



The Scroll

Grace Lutheran Church

June 2026



Wouldn't it be good to have our very own helper with us all the time? That's the gift that is Holy Spirit. As Christians, believers in Jesus Christ, we do have Holy Spirit living within us. Throughout the Old Testament the Holy Spirit is shown to be active

in creation, in the prophets, in many occasions always at work. The Spirit indwelt our Lord Jesus coming in his baptism. On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit came to indwell the church. Jesus said, *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. John 14:16.* Who is the church? Not a building, but the people of faith in Jesus – the body of Christ. How good it is to have pure love and all that is God alive in us. Jesus alive and welcome through the Spirit. We are then one with the Father because God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. One God now and forever. As Christians, we are one with God and with all Christians. Is it hard to understand? Just think of it this way.

Summer is here and with it comes a change of pace. Some are busier than ever. Others get a break, at least a breather. We look forward to vacation time and we ought to. God tells us to rest and rejuvenate. Pause to reflect on the goodness of creation, of family, of friends, and all good things. I'd be remiss if I didn't remind you: Take your time, but don't take a time out from God. Don't take time out from church. We are called as Christians to gather just as the early church did for fellowship, study, worship, and Holy Communion. We need communion with believers, too.

As our Lutheran Confessions remind us, the church on earth is "the people of God gathered around his Word and Sacraments." Grace Lutheran Church is then one flock of God's fold. We are "members of the body of Christ" (1 Cor 12:12-13) who gather together corporately, as one body of believers, to hear God's Word and receive his Sacraments. A Christian congregation is growing when the members of the congregation are continuing to grow in Christ through the presence of God's Spirit active through his Word and Sacraments. That is spiritual growth. Numerical growth will only come as the church grows spiritually. So, do not neglect to meet together, to study and to praise together. There is joy in the kingdom and in the heart.

In ministry together,

Pastor Pam

"Holy Spirit, thank you for coming to live inside me. Thank you for your empowering presence.

I surrender afresh to you for your ongoing activity in my life. Continue to counsel me and teach me the truth, especially the wonderful truth of Christ in me. Guide my steps from day to day. Give me love for you and the ability to love others as you love them. Give me love for myself. Through Christ Jesus, I pray. Amen."

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The Grace Lutheran Church Council will meet in regular session on Wednesday June 10th, **6:00PM**, at the church. A reminder that all Council meetings are open to members of Grace unless otherwise specified.



May 3rd:

Attendance~ 50
Offering~\$2,155.00

May 10th:

Attendance~ 78
Offering~\$2,117.00

May 17th:

Attendance~ 76
Offering~\$3,373.00

May 24th:

Attendance~ 63
Offering~ \$2,053.00



The Grace WNALC will meet on Thursday June 11th at 6:30PM at Grace Church. Guest Speaker is Pr. Pam Thorson.

Hope Circle: June 24th 9:00 AM at the church.

Rebecca Circle: Does not meet during the summer months.



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.



- Helen Lee
- Janet Hamre
- Del Hemmingsen, Jr.
- Pr. Tim Lundeen
- Shirley Salverson
- Don Lundin
- Judy Tadman
- Linda Jorgenson
- Judi Hoeft
- Jon Clementson
- Pastor Pam Thorson
- Ogden Farder, Jr.
- Maci Smeby
- Allen Jenson
- Steve Evenson
- Louise LaBrecque
- Bev Greaver
- Amy Carpenter
- Jesse Hickman
- Greg Kaster
- Jolene Bradley
- Mark Wild
- Amy Carpenter
- Jason Schneider
- Our Military
- 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.

April 2026 Financial Summary

Regular Offerings to the General Operating Fund - \$16,679.60
 Misc giving used for the General Operating Fund - \$ 987.86
 Thrivent Choice Program - \$ 791.00
 Interest Earned - \$ 48.12
Total Income \$18,506.58

Expenses:

Administrative - \$ 8,762.81
 Education - \$ 684.17
 Mission Outreach - \$ 772.00
 Pastoral - \$ 8,238.02
 Worship - \$ 965.48
Total Expenses \$19,422.48
Net Income (\$ 915.90)



GROCERY RECEIPTS

Just a reminder that Groceries Plus in Erskine and Jered's Grocery in McIntosh continue to contribute 1% of the balance of your grocery receipts to the Grace Youth

Group. However, you need to now bring those receipts to the church as Groceries Plus no longer automatically collects them for our youth group. There is an ice cream bucket down in the hallway across from the coat rack where you can place them. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jim Ferden or Tina Farrell.

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

**Stewardship****Time Stewardship**

Be very careful, then, how you love...making the most of every opportunity. (Ephesians 5:15-16)

If everything we have belongs to God, **stewarding time means committing every day to God's purposes. Our activities should draw us closer to God, serve others, and further God's kingdom.** Far from playing a supporting role, time is the foundation for how we live as stewards. (Laura Newbury)

**LECTIONARY READINGS
FOR JUNE****Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 7, 2026**

First Reading - Hosea 5:15-6:6
Psalm - Psalm 119:65-72
Second Reading - Romans 4:13-25
Gospel - Matthew 9:9-13

**Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 2026**

First Reading - Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm - Psalm 100:1-5
Second Reading - Romans 5:6-15
Gospel - Matthew 9:35-10:8, 9-20

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2026**

First Reading - Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm - Psalm 91:1-10, 11-16
Second Reading - Romans 6:12-23
Gospel - Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2026**

First Reading - Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm - Psalm 119:153-160
Second Reading - Romans 7:1-13
Gospel - Matthew 10:34-42

**Summer
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

**9:30 AM Worship
June through August**



May Council Highlights

Financial Secretary's Income Report - Tina Farrell

General Fund Giving -
\$16,679.60

Other Giving -

Sunday School Giving (Jan-May) - \$55.00

Copier - \$59.00

Restitution - \$122.06

Grace Youth Group - \$60.00

HS Scholarship - \$10.00

Organ Repair - \$5.00

Sunday School Equipment -
\$5.00

Vacation Bible School - \$10.00

Total Other Giving - \$326.06

Outreach Giving -

Lent - \$170.00

Sunday School Outreach -
\$10.00

Grace Cemetery - \$10.00

Grace Food Shelf - \$60.00

After School Backpack Program- \$10.00

Total Outreach Giving -
\$260.00

Building Fund Giving - \$45.00

Total Monthly Giving -
\$17,310.66

Summary of Jim Ferden's Treasurer's Report

Cash Flow Report

Regular Offering to the Gen-

eral Operating Fund was \$16,679.60.

Undesignated funds available to be used for April's General Fund expenses totaled \$18,506.58. This total is comprised of the regular offering, interest, a donation through the Thrivent Choice Program, and various other giving that can be used to meet General Fund expenses.

The total of undesignated funds was slightly lower (\$915.90) than the month's General Fund expenses of \$19,422.48.

In addition, the regular offering was below **(\$5,208.41)** what is needed to meet monthly budgeted expenses of \$21,888.01.

Some of the noteworthy expenses this month included: Church & Parsonage Fuel – Two propane fills during the month.

Budget Report

Overall, we ended the month at approximately 5.2% or \$13,600 under budget.

History of Regular Giving to the General Fund Report

Giving in April was way down from giving in March, but in line with giving in January and February.

This was below average giving for any April.

Year-to-date giving is above 2025 year-to-date giving.

This was also the best year-to-date giving over all!

History of the General Operating Fund Balance

The balance decreased from March as giving was below what was needed to meet the monthly expenses.

Account Balances Report

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

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

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

Organ & Piano Repair Fund – Expenses of \$240.00 consist of piano tuning.

SS Outreach Fund – Reflects donations \$53.00 and the expense of \$43.00 to Compassion International for the regular monthly gift.

Brovold Investment Valuation Report - balance increased by approximately \$1,000.00 from last month.

Gunderson Investment Valuation Report - Balance increased by approximately \$900.00 from last month.

Other Information

Projects during April -

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

Submitted Federal and State monthly payroll tax withholding.

Submitted quarterly Federal and State payroll tax withholding tax returns.

Submitted MN Paid Leave Program quarterly work infor-

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GRACE COUNCIL, continued
-mation report and withholding tax.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Pam reported

Pastoral Care – Nursing home and assisted living visits continue. I have picked up more home and individual visits. I have a list of those individuals visited April/May – 16.

Baptisms: April 26 Zara Tradewell. Upcoming May 24 – Jackson Carlson

First communion was celebrated by Easton Lee on April 19.

I attended Feed My Starving Children in GF on April 25.

Thank you to all those who welcomed Bishop Dan and Mary Selbo. They felt at home.

Attending ball games, school concerts, and local events to include the Fire Department fish fry- excellent fish!

Baccalaureate went well. I organized the event meeting with senior class members and then inviting local clergy to participate. I prepared the service and PowerPoint. Thank you to Andrew for participating and getting the setup right. Thanks to Win-E-Mac for being so gracious with setup and allowing the service to be held there.

Thank you to Nicki Carlson and Ashley Schow who served and to Wayne Trandem for his amazing cookies. It takes a team. Father Klienbecker, John Bickner, Winger pastor also

Minkota duties: May 31st I will be at United Lutheran in Berner, Minnesota. Tyler Brekken will supply. Convocation went ok.

June 7th we'll be outside at the lake for worship at 10 AM. Bring chairs and be prepared to eat uptown. Windblown will supply our music for the day.

I will take July 13- 24 or so as vacation time. This may change as time gets closer.

Looking ahead: Church renewal – Alpha Course. More to come. <https://alphausa.org/>

Offer training opportunities for lay individuals.

President's Report: John reported

Worked on Maintenance list for duties around church. Tyler willing to do the lawn mowing

Talking with Ray regarding Men's Bible Study- start this fall

Attended Feed My Starving Children

Attended the Minkota convocation in Fargo

Committee Reports:

Youth Ministry: John reported- May Ditch cleaning – age limit and permission slips now imposed by highway department- June – kayaking

Christian Education: Andrew: VBS August 2-6

Woman of Grace: Hollie reported

Meet on June 11th at 6:30 pm at Grace

Group 4 will do coffee and donuts Sunday mornings in June

Food Shelf: Gene reported (Mavis Haugom, Coordinator submitted report)

In April, we had the most households for the year of 33. It

In April, we had the most households for the year of 33. It has ranged from 23 to 33 households each month.

We no longer distribute NAPS boxes, which are a supplemental box for Seniors. Only had 4 left. Fosston gives out 3 boxes and Fertile one bo

We are trying to give out at least 20-25 lbs of food etc per individual in a household. Overall for the year we have giving out 29.2 lb per person per household. In April, we did give out 24 lbs per individual in a household.

We have \$2200 of a grant left to spend by June 30th. We still have 2 truck deliveries to pay for during this time. Have used some of this fund for specialty foods like gluten free, sugar free, carb free items and milk substitutes.

We are participating in free programs sponsored by Foundation for Essential Needs (FFEN). The evaluation that they did for our food shelf was very good. They are there for all food shelves and give us recommendations for succeeding, spend smartly, and support.

I have many volunteers helping with specific tasks that the coordinator was doing. Many volunteers would like to do more than just shop for our neighbors which I am thankful for.

Old Business:

Water Carnival Worship plans – 10 AM at the picnic area near fish - Windblown is performing.

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GRACE COUNCIL, continued

Set up will be needed for a table and speakers

Push for updated contact information again - Announce in church that members should provide their email addresses and phone numbers so text messages can be sent for cancellations and emergencies.

Lent Offering Benevolence – \$493.00 to Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch .

Sound System – The council reviewed the proposal that was submitted. For now, the recommendation is to upgrade the sanctuary only, not the balcony, with the option to expand later if needed. It would also be ideal to have the soundboard located in the back and operated wirelessly. The company should visit in person to review the current system and setup and advise on the best options for the church. John will talk to Andrew.

New Business:

Pastor Discretionary Fund – have a few gift cards for \$20 in the safe for when the need arises. Pastor will form a policy.

Faith Church, Mentor – Faith Church has asked for assistance as Mike Sletto retires at the end of August. Any support would need to include very clear guidelines and would involve a service time other than Sunday morning. The Dean, Pastor Pam, will meet and discuss a contract.

Church Parking Lot – The building committee reviewed options for the parking lot, graveling and filling the bad

spots was estimated at \$800. Paving the two parking areas next to the lawn was estimated at \$9,000. The paving the two parking areas next to the lawn will be put on hold until the church knows whether the city plans to redo the streets.

Church Picnic – The church picnic is scheduled for August 2. A planning team is needed. This will be a church and community event, and a petition will be submitted to the city.

Calendar:

May 22 Fair Meadow Worship @ 10

23 WEM Graduation

24 Baptism

June 7 Begin Summer Worship in the Park

10 @ 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting



Join us on Sunday
June 7th at 10:00
AM for Worship in
the Park in downtown
Erskine. Bring a chair
or blanket, and come
early and enjoy the
special music from
the group
'Windblown'. All are
welcome to join us.



June 14th



June 21st



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JUNE

Grace Lutheran Church

CIRCLES
 Hope at the church
 Rebecca no meeting

Ushers:
 Jason Carlson family

Communion Assistants:
 Kim Mahlen

Altar Guild:
 Hollie Stewart and Mavis Haugom


R= Reader
 A=Acolyte
 P=Power Point

JUNE 7th:
 R~ Kris Nornes
 A~ Jorgen Johnson and Carson Fortman
 P~ Wyatt Lee and Dawson Gunufson

JUNE 14th:
 R~ Jason Carlson
 A~ Jon Hill and Brecken Gunderson
 P~ Karl Jax and Logan Johnson

JUNE 21st:
 R~ Jim Ferden
 A~ Shelby Shimpa and Hannah Shimpa
 P~ Elyse Morgenroth and Addyson Morgenroth

JUNE 28th:
 R~ Ann Brekken
 A~ Hope Omundson and Faith Omundson
 P~ Scott Omundson and Bridger Huschle

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 1 9:30a-LBS 10a- Rebroadcast	2 7a-MBS @ Ness Caf� 8p-AA mtg.	3 6:30p-Rebroadcast	4	5	6 9a- Rebroadcast	
7 10:00a-Worship in the Park	8 9:30a-LBS 10a- Rebroadcast	9 7a-MBS @ Ness Caf� 8p-AA mtg.	10 6:30p-Rebroadcast 6p-Council Mtg.	11 2-6p-Food Shelf is open	12	13 9a- Rebroadcast
14 Flag Day 9:30a-Worship w/ Holy Communion	15 9:30a-LBS 10a- Rebroadcast	16 7a-MBS @ Ness Caf� 8p-AA mtg.	17 6:30p-Rebroadcast	18 10a-2p-Food Shelf is open	19	20 9a- Rebroadcast
21 Father's Day Summer Begins 9:30a-Worship w/ Holy Communion	22 9:30a-LBS 10a-Rebroadcast 10:30a-Pr. at Mac St. Living	23 7a-MBS @ Ness Caf� 8p-AA mtg.	24 9:00a- Hope Circle 6:30p-Rebroadcast	25	26 10a-Pr. at Fair Meadow Nursing Home	27 9a- Rebroadcast
28 9:00a-Worship	29 9:30a-LBS 10a-Rebroadcast	30 7a-MBS @ Ness Caf� 8p-AA mtg.				
				Greeters: 7th: Allen & Shirley Salverson 14th: David & Bonnie Salverson	21st: Dean & Mary Ellen Salverson 28th: Joe & Dorothy Sandberg	