

The Scroll

Grace Lutheran
Church

August 2025



Lazy days of August are upon us. Well, for many August isn't so lazy, but busy as a time of preparation. Families are squeezing in final vacations before school resumes, sports camps finish up, gardens are bursting with ripe fruit, and the air carries a sense of anticipation. In the bustle, it is all too easy to let the weeks slip by without truly savoring their blessings. Remember the words of *Psalm 118:24*: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Each day is a gift, filled with opportunities for gratitude, growth, and connection—both with God and with each other.

Slow down and relax. That's what summer vacation can mean. Take time to notice the quiet ways God is moving in your life. Whether through a kind word from a neighbor, the laughter of children, or the beauty of a summer sunset, God's presence is everywhere, but we often miss it. Breathe and look for the beauty of a marvelous creation. God calls and wants us to answer.

August is also looking to the future and making plans.

Here are a few highlights:

Sunday School Rally Day and Back-to-School Blessing: On Sunday, September 7th, we invite all children, teachers, and school staff to attend a special service dedicated to blessing backpacks and praying for the coming year. Let's surround our students and educators with encouragement as they prepare for new beginnings.

In August, we'll collect backpacks and school supplies for children in need—let's help equip every child in our community for a successful school year!

Confirmation for grades 7 and up begins in September. Be sure to register if you are new to the course.

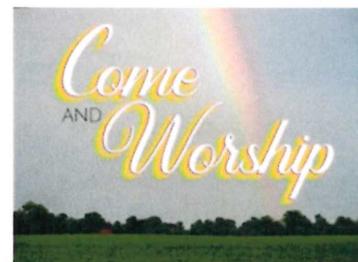
Released Time will begin in September. We had over 100 children and youth come to Grace for bi-weekly Christian Education on Wednesday afternoons. It's a tremendous ministry. Please consider volunteering your time to teach or otherwise support this amazing opportunity to care for our youth and feed them the Word of God with encouragement.

Be joyful in the Lord always,

Pastor Pam

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August 3rd
4:00PM - Worship
5:00PM - Supper
6:00PM - VBS Kickoff
***No 9:00AM service this Sunday**



The Grace Lutheran Church Council will meet in regular session on Wednesday August 13th at 7:00PM at the church. A reminder that all Council meetings are open to members of Grace unless otherwise specified.



NO WNALC MEETING IN AUGUST

Hope Circle: August 27th at 9:00AM at the church.

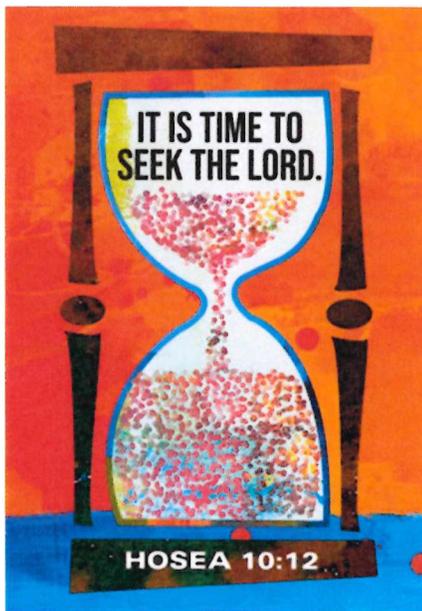
Rebecca Circle: No meeting through the summer months.



- Lyla Moteberg
- Don Lundin
- Judy Tadman
- Linda Jorgenson
- Judi Hoeft
- Jon Clementson
- Pastor Pam Thorson
- Ogden Farder, Jr.
- Verra Smeby
- Maci Smeby
- Allen Jenson
- Steve & Linda Evenson
- David Ramse
- Louise LaBrecque
- Bev Greaver
- Zach Haugen and daughters
- Amy Carpenter
- Gloria Bixby
- David Ward
- Jesse Hickman
- Greg Kaster
- Jolene Bradley
- Mark Wild
- Amy Carpenter
- Shut-ins and Nursing Home members



- June 29th:**
Attendance~ 47
Offering~\$1,600.00
- July 6th:**
Attendance~ 53
Offering~\$2,525.00
- July 13th:**
Attendance~ 46
Offering~\$2,374.00
- July 20th:**
Attendance~ 49
Offering~ \$3041.00
- July 27th:**
Attendance~ 60
Offering~ \$2,790.00





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 –



thrivent

Did you know?

If you are a Thrivent member, you are eligible to receive money to help support events you or others are having.

Simply gather a team of friends, family or neighbors to put on a fundraiser, educational event or service activity. We'll provide the resources you need to get started – including up to \$250 in seed money. Clients with benefit membership are eligible to lead two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year, and clients with associate membership are eligible to lead one per calendar year. There are many examples on the Thrivent website @ [Thrivent Action Teams Hub \(cotribute.co\)](https://www.thrivent.org/thrivent-action-teams). Some ideas: Grandparents Day, Vacation Bible School, Fish Fry, Easter Festival, Food Shelf, Disaster Response Buckets/kits, K9's for Mobility, Quilts for Others, or Yarn for Prayer Shawls.

Let's get together and figure out how we can use these benefits for the work of ministry.

June 2025 Financial Summary

Regular Offerings to the General Operating Fund - \$14,722.25
 Other Giving used for the General Operating Fund - \$311.83
 Thrivent Choice Program - \$35.00
 Interest Earned - \$64.45
 Total Income - \$15,133.53

Expenses:

Administrative - \$10,025.77
 Education - \$776.32
 Mission Outreach - \$1,140.00
 Pastoral - \$ 8,662.71
 Worship - \$986.45
 Total Expenses- \$21,591.25
 Net Income - - \$6,457.72



GRACE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pr. Pam Thorson	Pastor	270-872-8269
John Carlson	President	687-2205
Tyler Brekken	Vice President	
Carla Ferden	Secretary	563-2377
Tina Farrell	Financial Secretary	
Jim Ferden	Treasurer	563-2377
Wendy Lee	Deacon	
Dearmina Gustafson	Deacon	
Gene Haugom	Trustee	563-3292
Ray LaBrecque	Trustee	
Steve Jacobson	Trustee	
Andrew & Becky Hanson	Education Directors	
Sarah Strom	Education	687-3488
Shar Hill	Education	
Jason Carlson	Education	
Hollie Stewart Pres.	WNALC	687-3730
Paula LaBrecque	Stewardship	
Becky Lindseth	Stewardship	



The building committee has looked around the building and decided that the bathroom downstairs needs to be redone. The council has put this on hold until funds can be located to do this work. Several contractors have looked at it and will come with proposals. In the meantime, if you would like to give to the Bathroom fund, that would be well received. Thank you.

**LECTIONARY READINGS
FOR AUGUST****Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 2025**

First Reading - Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26
Psalm - Psalm 100:1-5
Second Reading - Colossians 3:1-11
Gospel - Luke 12:13-21

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025**

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 17, 2025**

First Reading - Jeremiah 23:16-29
Psalm - Psalm 119:81-88
Second Reading - Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 24, 2025**

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 31, 2025**

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



July Grace Council Notes

Financial Reports available for members.

Pastor's report - Worship at nursing homes continues as well as leading a Bible study at assisted living. Attending the NALC Convocation in Pittsburgh August 4-9. Making Dean's visits to several churches in Minnesota and North Dakota as well as representing the NALC where invited.

WEM Youth Group – kayaking 7.23. Camping at Trinity Point in August.

VBS - August 3-7. Kickoff with worship at 4 PM with a picnic to follow. VBS from 6-8 PM. Sunday School preparations have begun. Rally Day September 7th. Released time will begin September 24th if we have teachers.

WNALC - The evening women's meeting was well received with over 30 present. Thank you to Ali Johnson who gave deeply inspirational talk.

Downstairs bathroom remodel was discussed. Plans are being explored.

Food Shelf - 53 households served. This is a large increase.

Grace to Ukraine Mission partner support. It was decided to publicize our regular giving. Tina will make giving envelopes.

Concern about the problem of sound for our broadcast worship services was brought to the council by Grace member, Wayne Trandem. The audio system will be reviewed.

Stewardship Moment - A Matter of Trust

God is a God of abundance not scarcity. He provides generously with the resources we need for what He calls us to do. God provides us with gifts of time, talent, and treasure not only to take care of our own needs, but to afford us the opportunity to share His abundance with others. God is the source and means of generosity. Giving generously is a matter of trusting God. God promises to provide for us and we can trust in His promises. Have you heard the expression, "You can't out give God?" When we give generously of our time, talent, and treasure, we show our trust in God and we grow in our relationship with Him. If we share or generously give what He has given to us, He promises He will give us more, so that we are never without what we might need. We have evidence of this in God's word through Paul in 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 "Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." The ultimate goal of generosity is to glorify God. We glorify God through our obedience in being generous. What results is an enriched relationship between the giver, the receiver, and God. God has freed us in Jesus Christ so that through the Holy Spirit we are free to live a life of generosity. Let's live that kind of life! To God be the glory!

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AGONY

by Pastor Jeff Larson
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Gloom & Despair

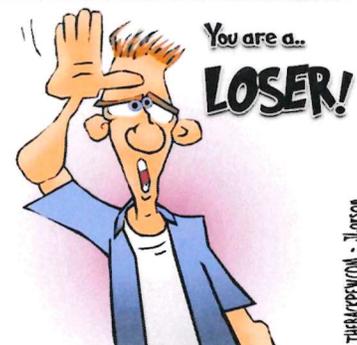
... could also be the mantra for life with a glass-half-empty attitude in America today.

All is lost, gloom and doom, and life is so bad I would feel 'lucky' to call our circumstances 'despair or agony'. Are we all **LOSERS** living in **Loserville USA?**

But no matter the difficult circumstances or blunders we individually or collectively experience, God's Grace is ever present if we seek God and choose to repent and return to Him as needed.

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." 1 John 1:9

What, then, shall we say in response to these things?
IF GOD IS FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US? Ro 8:31



THEBACKPEW.COM - Larson

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 3-7 6:00-8:00 PM

Pre-K through 6th Grade

***August 3rd~ Worship at 4:00 PM**

Supper served at 5:00 PM

VBS begins at 6:00 PM

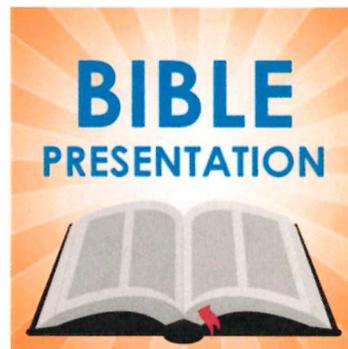
***August 7th~ VBS Program at 7:00 PM**

Please note time for worship ~ NO 9AM service



**Sunday September
7th 9:15AM**

**Bring your backpack
to worship at
10:30AM so it can
be blessed**



**Grace Sunday School
will once again
present our 3rd and
7th Grade students
with their own Bibles.**

**Bibles will be
presented during
Worship Service on
Sunday September
14th.**

Register for
CLASSES

It's that time of year to get registered for classes at Grace Church. Confirmation Classes will begin Wednesday September 17th at 6:00 PM

Released Time Classes will begin on Wednesday September 24th

* More information will be made available as soon as we receive it

AUGUST

Grace Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 4p-Worship w/ Holy Communion 5p-Supper 6p-VBS	4 9:30a-LBS 10a- Rebroadcast 6p-VBS Lutheran Week	5 7a-MBS @ Ness Café 6p-VBS 8p-AA mtg. Lutheran Week	6 6p-VBS 6:30p-Rebroadcast Lutheran Week	7 6p-VBS w/Pro- gram to follow Lutheran Week	8 Lutheran Week	9 9a- Rebroadcast
10 9a-Worship w/ Holy Communion	11 9:30a-LBS 10a- Rebroadcast	12 7a-MBS @ Ness Café 8p-AA mtg.	13 6:30p-Rebroadcast 7:00p-Council Mtg.	14 2-6p-Food Shelf is open	15 SCROLL ARTI- CLES DUE	16 9a- Rebroadcast
17 9a-Worship	18 9:30a-LBS 10a-Rebroadcast	19 7a-MBS @ Ness Café 8p-AA mtg.	20 6:30p-Rebroadcast	21 10a-2p-Food Shelf is open	22	23 9a- Rebroadcast
24 9a-Worship	25 9:30a-LBS 10a-Rebroadcast	26 7a-MBS @ Ness Café 8p-AA mtg.	27 9a-Hope Circle 6:30p-Rebroadcast	28	29	30 9a- Rebroadcast
31 9a-Worship				Greeters: 3rd: Ray & Joyce Voxland 10th: Nick & Pam Walk	17th: Gary & An- gie Walker 24th: Gary & Max- ine Walter	31st: Dalton & Lau- ren Agnes

CIRCLES
Hope
Rebecca
at the church
no meeting

Ushers:
David Halvorson

Communion Assistants:
Becky Lindseth

Altar Flowers:
Hope Circle

Altar Guild:
Becky Lindseth
Lesia Juve

R=Reader
A=Acolyte
P=Power Point

AUGUST 3rd:
R~~ Betty Lundin
A~~ Graie Gunderson and Owen
Strom
P~~ Brecken Gunderson and Jorgen
Johnson
AUGUST 10th:
R~~ Charley Carlson
A~~ Bridger Huschle and Logan
Johnson
P~~ Jon Hill and Charley Carlson
AUGUST 17th:
R~~ Kim Mahlen
A~~ Malaina Jax and Bella Senn
P~~ Carson Fortman and Karl Jax
AUGUST 24th:
R~~ Jason Carlson
A~~ George Juve and Rodney
Stephen
P~~ Tatum Smeby and Addyson
Morgenroth
AUGUST 31st:
R~~ Andrew Hanson
A~~ Hope Omundson and Faith
Omundson
P~~ Wyatt Lee and Scott Omundson

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

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Supper served at 5:00 PM

VBS begins at 6:00 PM

**August 7th~ VBS Program at 7:00 PM*

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