

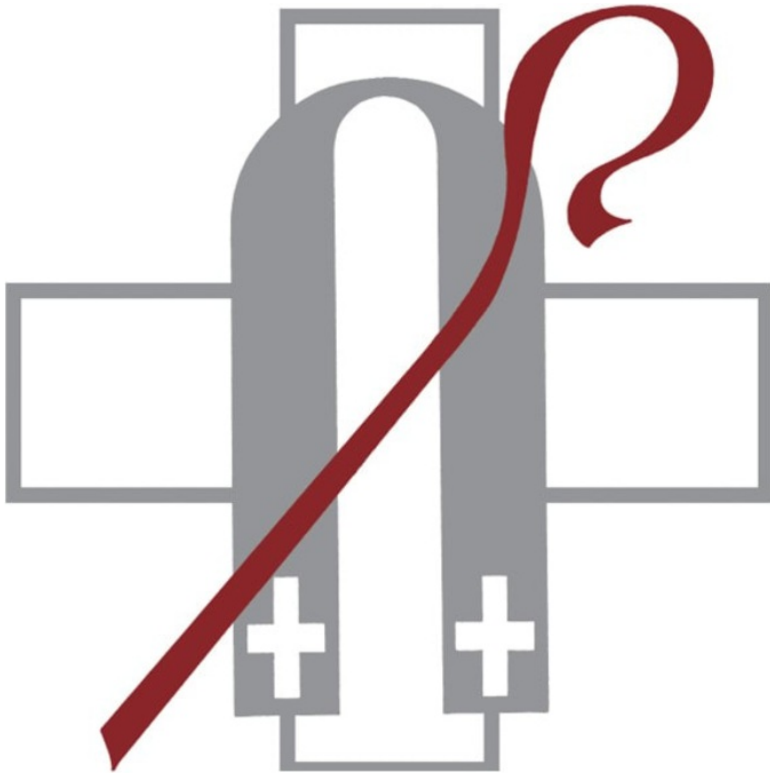
Grace Lutheran Church

821 5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103

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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.



Installation of Rev. Michael Suelzle

Join us for the installation of
our new pastor,
Rev. Michael Suelzle!

June 2nd at 4:00 PM
at
Grace Lutheran Church
A meal will follow!

The Board of Fellowship will provide a main dish and dessert; members of Grace are asked to please bring side dishes to share. If you wish to welcome the Suelzle family with a gift, we suggest bringing a gift card to a local grocery store, restaurant, or home goods/hardware store, to help them set up their new home, re-stock their pantry, and become acquainted with our Fargo community!



Mystery Dinner & Trivia Night
Tuesday June 4th at 6pm
 Help the youth as they prepare to
 the Youth Gathering

Adults: \$12
Kids: \$10

Save the date

August 4 – 8
Good News Network

Watch the bulletin/newsletter/website for more information on this year's VBS!

Watch for more information about rescheduling!



June 2024
Serve the Lord with gladness.
 Psalm 100:3

Throughout our lives we are given opportunities to serve others with the gifts God provides. Each of us has our own set of gifts. Others may not acknowledge our gifts, or we might not recognize theirs. May we humbly approach each day, patiently waiting for His guidance and trusting Him to lead us into service by His grace. (LWML Quarterly)

Our general meeting is June 20 with the business meeting starting at 6:30 pm and the Convention Report at 7.

The LWML potluck is July 18 starting at 5:30 pm. We will be meeting at Linda Sommerfeld's house in Dilworth. All ladies are welcome!

On Thursday, August 16 at 6 pm we will have the planning meeting for the year. Please think of speakers we can invite this year.

Blessings,
 Sheryl Jones

June Circle Dates . . .

- Thu., 6/6: 7 pm @ church (C. Christensen)
- Fri., 6/7: 6 pm @ M. Smelser's
- Sat., 6/8: 9 am @ church (C. Cusher)

Upcoming events . . .

- Wed., 6/5: Mite Box Wednesday
- Sun., 6/9: Mite Box Sunday
- Sun., 6/16: Tuesday Circle Serves Treats
- 6/14 – 16: LWML ND Convention: Bismarck
- Thur., 6/20: 6:30 pm Business Meeting
 7 pm Bismarck Convention Report

Mission of the Month . . . LAMP

Missionaries . . .

Paul & Ali Federwitz
 Ashley Lehr
 Main Street Living North



*Operated by: The Red River
 Lutheran School Association*



Growing Together in Grace

It's official, school's out for summer! We've replaced the noises of children with construction noise. Meineke Johnson, Dakota Electric, and SA Mechanical are on site and getting started!

On May 21 we had the last day of school and groundbreaking for Growing Together in Grace. The Forum photographed our groundbreaking and we did an interview with Robin Huebner for a front page news story on May 22!

Summer office hours are 8 am – 2 pm Monday-Friday. Camp Grace at St Andrew is up and running at capacity with a full staff, directed by Ms. Jessica Stephens and co-directed by Mrs. Katie Jensen. Ms. Stephens and Mrs. Jensen are both current faculty at Grace.

Grace has the following job openings: part-time music and part-time PE. We are also looking ahead to hire before- and after-school childcare workers to start in September. Call the school for an application for any position

It's official, we've gone public with our news.

On May 21, The Forum photographed our groundbreaking and we did an interview with Robin Huebner for a front page news story!

It is important to note that while we are NEARLY fully funded, we still need to raise about \$200,000 to reach our goal of \$2.2 million. As of today, pledges and donations stand at almost exactly \$2 million.

The construction window is from May 28 - August 31. Please pray for the safety of all construction workers, speed and efficiency, and minimal surprises in their work.

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.



We received information regarding one member of our congregation who is graduating from High School this spring.

We rejoice with her as she savors her accomplishments and offer prayers of thanksgiving and godspeed as she moves forward!

✠ Abigail Sharbono graduated from Fargo South High School. She intends to attend Jamestown College and is pursuing a degree in nursing.

Congratulations Abigail!

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, bless Abigail as she begins a new venture in education. Keep her from all evil and guard her life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen*



The Board of Human Care would like to thank everyone that continues to support the Emergency Food Pantry as well as the New Life Center and Churches United.

Even though the weather is nice now, the need for your donations are still great and very much appreciated.

The Emergency Food Pantry's current needs include:

Foods:

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| Rice (1 lb. white or brown rice) | Canned tuna | Canned tomatoes |
| Canned beans | Peanut butter | |

Toiletries:

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| Toilet paper | Toothbrushes | Deodorant |
| Shampoo | Conditioner | Body Wash |
| Bar soap | Diapers (Sz 5 or 6) | |

Cleaning supplies:

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| Dish soap | Laundry soap | <i>The Board of Human Care</i> |
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Three Things . . .

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways! You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you. Psalm 28:1-2

Fear, faith and stewardship. Three things that go together. And it isn't because you can have faith that any talk of stewardship will create fear in the hearers!

Created by God, the steward is accountable. This accountability was originally without fear. The steward worked and kept the creation called into existence by the Lord **Genesis 2:15**. That arrangement lasted until sin came into the equation. Then fear came with it. Adam and Eve hid from their accountability in fear of the Lord. To fail as a steward in this way deserves death. From that moment on, as stewards they would never fully measure up. Death is the lasting legacy. Until Jesus! When the simple gift of Jesus is offered in the babe of Bethlehem and the Christ of the cross, fear gives way to faith. Jesus took accountability for our failed stewardship and we were restored. Baptized into Christ, the Holy Spirit

Board of Stewardship

creates faith which leads to a restoration of faithful stewardship! Set on this new path the steward's accountability is balanced between fear and faith. We know that we are accountable to live and work for the Lord. When we succeed, it is to God's credit. When we fail, our faith in Christ leads us to confession and absolution, which once again sets us on the path of faithful stewardship.

This use of God's simple gifts is captured in the words of the psalmist. Fear of the Lord leads to work. Work leads to blessing. Faith sees this blessing as a gift from God. The baptized steward sees this and clearly confesses that it is indeed well with us. May the Lord lead us to this triune stewardship of His simple gifts.

Prayer:

Lord, as Your stewards, we work in fear of our shortcomings and sin, in faith in Christ's redemption and restoration and eager desire to serve as faithful stewards of Your simple gifts. Lead us by grace through faith to see, rejoice and serve in this faithful stewardship! As you have blessed us with Your work in Jesus, may our work as stewards be a blessing to others. Amen.

**ND District LCMS
Message in the Pew
May 2024**

Lutheran Family Service Survey

The LCMS ND District invites you to complete a survey about Lutheran Family Service (LFS). At the 2022 LCMS ND District convention, a resolution was passed to vigorously pursue an ongoing partnership with LFS to provide various services to the pastors, church workers, and lay people in North Dakota. The partnership is to be evaluated by the District Board of Directors so that a potential long-term partnership can be discussed at the 2025 convention. Will you please give us a few moments of your time to help us understand your views on Lutheran Family Service continuing its partnership with the LCMS ND District? The deadline to respond is July 1. Survey answers will be compiled and evaluated by the Board of Directors at their August meeting.



Congregations' Status Pres. Arie Bertsch

- St. Peter, Belfield: vacancy
(Rev. Anthony Ahrendt)
- Redeemer, Grassy Butte: vacancy
(Rev. Michael Wolters)
- Crosspointe, Fargo: vacancy
(Rev. Chris Waldvogel)
- Peace, Garrison; St. Matthew, Max: vacancy
(Rev. Nathan Schieber)
- Grace, Fargo: Rev. Michael Suelzle will be installed June 2
(Rev. Bernie Worrall)
- Immanuel, Fargo: Rev. Scott Johnson will be installed as associate pastor June 16.
- Grace, Carrington: Applying for a 2025 seminary candidate
(Rev. Tom Eckstein)
- Zion, Binford; Grace, Cooperstown: Applying for a 2025 seminary candidate
(Rev. Bob Hill)
- Bethlehem/St. John, Upham; Zion, Kramer; Faith, Towner: vacancy
(Rev. Carlyle Roth and Rev. Rick Jones)
- Zion, Bismarck: ordination and installation as associate of candidate Vincent Otto of July 14
- Beautiful Savior, Fargo: Associate Pastor vacancy

Pastors and DCE'S

DCE Grace Wolfgram has accepted a position with Shepherd's Hill Retreat.

**NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS
Financial Information
April 2024**

INCOME

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| Congregational Mission Giving | \$79,956.65 |
| Less Synodical Pledge (35%) | (20,984.83) |
| Net Congregational Mission Giving | \$58,971.82 |
| Other Unrestricted Gifts | 114.24 |
| 1-1-1 Mission Giving | 6,154.00 |
| Current gifts/fees for missions | 5,344.04 |
| Available Income | \$69,584.10 |

EXPENSES:

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| Local Missions and Committee Activities: | \$46,263.64 |
| (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Deaf Ministry, Youth) | |
| Congregational Support/Operating Exp. | 37,521.25 |
| (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors) | |
| International/Local Missions | |
| Christ's Care for Children-Kenya (\$10,000) | 0.00 |
| Chile Mission (\$20,000) | 0.00 |
| Chile Mission – Special Events | 1,443.02 |
| Shepherd's Hill Retreat (\$5,000) | 0.00 |
| (These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available.) | |

Current Expenses **\$85,227.91**
NET OPERATING LOSS FOR MARCH (\$15,643.81)

Past Funds Given used for Current Expenses **\$27,308.85**
Year To Date NET INCOME **(\$9,781.70)**

April giving was above average, which brings year to date income totals closer to where they should be. Expenses include the second installment on the Chapel organ and the year to date net loss is getting smaller.

Gifts from individuals and congregations designated for our convention resolution missions are sent at the end of each fiscal quarter. YTD designated gifts/payments made to these missions as of April 30, 2024:

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| Christ's Care for Children - Kenya | \$1,155.00/\$0.00 |
| Chile Mission | \$25.00/\$0.00 |
| Shepherd's Hill Retreat | \$550.00/\$0.00 |

Please contact Tami Ulland at lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com or call 701-360-1469 if you have more questions.

You can now use your credit/debit card to donate directly to the District. Click on the Joyful Response button on nodaklcms.org. to pick where you would like your donation directed.

MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH TV PROGRAM — JUNE UPDATE

WITH SUMMER HERE, increased traveling often takes us out of town on Sundays and/or at other times when our congregation’s worship services are normally being held. And yet, our need for the spiritual nourishment of God’s Word and Sacrament - as well as the blessing of gathering together with fellow believers in Jesus - remains as much as ever! With this in mind, please find a sister LCMS congregation wherever you find yourself; and also remember our LCMS **Main Street Living** media ministry broadcast each week.

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 under the picture 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 blessing in Christ!
 -Ken Koehler / MSL North Volunteer Coordinator

Main Street Living North Programs for June 2024:

- June 2nd:** Rev. Chad Berg, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Park Rapids, MN, presents the message: *Why Do You Pray?* based on Luke 11:1-13. **This Is the Life** program: *Some People Need Help*.
- June 9th:** Rev. Edwin Borchardt, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Frazee, MN, presents the message: *I Was Naked and Afraid, But Not Anymore* based on Genesis 3:8-15. **This Is the Life** program: *Jeremy*.
- June 16th:** Rev. Ross Fritz, Grace Lutheran Church, Breckenridge, MN, presents the message: *The Secret of the Slacker Sower & the Sickled Seed* based on Mark 4:26-34. **This is the Life** program: *Flight Plan*.
- June 23rd:** Rev. Brett Hartwig, Trinity Lutheran Church, Sabin, MN, presents the message: *Why Are You So Afraid?*, based on Mark 4:35-41. **This is the Life**: program: *Amazing Grace*.
- June 30th:** Rev. Andrew Ratcliffe, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and School, Perham, MN, presents the message: *Joy in Giving* based on 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15. **This Is the Life** program: *The Selling Price*.



How would you like to be part of a fun(d)raiser to help our church to raise its commitment for GTiG?



The Growing Together in Grace fundraising committee is hosting a car wash at Grace Lutheran Church on Saturday, July 13th from 9am–1 pm, and we are looking for volunteers (whole families are welcome) to help! We will have a sign up sheet on the table by the elevator for volunteering. If you are interested in helping out at this event, please sign up. Also we are looking to use power washers, if you have one we could borrow, let Sue or Amber know. Look for more details in the coming weeks. If helping with the car wash isn’t your bag, tell all of your friends and come get your car washed!



Membership Changes:

Received as communicant members on May 19:



- Estelle Arndt
- Henry Eichhorn
- Sarah Hankel
- Adelynne Sharbono



Church Office Hours

9 am–3 pm Monday – Friday

Deadlines:

Bulletin: Wednesday at noon

Newsletter: Noon on the 20th



Church Expense Summary as of 5/19/24

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| Deposits | \$ 147,476.47 | Mission Pledge | \$ 13,395.92 |
| Expenses Paid | \$ 130,515.81 | Missions Paid | \$ 7,000.00 |
| Net | \$ 13,395.92 | Missions Owed | \$ 6,395.92 |

Growing Together in Grace Update

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| Pledged: | \$ 80,500 | Raised: | \$ 18,609.66 |
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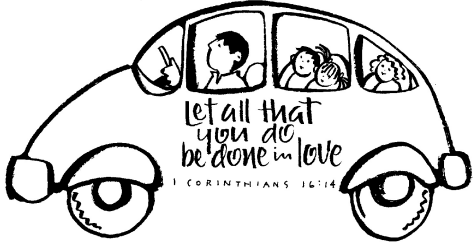


Moving? New phone number? Please call the church office (701.232.1516) or email us (glcfargo@gmail.com) with your new information so our can stay up-to-date! Thanks!



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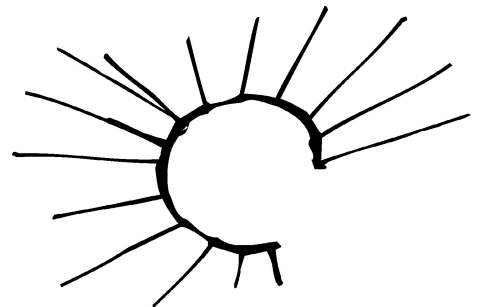
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Return Service Requested



Grace Lutheran Church
 New Worship Schedule
 Sundays: Worship - 9:30 am
 Bible Class - 10:50 am
 Wednesdays: Worship - 7 pm
 Come and find rest in God's word
 of forgiveness and grace.



JUNE 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>9:30 am Divine Service 4 / Communion 10:50 am Bible Study 4 pm Rev. Michael Suelzle Installation Service followed by Potluck</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>7 pm Women's Bible Study 7 pm Elder's Meeting</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">4</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mite Wednesday 7 pm Divine Service 4</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>7 am Bible Study @ Randy's, Too, West Fargo 7 pm Circle (C. Christensen)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>6 pm Circle (M. Smelser)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>7:30 am-1:30 pm Marathon Aid Station</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>9 am Circle @ Church (C. Cusher)</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>Mite Sunday 9:30 am Divine Service 4 10:50 am Bible Study</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>7 pm Women's Bible Study</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">11</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>7 pm Divine Service 4 / Communion</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>7 am Bible Study @ Randy's, Too, West Fargo</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">14</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">15</p> |
| - - LWML Convention in Bismarck | | | | | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>Father's Day 9:30 am Divine Service 4 / Communion 10:50 am Bible Study</p> <p>----- </p> | <p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>9 am Mission Workers 7 pm Women's Bible Study</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">18</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>7 pm Divine Service 4</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>7 am Bible Study @ Randy's, Too, West Fargo</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LWML 6:30 pm Gen. Mtg 7 pm Program</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">21</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">22</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>9:30 am Divine Service 4 10:50 am Bible Study</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>7 pm Women's Bible Study</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">25</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>7 pm Divine Service 4 w/ Communion</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>7 am Bible Study @ Randy's, Too, West Fargo</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">28</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">29</p> |
| ----- Pastor Suelzle on vacation -----> | | | | | | |

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 9:30 am Divine Service 4 w/ Communion
 10:50 am Bible Study
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May 2024

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Flower
 Chair:
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July 2024

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Becky Goltz - 3rd
 Christopher Ramsett - 4th
 Karen Lougheed - 5th
 Doug Sharbono - 5th

Jeffrey Cluever - 7th
 Brandon Hettwer - 9th
 Taylor Johnson - 9th
 Edna Skiple - 10th
 Shannon Hoag - 12th
 Ken Goltz - 14th
 Tanya Kyle - 14th
 Evelyn Hettwer - 15th

Allison Guthmiller - 19th
 Shelley Dahl - 20th
 Mark Jones - 21st
 Elaine Schatz - 22nd
 Shawn Fagerwick - 26th
 Eric Eisenlohr - 27th
 Ed Hafner - 27th
 Carolyn Cusher - 29th

Dave & Jolene Hettwer - 2nd
 Taylor & Stephanie Basol Ells - 6th
 Lyle & Sharon Bladow - 8th
 Randy & Alissa Arndt - 9th
 Chris & Megan Ramsett - 13th
 Corey & Brianna Isaak - 18th



Ken & Becky Goltz - 21st
 Jay & Lori Fearing - 25th
 Les & Mary Forman - 25th
 George & Carolyn Cusher - 26th
 Ken & Kathleen Milligan - 27th
 Ray & Karen Bakke - 28th
 Jon & Megan Smelser - 28th

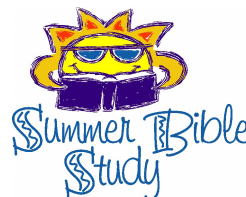


| Service | Elder |
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| Sunday, June 2 | Tim Gullings |
| Wednesday, June 5 | Joe Calvert |
| Sunday, June 9 | Tim Gullings |
| Wednesday, June 12 | Joe Calvert |
| Sunday, June 16 | Tim Gullings |
| Wednesday, June 19 | Joe Calvert |
| Sunday, June 23 | Tim Gullings |
| Wednesday, June 26 | Joe Calvert |
| Sunday, June 30 | Tim Gullings |

Worship Schedule – Begins Wednesday, June 5



Sunday - 9:30 am
Wednesday - 7 pm



Sundays
after worship
& fellowship