

August 2024

Grace Through Faith Ministries

Growing Together in God's Love to Serve Others

Campus Locations:

Grace Lutheran

PO Box 7

Brandon, MN 56315

www.gracethroughfaithministries.com

Faith Lutheran

526 State Street

Evansville, MN 56326

www.gracethroughfaithministries.com

Pastor

Pastor Bradley Pearson

Hours:

9 am to noon Mon/Tues/Thurs - Faith

Noon - 2 pm Mon/Thurs - Grace

9 am to 2 pm Wed - Grace

Phone: 320-834-5179

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Office-Grace

Kelli Wendel

Hours: 8:30 am - 2 pm M-TH

Phone: 320-524-2262

Email: grace@gctel.com

Office-Faith

Hours: Contact Pastor Brad

Phone: 218-948-2574

Email: faithlc@gctel.com

Parish Council President

Lon Burgess

Phone: 320-266-8407

Grace Council President

Eric Johnson

Phone: 320-491-3364

Faith Council President

Elise LeMay

Phone: 320-766-5270

Worship Schedule

Summer



WORSHIP TIMES

Those without computer/internet access can watch at 8 am daily on Gardonville TV Channel 4 and Selective TV 21.4

Summer Hours will run Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Worship Times

8:30 am - Grace 10:30 am - Faith

Worship online when you can't make it in person.

Visit

www.gracethroughfaithministries.com

and click on the LIVE STREAM button to watch.



SUNDAES on Wednesdays

Pastor Brad & Becki will host a "build your own" Ice Cream Sundae and Root Beer Float get-togethers on Wednesdays during the summer. Gatherings will rotate between the parsonage (Brandon) and the church's shaded lawn (Faith). All you need to bring is your lawn chair; invite a friend, too!

Time: 6-7:30 pm on Wednesdays

August 7 VBS Social at Grace

August 14 Parsonage

August 21 Faith Lawn

Offering Reminder



Thank you to all who support our ministry with your financial gifts and gifts of time. As we prepare to move into the busy summer months, we ask you to remember to mail in your offerings if you are not able to be in worship.

You are encouraged to routinely check the parish web & Facebook pages to keep up to date on any changes with worship schedules and activities.

Faith Lutheran Council Meeting
Sunday, July 21, 2024 11:30 pm Faith Lutheran

Members Present: Elise LeMay, Doug Alvstad, Larry Carlson, and Angie Baker **Guest Members:** Pastor Bradley Pearson, Candi Steer

The meeting was called to order by Elise LeMay. Larry moved to approve the agenda, Angie seconded, motion carried.

Visitors Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Candi went over financials and all accounts are balanced.

- Doug moved to take money from the Christmas fund to put into the roof fund that paid for the roof extended warranty and Larry seconded. Motion carried.

- Larry moved to do a prepaid contract with CHS for LP gas again this year and go with the 3 year average number of gallons and Angie seconded. Motion carried.

- Larry moved to not renew the Vipre antivirus for the computer in the office. Elise seconded. Motion carried.

- Larry motioned to accept the Treasurer's report and Doug seconded. Motion carried.

Pastoral Report: Pastor Brad discussed that he has heard good things about Faith Lutheran Church from people in the community given recent events/funerals. He's concerned about some discussions on having funerals in our building and that we need to make decisions.

Old Business:

- Council had a discussion about the Sick & Safe Employee Act and will discuss more at the next meeting.

- Hospitality Team - This team will look at the year & events that we do throughout the year and any suggestions/ideas they have. They will find people to put in charge of the events.

- Funeral Policy - We are going to update the policy we have in place and bring more information to the next meeting.

- Carpet - Arnquist is coming to do the carpet in the Sunday School room. No set date yet.

New Business:

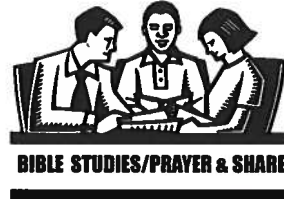
- August Noisy Offering: Buying coffee cups for the kitchen

Next Meeting Date: August 11, 2024 at 11:30

Doug moved to adjourn the meeting, Angie seconded, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned by Elise LeMay

Respectfully submitted: Angie Baker



Bible Studies:

Mondays

7:00 pm

Tuesdays

Men's: 6:30 am

Women's: 9:00 am

Prayer & Share:

Thursdays
9:30 am

Faith Lutheran
Fellowship Hall

Prayer and Share is an informal gathering of Faith members to visit, share concerns and pray. This group is open to everyone (men and women). Come for coffee, conversation and end with prayer for people within the congregation and community

Fund Balances as of 6/30/24:

General Fund	\$99,414.34
Building Fund	\$33,340.72
Christian Ed Fund	\$4,709.66
Benevolence Fund	\$6,589.24
Service Min. Fund	\$7,137.83
Scholarship Fund	\$4,621.72




With Sympathy

**We extend
our heartfelt
sympathy
to:**

The family and friends of Violet Hanson.
Violet passed away on July 19 at the age of 98. Services were held Friday, July 26 at Faith Lutheran Church



The food pantry comes to Evansville the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 11 am to 2 pm at the Evansville City Hall.

How Can I Help?

- Volunteers are needed to help people register, shop, carry groceries etc. Shifts run from 10:30 – 12:30 and 12:00 – 2:00. Please contact either Diana at City Hall or Deb Erickson to volunteer.
- The pantry will accept donations of non-perishable food or garden produce. If you have something to donate, please bring it the 2nd Tuesday of the month while the mobile unit is in town.
- Pass the word on to anyone that might need these services and let them know this help is available.

Any further questions? Contact city hall or one of the volunteers.



Neighbor with Neighbor in partnership with **Life Connections** is in need of the following:

- W.O.W. items (wash, ointment, wipes);
- diapers;
- premie clothing;
- boys clothing sizes 3T- 4T- 5T.

A box is available in the Life Connections room at Faith for donations. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Erickson at 320-491-1615 or talk with Pastor Brad.

Christmas Through the Decades Luncheon

Faith Lutheran Church
Saturday, December 7 - 11 am

Yes, Christmas ideas this early! Put your thinking hats on for a favorite decade of Christmas music and memories. How about a costume or outfit from the back of a closet? Is there a special set of family china that brings back memories? Sign up to decorate a table at our Christmas luncheon for a decade of your choice.

Set your table with special china, flatware, linen and a centerpiece... no limit to the fun you can have!

Sign up for a table by October 1. Send a text or call with questions and the decade you wish for - Annette at 320-766-9905 or Carol at 320-760-8700. More details to follow.

August 2024 Faith Worship Assistants

	August 4 10:30 AM -Faith Communion	August 11 10:30 AM -Faith	August 18 10:30 AM - Faith	August 25 10:30 AM - Faith Communion
Sound/Video	Larry Carlson	Sandy Alvstad	Brad Anderson	Larry Carlson
Reader	Vicki Carlson	Kelly Smith	Karen Howell	Naomi Anderson
Ushers	David Jante	Kevin Johnson Family	Dennis Week	Brad Anderson
Communion Servers	Bob Anderson			Mary Johnson

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Clark Baldwin	1	Gracie Hinz	15
Keagan Schiele	1	Tom Hargreaves	17
Kylee Dingwall	2	Colton Breittkreutz	18
Sandra Nemcek	4	Hudson Traphagen	18
Lawson Sieling	4	Kent Hintermeister	20
Jayden Hoidahl	5	Tiffany Hokanson	20
Jamie Okerlund	5	Hannah Wendel	21
Lane Hokanson	7	Bryce Froemming	22
Maycee Meissner	8	Erin Okerlund	22
Gene Serba	8	Jill Wagner	23
Gaylin Croonquist	10	Caleb Wendel	26
Kristi Roers	10	MaKena Hokanson	27
Charles Esala	11	Gene Fynboh	28
Zach Hintermeister	11	Art Vinson	29
McCoy Jesnowski	11	Finnegan Mohagen	30
Kathy Boeddeker	12	Nolan Morical	30
Jason Klimek	14		

Faith

Randy Johnson	1
Lisa Shores	1
Harleigh Drum	4
Susan Anderson	9
Deb Plaster	12
Les Ohren	16
Doris Springer	17
Douglas Evavold	19
Jenell Week	19
Jeffrey Larson	21
Corbin Johnson	22
Lou Ann Ellingson	23
Dennis Week	23
Donald Week	23
Aaron Anderson	24
Eme Quinn	25
Brynlee Shores	25
Kooper Englund	26
Trevor Johnson	27
Sherry Henneman	28
Tyson Thorstad	28
Brittany Ellingson	29
Sierra Drum	30
Brian Perleberg	31

BAPTISMS

at Grace

It has been a busy month with baptisms at Grace.

Please join us in celebrating!

June 30: **Chloe Ruth Hinz**, daughter of Tanner & Courtney Hinz.

July 6: **Livia Mae Wirtjes**, daughter of Adam & Karen Wirtjes.

July 6: **Nash Paul Jesnowski**, son of Rick & Linda Jesnowski.

July 14: **Boone Cole Wagner**, son of Ryan & Coley Wagner.

July 28: **Eva Lynn Bitzan**, daughter of Dustin & Toni Bitzan

Pastoral Care If you, a family member or friend of yours is sick, hospitalized, having or going to be having surgery or have any other concerns needing pastoral care - please call the Church Office: Faith at 218-948-2574 or Grace at 320-524-2262 and the Parish Assistant will contact Pr. Bradley. After hours, Pastor can be reached at the parsonage 320-834-5179.

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	August 4 8:30 AM - Grace Communion	August 11 8:30 am	August 18 8:30 AM - Grace	August 25 8:30 am - Grace Communion
Acolyte	Lilibelle Hokanson	Lillian Mohagen	Deegan Pikkaraine	Ryder Santjer
Reader	Tom Helder	Terrill Morical	Michelle Olsen	Judy Behlke
Ushers	Timmermans John & Kay Black	Terrill & Dar Morical Behlkes	Triskos Michelle Olsen Peggy Okerlund	Behlkes Burgesses
Communion Servers	Pat Timmerman Peggy Okerlund			Dianna Roers Peggy Okerlund
Coffee/ Fellowship	Helders	Terrill & Dar Morical	Michelle Olsen	Dianna Roers
Musicians	Annette Helder Noah Hubbard	Rebecca Heyn Heyn Family	Joyce Engel Kathy Fynboh	Joyce Engel Kathy Fynboh

Altar Guild - Chris Pizel & Brenda Hintermeister

Grace Lutheran Church Minutes - 7/10/24



Worship Members Present: Danielle Anderson, Don Bakken, Eric Johnson, Terrill Morical, Clem Roers, Brenda Trisko, Coley Wagner

Guests Present: Pastor Bradley Pearson, Kelli Wendel

We opened with prayer. Eric called the meeting to order. Terrill motioned to approve the agenda. Clem 2nd. Approved.

VISITOR REPORTS: None

PASTORAL REPORT: Faith is remodeling their kitchen. Work starts soon. If there is a funeral, Pastor would like to offer Grace as an alternative while the remodeling is taking place. The council expressed their support for this request.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Terrill motioned to approve minutes as presented. Coley 2nd. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Brenda presented financials. We continue to trail below our budgeted giving year-to-date, but are holding steady with expenses. Don motioned to approve. Danielle 2nd. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Outdoor Service: Was a success. Thanks to Hintermeisters for having Long Lake Lodge for this event and all who helped.

Brandon Summerfest: Salad Luncheon plans are underway.

NEW BUSINESS:

Furnace/AC Unit: Annual inspection showed significant issues with the older unit. The coolant currently used with that unit is banned by the EPA and is very low and they are unable to refill/repair. Recommended we replace the unit and the corresponding heat pump together for maximum efficiency. This may be one of the reasons for our higher energy usage. Two quotes were provided by Aquarius. Clem and Terrill will secure two more quotes from other providers before making a decision. Kelli shared that the Bazaar Committee has committed last year's proceeds of nearly \$8,300 toward this expense and that there is currently enough in the building fund to cover this expense. Don made a motion to give the Trustees authority to approve the best bid and move forward with replacing the unit. Brenda 2nd. Approved.

WBS: Registrations are coming in. Coley will connect with camp leaders to make sure we are on target with planning. Recommended possibly putting the dates/times on City of Brandon's electronic sign. Coley will follow up with this.

Ideas for Nominating Committee: Discussion took place on possible open positions and ideas of people who might be good candidates to fill these positions. Council members are encouraged to visit with potential candidates about roles prior to Nominating Committee reaching out to people.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DEACON'S REPORT: None

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Nothing additional.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Nothing additional.

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME: Wednesday, August 14; 7:30 pm

Don motioned to adjourn. Clem 2nd. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by: Kelli Wendel, Parish Assistant

Ways to Give: During Worship



Remember Your Offering

Mail a Check:

You can share your offering gift by placing a check in the mail:

Grace Lutheran Church
PO Box 7
Brandon, MN 56315

Online Giving through Parish Website:

Grace receives giving digitally - through bank draft or debit/credit card payment - by way of Vanco. You can make a one-time gift through the site or you can create a recurring gift. You can visit Grace's giving page at: <https://gp.vancopayments.com/gpo/#/donateNow/b6cb1b0eb4bd10ebc95886d20feb9cf7>.

Fund Balances as of 6/30/24:

General Fund	\$32,086.25
Building Fund	\$32,119.98
Christian Ed Fund	\$16,223.09
Mission Fund	\$14,905.15
Scholarship Fund	\$3,538.15



Grace Giving at a Glance

General Fund:

Giving July 7	\$3,853.38
Giving July 14	\$1,496.00
Giving July 21	\$960.00
Giving July 28	TBD
Coffee	\$73.00
Building Giving	\$10,050.00
Mission Giving	\$154.00
World Hunger	\$300.00
Noisy Offering	\$507.73
Salad Luncheon	\$140.00
Bazaar	\$30.00
Youth Card Sales	\$12.00

Weekly General Fund Giving needed to meet the budget = \$2,732.00

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**Grace Beyond Our Doors
Meeting Notes
July 11, 2024**



**Next meeting is at 3:30 in the Fellowship Hall.
All are welcome.**

Pastor opened with prayer.

July Noisy offering is for Firefighters for Healing Transitional Healing Center. Diane has arranged for speakers and a short video presentation.

Outreach Food Shelf comes to the Evansville City Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 11-2. They need volunteers to help with the food distribution to cover two shifts: 10:30-12:30 and 12-2. You may call City Hall or Deb Erickson of Faith to sign up.

We will be selling honey for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch the last two Sundays in October. There will be order forms available both weeks. The honey costs \$10/bottle and is mailed directly to the purchasers. We will give all money from the sale to Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch instead of having a Noisy Offering for them.

It was suggested we again start to display the quilts in the sanctuary before they are shipped to Lutheran World Relief. We usually ship in October and April and will plan to display the quilts before they are boxed up.

We finished with the Lord's Prayer.

Present: Diane Olson, Pat Timmerman, Pat Freese, Gene Fynboh, Kathy Fynboh, Pastor Brad, Michelle Olsen

Grace Summer Fest Salad Luncheon

The salad luncheon will be held Saturday, August 3, 2024, following the parade. We will be making the salads and bars at the church on Friday, August 2.

We are asking for the following help:

- \$20 donations to go towards the food purchases.
Please drop off or mail your donation to the church office.
- Volunteers to help make the salads, sandwiches & bars on Friday, August 2.
- Volunteers to help serve the salads, wipe tables, take money, etc. on Saturday, August 3.

Sign-up sheets are outside the church office or call Kelli in the Grace Office at 320-524-2262.

This is an important fundraiser for the ministries of our church - thank you for supporting it in as many ways as you can!

Fall Bazaar Buzzings



Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by LOVE.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

There is just a couple months away from the Fall Bazaar on Oct. 5. Our work days for lefsa are Sept 19, and Sept 21. Donut making is Oct. 4.

Please mark your calendars for these events and help out for a few hours. Thank you for supporting this fundraising event.

August's Noisy Offering - God's Work, Our Hands Kits



For our Noisy Offering for August, we will be collecting supplies and donations to purchase supplies to make personal care and school kits to be distributed by Lutheran World Relief.

There are bins in the narthex for supplies that you bring in. There are a lot of sales going on for these items, so now is a great time to pick up! Here's what we need:

School Kits

- 70-sheet notebooks
- crayons (16 or 24)
- 12-inch rulers
- pencil sharpeners
- blunt scissors
- No. 2 pencils (not sharpened)
- black or blue pens
- large erasers

Personal Care Kits

- lightweight dark bath towels
- bath-size soap
- nail clippers
- sturdy comb

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8:30 am Worship—Grace Communion 10:30 am Worship—Faith Communion	1 pm Piano Lessons— Grace 5-8 pm VBS—Grace	6:30 am Men's Study—Faith 9 am Women's Bible Study 10 am Pastor at Evansville Care Campus 1 pm Pastor at Evansville Assisted Living 5-8 pm VBS—Grace	5-8 pm VBS—Grace 7:30 pm VBS Program—Grace 8 pm VBS Ice Cream Social— Grace	9:30 am Prayer & Share— Faith 1 pm Pastor at Brandon Assisted Living	9 am Salad Luncheon Workday—Grace	11 am Grace Salad Luncheon
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GRACE LUTHERAN
BRANDON SUMMER FEST

SALAD LUNCHEON

All Proceeds Support
Grace Lutheran Church

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3
11 AM**

\$10 (Gr. 7 to Adult)

\$5 (Gr. K-6)

Preschool and under - No Charge

Grace Lutheran Church
205 Central Ave, Brandon, MN



Kids will learn the ways that Jesus is
the great "I Am":

- "...the bread of life."
- "...the light of the world"
- "...the Resurrection and the Life/the Way, the Truth, and the Life"

WHAT: Vacation Bible School

A ministry partnership of Grace Lutheran Church, Chippewa Lutheran Church—Brandon & Faith Lutheran Church—Evansville

WHEN: August 5, 6 and 7 — 5 to 8 pm

WHERE: Grace Lutheran Church

205 Central Avenue, Brandon, Minnesota

WHO: Age 3 through Grade 5

All Grace and Faith members, family and friends are invited to a short program on Wednesday, August 7 at 7:30 pm where the kids will show some of what they have learned during VBS, followed by an ice cream social.