GRACE Lutheran Church UPDATE

Grace Lutheran Church

301 Forest Ave. E. Mora, MN 55051 320.679.1062

ELCA website: www.elca.org
NE MN website: www.nemnsynod.org

Sunday Morning Service 9:00 a.m. FLC In House Worship 10:15 a.m. KBEK 95.5 F.M.

GLC Website: www.gracechurchmora.com
Facebook: @moragracelutheran

YouTube:

https://www.gracechurchmora.com/videos?wixvod-comp-id=comp-k9dd0c2k

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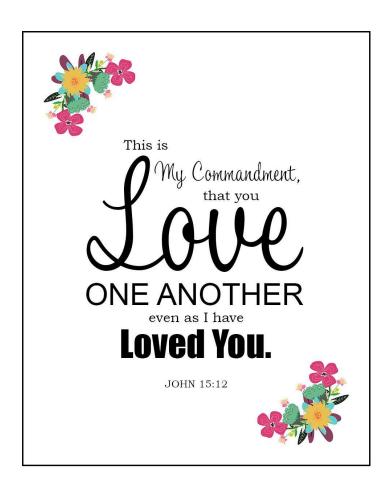
Leah is available in office Monday- Thursday 8-4 Friday's Office Closed

As always, if you get the answering machine please leave a message and we will gladly return your call.

Thank You, Kindly!

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:12 (NRSV)



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Mora, MN



Sundays In Person at 9:00 A.M. In FLC

- · No sign up
- · Join us live and follow along on the Big Screen (no bulletins)
 - · Socially Distanced Seating (please sit with your family)
- Please place offering in the offering plate at the back table when you arrive, the offering plates are not passed during the service
 - · Face Masks Required

GLC Service's are recorded live and can be found here:

- YouTube: https://www.gracechurchmora.com/videos?wix-vod-comp-id=comp-k9ddoc2k
 - GLC Website: www.gracechurchmora.com
 - Facebook: @moragracelutheran
 - KBEK 95.5 F.M. Sunday Mornings at 10:15 A.M.

Thank you for worshipping with Grace Lutheran Church- Jesus Loves you!

Love Ignites Uy!

MAY 2nd, 2021 **NO** IN HOUSE WORSHIP!

Please join us for ONLINE Worship Sunday May 2nd, as we listen to Bishop Amy Odgren.

Oh, Love Ignites Us, people of God! The AGAPE of God – the kind of love Jesus chooses for us – and chooses us *for* – is something we can only abide and dare to offer when we acknowledge that it's already been poured out for *our* sake too.

Freed in Christ, then – go and share it with the world!

Bishop Amy Odgren Northeastern Minnesota Synod



Go and walk in this way of truth – the way of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience grounded in God's eternal love. Amen.

Here you may find GLC Services:

Website: www.gracechurchmora.com
Facebook: @gracechurchmora

YouTube Channel: https://www.gracechurchmora.com/videos?wix-vod-comp-id=comp-k9dd0c2k

KBEK 95.5 F.M. 10:15 A.M.



~PRAYER CONCERNS~

Pam Overson, Terry Parson, Kevin Nikodym,
Doug Price, Gary Kobberdahl,
Jody Burton, Ann Kehr, Pearl Peterson,
Dave Backlund and Shirley Ulstrom
Service Personnel: Chris Garbacz, Benjamin
Weinreich and all other active members
Covid19: ALL Families affected with covid



Please join us in prayer for the GLC Call Committee, Staff and the NEMN Synod. Thank you!

Dear Heavenly Father,

We pray that you would be with the Call Committee for Grace Lutheran Church here in Mora. Fill them with your love and inspiration as they do the work of finding a Pastor for us here. We know you will provide for us Father. We feel Your love through all the faithful servants You have here with us at Grace but we especially pray your blessings on our Call Committee now.

In Jesus Christ our Savior we pray.

Amen

The Call Committee: Nick Schroeder (chair), Roger Peterson, Todd Sjoberg, Teri Heggernes, Saul Thomson, Jeremy Schultz, Laura Strand.



Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Check out CYF Ministry on-line! <u>www.gracechurchmora.com</u>



Attention Sunday School families!

Grace is having a short Sunday School time downstairs at the BEGINNING of the service. When families arrive the kids can go right down stairs where we will have things set up so they can be safely distanced and spread out. Masks will continue to be required. We will be downstairs till after the sermon and then join in the rest of the service. Please check out the Children's Message posted on the Children Youth and Family Facebook page.

Please note that this is subject to change depending on Covid 19 cases and SMART TEAM color codes.





Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Check out CYF Ministry on FACEBOOK! Grace Lutheran Children Youth and Family (private group) or on-line:

www.gracechurchmora.com



Another **YOUTH SUNDAY** is coming!

Sunday May 23rd is Pentecost and Grace youth of all ages will be helping with the service. There will be more information coming in emails and Faith Formation bags about how kids can be involved.

Graduation Sunday is June 6th

We are still working out some of the details but we plan to honor the Grace 2021 grads during our 9am Sunday worship service. Seniors: Please be watching for more info.

Did you know?

Saul and Sierra Thomson have been serving on the Synod Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) team this last year. It was a very different experience for them with everything being virtual. Thank you both for serving in this way! Saul will be continuing on LYO next year with the hope of more in person events and activities for all youth in our Synod.

The Synod Journey Camp

group has been meeting monthly via Zoom as part of this year's "Synod Journey"

The group has come together to explore the theme of being "Deeply Rooted" in Christ. We will have two more in person session before traveling to Camp Onomia June 27-29. Thank you for supporting the Butter Braids fundraiser to help pay for the camp! The following youth have been attending the monthly sessions and will attend the camp with Kelly Kehr, Susan Williams and other youth from Calvary Lutheran.

Karla Qual, Parker Ennis, Annika De Gracia, Isabel Schley, Cayce Nikodym, Archer Schroeder, Ledgyn Nelson, Josh Heggerness, Grace Johnson.

Please keep the group in your prayers and thank you for the continued support of Grace's CYF Ministry!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL!!

We will continue to offer Sunday School this Summer at the beginning of the service at 9am. There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on the following dates: 5/2, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6, 7/4.

August dates TBD

Confirmation

Our Confirmation Youth are finishing out the year with Wednesday night sessions till May 12th. We are covering "Tough Questions" from the RE:FORM curriculum and spending time in Mentor groups.

A BIG Thank you to our Mentors: Becci Stefen, Ethan Elvehjem, Marlene Marohn and Jessie Bester.

Due to the uncertainty of what recommendations would look like this spring, the decision was made (with parent input) to move CONFIRMATION SUNDAY to fall of 2021.

"River of Life" Vacation Bible School!

June 7th-11th 2021 9-11:30am

We are excited to announce that the Ecumenical VBS program will be held in person this year! We will once again team up with Calvary Lutheran, St. Mary's Catholic and Mora/Ogilvie United Methodist Churches to bring families a week of IN PERSON activities! We will be outdoors as much as possible. We will follow Public Health Covid-19 recommendations that are in place at the time. If the pandemic situation changes drastically and we are unable to meet in person, an at home version will be offered.

On-line registration will be open soon! We will email the registration link and post it in the private

MORA AREA ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Facebook group. If you are not a member of the group yet, search it on Facebook and request to be added. Please contact Kelly Kehr if you have any questions!

STAY TUNED!

We are having 1 day Chat N' Chow lunch on Thursday May 13th. For 11th and 12th Grade Students. Please be watching the GOL for more info!

Grace Lutheran's Children Youth and Family Ministry is a Christ centered program with the purpose of building disciples for Jesus by supporting and partnering with parents in fulfilling their baptismal promises. By God's Grace we seek to provide meaningful faith formation experiences for all ages. For more information regarding Children, Youth and Family Ministry please contact Kelly Kehr (320-336-8028) or kellykehr01@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday June 6th, 2021 9:00 A.M.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Seniors: Please be watching for more info.

We will recognize the Seniors from our congregation as they complete their high school career on Sunday June 6th at the 9:00 A.M. church service.

Our graduating seniors are:



Noah Blegen
Carson Falk
Valerie Horning
Kayla Jensen
Noah Nielsen
Ben Nordenstrom
Emmie Otto
Jack Sampson
Sierra Thomson
Samuel Udstuen
Katie Wicklund
Ben Wright

There will be a Baccalaureate Service for all High School Seniors at the High School on Wednesday, June 2nd, at 8:00 pm sponsored by the Kanabec County Ministerial Association.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMPS!



Camp is a place for everyone!

Join us this summer at Luther Point Bible Camp for a week filled with fun, joy, faith and great friendship! Space is limited, register today!

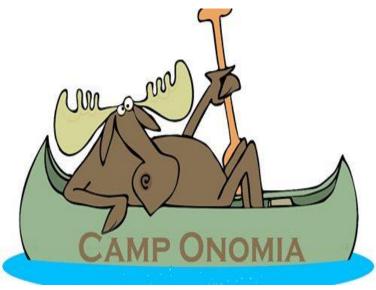
www.LutherPoint.org (copy and paste in your browser)

Register before May 1, 2021 to receive our Early Bird discount!

When the weather
warms, so does our
heart's desire to get back
to camp this summer!
Explore summer camp for
all ages at

www.camponomia.org

(copy and paste in your browser) and sign up today!





Register by May 31st to receive \$10 off for youth overnight camps and a free t-shirt for youth overnight and day camp registrations! Check out all the camp dates!

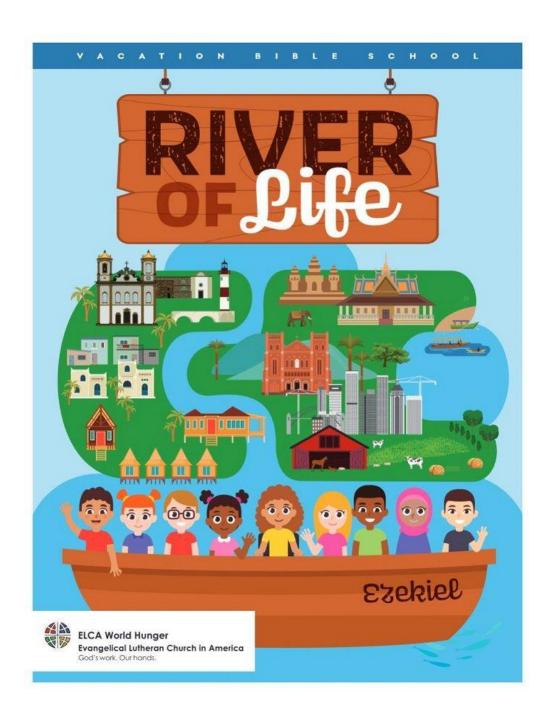
http://www.grindstonelakebible camp.org/

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SAVE THE DATES FOR:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 7th - 11th 9:00 A.M.- 11:30 P.M.



LIKE AND SHARE OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

Mora Grace Lutheran Church @moragracelutheran

https://www.facebook.com/Mora-Grace-Lutheran-Church-101926648568225

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Please note! This is a PAGE, NOT a FRIEND ©

















There is a strong need for these items at the Mora Food Pantry! Donations can be dropped off directly at the Food Shelf Tuesday's and Friday's from 9-noon! Thank you

Toilet Paper

↑↓↑↓ All Kinds ↑↓↑↓

Paper Toweling Bar Soap Toothpaste/Toothbrush Bodywash Shampoo/Conditioner Cleaning Supplies

Plastic and Paper Bags

214 Railroad Ave -Mora (North entrance) 679-5513

morafoodpantry@gmail.com

Open for pickup and drop off Tuesday's & Friday's 9:00 am-noon



Mealtime Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for this food; may it strengthen us to love others as you have loved us through Christ Jesus. Amen.

LET'S GET NOISY!!

If you would like to get Noisy with Grace,

please mail in your donations to:

Grace Lutheran Church 301 Forest Ave. E. Mora, MN 55051

BLESSINGS TO ALL

Noisy Offerings

May-Vacation Bible School

June- Kick Cancer to the Curb

July- Good Samaritan Fund



















WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A CHURCH SERVICE RADIO BROADCAST on KBEK, 95.5 F.M. at 10:15 A.M. on SUNDAY MORNING?

If so, please send a check for \$150.00 to GLC 301 Forest Ave. E., Please include any special occasion you would like to celebrate (birthday, graduate, wedding or anniversary) or a special someone you would like to honor.





OUR RADIO BROADCAST for this Sunday is SPONSORED by YOUR SPONSORSHIP HERE!



Grace Lutheran Church NEEDS YOU.

We need USHERS who are willing to come into the building and help direct members on Sunday mornings. If you haven't ushered before, no problem, we can guide you through it or pair you with someone who has.

If you are willing to LECTOR we NEED you.

Please contact Krista if you are willing to help in anyway. I have a new email: kristagracelutheran@gmail.com



Have you moved? Did you get rid of your landline? Do you have a new email address? If so- let the GLC Office ladies know your correct info!

EMail moragracelutheran@gmail.com

Thank you kindly!

MAY Grace Birthdays



- 1. Korbin Kapinos
- 2. Amy Gotfredson
- 3. Kelsey Kapinos
- 4. Debra Piescher
- 6. Tyson Watson
- 7. Rebecca Larson
- 9. Katherine Hovland
- 10. Lisa Wren
- 13. Brooke Hohn
- 14. Leah Smith
- 16. Richard Berry
- 17. Zackary Felger
- 18. Brendan Smith-Unger
- 20. Diane Lamp
- 21. Olivia Thompson
- 22. Kayden Quesenberry
- 25. John Kehr
- 26. Kendall Brandt
- 27. Stephen Denzine
- 29. Shirley Klepsa
- 30. Gerald Funk
- 31. James Knutson

- 1.Addison Hawkins
- 2. Barbara Orstad
- 3. Julie Olen
- 6. Nora Olson
- 7. Kate Anderson
- 8. Haley Nordenstrom
- 9. Kevin Nikodym
- 11. Dan Larson
- 13. Jackson Lennox
- 15. Kathleen Hamme
- 16. Carly Graves
- 18. Derek Douglas
- 19. Linda Johnson
- 21. Sheila Parent
- 22. Arnold Barabash
- 23. Teala Chromey
- 25. Justin Schley
- 26. Diane Knutson
- 27. Taliah Peterson
- 29. Alice Sogn
- 30. Paul Kent
- 31. David VanBurkleo

- 2. Jakob Felger
- 2. Violet DeGracia
- 4. Racheal Nowling
- 6. Don Overson
- 7. Nolan Berry
- 9. James Fisher
- 10. Sharon Haggenmiller
 - 12. Luke Anderson
 - 14. Althea Danielson
 - 15. Eunice Weckwerth
 - 16. Marri Larson
 - 18. Alexis Hughes
 - 20. Bob Isom
 - 21. Laura Strand
 - 22. Jane Myers
 - 23. Elissa Schley
 - 25. Bonnie Unger
 - 26. Raylan Sjoberg
 - 28. Riley Quesenberry
 - 30. Chad Chromey
 - 30. Noah Nielsen

If you are missing from the birthday list, please let the office know, we don't want to miss anyone. Blessings (3)



1. Marlene Marohn	2. Ryan Hawkins	2. Jessica Larsen
2. Marshall McGrew	4. Laird Mork	4. Barbara Schroeder
6. Sara Horning	7. John Berry	7. Vicki Fore
7. Elisabeth Larson	11. Fairuza Chromey	11. Joshua Heggernes
11. Peter Paulson	12. Owen Marohn	12. Merlin Seel
14. Lee Hallauer	15. Ernest Blaisdell	15. Danielle Olson
17. Gregory Funk	17. Tenley Hohn	17. Michael Sampson
18. Teri Heggernes	19. Roger Peterson	20. Diane Blegen
20. Abby Donaghue	20. Ronald Lykins	20. Matthew Smith
20. Mark Wicklund	21. Peter Larsen	21. Natasha Madson
22. Sheila Rogne	22. Ian Schley	23. Michael Funk
24. Grayson Kapinos	24. Don Rowley	24. Honor Schroeder
26. Karen Olson	27. Debbie Klapmeier	28. Tom Boyer
28. Jennifer Haasken	29. Haven Graves	29. Kris Sampson

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JULY

GRACE

BIRTHDAYS

- 2. Karl Gotfredson
- 4. Deb Wright
- 5. Bennett Wright
- 7. Dean Funk
- 9. Robin Blegen
- 10. Valerie Horning
- 11. Beth Brandt
- 12. Tarin Marohn
- 13. Rosalee Strom
- 17. Grant Mensing
- 18. Wendy Barnick
- 19. Jacob Ellingson
- 21. Elijah Wagner
- 23. Annika DeGracia
- 26. Russell Callander
- 28. Vitali Chromey
- 29. Angie Quesenberry
- 30. John Paulson

- 2. Isabel Schley
- 4. Shari Graves
- 6. Barb Ennis
- 8. Irene Johnson
- 10. James Belt
- 11. Dolores Blaisdell
- 11. Abigail Kapinos
- 13. Kirby Olson
- 15. Deloris Rowley
- 17. Tysonn Peterson
- 18. Zachary Tetnowski
- 20. Lucille Schultz
- 23. Judy Roeschlein
- 25. Reid Graves
 - 26. Darcy Qual
 - 28. Grady Kerr
 - 29. Addison Olen
 - 31. Dar Wicklund



- 3. Bob Sundberg
- 5. Ethan Elvehjem
- 6. Coleton Steffen
- 8. Sandra Kapinos
- 10. Kinzie Nelson
- 11. Deb Backlund
- 12. Greg Myers
- 13. Sara Wren
- 17. Donna Callander
- 17. Lucas Ellingson
- 19. Robert Schultz
- 21. Peggy Voss
- 23. James Skolte
- 25. Adelina Wren
- 27. Char Mayer
- 29. Sue Oehrlein
- 30. Julie French- Knutson
 - 31. Diane Bayerle

How Many Days Does the Easter Season Last?

The Easter season doesn't end on Easter Sunday: Because Easter is the most important feast in the Christian calendar, even more important than Christmas, the Easter season continues on for 50 days, through the Ascension of Our Lord to Pentecost Sunday, seven full weeks after Easter Sunday! The Easter season extends a bit further, until Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost.

THREE IN ONE

Ascension of Our Lord – May 13th

Ascension of Our Lord, the fortieth day of Easter, thus always a Thursday. (May 13th, 2021), sometimes celebrated on the Sunday after Ascension Day.

What is the Ascension of Our Lord? Ascension Day marks not only the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, but his exaltation from servanthood to Ruler and Lord as the fitting climax of Resurrection Day.

Meaning: Ascension=Rising. We remember Jesus ascension into heaven and the promise to send the Spirit and be with us always.

WHAT IS THE DAY OF PENTECOST? -May 23rd, 2021

Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter.

Christians celebrate Pentecost as the birthday of the Church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is not the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit made His first appearance in Genesis 1:21 Rather, Pentecost is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on human flesh to give birth to the Church.

Meaning: Pente=50. Red reminds us of the flames of fire seen on the disciples' heads when they received the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world.



THREE IN ONE

Holy Trinity Sunday- May 30th

WHAT IS THE DAY OF THE HOLY TRINITY? On this day, the church rejoices in the impenetrable mystery that God is triune (three-in-one) -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How the Lord can be one God in three distinct persons is completely beyond the ability of any human to understand. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Christians accept this incomprehensible mystery as a fundamental article of faith.

We celebrate the mystery of God as we experience the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is often referred to as the Three in One. There is one God, not three, but there are three separate "persons" of the Godhead. They work together in the world in varying ways.

We Celebrate GOD - Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Sunday May 23rd, 2021 Wear Red for...

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.





Celebration of Mothers!

If you would like to share a photo of your mother in celebration of Mother's Day, please email a photo to moragracelutheran@gmail.com by Monday May 3rd.

She is more precious than rubies ~ Proverbs 3:15

For the Land corrects these he loves just as a father

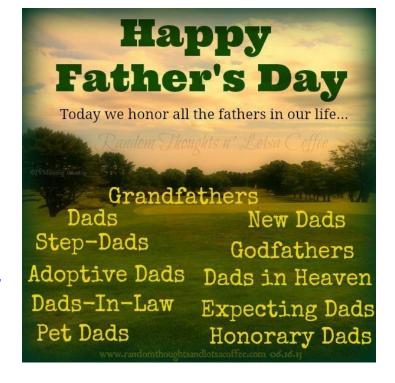
For the Lord corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights. "Proverbs 3:12

Celebration of Fathers!

If you would like to share a photo of your Father in celebration of Father's Day, please email a photo to

moragracelutheran@gmail.com

by Monday June 14th.





Monday May 31st, 2021 Memorial Day.

Memorial Day is to honor the men and women who **have** died while **serving** in the military. If you have a loved one you would like to honor this Memorial Day, please email a photo of your loved one to moragracelutheran@gmail.com by Monday May 24th.

Surely the righteous will never be shaken; ...

they will be remembered forever. Psalm 112:6

1 remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Psalm 27:13



The land yields its harvest; ... God, our God, blesses us.

Psalm 67:6



April showers bring May, June and July flowers!

Grace Friends! We want to see your ROCK, FLOWER AND VEGETABLE Gardens! © If at anytime you would like to share when your flowers are in bloom or your fruits and veggies are grown, email moragracelutheran@gmail.com. We would love to share your Garden photos!





CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Dan Funk

Vice President: Jessica Thomson

Secretary: Laura Strand **Treasurer:** Kristin Nelson

Robin Blegen, Chad Chromey, Ethan Elvehjem, Sarah Hanson and Josh Madson

Thank you all for serving on council.

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting 04/11/21 Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Dan Funk @ 10:05 am

Opening

- Members present: Dan, Josh, Laura, Robin, Pr Mark, Chad
- Members absent: Jes, Sarah, Ethan

Open Forum

Agenda

Approved as printed

Staff Reports

- Pastor report: enjoyed blended service, added Pascal candle and funeral pall for funerals
- CYF/Kelly: (quarterly reports)

Approval of Last Month's Meeting Minutes

- Approved as printed, Laura / Robin m/s/c

Treasurer's Report

- Easter not in there yet, about the same as last month
- Approved as given Robin / Josh m/s/c

Ministry Reports

- Smart Team
 - o congregation needs to continue to be masked even if vaccinated, office should not have to be "mask police"
 - o safely increasing number of chairs in FLC

Unfinished Business

Call Committee: Ministry Site Profile has been approved by Synod and uploaded for viewing, waiting for applicants

New Business

- Roofing issue, Dan will take a look and see if need to call a roofer

Old Business

Next Meeting, Monday, May 10th @ 5:30pm (Sunday is Mother's Day) Motion to adjourn Robin / Laura m/s/c Closed with the Lord's Prayer Submitted by Laura Strand, Secretary

SMART Team meeting March 19, 7:00 via Zoom Attending-Krista E. Barb O. Robin B. Vicky S. Jess T. Jacki P

Addressed items from Council-

- 1. Opening doors to some extent
- 2. Capacity move to 50%
- 3. Active cases vs. 7 day positivity

Discussion about opening doors brought up concerns....sound equipment in FLC must be secured; people coming and going(not just Grace members) to use bathrooms, gather, etc. Fact that many are coming without masks. Office should not have to be "Covid police." No one is being turned away at this point, when they need to get in. If no one is in the office, Leah comes right up to let Grace people in. Recommendation from team is to wait until we are in green to open doors. Also, doors only open when someone is in office.

Discussion increasing to 50% capacity....only request is that we are still able to safely distance groups. Requested Matt and Leah to safely increase number of chairs in FLC.

Discussion about active cases(as reported on Kanabec Co. Public Health website) vs. the 7 day new case total we have been using as guideline. Decided not enough information to make recommendation. Jacki will make contact with Dr. Jess Olen and Public Health for clarification.

Results of contact with Dr. Jess and Public Health... 7 day count is still a better read of covid trend in County. Might be a good idea to revisit numbers of level changes in the future as more are vaccinated.

Other items-All should continue to wear masks-vaccinated or not. Church considered a public place, so even small groups who are all vaccinated need to continue to follow church covid guidelines.

SMART **Team** Members:

Peter and Jess Larsen, Barb Orstad, Robin Blegen, Jess Thomson, Todd Sjoberg, Jacki Peterson, Jess Olen and Vicky Semelhack

Please keep us in your prayers as we do this vital work!

~~~~RED LIGHT UPDATE~~~~

Grace has now entered Red. Please read changes below.

- ~High County Covid numbers warrant extra caution be taken
 - ~Sunday morning "in person" worship will continue
 - ~Recommend that unvaccinated individuals pause attendance when Covid cases are high
- ~Those vaccinated, please continue to carefully follow Covid safety protocols (masking and social distancing.)



Social Justice Meeting March 2021

Meeting Date: 9:00 a.m. -Wednesday, March.10, 2021 Next Meeting: 900 a.m. - Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Members Present: Mary Kris, Barb, Peg, Deb

Welcome, Peg! So Wonderful You Have Joined Us

Kelly was here to talk to us about ways we can help support the themes of Social Justice which she will be using in Confirmation this year.

Kris led with devotions. Friar Dons Catholic perspective. Ps 52 based on HOPE. A single individual is enough for Hope to exist. Mary shared a prayer in gratitude.

World Hunger

\$1800 was raised for **Feed My Starving Children and the Mora and Ogilvie Food Shelves**. Sunday School and Confirmation students made Hearts that were sent to congregational members for the Hearts for Hunger Campaign. Also included in this total was January's Noisy Offering to Hearts for Hunger.

Noisy Offerings

Feb - \$96 to the Good Samaritan Fund

March- \$565 to the Mora Food Shelf

Soup for the Soul

Not serving yet. Kris applied for a grant that paid for a brand new freezer and its installation. The Food Shelf will be using the freezer, too, as part of the Kanabec County Cares grant. Soup is also being funded for food.

Social Diversity and Injustice

Kelly applied to Library Committee for funding to purchase books for children and adults about Diversity.

Kelly has been studying and preparing to teach our Confirmation students about Diversity in our country and lives.

One of the quotes in a book called, "Dear Church," that touched us as a group was: "This country is so fractured because we spend more time pleasing parishioners than we do pleasing God." Much food for thought as one ponders this statement.

Deb will report back on **Faces of Christ** and **Mary and Kelly** will report back on **Dear Church** at our next meeting.

A friendly reminder from your Council:

We are thankful for the congregation in all the ways you've been here for the Church during the last year, it's been difficult but we are getting through it with God's help! Just a reminder about some things:

- We still need to wear masks and keep our distance in the building during services and at all other times. Not all the congregation is vaccinated and we need to be respectful of that.
- There should be no congregational singing or responding during church services, the music team should be the only ones singing and responding.
- At this time there is still no fellowship in the church building.
- Following the rules will help ensure that our Church can remain open.

Please give Staff and Worship and Music your grace and prayers.

We are all working very hard to meet the needs of the congregation while also keeping us all as safe as possible.



VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING IS HERE!

Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. You can set up your donations on our website, www.gracechurchmora.com or scan the QR code below with a downloadable free QRC Scanner app on your electronic device and follow the onscreen instructions.

To set up your electronic donation on our website:

- 1) Go to www.gracechurchmora.com
- 2) Click on the More tab, then click the Give tab, then scroll down to click on Give online, once you click Give online, it brings you to Vanco a Secure Site.
 - 3) Follow the onscreen instructions to schedule your one time or recurring contribution.



You may also mail in your offering to:

301 Forest Ave. E. Mora, MN 55051



GivePlus Church is available through the App Store and Google Play. Search for "GivePlus Church" to download the app, then be sure to allow access to location services if you'd like to use the app's Find Churches Near Me feature.

The app is free to download and you are not charged a fee to make donations using the app. When you open the GivePlus Church app for the first time, you will be prompted to enter the name of the church you want to give to. Or, use the Find Churches Near Me feature to search for churches in Mora. This will be set for future donations if you create an account.

GivePlus Church donations can be made with all major debit/credit cards. Use your phone's camera to quickly scan your card information or enter it manually. You can also give or pay using your checking or savings account. This app is secure so you don't have to worry about your personal information.

Thank you for your continued support of Grace Lutheran Church and our ministries! We are the church together; and together we are strong and faithful!

31-March-21 General Checkbook:

Beginning balance (4,686.02) Deposits 22,740.64

Checks written* (22,355.16) Ending balance (4,300.54)





Thank you for taking the time to read the Grace Update-Love and Prayers to all ~ Leah

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Lord Jesus, we rejoice in this day. May your Word of forgiveness and love shape our hears and minds as we move and breathe and live. Amen



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