes, I miss him just a little bit more, but if you're able to come and share a hug and give a word of encouragement. I would absolutely love that

If you have any questions about it or about the location or time or etc., please contact either Suzanne Halverson @ 952-220-3793 (Jims sister) or myself @218-464-3761) text or by phone. We will get back to you. Praise God for all who comforted me during his eight month illness and protected me with hugs and cards and prayers.



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.







What's Happening at Grace this week:

SUMMER WORSHIP 1 SERVICE SENIOR SUNDAY

Sunday June 1st 9:00 A.M. Family Life Center Worship – Senior Sunday

Monday June 2nd 8:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M. Office Open

10:30 A.M.- Staff Check -IN 11:00 A.M.- Worship and Music

4:00 P.M.- Soup for the Soul – Emmanual

6:00 P.M.- Al Anon

Tuesday June 3rd 8:00 – 4:00 Office Open

6:30 P.M.- WELCA Meeting

Wednesday June 4th 8:00 – 4:00 Office Open

9:30 A.M.- Quilters and Handicrafters~ West Narthex

7:00 P.M.- What's A Lutheran- Pastor Bible Study

Thursday June 5th 8:00 – 12:00 Office Open

Friday June 6th
Saturday June 7th
Office Closed
Office Closed

New Member Recognition PENTECOST WEAR RED!!

NOISY OFFERING – Kick Cancer to the Curb!

Sunday June 8th 9:00 A.M. Sanctuary Service

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus give you power from on high.

"Veterans Alert" Coffee Talk

4th Tuesday of month at 10:00 A.M.

at Veteran Memorial in Mora.

Come enjoy coffee and a donut with other veterans.

See You there!



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 <u>every</u> 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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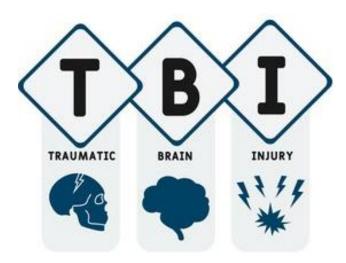
A mission of the Mora United Methodist Church

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Mora United Methodist Church

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?

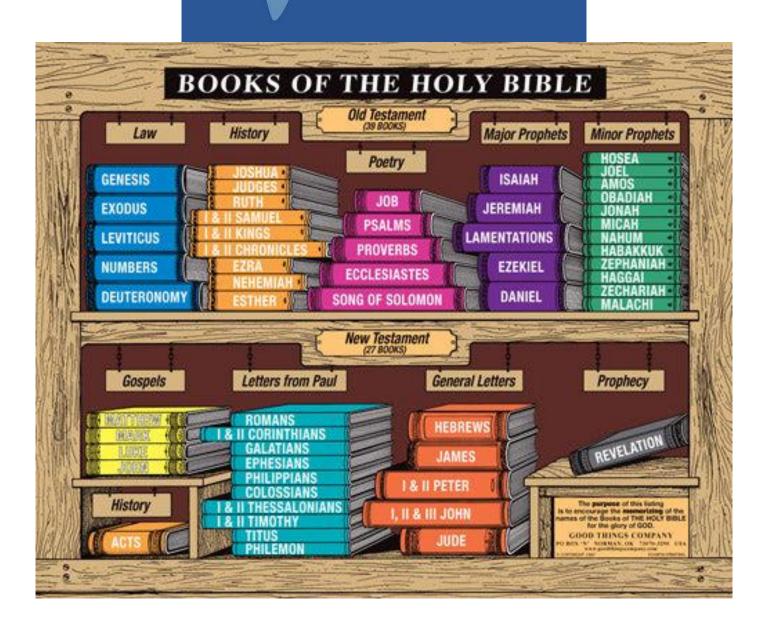
My name is Becky Ponto and I have a traumatic brain injury (TBI). It is very hard to understand the life we have from a TBI. We need to find a new life we will live with the TBI. Talking to other people that have a TBI and understand what it is like to have frustration, anger, happiness, and confusion 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 sage 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.

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.



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.

Jesus, you proclaimed, "A house divided cannot stand." Forgive me for my divisiveness. I too easily imagine I am the glove of God through whom you work. But mostly I point fingers of blame instead of acknowledging your nail-pierced hands.

Open my heart and hands to welcome strangers as family.

Amen

Thank you for reading the GOL all the way through! Peace to all!

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.