

Grace Lutheran Church

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Called together by the Holy Spirit, Grace Lutheran Church is a loving family of believers, growing in Christ through God's Word and Sacraments, and reflecting God's love by ministering to others and sharing His Word with community and the nations.

Heart Burn

They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures"

Luke 24:32

Heart burn. That's usually a bad thing, right? But here it is good! And notice where it stems from . . . the scriptures and Jesus opening those scriptures to show himself revealed in the word. That's when the heart really starts to burn!

We almost always get this wrong in the church. We attribute the movements of the Holy Spirit, and the excitement we find in the church, around superfluous things. We find the music in the church moving, both contemporary or traditional. We fixate on the mood or atmosphere of worship, how the members all speak up in unison. I can sense when the congregation is really getting into the liturgy, and when they hang back. When the clocks were moved forward one hour, yeah I could that one too!

But the disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus weren't given heart burn by any of those things. But it was Christ showing himself in the scriptures that really warmed their hearts. Luke tells us, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself."

Luke 24:25-27

Our Lutheran Confessions sum it up this way:

"We should not and cannot pass judgment on the Holy Spirit's presence, operations, and gifts merely on the basis of our feeling, how and when we perceive it in our hearts. On the contrary, because the Holy Spirit's activity often is hidden, and happens under cover of great weakness, we should be certain, because of and on the basis of his promise, that the Word which is heard and preached is an office and work of the Holy Spirit, whereby he assuredly is potent and active in our hearts." (Formula of Concord; SD, Art II)

Heart burn comes from the gospel. It comes for seeing Jesus in the scriptures as the one who suffered and dies for our sins, and rose again for the hope of our resurrection. There in the word sung, taught, proclaimed and confessed our hearts are strangely warmed. For the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life always comfort the heart of a Christian. And when the formula speaks of "cover of great weakness" it means that often times this sung, taught, proclaimed and confessed word is often done by frail and weak individuals. It just sounds like so many words from a very old book. Why should this have any impact upon me? But faith hears the gospel all for me. It hears that Jesus died for me, and rose again, for me.

— Pastor Worral



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

He-or-She-esta

In honor of
Meredith and Nathen
Wellumson
Saturday, April 6, 2024
11 am

Registered @ Target



April 2024

Serve the Lord with gladness.

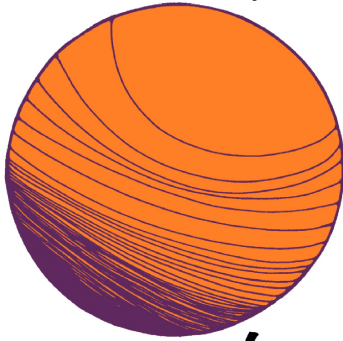
Psalm 100:3

Let us live with confidence. Just as Jesus has Risen from the dead, we are confident that we will have eternal life through Him. * "This confidence begins with the forgiveness of sins in the blood of Christ. It is given to us in our Baptism. Nourished through Word and Sacrament in the Divine Service, it then flows out in love to others until our Savior comes to take us home." (* LWML Bible Study)

Our Zone Spring Event is April 13, 2024, at Grace starting at 8:45 am.

On Friday April 26 we will set up for the Ham dinner at 5:00 pm with general meeting after. We will be having election of officers. Sunday April 28 we will be serving a Ham dinner at the Voters meeting.

Sheryl Jones, President



He chose us
in Christ
before the
foundations
of the world

EPHESIANS 1:4

God has lavished on us so many blessing as related in Ephesians 1 which we can put to use in mission in lively witness to all of Jesus Christ, echoing God's will that all be saved and kept under the shadow of His wing.



The Human Care board would like to thank everyone for your generous donations to the Food Pantry March Campaign. The collected donations will be matched through Minnesota FoodShare. There is a strong need at this time for personal hygiene items as well as cleaning supplies. The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to help fill the carts for their clients. In recent years the number of volunteers have gone down but the number of clients are up.

If anyone is willing to help they can call the Food Pantry directly at 237-9337 and set up a day to help. They would appreciate any help you can give.

April Circle Meetings:

Thurs., Apr. 4: 7 pm @ Church (K. Lougheed)

Sat., Apr. 6: 7 pm @ Church (R. Walsh)

Fri., Apr 26: To Be Determined

Upcoming events . . .

Tues., April 9: Mite Box Tuesday

Sat., April 13: 8:45 am Hosting Spring Event

Sun., April 14: Mite Box Sunday

Sun., April 21: Sat. Circle serves treats after worship

Fri., April 26: 5 pm: Set up for Sunday Dinner; Gen. Meeting (Election of Officers)

Sun., April 28: Serving Ham Dinner before Voter Meeting

Mission of the Month . . . Orphan Grain Train

Missionaries . . . Paul & Ali Federwitz ~ Ashley Lehr ~ Main Street Living ~

Spring Event 2024

April 13 at Grace Lutheran Church

8:45 - 9:15 ~ Registration and coffee

9:15 - 9:30 ~ Welcome and opening devotions

9:30 - 10:15 ~ Speaker - Kirk Rosin from OGT

10:15 - 10:30 ~ Break

10:30 - 11:15 ~ Bible study - Pastor Allen Kramp

11:15 - 11:45 ~ Activity

11:45 - 12:30 ~ Lunch

12:30 - 12:45 ~ Closing and Announcements

Ingathering items for Orphan Grain Train:

Items to make hygiene and layette kits. Specific items needed are:

towels / wash cloths

nail clippers (no files)

cloth diapers

combs

regular bars of soap

rubber pants

They also collect monetary donations to help with the cost of shipping.

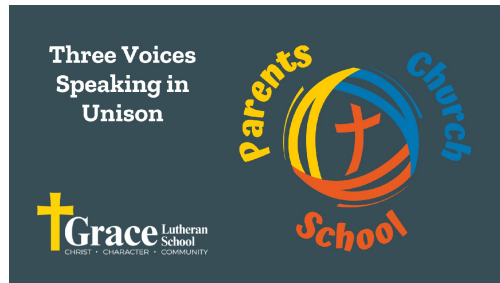


Still Gathering . . .





Operated by: The Red River
Lutheran School Association



Spring greetings from Grace Lutheran School.

Save the date for **Pasta With a Purpose** Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 27 from 12-7 pm. Sign-ups to volunteer will be available on the school's website in April. Please consider assisting with this fun social event.

This summer, Camp Grace will take place at St Andrew Lutheran Church to make way for construction at the school. We are looking for part-time or full-time summer childcare workers to work with a great group of kids. If you are interested in a position at Camp Grace, please contact the school for an application before May 1.



Mar. 28 – Apr. 1 – No School
(Easter)

April 10 – Donuts for Dads

April 26 – No School

Growing Together in Grace March 2024 Update

The Growing Together in Grace campaign continues to move quickly. \$1.91 million is raised and bids were awarded to Meineke Johnson, SA Mechanical, and Dakota Electric. Construction will begin in late May and tentative completion will be in late August.

To Christ be the glory for the success of this campaign. Thank you to all of our churches, friends, and supporters for believing in this project and working hard to bring it to life. The committee continues to work toward fully funding the project by December 31.

If you wish to support the Growing Together in Grace campaign, gifts may be sent to PACE at 1025 14th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103 or through the online giving link at www.glsfargo.org.

Questions?

Contact Amy Hirsch at 701-232-7747 or amy.hirsch@glfargo.org.

Save the Date!

Pasta with a Purpose

Saturday, April 27
12-7 pm

Grace Lutheran School
CHRIST • CHARACTER • COMMUNITY

If you have ever bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a "title search." Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records of your state, including when your state was only a territory or colony of England.

Peak into a preschool classroom during playtime and you'll see a simplified version of this. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, "That's mine: I had it first."

You can't understand the Seventh Commandment without understanding this concept of ownership or title. As the Small Catechism puts it:

You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and

protect his possessions and income.

Your neighbor's possessions are his: you don't have a right to take them. And likewise, your possessions are yours. Ownership and property rights are foundational to any functioning society.

But there is something deeper to know about ownership, and that is the question of who has the title and ownership to you? Paul says, "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

If you yourself are owned by God, then of course everything that you own, you really only possess by God's leave: all of it, at bottom, belongs to Him since you belong to Him. For you were bought with the blood of Christ.

This notion is the foundation of all Christian stewardship. It all belongs to God. It should all be used for things that bring honor to His name, blessings to our neighbors and the extension of His kingdom.



This presentation is designed for friends and relatives who are caring for someone who has dementia and professional caregivers who care for someone who has dementia.



This event is a free event sponsored by the Fargo-Moorhead Area Chapter of Lutherans for Life.

- Seating limited to 100 participants.
- Pre-register by April 17th with contact info:
 - By mail to FM LFL, PO Box 1202, Fargo, ND 58107
 - Or by e-mail to FMLuth4Life@gmail.com
 - Or call 701-306-6283 for more information.



April 28, 2024

Items on the agenda

- Tabled motion to sell cemetery plots
- Election of officers/board members:
 - Secretary: Shannon Hoag
 - Treasurer: Claudia Engelstad
 - Vice President: Bender Hoag
 - Elders: Joshua Baumann, George Cushner, Mark Jones, Harry Smith
 - Evangelism: Kathy Kjos
 - Christian Ed.: Moria Awuku, Larissa Brelje
 - Stewardship: Sandy Kjolvik
 - Trustees: David Eichhorn, Vacant
 - Parish Fellowship: Brianna Isaak
 - Human Care: Arlyss Machado
 - Finance: Audrey Nitschke
 - RRLSA: Kristin Sharbono, Vacant

Our prayer: *Lord of the Church, in whose name all who serve Your flock have been called, grant Your servants all the gifts, zeal, and faithfulness necessary for the godly administration of their duties for the building up of Your Church that they may bring glory to Your saving name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER:

JOYS AND CHALLENGES OF PROVIDING CARE TO LOVED ONES SUFFERING FROM DEMENTIA

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

JON L WANZEK CENTER FOR SCOUTING
4200 19TH AVE SOUTH FARGO, ND

SEMINAR PRESENTER: TONI LARSON LISW, CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER AT LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE



MAIN STREET LIVING MEDIA MINISTRY — APRIL UPDATE

HE IS RISEN – HE IS RISEN INDEED! Of all the truths taught and believed, this is the most important one, that Jesus rose physically from the dead! *So the Jews said to Him [Jesus], ‘What sign do You show us for doing these things?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews then said, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?’ But He was speaking about the temple of His body. When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. John 2:18–22* May we also continue to REMEMBER and BELIEVE!

Please continue to share information about our LCMS “Main Street Living” media ministry with others. In addition to being broadcast each Sunday morning, you can view archived programs anytime at www.mainstreetliving.com – then click on the link identified as “Fargo / Bismarck”. Worship services from the five other MSL broadcast areas, as well as the weekly “This Is the Life” programs, are also available for viewing on the website.

Thank you for your needed financial support! Checks may be sent to **Main Street Living NORTH**, 821-5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by Credit Card or your PayPal account on the website. God’s blessings in Christ!

-Ken Koehler / MSL North Volunteer Coordinator

MSL North Programs for April 2024:

April 7th: Rev. Daniel Provost, Trinity Lutheran Church, Drayton, ND, and Zion English Lutheran Church, Grafton, ND, presents the message: *Peace* based on John 20:19-31. **This Is the Life** program: *Three Days*.

April 14th: Rev. Mark Chepulis, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Cavalier, ND, St. Paul Lutheran Church, rural St. Thomas, ND, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Langdon, ND, presents the message: *The Good Shepherd Laid Down His Life for You* based on John 10:11-16. **This Is the Life** program: *Break up*.

April 21st: Rev. Jim Meyer, member of St. John Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, MN, presents the message: *What Kind of Shepherd Is Christ?* based on John 10:11-18. **This Is the Life** program: *Alibi*.

April 28th: Rev. Clark Jahnke, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, ND, presents the message: *Where is Jesus?* based on Acts 8:26-40. **This Is the Life** program: *No Place to Hide*.



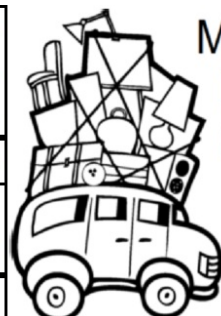
Carolyn Marie Baumann
 Daughter of Joshua & Dorothy
 Born: March 10, 2024
 Baptized: March 23, 2024

OFFICE HOURS

9 am - 3 pm: Monday - Friday

Deadlines: Bulletin - Noon on Wednesday - Newsletter - Noon on the 20th

Church Expense Summary as of 3/22/24	
Deposits	\$ 82,706.65
Expenses Paid	\$ 95,933.55
Net	- \$ 13,226.90
Mission Pledge	\$ 7,190.62
Missions Paid	\$ 7,000.00
Missions Owed	\$ 190.62



Moving? New phone number?
 Please call the church office (701.232.1516) or email us (glcfargo@gmail.com) with your new information so our can stay up-to-date! Thanks!



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Worship the
LORD in the
splendor
of his
holiness.
1 Chronicles 16:29

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Grace Lutheran Church
Worship Schedule
Services:
Sundays - 9:30 am
Tuesdays - 7 pm
Education Hour:
Sundays - 10:50 am
Come and find rest in God's
word of forgiveness and grace.



APRIL 2024

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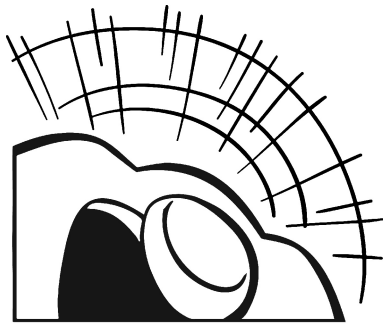
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 Kevin Smalarz - 15th

Pam Smith - 15th
 Mark Stack - 16th
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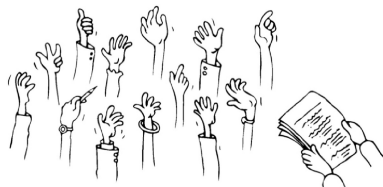
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 Keith & Sandra Kiser – 23rd
 Fred & Shirley Oberlander – 25th
 Will & Lorna Espe – 27th
 David & Lana Eichhorn – 29th
 Daniel & Julie Martinson – 30th

April Worship



*He's
Alive!*

Service	Elder
Tuesday, April 2	Mark Herschlip
Sunday, April 7	Joe Calvert
Tuesday, April 9	Mark Herschlip
Sunday, April 14	Joe Calvert
Tuesday, April 16	Mark Herschlip
Sunday, April 21	Joe Calvert
Tuesday, April 23	Mark Herschlip
Sunday, April 28	Joe Calvert
Tuesday, April 30	Mark Herschlip



*Quarterly Voter Meeting
 Sunday, April 28, 2024
 Following Worship*

LWML will be serving a Ham Dinner of:
 Ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans,
 buns, and dessert.
 to be served prior to the Voters' Meeting
 with Coffee, Lemonade and water.
 Free will offering in support of LWML Missions
 will be received for the meal.