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 **Grace Lutheran Church, ELCA**  
 Fairmont, MN

# WAYS OF GRACE

*Our Mission: To boldly live out our faith in Jesus through worship, fellowship, and service to God and our neighbor, here and around the world.*

May 2024



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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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Prayer



“And in the morning, a great while before day, Jesus rose and went out to a lonely place and there he prayed.” Mark 1:35

We as Christians are called to pray. As followers of Jesus, he gives us an example as he went to pray to the Father. Scripture tells us to pray unceasingly. Many of us may have a hard time to find the time to pray. During this Summer Season, challenge yourself to pray more. Think in terms of doing short prayers during the day, as well as, a longer quiet time of prayer.

What is prayer? It is spending intentional time with God in conversation. Moses spoke easily to God. So should we. Not only do we lift up in prayer our concerns and joys, but we should take time to listen to what God may have to say to us.

God listens to all our prayers and answers them. Sometimes the answer is yes and sometimes it is no. When I get a no for an answer, I ask God to reveal to me if there is something else that may need praying for in that situation. If he reveals something else, I pray for that other thing too. Our prayers may change the mind of God. Moses in his meetings with God changed God’s mind. We have that potential too. God has unchanging love for us, but is willing to change his mind. Paul calls us co-laborers with God in the world. If we are working with God, we should also be of one mind with God. When we pray, we can further discern the mind of God. So, when we pray, we are praying God’s will into the situation.

Pray like everything else is something we learn. Even the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray. We may never ‘master’ pray like Jesus, but that should not stop from trying or improving our pray life. When we pray, we should expect that what we pray for will happen. The Bible tells us great things can happen when we have the faith of a mustard seed. We should pray for our things we have compassion about.

How do we approach God in pray? Like a child who comes to his good father. We should be open, honest, trust, and have an intimacy of love and care. When we pray it involves the three persons of the Trinity. We pray to the Father in Jesus name and the Holy Spirit intercedes for us. We can also use our imagination. We can picture us talking to Jesus, one-on-one. We can picture a sick person healthy; a shattered relationship whole; or peace in a country where there is war.

There is nothing more powerful than prayer. We are tapping into the power of God, creator of everything. Scripture tells us that the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. We who are in Christ are made righteous. Please pray for Grace, the ministries of Grace, the Call Committee, the Church Council, staff, and those on our prayer list. Let us co-labor with God in making his kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:35am - 10:35am Adult Education Hour 10:45am Contemporary Worship	29 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Martin County 4-H	30 9:00am - 11:00am Sewing Circle 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired 6:30pm Celebration Choir Practice	1 9:00am - 12:00pm Women's Community Bible Study 4:45pm - 6:30pm Open Door Meal 5:15pm - 6:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm - 6:25pm BLAST 6:30pm WOW-Worship on Wednesday 7:00pm - 8:00pm Confirmation	2 9:00am - 10:00am Sarah's Circle 9:00am WOTC	3 1:00pm Worship Service Aired 4:00pm - 7:00pm Bowling Banquet	4
5 God's Grace Is Amazing Day! 9:30am God's Grace is Amazing Day Worship 10am Service Projects 12pm Picnic Lunch	6 7:00am Ranch Men's Breakfast 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Mary Circle	7 9:00am - 3:00pm Common Threads Sewing 9:00am - 11:00am Sewing Circle 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired 5:30pm Outreach/Fellowship Team Meetings 6:30pm Celebration Choir Practice	8 9:00am - 12:00pm Final Women's Community Bible Study of the Year 10:00am Goldfinch Memory Care Worship 10:30am Goldfinch Assisted Living Service 4:45pm - 6:30pm Open Door Meal 5:15pm - 6:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm - 6:25pm BLAST 6:30pm WOW-Worship on Wednesday 7:00pm - 8:00pm Confirmation	9 4:00pm - 6:00pm Aktion Club Theatre 6:00pm - 8:00pm Boy Scouts	10 1:00pm Worship Service Aired	11
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# WORDS FOR WORSHIP

## Sunday, May 5 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48  
Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6  
Gospel: John 15:9-17

## Sunday, May 12 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13  
Gospel: John 17:6-19

## Sunday, May 19 - Day of Pentecost

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join

together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21  
Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27  
Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

## Sunday, May 26 - The Holy Trinity

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8  
Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17  
Gospel: John 3:1-17

## Sunday, June 2 - Lectionary 9

Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8  
Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17  
Gospel: John 3:1-17



# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sundays:** 8:30AM Traditional & 10:45AM Contemporary  
9:30AM (May 26 - September 8)  
**Tuesdays:** 2:00PM Fairmont Cable TV Channel 12 (pre-recorded)  
**Wednesdays:** 6:30PM WOW, Worship on Wednesday  
**Fridays:** 1:00PM Fairmont Cable TV Channel 12 (pre-recorded)

\*Communion is offered every Sunday and Wednesday.

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

**Senior Living Worship Services this month:** May 8 at Goldfinch, 10 AM in Memory Care and 10:30 AM in Assisted Living and Monday, May 13, 10AM at Lakeview. Please come and worship with our friends and members of Grace!

**Praise in the Park Begins Wednesday, May 22!** The Praise Band and Worship Team are excited to share that we are extending our Wednesdays in the Park by three weeks this year beginning May 22. We want to capitalize on the wonderful warm weather and beauty of the outdoors. We will again meet at the Sylvania Park band shell for a half an hour praise service. We are blessed to have our fantastic praise band leading Grace in song, and each week will have a different pastor or lay leader from our community churches. Come and worship in the sunshine! And, if there is rain, we will meet at the shelter house in Sylvania Park.

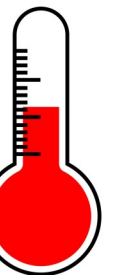
**Baptisms in the Park!** Pastor Allison and Pastor Cheryl will preside one week a month so that families who would like a summer outdoor baptism can choose one of those evenings. We had a wonderful summer baptism last year and would like to give other families the opportunity to have a baptism in a casual outdoor setting. Those dates are Wednesdays May 29, June 5, July 24, and August 7. If there is rain, we will meet at the shelter house in Sylvania Park. For more information, please contact the church office.

**Summer Worship Sundays: A reminder that we move to one summer worship service beginning on Sunday May 26 at 9:30AM.** The Worship Team is working with our wonderful musicians to provide two traditional and two contemporary services a month. We hope you will attend and have an opportunity to worship with others who may normally worship in a different service than you do during the school year. It is a joy to get a chance to all worship together!



# STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Church Council has partnered with the Stewardship Committee to issue a challenge to the members of Grace. Beginning in April we challenged the families of Grace to add \$5 per week to their offering. Special envelopes have been made for this challenge and are available in the gathering space. This challenge will run for five months from April-August. If 100 families participate with an additional \$5/week in their offering, Grace Lutheran will see an extra \$10,000 in the general fund giving!



In the first few months of 2024, we have seen our giving near our budgeted amounts and are very grateful. However, in 2024 we also saw increases in several of our normal operating expenses. This challenge will provide needed additional revenue to continue to offer all the services that you as Grace members utilize and expect on a weekly basis. Thank you for your prayers and thoughtful consideration of how you can impact Grace Lutheran church and fulfil this Offering Challenge. **Go Team Grace!**

- Carolyn Bird and Troy Nemmers, Council Co-Presidents

# BUSINESS OF GRACE

**Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting**  
**April 14, 2024**

**CORE VALUES: Faith, Christ-Centered  
 Community/Connections, Service**

**Our Mission: To boldly live out our faith in  
 Jesus through worship, fellowship, and service to  
 God and our neighbor, here and around the world.**

**2024 Focus Areas: Constitution, Stewardship,  
 Community Relationships**

**Members Present:** Troy Nemmers, Joice Forster, Ardel Prescott, Brandon DeClercq, Carolyn Bird, Kris Boerner, Jaime Core, Mark Morris, Joyce Eisenmenger, Jane Reiman, Pastor Cheryl Indehar, Pastor Allison Cobb

**Absent:** Josh Ensrud

**Call to Order:**  
 Carolyn Bird called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

**Devotional:** Ardel led the devotional on living in faith and trusting God to lead.

**Gathering Prayer:** Council members shared prayer requests, with Pastor Cheryl concluding with a prayer to address these requests.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The March 10, 2024 minutes were approved on March 11, 2024 via email.

**Financial Report**

Jane Reiman, finance director, gave the council an update on the finances of the church. Giving was 13% higher than last year's giving at this same time. However, the 2024 church budget is \$60,000 more than was brought in last year to pay for an associate pastor when one is secured so giving must continue. A motion was made by Carolyn. Seconded by Troy. Motion carried.

**Team Reports**

**Worship** There were many compliments received on the Lenten and Easter services. A big thank you goes to all the people who participated to make this time very special and meaningful. There was an 11%

increase in attendance over last year for the Easter services. The worship team will be recruiting members to serve on the altar guild. Summer Worship in the Park will start on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The team plans to continue with community pastors and lay leaders and expand musicians if there are others from local churches who would want to be involved. A Grace pastor will lead worship once per month in case there are Grace families who would like a summer outdoor baptism. Worship by the Water will be on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at Wards Park. Bars will be served following the service. The 9:30 service at Grace will still be held that day.

**CYF:** The Palm Sunday Breakfast was a success with over \$800 being taken in to support youth mission trips. The team will be handing out Grace blankets to our Seniors on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at both services, as it is Baccalaureate. The team is also planning an End of the BLAST/Confirmation Year Celebration on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> with registration for VBS and next year's BLAST and Confirmation classes taking place. Vacation Bible School will be June 17<sup>th</sup>-June 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-12:00 noon.

**Outreach/Fellowship:** The team will be furnishing and serving cookies for the Baccalaureate Service on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Worship in the Park will begin on Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The team will be advertising the service to the community. Worship by the Water will take place on August 11<sup>th</sup> at Ward's Park. Congregation members will be asked to bake a pan of bars to share on that day. This event is taking the place of Worship on the Water.

**Service:** The property/liability insurance has increased \$3,000. The new AED has arrived and the old one has its batteries replaced. The team will be looking for volunteers to tend the VBS garden on the west side of the church by the parking lot. Upgrading the chapel lighting was discussed. The \$5 stewardship challenge started in April where members were challenged to give an extra \$5 a week for 5 months to support the church activities and expenses.

**Stewardship:** The Stewardship team will initiate a \$5 a week giving challenge for the next 5 months. The team is looking forward to hosting Scott

# CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

## WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

**Open Door Meal:** 4:45PM - 6:30PM - All are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a meal.

**BLAST, PreK - 6th Grade:** 5:30PM - 6:30PM - This includes Cherub & Alleluia Choir, learning lessons, and fun!

**Wednesday Worship:** 6:30PM - 7:00PM

**Confirmation, 7th-9th Grade:** 7:00PM - 8:00PM



### End of the Year Celebrations!

**WHO:** BLAST & Confirmation Students, along with their Parents

**WHEN:** Wednesday May 15, 2024

BLAST 5:30PM - 6:25PM

Confirmation 7PM - 8PM

**WHAT TO EXPECT:** Activities & Games, Popcorn

\*Registration for VBS & Fall 2024 BLAST & Confirmation

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 : It has been a great year, that we know will soon be coming to a close. May :  
 : 15th will be our last evening of youth education for this year. Parents please :  
 : plan to attend with your child. Watch for more detailed information to come! :  
 : .....

### Youth Trip Coordinator Volunteer Needed:

CYF is looking for a lead volunteer to plan future youth trips for students! Some duties would include coordinating details of location and lodging, finding volunteer chaperones, assist with fundraising events for donations, and work with the CYF Team and Pastors on trip details and itinerary. Please contact the office if interested!

**DATE:**

June 17 - 20, 2024

**LOCATION:**

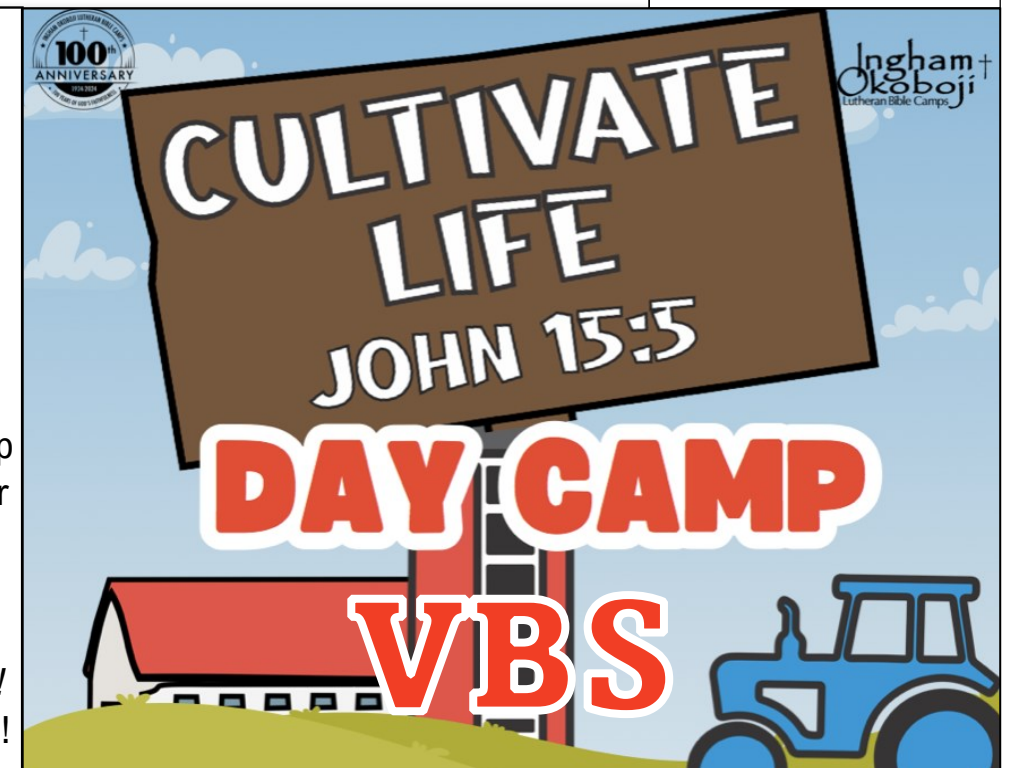
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**TIME:**

8AM—Noon

**OTHER DETAILS:**

GLC is once again teaming up with Ingham Lake Okoboji for VBS! Children 4 years old through those entering 6th grade will learn how to *CULTIVATE LIFE, JOHN 15:5!* Watch for more info to come!



**Notice of the 2024 Synod Assembly:** The 2024 Synod Assembly of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at the Mayo Clinic Event Center in Mankato, MN. We thank Jane Reiman and Cindy Wohlhuter for being this year's delegate's along with our pastors. For more information on this year's synod assembly, please see the synod's info page: <https://semnsynod.org/pages/synod-assembly>.



**Lunch at the Lake on Tuesday, May 28!** Come join your pastors for *Lunch at the Lake!* Let's take advantage of the wonderful weather and our beautiful lakes. On the last Tuesday of the month, from April to September, bring your lunch and a lawn chair to the beach at Gomsrud Park. If there is rain, we will meet in the shelter house at the picnic table. We will meet at noon for fellowship with a brief devotion and prayer at 12:15pm. Come on your lunch hour and stay for as little or long as you can. This is a fun, casual, and informal way to stay connected as the body of Christ at Grace! For more information, please see one of the pastors.

**Men's Breakfast on Monday:** Men of all ages are invited to a monthly breakfast at The Ranch restaurant on the first Monday of the month. Come for a devotion, fellowship, and good breakfast food. **When: Monday June 3 at 7:00AM Where: The Ranch Restaurant**  
**Why: Because Jesus says that when a few are gathered in his name, he's there too!**



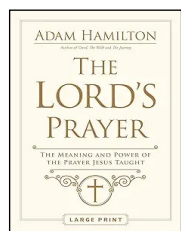
**Faith Night at the Mankato Moon Dogs!** We will be offering another trip to the Mankato Moon Dogs on Sunday, June 30!!! Please purchase your tickets in the office as soon as possible. We have 14 reserved seats left and if we need more, we will do our best to purchase additional ones before they sell out. The cost is \$10 which includes your assigned seat and a hot dog meal. Checks can be made to Grace Lutheran Church with MoonDogs in the memo. We will meet in the Grace parking lot that day at 3:45pm and carpool to the game. Hope to see you at the ballpark!

**Crochet, Anyone?** Crochet patterns have now been added to our prayer shawl kits!!! These kits contain yarn, instructions, and labels for both crochet and knitted prayer shawls. Kits can be picked up from the shelves across the office and finished shawls returned in the same bag. As you crochet or knit a shawl, please pray for whomever will receive this gift of God's love, comfort, and peace. Anyone in the congregation may take a prayer shawl to give away and are found by our Care Table. Thank you for sharing your talents with those who need extra care. For more information, please stop by the office or see one of the pastors.



**Phantom Tea Fundraiser:** Watch your mail for the Phantom Tea letter. Enjoy a cup of tea from the Missions Team while you review our annual budget. Please consider giving a donation to help support the various local, regional, and international organizations listed. If you would like to learn more about these organizations, there is a 3-ring binder on the Mission Table in the gathering area that has information.

**Adult Education Hour:** Invite a friend, grab your coffee and donut holes, and come to adult Sunday School between the worship services. We meet at 9:35am for a variety of topics throughout the program year. Last month we began our final series for the program year by Rev. Adam Hamilton entitled *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*.



Fuhrman in April for Thrivent Sunday and Tharan Theobald as the ELCA planned giving consultant in May. The team continues to keep the congregation updated with the Ways of Grace Stewardship Corner.

**Old Business**

God's Grace is Amazing Day is being planned for Sunday, May 5, 2024. Cindy Wohlhuter and Nancy Backer are chairing this very worthwhile event.

The Council spent a considerable time reviewing the current Grace Lutheran Church Constitution and bylaws. They found it did contain much of what the ELCA model constitution has. At the May meeting the council will review and discuss the ELCA model constitution. **Pastor Allison will supply copies of the ELCA model constitution to each council member.** At the June meeting, the council hopes to meet with a pastor from the ELCA Southeast Synod to guide them through the process of updating Grace Lutheran Church constitution and bylaws, as it has not been done since 2012. In July, the council will have a work session to begin the revision process. This is a long process and needs a congregational vote before any changes can be made.

**New Business**

Pastor Cheryl shared the church covenant that was adopted by the council last year. It is entitled "Agreeing and Disagreeing in Love". It gives an explanation of how to handle conflict both within the council and the church community.

Scheduling on events in various spaces in the church was discussed. Pastor Allison reported all scheduling goes through Nicole who keeps a calendar in the church office.

The council discussed a possible pastoral candidate. The council gave approval to the call committee to continue the process.

**Pastor Report**

Pastor Allison and Pastor Cheryl sent written reports on the work they have accomplished the past month. The council is very appreciative of the work our pastors are doing.

**Upcoming Dates** (Due to potential changes, please see calendar on pg.11 for accurate dates and times.)

- Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Worship and CYF Team Meetings
- Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Outreach/Fellowship Team meeting
- Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Service Team Meeting
- Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting
- Sunday, May 19<sup>h</sup> at 11:45a.m. Church Council Meeting in the Laurel Lounge

**Brandon will lead devotions. NOTICE CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO MOTHER'S DAY BEING ON THE SECOND SUNDAY.**

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Joice Forster, Secretary

**Approval of Secretary's Report**

The April 14, 2024 council minutes were reviewed and approved via email on April 16, 2024. Motion by Kris. Seconded by Troy to approve. Motion carried.

**May  
Open Door Meal  
Menu**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings from 4:45 - 6:30 PM

May 1: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham

May 8: Hotdish

**Last day of Open Door for the season!**

**Memorials:**

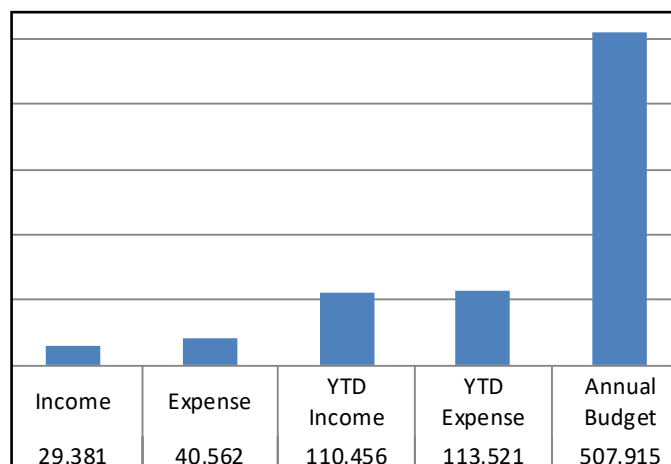
**Velma Roalson Memorial**

- Enos & Charlotte Undesignated
- Breitbarth
- Harlan & Laraine People Helping People
- Gorath
- Arvin & Joanne Soma Open Door
- Kenneth & Pat Rose
- Harry & Chery Brumbaugh
- Carol Myhre
- Rod & Diane Palmquist
- Carol & Chris Nasby
- Sandra Lunn Building
- Jolene & Joe Rosol
- Lynn & Lyn Johnson

**Shirley Poirier Memorial**

- Harry & Chery Undesignated
- Brumbaugh
- David & Becky Johnson People Helping People
- Harry & Chery Brumbaugh
- Jo Kropp**
- Family, Friends, Neighbors Undesignated

**FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FOR MARCH**



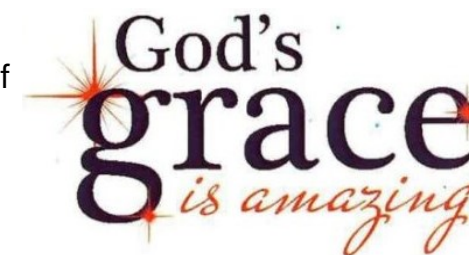
# Congregational Care Ministry

- ✦ **Prayer Shawls & Squares:** Shawls and Squares knitted and prayed over as items of comfort. These are available for you to gift to someone in their time of need.
- ✦ **Prayer Group:** Meets every Tuesday to lift up in prayer, friends, families, & loved ones on our Prayer List.
- ✦ **Care Callers:** Volunteers who reach out via phone or card monthly to connect with members at home.
- ✦ **Visitation Team:** Visit homebound members monthly, who would like communion and some conversation.
- ✦ **Open Door Meals:** Volunteers help cook and serve meals every Wednesday evening during the school year.
- ✦ **Meal Ministry Team:** Deliver meals to those who are struggling, injured, or added a new family member!
- ✦ **Funeral Meal Servers:** Help to provide hospitality while serving meals during Funerals at Grace.
- ✦ **Food Pantry:** Located in our Gathering Area, our Food Pantry is available for all in need to use.
- ✦ **Care Bags:** This team assembles bags with essential items provided for visitors in need.
- ✦ **People Helping People:** A team who responds to requests submitted from people in need of financial assistance or resources, food assistance, and resources.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**God's Grace is Amazing Day on Sunday, May 5!**

This year, we will gather in our yellow shirts in the sanctuary for a brief worship service at 9:30 and then disperse to various projects.



**Projects in the Fellowship Hall**

- Pastor Allison and Pastor Cheryl will oversee our indoor projects.
- Decorating carrying bags for Lutheran Social Service to give to families in need.
- Attaching notes to bread and delivering to our neighbors.
- Decorating rocks to be hidden around our community for a good will gesture to surprise someone when they find it.
- Writing notes to our elders 90+ and those living in care facilities. We will include in the envelope a prayer square made lovingly by our knitters.
- Blessing notes to be written to our policeman, firemen, dispatchers, sheriff's deputies, jailers and evidence technicians...100 persons.

**Outdoor projects**

- Park project - We will have one big outdoor project as we clean up Sylvania Park, our location for our Wednesday Praise in the Park services and other community organizations. We will also have a craft table at the park for kids to take a break and paint rocks to brighten up our community. Please bring rakes and work gloves. Garbage bags will be provided.

**Storm Drains**

- We will be spray painting stencils by storm drains to help with the Lakes Foundation project. We will concentrate our efforts by Lake George and Sisseton so you will be able to park in Lincoln Park or surrounding streets. We will provide latex gloves, spray paint, stencil and bag to carry everything but bring your own work gloves too. We will be spraying painting stencils telling folks not to put anything but rain down the drains. Contact person is Cindy Wohlhuter: 507-236-4403.

**Picnic Lunch**

- Please join everyone for a picnic lunch at noon at the church. Come for a morning full of worship, service, and food! We hope you can come for a fabulous Sunday together!

**Bread for Our Neighbors!**

REMINDER: On Sunday, May 5, please bring in your bread still in those pans and wrapped in cling wrap. We will add a welcome card which contains our summer worship times and Bible School dates, and deliver them that morning. Thank you in advance for making this special outreach project happen!



**Tharan Leopold with the ELCA Foundation:**

On May 19th, Tharan Leopold will be here to share a forum on legacy gifts. This information will get you thinking about the gifts you've received from God throughout your lifetime, and how your family and ministry, such as our congregation's Endowment Fund(s), can benefit from these gifts to make a lasting and meaningful impact in this world. Please join the stewardship team in the Lounge on May 19th between services for this thoughtful coffee and conversation!