

The Scroll

Grace Lutheran
Church

April 2022

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The Grace Lutheran Church Council will meet in regular session on Wednesday April 13th at 7:00 PM. All meetings are open to members of Grace unless otherwise stated.



February 27th:

Attendance~68
Offering~\$3,270.00

March 6th:

Attendance~ 62
Offering~\$2,015.00

March 13th:

Attendance~ 54
Offering~ \$ 2,735.00

March 20th:

Attendance~ 75
Offering~\$1,760.00

March 27th:

Attendance~88
Offering~\$2,190.00



The Grace WNALC will meet on Thursday April 14th at 2:00 p.m. Group #2 will serve. All women are invited to attend.

Hope Circle: April 27th 9:00 AM at the church

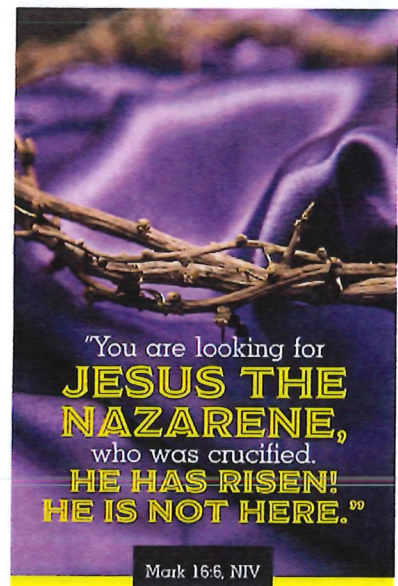
Rebecca Circle: April 28th 6:30 PM at the church.



REMINDER – Please save your grocery receipts from Groceries Plus in Erskine and Jered’s Grocery in McIntosh. Both stores are donating 1percent 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.



- * Allen Jenson
- * Everett Osland
- * Steve & Linda Evenson
- * Steve Jacobson
- * Becki Haugen
- * Don Lundin
- * Judy Boucher
- * Delilah Moran
- * Jolene Bradley
- * Dean Lindberg
- * Mark Thompson
- * Torrey Erickson
- * Mark LaPlante





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.

January 2022 Financial Summary

Congregational Offering to the General Fund - \$15,767.00

Expenses:

Administrative - \$7,927.58

Education - \$0.00

Mission Outreach - \$0.00

Pastoral - \$3,550.66

Worship - \$467.54

Total Expenses - \$11,945.78

February 2022 Financial Summary

Congregational Offering to the General Fund - \$12,168.00

Expenses:

Administrative - \$9,066.21

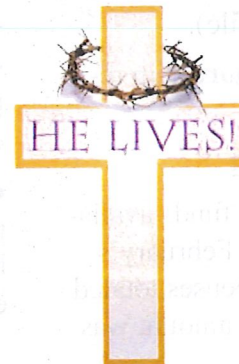
Education - \$339.07

Mission Outreach - \$2,632.00

Pastoral - \$2,948.66

Worship - \$925.48

Total Expenses - \$15,911.42



GRACE LUTHERAN
CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING

March 9, 2022

7:00 P.M.

*'Serving all people by sharing
God's Word and Gift of Grace'*

Present: President Jason Carlson, Dorothy Sandberg, Nick Walk, Hollie Stewart, Yvonne Halvorson, Gene Haugom, Lori Hole, John Carlson, Wade Farrell, Ann Brekken, Jim Ferden

Call to Order: President Jason called the meeting to order.

Devotions: Pres. Jason said a prayer for devotions tonight. He prayed for safety and peace, guidance, and wisdom in this difficult times.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the amended agenda by Wade. Seconded by Gene. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Nick moved to approve February minutes. Seconded by Ann. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report: Dorothy reported.

John moved to approve. Seconded by Hollie. Motion carried. (Report on file).

Treasurer's Report: Jim reported

Cash Flow Report

- Undesignated funds available to be used for February's General Fund expenses totaled \$13,027.49. This amount was

below the month's General Fund expenses totaling \$15,911.42.

- Congregational giving to the General Fund was \$12,168. No church on February 20th lowered the overall giving. The monthly budget goal is \$19,160.69.

- Noteworthy Other Giving:

- o Oil Leases – Revenue is down due to the timing of payments.

- o Miscellaneous – A \$500 gift from the AFLC parish in McIntosh to help reimburse release time expenses.

- o Thrivent Choice – A pass through donation to Grace Cemetery Association.

Some of the noteworthy expenses this month included:

Administration – Church & Parsonage Fuel: Colder temps have continued, so fuel usage is up from past years.

Custodian Salary – Paid three times in February due to timing.

Mission Outreach – Miscellaneous - \$1,706 from Christmas offerings were passed through to the WEM Backpack Program and the WEM Family Service Fund. \$226 was passed through to the Grace Cemetery Association.

Budget Report

- We ended the month at approximately 5.4% or \$12,400 under budget.

- All of the major budgeted expense categories ended under budget for the month, with the exception of Mission Outreach.

- The Miscellaneous line item in the Mission Outreach portion of the budget is way out of budget due to a timing issue. Since a majority of the Christmas Offerings were received in 2021, the 2022 budget does not include those offerings as reimbursed expenses.

The Copyright Fees line item in the Worship portion of the budget is slightly over budget due to an increase in cost.

History of Regular Giving to the General Fund Report

- Looking back since 2011, this was the third highest offering for the month of February.

This is the highest year-to-date giving since 2011!!

History of the General Fund Balance

The February balance reflects a decrease from January's balance due to lower giving (only 3 Sundays) and higher expenses.

Account Balances Report

- Building Fund - Reflects donations made during the month and expense for the separate elevator phone line (\$38.66).

- HS Scholarship Fund – Reflects a donation and the payout of one scholarship.

- Oil Fund – Bldg Upkeep reflects a portion of this month's oil/gas revenue.

- Oil Fund – Church Emergencies reflects a portion of this month's oil/gas revenue.

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- Oil Fund – Church Emergencies reflects a portion of this month's oil/gas revenue.
- Oil Fund - Missions reflects a portion of this month's oil/gas revenue.

SS Outreach Fund – Reflects the monthly donation of \$38 to Compassion International.

Brovold Investment Valuation Report

The ending balance is down \$400 since January.

Gunderson Investment Valuation Report

- The ending balance increased \$300 over last month.

It has the highest balance ever!

Other Information

Per the Council's suggestion, Jim purchased a \$25,000 CD from Ultima Bank on March 1, using money from the General Fund.

Jim noted that we had a good month especially considering we didn't have one of the Sundays due to weather.

Yvonne made motion to approve. Seconded by Gene. Motion carried.

Pastor's report:

Jason reported that Pastor is so committed and pleased with what has been a very successful Confirmation Class so far. Looking forward to a very meaningful experience for our young people.

Committee report:

Stewardship: Lori reported. No report but waiting for pictures from Hollie

Education: Ann reported. They received several nice Thank You notes from some of the people who so appreciated receiving valentines from the Sunday School students. \$107 taken in from regular Sunday School offering by our students. An individual donation was also received to be added to the offering for the Ukraine. The Sunday School matched the amount collected. 5th and 6th grade going to the Humane Society later in the spring. They will bring some donations with them. 1st Communion preparations will be discussed with pastor after tonight's meeting. A representative from Pathways will be here to talk with our Sunday School students on Sunday.

Youth Group: Ann reported. Trip coming up in March with nine students signed up for Feed My Starving Children.

NALCW: Hollie reported. The Executive Committee met to get the service books completed. Palm Sunday they will be meeting with the Sunday School children to make Easter cards that will be sent out to congregation members. The next meeting will be April 14 at 2:00. Everyone is welcome to come for a Bible Study, dessert, and fellowship.

Trustees: Wade reported. They received a call from an architect but we haven't received any cost

information yet. Wade will follow-up. Called Jack's Electric about getting the noise issue solved with the fan. Wade has been working on the furnace issues with Ryan. Also working to up-to-date Brian on some of the new furnace operations. The key cards that were issued didn't work properly. However, all that has to be done to fix the issue is for the user to notify Kim and she will get the card reprogrammed. *Deacons:* John reported. They visited the Fosston, McIntosh, and Erskine Assisted Living facilities. They brought a single rose to many of the residents and it was really appreciated by those who received them. They plan to continue this practice in the future. Thank you to John for bringing this us this great idea and making it happen.

Video Tech: Nick reported. No report.

Food Shelf: Gene reported. Last Thursday was a BIG day for the Food Shelf. Thank you to Mavis, Gene, Cheri, and Betty for working a very full day providing service to 17 families. That bring us to 29 families served this month. (6 new families). Distributed 1,255 pounds which brings the total for the month to 2,482 pounds for February. By comparison the Per Family Total for Feb was 85.6 lbs. and the average for last year was 78.5 lbs. Dave Hinkley is resigning as coordinator. We are so thankful to him for his dedicated service. They are in need of many helpers to fill

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GRACE COUNCIL, continued
many positions. Please call the Food Shelf number (218-687-2250) and leave them a message if you feel you would like to become part of this wonderful mission.

Welcome Committee: Jason talked to Pastor about a New Members Sunday and plans will be put into place. Please let Jason (or any Council member) know if there is someone that should be contacted about joining our Grace family. We will discuss this further at our retreat on April 2.

Old Business:

Need for a Deacon: We are still short one Deacon. Please prayerfully consider volunteering.

Need for Call Committee: We are in dire need of one more member plus an alternate. Our constitution says that we need 6 regular members and 2 alternates. We want to be able to start by March 24. Jason will announce our needs on Sunday and try to get someone to fill the needs.

Discussion regarding Worship / Covid: We agreed to add the blessing for children back into our communion service.

New Business:

Holy Week / Easter Schedule: 10:30 worship on Easter Sunday.
Setting up a 1st Communion: opportunity has been discussed with Pastor Mike. We will formalize a plan. Pastor has been doing some research. He would

like to use one night for teaching and then set a Sunday for 1st Communion. Date to be set after Easter.

Additional General Fund donation for Grace to Ukraine:

Yvonne made a motion to make a \$5,000 donation to the Ukraine that would include: individual member donations, Sunday School donations and the Sunday School match, with the General Fund dollars used to bring the total to \$5,000. Seconded by Wade. Motion carried. (Jason will give a brief update on the Ukraine issue on Sunday)

Announcements:

Win-E-Mac school sent us a "Thank You" for the funds we donated to the Family Service Fund.

Win-E-Mac school sent us a "Thank You" for the funds we donated to the Win-E-Mac Backpack Program.

Council Retreat April 2 at 9:00 a.m.

Next month's meeting date is April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn

The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Salverson

Food Shelf



GRACE FOOD SHELF NEEDS

YOU!

TIME: Only 4 hours or less a month

FOOD SHELF DAY WORKERS: one of two days a month

Greeter and carry out groceries (patrons stay in vehicle)

Shopper and shopping list reader (pull items requested)

Weighing

Restocking

TRUCK DAY: once a month

Help unload Food Bank Truck

NEED MEN ALSO FOR FOOD SHELF DAYS!!

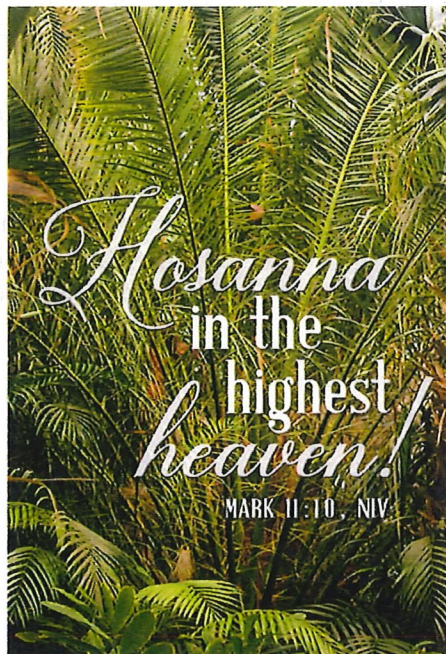
Seasonal help and Students are also needed

Contact: Mavis Haugom at 218-563-3292 Or Gene Haugom at

218-280-2818

GRACE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jason Carlson	President	563-2490
Nick Walk	Vice President	637-2219
Yvonne Halvorson	Secretary	687-5190
Dorothy Sandberg	Financial Secretary	687-3575
Jim Ferden	Treasurer	563-2377
Gary Walter	Deacon	687-3074
John Carlson	Deacon	
Gene Haugom	Trustee	563-3292
Wade Farrell	Trustee	563-2216
Ray LaBrecque	Trustee	
Ann Brekken	Superintendent / Education	687-2205
Sarah Strom	Education	687-3488
Pam Walk	Education	637-2219
Shar Hill	Education	
Hollie Stewart	Pres. WNALC	687-3730
Lori Hole	Stewardship	687-3585
Tyler Brekken	Stewardship	687-2205
Becki Lindseth	Stewardship	

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR
APRIL**Fifth Sunday in Lent****April 3, 2022**

First Reading - Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm - Psalm 126

Second Reading - Philippians 3:4b-7, 8-14

Gospel - Luke 20:9-20

Palm Sunday**April 10, 2022**

First Reading - Deuteronomy 32:36-39

Psalm - Psalm 118:19-29

Second Reading - Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel - Luke 22:1-23:56

Maundy Thursday**April 14, 2022**

First Reading - Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm

- Psalm 116:12-19

Second Reading - Hebrews 10:15-25

Gospel - Luke 22:7-20

Good Friday**April 15, 2022**

First Reading - Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm - Psalm 22:1-31

Second Reading - Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Gospel - John 18:1-19:42

Resurrection of Our Lord**April 17, 2022 • Easter Sunrise**

First Reading - Job 19:23-27

Psalm - Psalm 118:15-29

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Gospel - John 20:1-18

Resurrection of Our Lord**April 17, 2022 • Easter Day**

First Reading - Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalm - Psalm 16:1-11

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Gospel - Luke 24:1-12

Second Sunday of Easter**April 24, 2022**

First Reading - Acts 5:12-20, 21-32

Psalm - Psalm 148:1-14

Second Reading - Revelation 1:4-18

Gospel - John 20:19-31



Hello Ladies!

Spring is here! I hope you can enjoy some time outside on these nice days.

We have an exciting event happening with our Sunday school!! Ann brought me an idea for the Women's Ministry to help make Easter cards for those on our prayer list and others as their names are brought forth. I thought it was perfect - with the cards we have been making and sending while we haven't met in the winter months and the cards the Sunday school makes and sends for Holidays during their class time - it seems the perfect thing to do together. Both groups, serving others and having fellowship together! I can't wait.

The new service books are out. All women of the church should receive one as all women are members of the WNALC. If you didn't get one let me know and I'll get one to you. In it you'll find service group members and schedule of serving coffee and dessert for monthly WNALC Women Ministry meetings, group # for use in scheduling service of funerals (done by V.P. Maxine) and the suggested donation in lieu of serving supper that passed in 2019. At this time we no longer serve a supper meal on WNALC meeting days. If you would like to join a group, please let me know. Some of our groups are getting

smaller.

We received news of a change with the pickup of our Disaster Response donations this year. Donations will be picked up at the NALC churches /pastors event in Alexandria, MN April 29th and 30th. Jill and Ed Nesheim will be there with a pickup and trailer for a stuff the truck event. Last year they stopped at churches and they were really full. Elsewhere in the scroll you will find a list of kits and items they need.

We will talk more about this at our April meeting. We will also need someone to take our donations to this meeting and add to the truck there. These donation list ideas are open for anyone to give to. Something I learned last year is that this mission- Disaster Response- is not funded in any way by the NALC budget. All its work is done by donation. Gods hands and feet! So, look for it , I'll be getting that Bible donation box out, I'll put out two - one at the back of the church and one under the mailboxes by Kim's office. Used, rummage sale, and new Bibles welcome.

I would like to invite all women to our first meeting of 2022 for Women's Ministry. It will be April 14th at 2:00pm, with coffee and dessert. We will do cards for our card ministry after our meeting. This has been so well received.

We will talk of it and other activities. If anyone has ideas for activities for this year please bring them to the meeting or let one of us know. See you at the meeting. Lenten Blessings to all.



OUR CHURCH'S HISTORY

Our Organs and Organists

Our first church was completed in 1894. But the first organ was only purchased in 1899. The first organist who played in the old church was Gyda Lillemoc. She played into 1908 and was followed by Clara Finsand, and then Mrs. Lind. When our new church was finished, we boasted with a new pipe organ. Two people were needed to operate it—the organist plus someone to pump the bellows by way of a long handle. Other organists before the 1934 fire were Vera Cronquest, Julia Finsand, Cora Espeseth, Margaret Ness, Alpha Skogerboe and Mildre Peterson.

After the interior of the church was gutted by fire, the trustees worked to renovate and refurnish the structure as closely as possible to the original. One change the congregation made was to purchase an electric pipe organ for the cost of \$2000.

The Thief on the Other Cross: A Good Friday Monologue

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

I don't belong here. I really don't. Paradise is the last place I expected to end up after all I've done. Let me tell you my story.

I am — I *was* — an armed robber, I guess you'd call it. Me and Jake and the others would live in caves in the Judean hills near the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. We made our living by violence. We wouldn't take on people in the big groups that passed. They traveled together for safety. But a family alone would be an easy mark, as well as anyone fool enough to travel by himself.

Brandishing a strong staff would usually do the trick. Threaten them with a beating and they'd give up without much of a fight. But I've been known to break a few bones in my day, God forgive me. I don't think I actually killed anyone, but then I never stayed around long enough to find out.

The first time I meet Jesus is when I am invited to a party in his honor in Jericho at the home of a rich tax collector named Zacchaeus. I am introduced, we shake hands, and Jesus looks me in the eye for a *long* moment. He can see right into me, who I am, every crime I have ever committed. Then he smiles this big friendly smile. "You know," he says, "there's forgiveness for you

in my Kingdom. How about it?"

I drop my eyes, say something non-committal, and shuffle away. The next day I'm in the crowd, hanging on every word he says. Jesus is talking about his Kingdom, comparing it to a mustard seed, calling it the Kingdom of Heaven. I want so much to go up to him after he has finished and take him up on that forgiveness thing, but I just can't bring myself to do it.

I wish I had. It isn't much later when me and my friend Jake -- the guy on the third cross -- get caught by a Roman patrol. The others run off, but they catch us, beat us silly, drag us into Jerusalem, and throw us in prison. No mercy for the likes of us.

And so it happens that on the same day that they crucify Jesus, they crucify me and Jake -- one of us on his left, the other on his right. This isn't any normal crucifixion. Mobs of people are there just because of Jesus. Self-righteous Pharisees are swaggering and mocking. "If you're some kind of messiah," one sneers, "come on down from that cross. If you're a savior, save yourself — *if you can!*"

Jake begins cat-calling, too, if you can imagine that. I yell over at him, "You miserable thug, don't you have any fear of God? Can't you see that we're going to die just like he is? Show a little decency! We're getting exactly what we deserve, but he ain't

done nothing wrong."

Jake quiets down and the Pharisees lose interest. But I can't get Jericho out of my mind. I can't forget Jesus' eyes, his words, his invitation. And so I call over to him, though it's getting hard to breathe and talking makes it that much harder.

"Jesus!" I say. He turns his head towards me. "Jesus, I was there in Jericho. I met you at a party at Zacchaeus' house. Remember?"

He looks at me for a moment and then nods his head just a little. He *does* remember.

"I never forgot what you said. I wanted to say yes, but just couldn't. And now look at me — look at *us!*"

He is in bad shape — exhausted, in excruciating pain, back oozing, breath labored. He isn't going to last long. I can see that. But somehow I can see *beyond* all that. He *was* the Messiah, *is* the Messiah, no matter what those priests and Romans and Pharisees have done to him. And when he dies, he will be with God. In a few hours, maybe less, he will be vindicated. He will reign in that Kingdom he told us about.

"Jesus," I call again, quieter now.

He opens his eyes. They are the same eyes, the same piercing, loving, honest eyes.

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Disaster Response

KIT PACKING LIST

UPDATED FEBRUARY 2021

Bibles

- new or used (highlighted & underlined text is acceptable)
- children's, teens
- Spanish
- large print
- prayer books

We encourage you to write messages of hope in the front pages of donated Bibles

Flood Bucket

- 1 five-gallon bucket with lid
- 1 jug bleach
- 2 large trash bags
- 1 roll paper towels
- Comet or scouring cleanser
- Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
- scrub brush
- gloves, 1 pair each, size L preferred
 - rubber (reusable, i.e. Platex, dishwashing type)
 - leather
 - cotton

Health Care Kit

(Pack in 2-gallon Ziplock bag or tote bag)

- 1 bath towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 shampoo (regular size or 2 travel size)
- 1 bar of soap (regular size or 2 travel size)
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 pack of floss
- 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)
- 1 comb
- 1 deodorant
- 1 nail clippers

Quilts and Blankets

- any size
- any fabric including religious, patriotic/military theme, seasonal

School Kit – Elementary

- 1 backpack or duffle bag
- 4 notebooks
- 4 pocket folders
- 1 blunt scissors
- 1 ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 4 pencils
- 2 pens
- 1 eraser
- 1 box of crayons

School Kit – High School

- 1 backpack or duffle bag
- 4 notebooks
- 4 pocket folders
- 4 pencils, 1 pencil sharpener & 1 eraser -or-
- 4 mechanical pencils
- 4 pens
- 1 high school calculator

Miscellaneous (pack like items together)

- masks (bundle/pack each type separately)
 - painting
 - sanding
 - N95
- baby diapers (disposable, assorted sizes)
- high school calculators
- any school supply can be donated in bulk quantities.
- mops, brooms & dustpans
- rakes, shovels, etc.

Gift Cards

- Home Depot
- Lowes
- Walmart



HOW TO PACK YOUR DISASTER KITS:

- Pack completed kits, in sturdy boxes (not overly large).
- Label contents and quantity in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS and place labels on at least one end and one side of the box so the contents will be visible regardless of how box is stacked.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box with a label that says: *A GIFT FROM [church/group name and address]*

FINANCIAL DONATIONS

Your monetary donations are always appreciated. Please note that, effective 12/14/2020, the address to which all monetary donations should be sent has changed to:

North American Lutheran Church
PO BOX 860565
Minneapolis, MN 55486-0565

For more information, please email Mary Bates, disasterresponse@thenalc.org or visit thenalc.org/nalc-disaster-response/

“Serve one another humbly in love”

GALATIANS 5:13b

Letter to my sponsor

Tanggal (Date) 15 Januari 2022.

Shalom.

Hello Friends apa kabar? I can berkerja Friends dan keluarga disini dalam keadaan sehat dan diberkati oleh Tuhan sama seperti keluarga I can juga dalam keadaan sehat. I can Tuhan I can juga bisa berkerja bersama Friends kembali dan terima kasih karena Friends ini saya mau sponsor. I can salama ini dan beberapa waktu yang lalu I can menerima report I can dan I can sangat bersyukur karena I can bisa mendapat I can hasil yang memuaskan dan pada waktu Natal dan tahun baru I can bisa merayakan Tuhan dengan perayaan banner dan juga kuis dan juga ada media-media I can dan tahun-tahun yang sudah pergi. I can-jalan dan waktu yang sudah I can sangat senang karena bisa ada di rumah bersama I can dan terima kasih buat I can dan teman-teman I can berkerja buat I can dan hadiah.

Translation

Shalom. Hello, dear friends. How are you? I hope you and your family are healthy and blessed by God same like me and my family. We are healthy here. Praise the Lord, I can write letter for you again. Thank you for being my sponsor until now. I just got my school report and I am thankful I can get good scores. I also served God during Christmas and New Year as I perform banners dancing and choirs in church. After church my friends and I went sightseeing. I was so happy to get new friends. Thank you for your Christmas gift for me.

Dalam hal ini I can pakai buat membeli baju buat merayakan di gereja dan juga mau dengan aktivitas I can selama liburan Natal dan tahun baru? I can merayakan dan I can bisa Friends agar Friends saya dan I can hubungan Tuhan dan juga sukses selalu dan I can juga agar selalu dalam lingkungan Tuhan sampai disini dan sehat dan I can nanti di sambung dengan berikut ini Tuhan Yesus membarakati.

Translation

I used it to buy new clothes to wear to church. How was your activity going during Christmas and New Year? is it fun? I pray God always protects you all safe. This is all my letter for now. See you in the next letter. Jesus blesses us all.

**Joint Convocation
of the
Minkota & Eastern South Dakota Mission Districts**

29-30 April, 2022

Mt. Carmel Ministries: 800 Mt. Carmel Dr, NE, Alexandria, MN 56308

Speakers: Bishop Dan Selbo

Pastor Ken Nelson – “Life to Life” Discipleship

Schedule: **Friday**

3:00 – Pastors Meet with Bishop Selbo

5:00 – Registration

6:00 – Supper Provided

7:00 – Worship, Speaker, Fellowship

Saturday

8:00 - Breakfast Provided

8:30 – Devotions, Speaker, Bishop Time, District Meetings

Noon - Closing of the Convocation

Registration: \$35 per person: Remit to Registrar by April 22nd
(Checks payable to Minkota Mission District can be sent to the address below)

Jim Ferden
Minkota Mission District
P.O. Box 204
Erskine, MN. 56535

Modern Cabin Housing on Site: (Private Bedrooms, but shared Cabins) - \$45 per person.
Contact Jim Ferden at joferden@gmail.com for your room reservations.

Stuff the Trailer! - Jill Nesheim a volunteer with the NALC Disaster Response will be present. See the attached Flyer for items needed!



DID YOU KNOW?

Grace Lutheran church has a beginning foundation of 7 people dedicated to praying 24/7.

Pastor Tsena made an invite to begin a prayer group to have someone praying intentionally each day of the week.

Each of the 7 have one day of the week dedicated to prayer. Our first goal and prayer would be to increase our numbers to 31 persons anxious to participate in communicating with God and growing in relationship with Him and our community.

The 7 of us meet Monday evenings from 6-7 pm in the church basement. Why? To share our week experiences with growth in prayer. Encouragement to continue prayers that "seem" unanswered and give thanks and celebration for the answered and to be answered prayers.

"Pray without ceasing" 1 Thessalonians 5:17. A huge task especially when we do not live a cloistered life.

So, we are learning from scripture, the Holy Spirit and each other to **DEPEND ON GOD, PRAY REPEATEDLY AND OFTEN, STAY STEADFAST AND BE DISCIPLINED.**

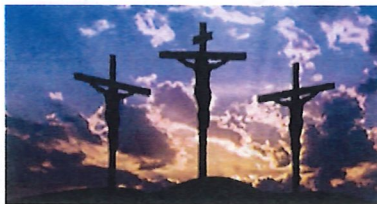
"Praying without ceasing is as easy as breathing when you make prayer **part of your lifestyle.**

That way it pleases God and satisfies Paul's advice. Therefore, you can pray while you work, while taking a shower, while waiting at

a stoplight, and while doing everything else in the course of a day.

You do not have to kneel, prostrate yourself on the floor, look toward heaven, or close your eyes to pray. Audible praying is just one way to pray. Let prayer be **part of your lifestyle.**" Rev. M. Minnicks

Would you join us on Mondays, and we will share with you our focused prayers for this church, community, country, universal church and more. We need you!
24/7 Group



The Thief on the Other Cross: A Good Friday Monologue, continued

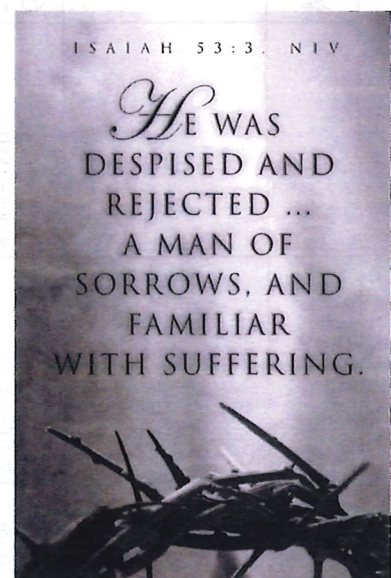
"Jesus," I say, "when you come into your Kingdom, would you remember me?"

His words are labored, his lips parched, but I can still hear him pretty well. "Truly, I say to you...." His voice cracks, then is stronger for a moment. "Truly, this very day you will be with me in Paradise."

His eyes droop. He is fading quickly now. But I believe him. *I do!* That's what gets me through those next few hours until they break my legs to kill me. *I do believe him!*

And then I find myself here in heaven, in Paradise. I sure don't deserve to be here, but here I am anyway. I guess that's what a man like me gets when the King himself grants a pardon. Full forgiveness. Pretty amazing, don't you think?

This story is fictional, of course, though it is based on the account in Luke 23:32-43. The criminals described by the Greek word *lestes*, "robber, highwayman, bandit." Since Josephus used this as a derisive term to refer to the Zealots, some have thought that it might mean "revolutionary, insurrectionist, guerrilla" here. (*lestes*, BDAG 594; K.H. Rengstorf, *lestes*, TDNT 4:257-262). However, in this story I take the thief as a highwayman or bandit, like the one who had robbed the man in Jesus' Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37).



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Grace Lutheran Church

CIRCLES

Hope at the church
Rebecca at the church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9am-Bible Study 9:15am-Sun. School 10:30am- Worship w/Holy Comm.	4 9:30am-LBS 10am-Worship Re- broadcast 6pm-24/7 Prayer Group	5 8:00am-MBS 3pm-BSF 8pm-AA mtg.	6 2pm-Jr. High RT Class 7pm-Confirmation Class 7pm-Rebroadcast	7 12pm-Quilting	8 9am- Rebroadcast	9 9am- Rebroadcast
10 Palm Sunday 9am Bible Study 9:15am-Sun. School 10:30am- Worship w/Holy Comm.	11 9:30am -LBS 10am- Worship Re- broadcast 6pm-24/7 Prayer Group	12 8:00am-MBS 3pm-BSF 8pm-AA mtg.	13 2pm-RT Class 7pm-Conf. Class 7pm-Council Mtg. 7pm-Rebroadcast	14 Maundy Thursday 10am-2pm-Food Shelf is open 12pm-Quilting 2pm-WNALC	15 Good Friday	16 9am- Rebroadcast
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Ushers :

- Dave Hamre
- Nicolas Walk
- Jim Tadman
- Joe Sandberg family
- Carr Smeby
- Joe Shimpa

Communion Assistants:

Jeff & Kris Nornes

Altar Flowers:

Hope Circle

Altar Guild:

Maxine Walter

R= Reader

A=Acolyte

P=Power Point

APRIL 3rd:

R~~ Jeff Nornes

A~~ Cameron Svalen and Claire Juve

P~~ Hayden Johnson and Carter

Fortman

APRIL 10th:

R~~ Mary Bratrud

A~~ Hayden Johnson and Charley

Carlson

P~~ Jareth Walk and Lillian Shimpa

APRIL 17th:

R~~ Gary Walter

A~~ Jareth Walk and George Juve

P~~ Presley Haugen and Josie Fortman

APRIL 24th:

R~~ John Carlson

A~~ Malaina Jax and Josie Johnson

P~~ Calvin Hill and Riley Kochman

17th: LeRoy Johnson

24th: Russell John-
son

Greeters:

3rd: Nancy Jenson

10th: Allen & Liz
Jenson