



MAY ACOLYTES

3rd: Josie Johnson and Paige Breitbach

10th: Shayna Juve and Lillian Shimpa

17th: Riley Kochman and Carter Fortman

24th: Jayden Haugen and Cameron Svalen

31st: Kianna Tadman and Melissa Pries

MAY VIDEO TECHS

3rd: Claire Juve

10th: Lily Pries

17th: Charley Carlson

24th: Jareth Walk

31st: Bret DuChamp

HAPPY
Mother's
Day



REMINDER – Please save your grocery receipts from Groceries Plus in Erskine and Jered's Grocery in McIntosh. Both stores are donating 1 percent of the total purchases to the youth group. There is a container for the receipts at the church in the hallway by the coat racks.



* Type gracechurcherskine.org into your computer browser. You will see the YouTube recording front and center on the page. Click the Play button in the center of the picture to view the video. You will also find a link to our church Facebook page on the right side of the screen.

* Garden Valley Channel 30 will broadcast replays of our service on Mondays at 10:00 am, Wednesdays at 7:00 pm and on Saturdays at 9:00 am.



- * Samantha Lunsetter
- * Don Lundin
- * Gloria Staehnke
- * Don Barrow
- * Hazel Bernard
- * Rosie Kolstad
- * Helen Lee
- * Michael Jenson
- * Greg Kaster
- * Elaine Austin
- * Grace Call Committee



The 'Women of Grace' young women's Bible Study will meet Tuesday May 12th and 26th at 7:00 PM. Contact person is Rhonda Breitbach at 218-368-8453. if you have questions.

Dear Friends,

Over the past month, I've typed the words "How are you doing?" more times than I can count. I've sent those words in emails and texts, spoken them on the phone and in video calls. I need to hear if my friends and loved ones are okay.

You may be wondering the same thing about Rangga. How is he doing?

Several times every week we get updates from each of the 25 countries where we serve. Our faithful staff is filing those updates and letting us know what regulations are in place, and how they are able to continue to minister, especially to the most vulnerable families.

I wanted to take a moment to share with you about the latest updates from Indonesia. I hope this will give you a glimpse into the life of your child now and also give you assurance that our partner churches around the world continue to serve and love your child.

Indonesia

The country has confirmed cases of COVID-19. Local governments have advised students to learn from home and not attend schools through the end of May, and all gatherings of more than 25 people have been banned. Nearly all Compassion child development centers are closed; a few continue limited activities. Compassion health specialists are providing videos and flyers on disease prevention and hygiene. Frontline church partners and Compassion staff continue to monitor the local situations. Beneficiaries are still able to access medical care, and staff is maintaining contact with families via phone.

May these updates give you powerful ways to pray for your sponsored child and the people of his country. [This page](#) is your best resource for the most up-to-date information from Compassion and is updated weekly. You can also visit our [COVID-19 FAQ page](#) if you have any additional questions.

I couldn't end this update without sharing some more good news with you! [This blog post](#) highlights some of the creative, amazing ways our staff, students and alumni are ministering during this global pandemic.

Thank you. For caring, for praying and for sharing. We know this is a difficult season for **everyone**. Please, respond to this email if there's any way we can pray for you, or post your prayer on [Compassion's Prayer Wall](#).

In Him,

Rich Van Eaton
Sponsor and Donor Relations Director
Compassion International

To Pay your offering via ACH to Grace Lutheran Church, please return this completed, signed form and a deposit slip or voided check to the church office at 332 Vance Ave, Erskine, MN 56535.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

**ACH Authorization Agreement
Offering (ACH Debits)**

I hereby authorize Grace Lutheran Church to initiate debit entries, via Automatic Clearing House (ACH), to my Account at the depository financial institution named below, hereafter called DEPOSITORY, and to debit the same to such account. I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

Depository Name: _____ Branch Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Routing Transit Number: _____ Account: _____

Account Type (Please Circle): Savings Checking (attach deposit slip or voided check)

Pay Weekly Fixed Amount: \$ _____.
(Withdrawn Monday following Worship)

Pay Monthly Fixed Amount: \$ _____.
(Withdrawn First of the Month)

Start Date: _____

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until Grace Lutheran Church has received written notification from authorized individual of a change or termination in such time and in such manner as to afford Grace Lutheran Church and DEPOSITORY a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Name: _____
Customer

Required Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

For Grace Lutheran Church Accounting Purpose Only

Building Fund \$ _____ General Fund \$ _____ Offering Envelope # _____



Giving Options

Not only can you give through your offering envelope on Sunday morning, but our church offers other options to receive your offering:

Automatic Giving – You can set up monthly or weekly automatic deductions from your bank account. Contact the church office (218-687-4035) for a form to complete.
Online Giving – There are several links throughout our website (www.gracechurcherskine.org) that will allow you to give a one-time or regular donation from your bank account, credit card, or debit card.
Mobile Giving – You can utilize your mobile device and scan the following code –



Benevolence Ideas

Our church has several special funds to meet needs that can't be met through our General Fund. Currently, these special funds are: Building Improvements, Grace Youth Group, Joy Ride Fund, Oil Candle, Sunday School Improvements/Supplies, Sunday School Outreach, Video Ministry, Vacation Bible School, Worship Hearing Aids, 'Men of Courage' Men's Group, and Shoebox Funds. In addition, our church houses the Grace Food Shelf and we ask for donations on their behalf as well as for the After School Backpack Program. Finally, our church is a part of the Grace Cemetery Association and we ask for donations on their behalf for the maintenance of the Synod, Pioneer, and Fairview Cemeteries in rural Erskine. Please contact Jim Ferden if you have any questions.



March 2020 Financial Summary

Congregational Offering to the General Fund - \$12,656.38

Expenses:

- Administrative - \$6,995.99
- Education - \$573.80
- Mission Outreach - \$1,450.00
- Pastoral - \$1,809.05
- Worship - \$676.55
- Total Expenses - \$11,465.39



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|---|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 9am-ABS 10:30am- Worship w/Holy Comm. | 4 7:30am-MBS 9:30am-LBS 10am-Worship Re- broadcast | 5 5:30pm- Men of Courage 8pm-AA mtg. | 6 6:30pm-Choir 7pm-Rebroadcast | 7 2pm-NALCW | 8 | 9 9:00am- Rebroadcast |
| 10 Mother's Day 9am-ABS 10:30am- Worship w/Holy Commu- ion | 11 7:30am-MBS 9:30am-LBS 10am-Worship Re- broadcast | 12 7pm-Women of Grace Bible Study 8pm-AA mtg. | 13 6:30pm-Choir 7pm-Rebroadcast 7:30pm Committees 8pm-Council mtg. | 14 2pm-NALCW | 15 | 16 9:00am- Rebroadcast |
| 17 9am-ABS 10:30am- Worship | 18 7:30am-MBS 9:30am-LBS 10am-Worship Re- broadcast | 19 5:30pm-Men of Courage 8pm-AA mtg. | 20 1:55pm-RT Class 7pm-Rebroadcast | 21 | 22 2pm-Mission Circle | 23 9:00am- Rebroadcast |
| 24 9am-ABS 10:30am- Worship | 25 7:30am-MBS 9:30am-LBS 10am-Worship Re- broadcast | 26 7pm-Women of Grace Bible Study 8pm-AA mtg. | 27 7pm-Rebroadcast | 28 2pm-Hope Circle 6:30pm-Rebecca Circle | 29 | 30 9:00am-Rebroadcast |
| 31 9am-ABS 10:30am- Worship | | | Greeters: 3rd: Paul & Debbie Noyes 10th: Jon & Tiffany Ormundson | 17th: Tami Ose 24th: Ryan Os- mondson | 31st: Shawn & Tam- era Ostenaar | |

**Please note~ All events listed on the calendar are subject to cancellation due to the circumstances happening in our country. At the time of this printing, we are still under a 'Stay at home' order, in our state. As soon as we are able to gather safely, we most definitely will. Until then, stay safe, stay well and stay home. God bless!*

CIRCLES
Hope at the church
Rebecca at the church
Mission at the church

Ushers:
Keith Sannes
Jason Juve
Keith Stuhang
John & Pam Carlson
Steve Jacobson family

Communion Assistants:
Gary & Maxine Walter

Altar Flowers:
Hope Circle

Altar Guild:
Betty Lundin

R= Reader
V=Video
A=Acolyte
MAY 3rd:

R~ Claire Juve
A~ Josie Johnson and Paige Breibach
MAY 10th:

R~ Lily Pries
A~ Shayna Juve and Lillian Shimpa
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A~ Kianna Tadman and Melissa Pries



**NALCW Meeting:
May 14th, 2:00 PM.**

Hope Circle: May 28th,
2:00 PM at the church

Rebecca Circle: May 28th,
6:30 PM at the church

Mission Circle: May 22nd,
2:00 PM at the church



The Grace 'Men of Courage' will meet on May 5th and 19th at 5:30 PM, at Grace Church. All men are welcomed to join this group.



The Grace Lutheran Church Council will meet in regular session on Wednesday May 13th at 8:00 PM. All meetings are open to members of Grace unless otherwise stated.



March 29th:
Attendance~ 7
Offering~ \$1,680.00

April 5th:
Attendance~ 7
Offering~\$1,547.00

April 12th:
Attendance~ 8
Offering~ \$2,805.00

April 19th:
Attendance~ 7
Offering~\$2,152.00

April 26th:
Attendance~ 7
Offering~\$1,705.00

"I was sick and you visited me..."
—Matthew 25:36 NKJV

As deacons we made it known at the last council meeting that we are committed to making pastoral visits to the sick and dying. If someone were to call with a prayer request you may ask them if they wish a visit and give them our information.

We thought the congregation should be aware of this commitment with it being addressed in a bulletin from time to time and same with the scroll.

*Mary Bratrud~ 218-521-0793 (daytime)

218-687-2150 (nighttime)

*Gary Walter~ 218-687-3074

*Gene Haugom~218-563-3292



Congratulations
Rylee Haugen
Elliana Lindberg
Dustin Osland

*“Serving all people by sharing God’s Word
and Gift of Grace”*

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The Scroll

Grace Lutheran
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May 2020



Members of Grace-

As it has been several weeks since I last communicated with you, I thought it appropriate to share some thoughts in The Scroll this month.

I hope you have been able to, in some way, view our worship services this past month. It has brought our

family great comfort to participate in a Sunday School lesson and then listen to wonderful music, God’s Word, and some teaching during our socially distant worship services. My deepest gratitude goes out to all who have volunteered to make Sunday School lessons and worship a weekly reality. I so look forward to the day when we can again worship together in-person but, for now, we are being taken care of quite well by our dedicated volunteers and Pastor Mike.

Social isolation is a problem that is currently being exacerbated by COVID-19. I know that it is extremely hard for many of our church members to not have worship and other church activities to look forward to right now. My heart was touched the other day when I received a call from one of our Deacons, just checking in on me and my family. The perfect medicine for social isolation! If it meant that much to me as someone who is not very isolated, what must it mean to those who have very little contact with others? Thank you to the Deacons! If there is someone who you are not seeing due to church activities being curtailed, I encourage you to reach out and check on how that person is doing. It can be hard to grasp the true impact of a simple phone call.

Please continue to remember that our church still has financial obligations during this time, even though we are unable to gather for worship. Offerings can be made through the mail or by the electronic means described elsewhere in this newsletter.

As we are in Eastertide, I thought I would close with a message of peace. In John 14:27, Jesus told his disciples: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” What a beautiful message of comfort that Jesus gave to his disciples as he prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice! I encourage you all to take these words to heart as we navigate this uncertain time. Please do what you can to stay well.

Jason

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