

The Scroll

Grace Lutheran
Church

March 2026



Grace and Peace to you,

We're in the time of Lent; it's a time to look forward and prepare ourselves for Jesus' death and Resurrection where he gave himself so that we might be saved. This preparation time of soul searching and seeking a closer walk with God allows us to dig deep, to loosen the soil of our hearts so that Easter comes in overwhelming Joy for what God has done with us. Lent reminds me of our time in this northern tier of America. We so look forward to spring and the beauty of the earth as growth begins to come forth out of the ground after a long frozen winter. After that comes summer when all is released and blooming. Yes, we're in a time of preparation.

Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him. Psalm 126:5-6

Part of preparation is to attend worship. Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday during Lent here at Grace. During Holy Week, we will have a Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion as we remember the Last Supper. Then on Good Friday will be a noon meditation and a Service of Darkness at 7 PM. Check the full schedule which includes our Wednesday events.

It is good to be in ministry together,
Pastor Pam

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The Grace Lutheran Church Council will meet in regular session on Wednesday March 17th at 7:00PM at the church.

A reminder that all Council meetings are open to members of Grace unless otherwise specified. ***Please note change in date and time due to Lenten worship.**



February 1st:

Attendance~ 57
Offering~\$3,810.00

February 8th:

Attendance~ 90
Offering~\$1,975.00

February 15th:

Attendance~ 68
Offering~\$5940.00

February 22nd:

Attendance~ 69
Offering~ \$2,090.00



The Grace Quilters meet on Thursdays at 12:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.



The Grace WNALC will not meet during the winter months

Hope Circle: March 25th at 9:00AM at the church

Rebecca Circle: March 26th at 6:30PM at the church.



Women's Bible Study is held Monday mornings beginning at 9:30AM in the Fellowship Hall at Grace. This is open to all women who wish to join the group.



Men's Bible Study meets on Tuesday mornings at 7:00AM at Ness Café. This is open to any men who would like to be a part of the group.



Pr. Tim Lundeen

Shirley Salverson

Liz Jenson

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

Louise LaBrecque

Bev Greaver

Amy Carpenter

Gloria Bixby

Jesse Hickman

Greg Kaster

Jolene Bradley

Mark Wild

Amy Carpenter

Shut-ins and Nursing Home members



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 –



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 \(contribute.co\)](http://ThriventActionTeamsHub(Contribute.co)). 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.

January 2026 Financial Summary

Regular Offerings to the General Operating Fund - \$16,700.85
 Misc giving used for the General Operating Fund - \$ 1,313.28
 Undesignated Memorials - \$ 5,000.00
 Interest Earned - \$ 147.52
Total Income- \$23,161.65

Expenses:

Administrative - \$ 8,494.78
 Education - \$ 325.08
 Mission Outreach - \$ 3,819.00
 Pastoral - \$ 8,199.92
 Worship - \$ 962.53
Total Expenses - \$21,801.31
Net Income - \$ 1,360.34



Spring forward in faith!
 CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
 join us on time for worship.

March 8th

GRACE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pr. Pam Thorson	Pastor
John Carlson	President
Tyler Brekken	Vice President
Carla Ferden	Secretary
Tina Farrell	Financial Secretary
Jim Ferden	Treasurer
Wendy Lee	Deacon
Dearmina Gustafson	Deacon
Gene Haugom	Trustee
Ray LaBrecque	Trustee
Steve Jacobson	Trustee
Andrew & Becky Hanson	Education Directors
Sarah Strom	Education
Kristen Morgenroth	Education
Jason Carlson	Education
Hollie Stewart Pres.	WNALC
Paula LaBrecque	Stewardship
Becky Lindseth	Stewardship
Marie Hamre	Stewardship

**Wednesday Evenings**

Soup Supper – 6 PM
 Evening Prayer Vespers – 7:05 PM

**LECTIONARY READINGS
FOR MARCH****Second Sunday in Lent****March 1, 2026**

First Reading - Genesis 12:1-9

Psalm - Psalm 121:1-8

Second Reading - Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

Gospel - John 3:1-17

Third Sunday in Lent**March 8, 2026**

First Reading - Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm - Psalm 95:1-9

Second Reading - Romans 5:1-8

Gospel - John 4:5-26, 27-30, 39-42

Fourth Sunday in Lent**March 15, 2026**

First Reading - Isaiah 42:14-21

Psalm - Psalm 142:1-7

Second Reading - Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel - John 9:1-41

Fifth Sunday in Lent**March 22, 2026**

First Reading - Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm - Psalm 130:1-8

Second Reading - Romans 8:1-11

Gospel - John 11:1-45, 46-53

Palm Sunday**March 29, 2026**

First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm - Psalm 118:19-26

Second Reading - Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel - Matthew 26:1-27:66



February 2026 Grace Council Highlights

General Budget Giving

Offering Giving- \$16,726.60

*Undesignated Funds for Budget - \$6,460.82 *includes interest, undesignated memorials, other

Total giving for the budget - \$23,187.42

Outreach Giving

Grace to Ukraine- \$1,145.00

Sunday School Outreach - \$10.00

Grace Cemetery- \$10.00

Grace Food Shelf- \$60.00

After School Backpack Program- \$10.00

Total Outreach Giving \$1,235.00

Building Giving

Building Fund- \$15.00

Electronic Giving – Building Fund- \$10.00

Total Building Giving- \$25.00

Total Monthly Giving- \$24,329.88

General Fund expenses- \$21,802.37

the regular offering was below (\$5,161.42) what is needed to meet monthly budgeted expenses of \$21,888.02.

Treasurer Reports:

Despite only 3 Sundays of regular offering (closed for bad weather 1 Sunday), giving in January was up slightly from giving in December. This was the best giving in any January since I have tracked giving. It is nice to start out the year strong!

History of the General Operating Fund Balance

Due to strong regular offerings to the General Fund as well as a larger undesignated memorial, the balance was able to increase somewhat from December.

Brovold Investment Valuation Report

The large decrease in the balance is due to a \$5,000 donation to the Grace Cemetery Association.

Gunderson Investment Valuation Report

The balance increased by approximately \$600.00 from last month. This is the highest balance since September 2025.

Other Information

Projects during January/February -

Monitor all church bank accounts multiple times on a weekly basis.

Attended two Building Committee meetings to discuss options for the basement flooring.

Submitted Federal and State monthly payroll tax withholding

Attended a Thrivent webinar – “What Churches and Nonprofits Need to Know About OBBBA”.

Pastor’s Report Highlights:

Conducted worship service at Mac Senior Living; a service is scheduled at Fair Meadow next week.

Working with the Mission District council for the Joint Mis-

sion District Convocation in April

Planning Easter and Lent

Confirmation youth provided a Potato Bar meal for all during the Annual Meeting. They prepared the food the day before. Thank you to the congregation for the generous donations.

Planning confirmation retreat

President’s Report:

Assisting with release time. Collaborating with the Video Ministry team to establish a schedule for Lent. Assisting with Confirmation retreat

Committee Reports:

Youth Ministry February 28th A message and Dodgeball at the school. March at the Fosston Theater. Showing the new “I can only Imagine” movie. Feed My starving Children April 24-25th.

Christian Education:

Sanctuary “Kid Bags”: We’ve made a few more bags, and they will be in the sanctuary on Sunday! We also plan to make another standing “hanging rack” for the balcony. Email with any questions:

education@gracechurcherskine.org

Trustees: Worked with Wendy and resolved the overflow issue with the dish sanitizer. Building Committee is working the basement project. The committee decided to place the project on hold for a year pending additional information on what needs to be done and pricing.

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GRACE COUNCIL, continued
Food Shelf: Mavis Haugom, Co-ordinator

We had 11 households the first week and 18 households the second week, ending with 29 Children 18, Adults 43, Seniors 12.
Total 73 individuals

Total pounds 2020.1
 27.67# per individual - over 25# per person (our goal)

New Business:

Financial Youth Account Signatures updated.

Audio/Sound for Fellowship Hall –Motion to spend up \$400 to get a Bluetooth sound system for the fellowship hall. Motion passed.

Coffee Hour hospitality in the future –Hollie suggested the service groups would rotate months which would make it a ministry of hospitality.

Calendar:

Next Council Meeting – March 17, 2026

Wednesdays in Lent Soup at 6:00 and Service at 7:00

2/22 First Communion Classes begin

2/28-29 Confirmation Retreat

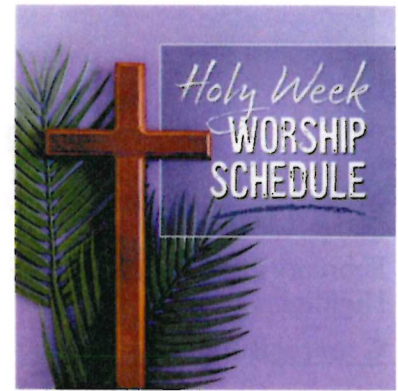
2/28 WEM Area Youth Group Dodge Ball



A letter from our sponsored Compassion Child

Shalom (peace be with you). Greetings from our Lord Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord for only by His grace that I have the opportunity to write this letter to you, Friends. My family and I are in good health. I was so happy because I got to spend Christmas with my mother, my father, and younger sibling at home. I also got to attend the Christmas service at Church together. This December, I was able to complete my on-the-job training in Kotamobagu and all happened because of God's help.

I hope God will protect you and your family. I also always pray that God will bless you and your family. Goodbye for now. *Best wishes, Angga. Shalom (peace be with you).*



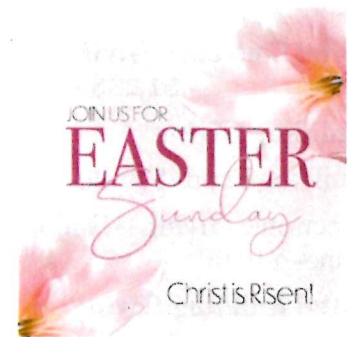
March 29-
Palm Sunday 10:30 AM



April 2-
Maundy Thursday –
Celebration of the Last Supper – 7:00 PM



April 3-
Good Friday Service of Shadows – 7:00 PM



April 5-
Easter Breakfast – 9:00 AM w/ Egg Hunt
Festival Holy Communion
Worship – 10:30 AM



**Grace Calvary Fellowship
Grace to Ukraine
PO Box 493
Wellington, KS 67152**

*Founded in 2001 by Pastor Robert D Nickel (2017) & Brother Larry Asman (2020)
Reporting Missionary: Sergey Kolinkovsky*

Grace Lutheran Church
PO Box 204
Erskine, MN 56535

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Grace to Ukraine ministry was started by humble and faithful servants of Christ, Pastor Bob Nickel and Larry Asman, in 2001. They were both men of faith and prayers. Even though both may be with our Lord Jesus Christ in Heaven, their ministry is alive and growing in Ukraine. Thank you for your support during 2025 to allow this ministry to help so many with their physical and spiritual needs.

During the ongoing war in Ukraine, over 600 pastors and deacons have been required to serve in the regular military. Some of them have been allowed to become chaplains. Sergey, our missionary on the ground in Ukraine, has now obtained the legal document that exempts him from military service; however, with so many church leaders gone, he is carrying a burden for many of these churches. Grace To Ukraine provides help for pastors & members of their family along with deacons, preachers and Sunday School teachers. GTU also provides help to our brothers, pastors & deacons who are on military service along with their families; gives help to retired pastors and helps with funerals.

Over the past few years, GTU has helped with 15 summer camps, children's programs during the year, street evangelism, youth activity, musical education for kids as part of evangelism and organize musical worship groups in churches; educational programs for pastors, deacons, church leaders, youth leaders and camp workers, along with programs for sisters and emotional support events and retreats for widows and orphans because of the war.

GTU reaches into the communities by buying food for needy families, refugees, elderly people, widows, and orphans. GTU also helps with basic medical needs & transportation to hospitals; help to foster families who take care of war orphans; help handicapped and homeless; buy gas for generators, wood for needy families and village churches; and help with utility expenses.

We cannot help everybody; however, when we give small help, we teach a person to trust the Lord Who can provide more. GTU is a ministry of faith. We go forward on our knees with humble and thankful hearts!

2025 Total Giving \$ 4,225.00

Nancy Staley

Nancy Staley, Treasurer

No goods or services were received in exchange for this donation.

RENEWED REFRESHED READY



Minkota & Eastern SD Mission Districts
North American Lutheran Church
2026 Convocation April 17-18, 2026
Atonement Lutheran Church - Fargo, ND



Agenda Highlights:

Keynote Speaker: Bishop Dan Selbo



Tentative Breakout Sessions:

Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch
Women of the NALC
Discipleship
Youth

Mission District Business Meetings
TED Talks: Women, Youth, Other
Mass Choir

Confirmation Made Right
Missional
Help! We don't have a Pastor Yet!

Friday 6:30 PM Registration
7-9 PM Sessions
Saturday 8 AM - 3 PM
Full schedule to come!

Cost: \$30 per person (includes coffee, water, snacks, dessert, Saturday Lunch)

Lodging Options: Microtel Inn & Suites - Moorhead or Four Points - Fargo

STUFF THE TRUCK
SEE DISASTER RESPONSE FLYER



All are welcome and Encouraged to attend!
All Pastors, Council Members, Administrative Professionals,
Women of the NALC, Youth and Youth Leaders, Church Members,
and those who want to know more about the NALC. No limit on
how many may attend from each Congregation.

Plan to join other NALC Churches as together we are Renewed,
Refreshed, and Ready to serve.

"Let the times of refreshing come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:20

MARCH

Grace Lutheran Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9a-ABS 9:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Worship w/ Holy Communion	2 9:30a-LBS 10a- Rebroadcast	3 7a-MBS @ Ness Café 2p-BSF 8p-AA mtg.	4 1:55p-RT Class 6p-Conf Class 6p-Supper 6:30p-Rebroadcast 7p-Worship	5 12p-Quilting	6 12p-Quilting	7 9a- Rebroadcast
8 9a-ABS 9:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Worship w/ Holy Communion	9 9:30a-LBS 10a- Rebroadcast	10 7a-MBS @ Ness Café 8p-AA mtg.	11 1:55p-RT Class 6p-Conf Class 6p-Supper 6:30p-Rebroadcast 7p-Worship	12 12p-Quilting 2-6p-Food Shelf is open	13 12p-Quilting	14 9a- Rebroadcast
15 9a-ABS 9:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Worship w/ Holy Communion	16 9:30a-LBS 10a- Rebroadcast	17 7a-MBS @ Ness Café 2p-BSF 7p-Council Mtg. 8p-AA mtg.	18 1:55p-RT Class 6p-Conf Class 6p-Supper 6:30p-Rebroadcast 7p-Worship	19 10a-2p-Food Shelf is open 12p-Quilting	20 10a-2p-Food Shelf is open	21 9a- Rebroadcast
22 9a-ABS 9:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Worship w/ Holy Communion	23 9:30a-LBS 10a- Rebroadcast	24 7a-MBS @ Ness Café 2p-BSF 8p-AA mtg.	25 9a-Hope Circle 1:55p-RT Class 6p-Conf Class 6p-Supper 6:30p-Rebroadcast 7p-Worship	26 12p-Quilting 6:30p-Rebecca Cir- cle	27 10a-P. Pam @ Fair Meadow Nursing Home	28 9a- Rebroadcast
29 Palm Sunday 9a-ABS 9:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Worship w/ Holy Communion	30 9:30a-LBS 10a- Rebroadcast	31 7a-MBS @ Ness Café 2p-BSF 8p-AA mtg.		Greeters: 1st: Scott & Kristin Hornbuckle 8th: Nancy Jenson	15th: Russell John- son 22nd: Jason & Shelly Juve	29th: Kevin & Lesia Juve

CIRCLES
Hope
Rebecca
at the church
at the church

Ushers:
Wade Farrell
Brad Stewart
Communion Assistants:
Jason & Nicki Carlson

Altar Flowers:
Rebecca Circle

Altar Guild:
Lori Hole
Nicki Carlson

R= Reader
A=Acolyte
P=Power Point

MARCH 1st:
R~ Betty Lundin
A~ Karl Jax and Ireland Anderson
P~ Tatum Smey and Serenity
Lundin
MARCH 8th:
R~ Kris Nornes
A~ Jon Hill and Hope Ommundson
P~ Scott Ommundson and Faith
Ommundson
MARCH 15th:
R~ Sherry Hoas
A~
P~
MARCH 22nd:
R~ Jeff Nornes
A~
P~
MARCH 29th:
R~ Carla Ferden
A~
P~

