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and Gift of Grace"*

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**Grace Lutheran
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August 2022



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AUGUST 1st-4th

6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Come join the fun
and meet the Bi-
ble Buddies!!**



**SPECIAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
AUGUST 7th, 10:00 AM**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30-8:30pm- VBS	2 6:30-8:30pm- VBS	3 6:30-8:30pm- VBS	4 6:30-8:30pm- VBS	5	6 9am- Rebroadcast
7 10am-Special Congregation Meeting 10:30am- Worship w/Holy Comm.	8 9:30am-LBS 10am-Worship Re- broadcast 6pm-2/4/7 Prayer Group	9 8:00am-MBS 8pm-AA mtg.	10 7pm-Rebroadcast	11 10am-2pm-Food Shelf is open 2pm-WNALC	12	13 9am- Rebroadcast
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21 10:30am-Worship	22 9:30am-LBS 10am-Worship Re- broadcast 6pm-2/4/7 Prayer Group	23 8:00am-MBS 8pm-AA mtg.	24 7pm-Rebroadcast	25 10am-2pm-Food Shelf is open	26	27 9am- Rebroadcast
28 10:30am-Worship	29 9:30am-LBS 10am-Worship Re- broadcast 6pm-2/4/7 Prayer Group	30 8:00am-MBS 8pm-AA mtg.	31 9am-Hope Circle 7pm-Rebroadcast	Greeters: 7th: Jon & Tiffany Ormundson 14th: Fanni Ose 21st: Shawn & Tamara Ostenaar 28th: Marc & Kristi Plante		

CIRCLES
Hope at the church
Rebecca no meeting

Ushers :
David Halvorson
LeRoy Johnson
Darin Falder family
Earl Lucken family

Communion Assistants:
Mary Bratrud and Becky Lindseth

Altar Flowers:
Hope Circle

Altar Guild:
Maxine Walter

R= Reader

A=Acolyte
P=Power Point

AUGUST 7th:

R~ Navis Haugom

A~ Malina Jax and Josie Johnson

P~ Jayden Haugen and Rian Berg

AUGUST 14th:

R~ Shelby Shimpa and Lillian Shimpa

P~ Josie Johnson and Jordyn Halstenson

AUGUST 21st:

R~ Mary Bratrud

A~ Josie Johnson and Bella Senn

P~ Cameron Svalem and Claire Juve

AUGUST 28th:

R~ Nancy Jenson

A~ Jarath Walk and Owen Strom

P~ Hayden Johnson and Carter Fortman

- * Marlene Ross
- * Allen Jenson
- * Everett Osland
- * Steve & Linda Evenson
- * Steve Jacobson
- * Becki Haugen
- * Judy Boucher
- * Jolene Bradley
- * Mark Thompson
- * Torrey Erickson
- * Mark LaPlante
- * Nursing Home members
- * Grace Call Committee
- * Ukraine



The Grace WNALC will meet on Thursday August 11th at 2:00 p.m. Group #5 will serve. All women are invited to attend.

Hope Circle: August 25th 9:00 AM at the church
Rebecca Circle: Does not meet during the summer



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.



The Grace Lutheran Church Council will meet on Wednesday August 10th at 7:00 p.m. A reminder that all council meetings are open to members of Grace Church unless otherwise stated.



- July 3rd:**
Attendance~42
Offering~\$2,080.00
- July 10th:**
Attendance~102
Offering~\$3,612.00
- July 17th:**
Attendance~54
Offering~ \$1,815.00
- July 24th:**
Attendance~ 79
Offering~\$775.00

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
Becky Lindseth	Stewardship	



There will be a special congregational meeting on **Sunday, August 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** The sole purpose of the meeting is to vote on calling Pastor Pamela

Thorson to serve Grace Lutheran Church of Erskine. Voting will be by written ballot so an accurate record of the vote may be maintained. Reminder that we need 35 voting members for a quorum. Voting members include all confirmed members of our church.



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 Maintenance/Improvements, Sunday School Outreach, Vacation Bible School, and Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes. In addition, our church houses the Grace Community 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.

June 2022 Financial Summary

Congregational Offering to the General Fund - \$13,342.00

Expenses:

Administrative - \$6,615.48

Education - \$50.00

Mission Outreach - \$700.00

Pastoral - \$2,948.66

Worship - \$423.61

Total Expenses - \$10,737.75





Hello Women of Grace!
I hope you are enjoying your warm weather time of the year. The other day talking with someone about how hot it was and we thought about what we had wished for 6 months ago. God's blessings are snow and furnaces and heat and air conditioning. I'm grateful. It's always to short. Hope gardens and flowers are do well or trips to the farmers market. That is another blessing.

Next month, on August 2nd, the WNALC will have a Virtual Annual Gathering. It will be held 2:00-4:00. The facebook page and website for WNALC will have info on it. If anyone would like to view and participate together in our church, let me know and we will arrange a gathering. Otherwise, you can view individually from home.

Discussion was held at our last meeting in July when someone brought up the \$50.00 donation for the service book in lieu of a meal. We have not included the reserve list in this and the discussion brought out that this would be a good idea. All women are part of the WNALC according to the national NALC

and the motion that brought this change about does reflect that. So we would like all reserve members to join us in the \$50.00 donation. This group can send money to V. Pres. Maxine or Treas. Barb. We didn't mean to leave you out, we just never looked at it. A note to all- if any of these donations aren't needed in the year given, we include them with the Mission dollars that are disbursed at the end of the year after the auction.

One more thing. Our August meeting we will be wrapping up the, 'Women of the Bible' study Mary has been putting together for us. If you would bring ideas or study materials you are interested in, we will be deciding what our next focus will be in the Bible.

We will soon have a vote about the call our Call committee is recommending. Be in prayer as we move forward.

Wishing you God's blessings as you spend time with him, family and the outdoors.

Food Shelf



Grace Community Foodshelf Update:

Starting in **September**, we will be changing our **hours**, not our dates.

The hours for the second Thursday of each month will move to 3pm to 7pm.

The hours for the third Thursday of each month will stay at 10am to 2pm

If anyone has extra produce from their garden, please think of donating these items to the foodshelf.

However, we can only accept these items the second and third week of each month.

foodshelf@gracechurcherski.org

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GRACE TO UKRAINE

These are short messages from Sergey from July 4 to now. they have been able to do camps and God is definitely at work in the lives of the precious Ukrainian people.

FROM SERGEY:

Praise to the Lord we were able to start camp season. This a new location for our camp ministry. We never had any camp in this area. Today over 50 kids came. Tomorrow more plan to come.

On last week we had camp in one of our usual locations. We had 240 kids there.

Six people were baptized last Sunday. Another 10 people will be baptized in another church in our area.

We organize baptism services as evangelism. We try to do them in open area in order more people can be present there and hear Gospel message.

We used military tent in the camp in order to hide it among trees in case of possible attacks from the air.

God is good. One more camp is going on. Over 200 kids and over 50 teenagers are in camp. We tried to locate this camp at the edge of forest in order to hide kids in case of bombings. We don't have shelter close to our camp so we prepared several tents and excavated a ditch in the forest.

Many kids came from poor families and some of them are

refuges. The camp time is from 10 am till 5 pm. So all kids have normal meal and two snacks during the day in the camp. We faced only with one problem! Poison snakes! We mowed all grass. But kids found poison snakes in the forest and brought them in their hands to the camp. Praise to the Lord that snakes did not bite anybody!

Yesterday one of the biggest camps was over in our area. Kids were invited with their parents. Over 400 people came and all they heard Gospel message. Even several people from local government came and they were amazed to see so many kids. They promised to gave in use this big peace of land with forest and small river in use for camp ministry for free for 50 years. Thank you for all your prayers and support!

As always, your prayer and financial support is greatly appreciated. We now have a good way for Sergey to get the money they need in a very timely manner. He is being very careful with the funds received, as he wants to be sure they can help as many folks as possible.

God Bless and keep you
Sharon

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR AUGUST

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 7, 2022

First Reading - Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm - Psalm 33:12-22
Second Reading - Hebrews 11:1-16
Gospel - Luke 12:22-34, 35-40

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 14, 2022

First Reading - Jeremiah 23:16-29
Psalm - Psalm 119:81-88
Second Reading - Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3
Gospel - Luke 12:49-53, 54-56

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 21, 2022

First Reading - Isaiah 66:18-23
Psalm - Psalm 50:1-15
Second Reading - Hebrews 12:4-24 (25-29)
Gospel - Luke 13:22-30

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 28, 2022

First Reading - Proverbs 25:2-10
Psalm - Psalm 131:1-3
Second Reading - Hebrews 13:1-17
Gospel - Luke 14:1-14