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 Fairmont, MN

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**WAYS OF GRACE**

# Congratulations <sup>class of</sup> 2023 Grace Graduates!



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MAY THE LORD  
 BLESS YOU  
 AND KEEP YOU  
 THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE  
 SHINE ON YOU  
 AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU  
 THE LORD TURN HIS  
 FACE TOWARD YOU  
 AND GIVE YOU  
**PEACE**  
 NUMBERS 6:24-26



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*Jesus said, "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

After the tomb was empty, Jesus spent time making himself known to his disciples and solidifying in their hearts and minds that all of his promises to them were true. He had defeated death, there was forgiveness for all and new life after the grave, and his disciples were charged with sharing this good news with the entire world. Not a small task, but a task they did not have to embark on alone.

In the first chapter of Acts, right before Jesus ascends into heaven, he reminds the disciples of what he shared with him at the last supper. The gift of the Holy Spirit would be given to them, so they were never without a friend and guide. The very person of God would be with them as they went about their earthly lives until they were reunited with Jesus once again. This day had come for the disciples and they were to use their time left on earth to witness to the unbelievable grace of God's love.

The disciples rushed back to Jerusalem and spent time with Mary, Jesus's mother, and his brothers, and other women disciples, along with the eleven who are usually named, and they pray. They care for one another. And they spend their lives doing the ministry of inclusion, healing, and witnessing that Jesus taught them to do. This small community of believers was not as massive as their former congregation of Jews that many had been a part of. But their numbers increased daily as the Spirit led them to witness to God's love in their everyday lives as trades people, soldiers, mothers and fathers, and so many others woven into the fabric of society.

Scholars have noted that one of the main reasons Christianity spread was that others in the Roman occupied areas in which they lived noticed something special about these followers of Jesus. They cared not just for their own but also people who were strangers, who were ill or begging on the street, and for whom others did not even notice. This care and inclusion was so enticing to others that they began to ask why these Christians lived their lives this way, to which they could then share about Jesus and the impact he has had on their lives.

Fast forward to Grace Lutheran today. Grace, like most mainline Protestant churches, does not have the same numbers as it did in the 1950's, especially after these past few years of the pandemic. But what Grace has is the Holy Spirit at work in our midst. Our community at Grace will grow as we continue to care for not just our own members but also the greater community around us. The "yellow shirt people" will be known for taking care of our parks, the stranger who comes in needing a care bag of basic essentials, the person passing through town on a Wednesday who has a hot meal in our fellowship hall, the shut-in who can no longer get to church but is visited by our homebound communion ministers who remind them that they are not forgotten, for the children in the neighborhood who are welcomed to Bible school this summer, and so much more.

Grace is rolling out a new Meal Ministry this Spring which is being coordinated by Nancy Backer. We are looking to get a list of people who can be emailed when someone is in need of a few meals. If you would like to be on this list, please sign up on the bulletin board. Perhaps someone has a surgery, a new baby, is grieving the death of a loved one, or is undergoing chemo. A meal and a friendly face to deliver it can mean the world! This type of hospitality is just one of the many ways Grace is sharing God's love!

As I close this note, a sincere thank you to all of the ways you show up as the body of Christ here at Grace. And as our program year pauses with the summer, please be sure to try our Wednesday community worship in the park which will have not just Grace pastors, but other pastors and lay leaders from Fairmont. Invite any kids you know to VBS, worship on the water is coming in August, and so many other opportunities for us to be church together. For those who will take a trip this summer, be sure to bring back your bulletin from wherever you attend church. I would love to hear what you enjoyed at that church!

Wherever you go, remember that old hymn: *yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love!*

Your sister in Christ,

Pastor Allison



## Grace Calendar of Events—June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30am Sunday Worship	29 Holiday - Memorial Day	30 1:00pm - 2:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired 2:30pm - 3:30pm Weekly Prayer Meeting - - Zoom	31 6:30pm - Wednesday Worship	1	2 1:00pm Worship Service Aired	3
4 9:30am Sunday Worship	5 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Mary Circle	6 9:00am - 3:00pm Common Threads Sewing Bee - Community 1:00pm - 2:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired 2:30pm - 3:30pm Weekly Prayer Meeting - - Zoom	7 6:30pm - Wednesday Worship	8 4:00pm - 6:00pm Aktion Club Theatre	9 1:00pm Worship Service Aired	10
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## God's Grace Is AMAZING Day!

We appreciate all the hands and hearts that came together to clean up our parks and beaches, take bread to our neighbors and welcome them to Grace this summer, paint rocks and canvas bags to brighten someone's day, repair our church pews, write cards, serve food, take pictures, and had a great time of worship and fellowship. Stay tuned for God's Work Our Hands Sunday this September to kick off our program year with worship, service, and fellowship! God's Grace IS Amazing!



## THANK YOU, MARK & JAIME!!!

Mark and Jaime Lemon from Blue Earth Graphics have served Grace Lutheran Church for over 30 years by providing exceptional service in printing and publishing the Ways of Grace. Your professionalism and kindness have been a tremendous blessing. We can't thank you enough for all you have done for Grace Lutheran Church and it's members!



### Grace Missions 2023

**Rummage and Bake Sale:** Missions annual rummage and bake sale will take place on: **Friday, August 4th: 8:00AM - 5:00PM and Saturday, August 5th: 8:00AM - 12:00PM** They will be receiving items on: **Saturday, July 29th and Sunday, July 30th: 9:00AM - 12:00PM and Monday, Sept. 23 - Apple Pie Bake**

**Items Needed:** Dishes, knick-knacks, furniture, appliances, tools, household items, books, games, puzzles, toys, lawn and garden, crafts, linens, fabric, small appliances, small home furnishings, household items, jewelry, Christmas or holiday items, pictures or home decor. **Baked goods are needed!** They are not accepting clothing, shoes, luggage without wheels, TVs, computers, or encyclopedias. Thank you!

**People Helping People:** When the staff receives a guest in need of something more than basic essentials, we would like to share this with a small team of people who can disseminate our People Helping People funds. Requests can be for help with rent, getting a new tire, a bus ticket, or other items above and beyond food. If you would like to be a part of this small group who handles these requests via email, please let the church office know. And, if you would like to donate to this ministry fund, please add People Helping People to the memo line of your check. Thank you.



**Pennies Helping People:** See our new collection container for People Helping People! It is located by the Food Pantry at the church entrance. We are collecting change for immediate daily needs of basic living for those who need our help. Thank you.



**Meal Ministry Team Needs You!** Are you willing to take a meal to someone who just lost a loved one, is undergoing treatment for cancer, had a new baby, or just got their knee replaced? The idea is two meals a week for three weeks as needed. Anyone who can participate will pick a date to bring the meal. This meal can be homemade or purchased such as chicken and sides from the deli or restaurant. If interested, please email Nancy Backer at nurse\_nancyb@hotmail.com. She is the chair of our new Meal Ministry Team and will email the list of people when there is a need. Often the five minutes of visiting and checking on the recipient means more than the food. But the food's good too! For more information, please see Pastor Allison. Thank you!

### Heaven's Table Food Drive:

We are seeking volunteers to sort overflow of food from the food pantry to bag up and deliver to Heaven's Table. If you are interest, please contact the office.

### Grace Pantry Items of the Month:

As you shop for your groceries, please consider adding the following for the Grace Food Pantry: **Paper towels, deodorant, cereal, canned chicken or tuna, canned vegetables, protein bars, fruit cups, or canned chili.**





## Giving Our Offering at Grace:

Hello Grace Friends! Thank you for your continued support of the ministries at Grace through your offering. Weekly offering helps to fund the many programs that share the good news of Jesus Christ in our community and beyond. As summer often means travel and other activities, please consider setting up weekly automatic giving using the above QR code or your bank's bill pay. You will start to see these QR codes in our publications moving forward as an easy way to pull out your phone and give in an instant. For many, carrying cash or check books are a thing of the past. Our wallet is now our phones! We hope this way to give makes it fast and easy for today's busy lives!



## Want Slides at Worship?

We would love to provide slides for the contemporary worship service but need volunteers to run them. Did you know that it

takes one volunteer to run sound, another to run the camera to stream worship, and another to run slides? Streamed worship is recorded and played on local TV which is a major outreach of Grace Lutheran for our shut-ins. We know that slides are very important to our contemporary service. If you would like to be trained to run the slides, please contact the office. We would like to start slides as soon as we can! Thanks for your help!

## Looking for a few welcoming individuals!

We are looking for 4 volunteers to complete our Fellowship Team, Do you have a flair for welcoming and gathering people? Then we need you to be on our Fellowship Team! Mary Kotewa is our chair person along with Del Prescott as the church council representative. We work on projects like serving coffee and rolls between services and church programs, and help host other events. We need a few more helping hands.



## Tech Team Members Needed!

Streaming our Sunday morning worship services is one of the biggest outreach ministries of Grace. Worship services stream live and are recorded for those to watch in their homes on local TV during the week. Many of our shut-in members and friends appreciate this option as they do not have access to or desire to use a smart phone, tablet, or computer to watch online. However, to make this important ministry work, we

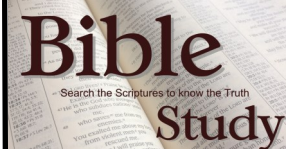
need volunteers. If you are willing to help on a Sunday morning, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. You will be trained and be a part of a team. The goal is to have two to three people in the balcony at each service to run sound, stream and record worship, and run slides. Youth, individuals, and families are all welcome to help! Thank you for considering being a part of this very important outreach ministry of Grace!



**Our Outreach Team** is looking for a chair person plus one extra volunteer. Patti Mathews is our church council representative along with Carolyn Bird. Our Outreach Team is working with Heaven's Table

gathering food items from Grace and delivering them, and also helping with the People Helping People and care bags teams. We have also talked about maybe hosting a Progressive Dinner, but we need you to be able to do all these fun activities. Please give prayerful consideration to join us! If interested, call the church office or sign up on the board in the church entry.

**Common Threads** meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9:00AM in the Laurel Lounge. Come for fellowship and creative fun!



**Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Meeting:** All are welcome to join the weekly ecumenical Bible study at Grace on Tuesdays at 1PM in room 302 (the room the elevator opens up to on the top floor). The group is just beginning a study on the book of Acts. This is a casual and informal gathering, welcoming your thoughts and perspective, as the group together discerns how God is speaking through these words of life today. The discussion concludes at 2:30 for a time of prayer together. A prayer liturgy is read each week and every name on our prayer list is lifted up. Come for a time of faith formation and fellowship! For more information, please contact: Elayne Baumgart at baumgartelayne@gmail.com.

**Have a blessed summer!  
We will see you  
again in September.**



## WORDS FOR WORSHIP

### Sunday, June 4, 2023 - The Holy Trinity

Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

First Reading: Genesis 1:1--2:4a

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

### Sunday, June 4, 2023 - Lectionary 10

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

First Reading: Hosea 5:15--6:6

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

### Sunday, June 18, 2023 - Lectionary 11

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

### Sunday, June 25, 2023 - Lectionary 12

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

### Sunday, July 2, 2023 - Lectionary 13

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

**FREE O'SCOOPS ICE CREAM  
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Wednesday  
**COMMUNITY WORSHIP**  
at the Park  
SYLVANIA PARK BANDSHELL,  
FAIRMONT  
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EVERY WEDNESDAY, 6:30 PM  
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## MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Tuesdays:** 2:00PM Fairmont Cable TV Channel 12 (pre-recorded)
- Wednesdays:** 6:30PM Wednesday Worship in Sylvania Park
- Fridays:** 1:00PM Fairmont Cable TV Channel 12 (pre-recorded)
- Sundays:** 9:30AM Summer worship



\*Communion is offered each Sunday and Wednesday.

\*All services will be streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and our webpage.

**Goldfinch Senior Living services** are the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10AM at Assisted Living and 10:45AM at Memory Care. All are welcome to worship with the residents! And beginning in July, we will be adding a worship service on the 2nd Thursday of the month, 10AM, at Lakeview Methodist home. Please come and worship with our friends!

### Summer Worship Specifics!

On Sunday, May 28, we moved to one Sunday morning worship service at 9:30AM. We look forward to a wonderful summer of God's Word, Communion, Song, and gathering as the body of Christ. We hope to see you there! And if you are travelling and worship at another church on your vacation, please bring back a bulletin. Pastor Allison would love to take a look and hear about what you enjoyed there!

**Worship in the Park all Summer!** This year, our Wednesday worship in the park will truly be community worship. Led by our praise band, Grace has invited our ministry partners to share God's Word with us this summer. Come and hear how God is at work in our daily lives through a message given by both local pastors and community members. Sing praise songs led by our amazing worship band. Invite your friends and come worship the Lord in God's creation at Sylvania Park starting on June 7!  
**FREE O'SCOOPS ICE CREAM ON JUNE 14 AND JULY 26 AT 6:00PM**

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY CONTINUED...

### Grace Confirmation Bowling Party at BowlMor Lanes in Fairmont



Joice Forster & Peter Odgren, Co-Council  
 Presidents Council@gracelutheranchurch.org

## Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes - March 19, 2023

**Present:** Pete Odgren, Joice Foster, Ilene Reiter, Patti Mathews, Joshua Ensrud, Carolyn Bird, Kris Boerner, Ardell Prescott, Jane Reiman, Pastor Allison Cobb, Pastor Cheryl

**Not Present:** Troy Nemmers

**Call to Order:** Pete Odgren called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

**Devotional:** Given today by Ilene Reiter.

### Financial Report:

Jane Reiman gave the March 2023 Financial Report. She reported March giving was at \$29,500, down 43% from March 2022. The council discussed that the staffing model may need to change to reflect the reduction in giving. A motion to approve the April 16th, 2023 Financial Report was made by Carolyn Bird Ardell seconded the motion. The Financial Report was approved by the rest of the council members.

### Team Reports

#### CYF:

Last day of B.L.A.S.T. is May 10th, 2023. VBS will be held Mon. June 12th-Thurs. June 15th with the Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp at Grace Lutheran Church from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The council discussed student participants bringing a sack lunch with them each day they are at VBS. The church will provide a backup lunch for students who do not bring lunch. Lodging still needs to be set up for camp leadership. Graduation Recognition is Sun. April 30th at 10:45 a.m. The summer mission trip is July 15th-July 22nd, 2023. A female chaperone still needs to be found to go on the trip. The chaperones will be driving the van to the scheduled destinations throughout the trip. With an opening in the Church education position, duties will be divided amongst the CYF committee lay members. Council discussed changing the CYF position from 30 hrs. to 15 hrs. This is due to the current financial figures. The council said they will create a more formal duty and schedule outline to be implemented in the Fall.

#### Worship:

Worship in the park will start June 7th and end August 31st, 2023. Grace Lutheran Church has partnered with other churches in the community to provide worship services. The council discussed improving communication with marketing this worship service.

#### Outreach:

Patti Mathews is encouraging Outreach to get involved in promoting Worship in the park with various ways of advertising. She is trying to schedule various food trucks to be at the worship services as well to help draw in more people. O Scoops will charge \$400 for 100 small servings of ice cream.

#### Service:

Jane Reiman stated that the current Insurance company will be increasing their insurance premium 43% as they are getting away from insuring churches. Jane and the service team are currently in the process of getting 2 quotes. They have received one already. The premium is close to what the church is already paying. Plus, there will be additional items that will be insured under the 1st quote. The Service team is waiting on the second quote before making their final decision.

E. Fellowship: Same as Outreach

#### Personnel:

Looking for a volunteer to fill an open position on the Personnel committee.

#### VII. Old Business

Technical Personnel Position: Will be reopening the position. The council discussed various ideas to make the position less complicated: using new user friendly software to tape and post services online, etc.

B. Stained Glass Window Project: Moving forward with a 2 year plan to complete the West and North wall windows. The council decided it will not use money from the trust account, but will use additional money from other sources within the financials as they would like that money saved for any emergency projects that come up during the fiscal year.



C. Fundraising Projects: A Culligan jug will be positioned in the church for the congregation to donate coins in for the project "People Helping People". An announcement will be placed in the next worship service bulletin for another project "God's Grace is Amazing Day".

Core Values: The council discussed and decided to schedule a separate meeting in July to create a core values mission statement. The reason the council chose to schedule a separate meeting for this topic was so they could dedicate the time needed to complete this task.

VIII. New Business

Christian Education Director Position: The council decided to wait until after Service Teams' next meeting. As that team will be finalizing the plan to move forward with this position.

B. Church Covenant

Pastor Cheryl presented the council team with an example of a covenant for the council team to review. The council plans to vote on the covenant during their meeting in July.

IX. Pastor Reports

Pastor Cheryl: She stated she has felt welcomed by the congregation both inside and outside of church.

Pastor Allison: She stated that the Wednesdays schedule will stay the same but with a few tweaks: Open Door Meals will be 4:45-6:30 p.m. This is a change from the 6:15 p.m. end time. B.L.A.S.T will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship Service will start at 6:30 p.m. Confirmation will be from 7:00-8:00 p.m. and be held in the Fellowship Hall

This schedule was created to both capitalize on the number of kids attending church school, to attempt to make it easier for children and their families to worship together, and provide structure in the confirmation program.

X. Upcoming Dates

Mon. May 1st at 5:30 p.m. Worship Team Mtg.  
 Sun. May 7th at 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church/Fairmont Parks  
 Tues. May 9th at 5:30 p.m. Service Team Mtg.  
 Tues. May 9th at 6:30 p.m. Outreach/ CYF/ Fellowship Team Mtgs.

Sun. May 21st at 11:45 a.m. Church Council Mtg.

XI. Adjournment

The Council team adjourned with the Lord's prayer at 2:00PM

XII. Approval of Secretary's Report

Kris moved. Seconded by Ilene. Motion Passed via email on May 10, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted, Josh Ensrud

**Memorials:**

**H. C. Bollum Memorial**

Sandra Bollum Stained Glass Windows

**Marge Bolster Memorial**

Jennelle Cunning Undesignated

**Lauren Ettesvold Memorial**

Cheryl & Jon Rippke Undesignated

**Butch Hanson Memorial**

Robert & Deb Bonk Stained Glass Windows  
 Mandi Rose Undesignated

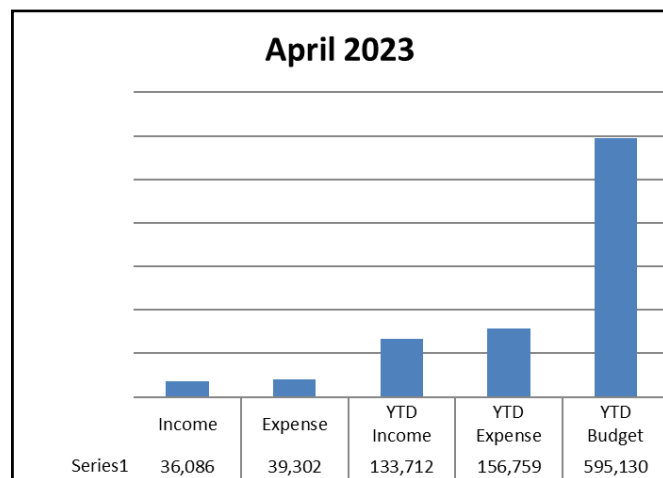
**Don Hall Memorial**

Janet Nielsen Undesignated

**LaDonna Levik Memorial**

Marian Johnson People Helping People

**FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FOR APRIL**



**Mark your calendars for VBS this summer at Grace.**

It will be Monday-Thursday, June 12-15th from 9:00AM -2:00PM.

We will be teaming up with Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp.

The theme this year is Uncovering the Truth, a detective theme. All kids pre-school (Ages 4 and older) through 6th grade are welcome

to participate in this fun and interactive time of learning about Jesus and his love for them. Please bring a sack lunch. A snack will be provided. To register, visit our

website at [www.gracelutheranchurch.org](http://www.gracelutheranchurch.org), under the "Resources" tab or pick up a form in the gathering area to complete. If you would like to help off set the cost of VBS for our Youth, please scan the QR code to make a donation. We hope to see you there!



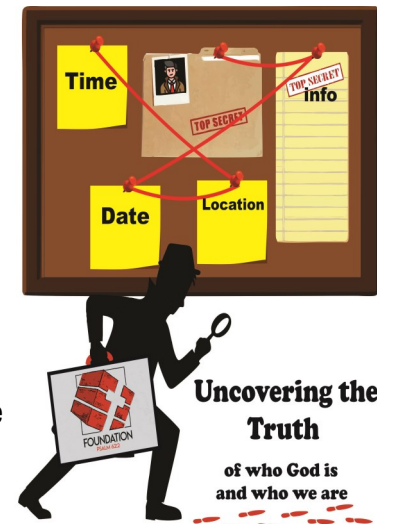
**SNACKS NEEDED FOR VBS!** We ask that you prayerfully consider donating snack items for our VBS kids. Items needed are Plastic spoons, Pretzels, Popcorn (seeds or pre-popped). Please have the items to the fellowship hall kitchen by Sunday June 4th. Thank YOU!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HOST HOME NEEDED-** The Children Youth and Family Team asks you prayerfully consider being a host home to Ingham Lake Okoboji Counselors that will be helping us with VBS Sunday June 11-Thursday June 15. Counselors will be paired in 2's for home arrangements. As a host you will provide breakfast, a sack lunch, and a couple of dinners for these gifted students who love Jesus and are here to share God's love with the youth at Grace. If you can host, please contact Carisa Anderson at [corycarisa@mac.com](mailto:corycarisa@mac.com).

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP GUIDES NEEDED-** Do you love VBS and working with young children? If so, we could use some 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who would like to help our camp counselors with VBS. This activity would count toward confirmation service hours for the 2023-24 year. If you are interested, please contact Carisa Anderson at [corycarisa@mac.com](mailto:corycarisa@mac.com).



**KENTUCKY YOUTH TRIP CANCELED!** It is after much discussion and prayer, the Children Youth and Family Ministry team has decided for the safety of our youth, to cancel the upcoming trip to Kentucky. The need for an extra chaperone as well as a driver, remained unfulfilled.



**Uncovering the Truth**  
 of who God is  
 and who we are

**Congratulations to our 2023 Seniors!**

- Beau Becker
- Gabe Berg
- Selma Bleess
- Gracie Boerner
- MacKenzie Carlson
- Lacy DeJaynes
- Lacie Fetters
- Ian Fortune
- Anika Haugen

- Benjamin Heinze
- Blake Hilgendorf
- Alyssa Hilpipre
- Jackson Holmers
- Gavin Junkermeier
- Matthew Kotewa
- David Maakestad
- Landen Meyerdirk
- Chantel Moeller



- Corene Moeller
- Carsen Musser
- Johanna Petschke
- Carson Pomerence
- Brendan Schmidtke
- Solveig Senf
- Alonna Silverthorn
- Noah Vetter
- Gunner Wells