

Worship Schedule



Worship Times

9 am - Grace

11 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.

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



Summer Worship Times Starting Memorial Day Weekend May 26

8:30 am at Grace and 10:30 am at Faith

Summer Hours will run Memorial Day through Labor Day.



Dates to Remember:

May 12 - Mother's Day - last day of Sunday School

May 15 - Last Day Club 828, Kid Konnection and Confirmation

May 18 - Grace Rummage Sale

May 19 - Senior Recognition Sunday (Grace)

May 26 - SUMMER WORSHIP TIME BEGINS!

May 27 - Memorial Day - Offices Closed

May 2024

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/T/W/TH

Phone: 320-524-2262 Email: grace@gctel.com

Office-Faith

Hours: Contact Pastor Brad

Phone: 218-948-2574 Email: faithlc@gctel.com

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Grace Council President

Eric Johnson

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Faith Council President

Elise LeMay

Phone: 320-766-5270

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



Grace Lutheran Church Faith Lutheran Church

> 10 to 10:30 am Age 3 to Grade 4

Last Day is Sunday, May 12



Join us Wednesdays!

Faith

Confirmation

Gr. 5-6 at 6-6:45 pm Gr. 7-8 at 7-7:45 pm Grace

Congratulations,

Graduates!

Kid Konnection

Gr. K-4 at 5-6 pm - Grace

Last Day for Wednesday Youth Activities for the School Year is May 15 Contact Person for all Wednesday Activities is Pastor Brad

CELEBRATE Graduates

Senior Recognition **Sunday**

May 5 - Faith May 19 - Grace

Join us as we celebrate this with these young people!

Congratulations to our members who will be graduating high school!

We are so proud of your hard work and achievements

Best of luck in your plans following graduation our prayers go with you.

Grace Lutheran Graduates:

- •Kylee Dingwall daughter of Jon & Kami Dingwall
- •Gracin Klimek son of Jason & LaShanda Klimek
- •Cohen Reiland son of Paul & Tracy Reiland
- •Jenna Sturges, daughter of Paula Faber & Mike Sturges
- •Carter White son of Ryan & Erica White

Faith Lutheran Graduates:

- •Riley Perleberg, son of Brian & Penny Perleberg
- •Mason Richter, son of Jacob & Britta Richter

thrivent^{*}

your life.

There are days that change everything

This seminar is designed for young families.

Grace's Endowment Fund is managed by Thrivent and we invited them to share information helpful to families as they plan for their financial future.

No products will be sold. All are welcome!

Reserve your spot by calling 320-335-0594.

Financial Foundations: Your Blueprint to Thrive will help you learn what you can do to help ensure a stable financial future while managing your savings, expenses and credit, so you can handle financial setbacks.

This session is hosted by Christopher Grieve and John J Severson, RICP*.

Prepare for three of the

most important days in

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

6:00 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church 205 Central Ave Brandon, MN

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Every week, I question the wisdom of printing the Douglas County Sherrif's Blotter in the paper. I don't think it's important or necessary.

I know people think otherwise – I respect that.

I've been paying attention to what people "want to know and why"; myself, included. There's a drive within us that feeds our curiosity. We cannot not know.

Social media and cell phones make it convenient to call or post the latest, "Did you hear?" Whether we heard or not, the dominos have already fallen for the next call, text or post.

We mean no harm, but harm and insensitivity happens.

Why is knowing someone else's business noteworthy, while we do everything to protect our own?

Jesus calls us to be neighborly – tenderhearted, hospitable – to think about the "other" just as much as we do ourselves.

We all have "business", a lot of which we'll keep under wraps. Hurts, growing pains, embarrassments – you name it – we've been there. Unless we do it ourselves, our story isn't broadcast ready.

Think kindly the next time you hear or read something about someone. Take a long pause and pause again, before giving into temptation and passing it on.

Take the high road and talk with the One who knows everything ... God.

See you in Worship!

+ Pastor Brad

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.

New Bible Study at Grace

Pastor Brad will lead Bible Study at Grace, the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome! We start May 14.



GRACE							
Cash Wagner	2	Chris Anderson	21				
Benjamin Traphagen	6	Trenten Anderson	23				
Eric Johnson	7	Mike Daniels	23				
Shiloy Baldwin	9	Riley Dell	23				
Dave Timmerman	9	Ken Froemming	23				
Elton Kohnen	10	Brittany Korkowski	24				
Britta Burgess	13	Emily Borgstrom	25				
Kevin Challes	13	Brittany Feller	25				
Betty Stricker	13	Megan Peterson	28				
Ben Rusch	14	Kendall Hoidahl	29				
Alice Pikkaraine	15	Ron Jacobson	30				
Chase Hanson	17	Izzy Rusch	30				
Mary Burgess	18	Maxwell Wagner	30				
Nathaniel Okerlund	20	· ·					



Mark Your Calendars:

August 5-7 5 to 8:30 pm

This year's theme is "He is I am". We will have leaders from Lutheran Island Camp joining us.

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"

Helpers are needed for activity stations and meals. If you can help, please contact the Grace office.



Hummingbirds and dragonflies are moving north. Just as we prepare our feeders, we also need to prepare for the Fall Bazaar on October 5, 2024!

We had a successful event last year, so let's try to top it! Please plant an extra row of potatoes, onions, squash or carrots in your gardens for the produce wagon. Look for a new recipe to try for the bake sale. We will also need items for the Raffle, so let us know if you have something to donate.

Thanks for all the time, talent and treasures you bring to this event. Remember to mark Saturday, October 5 on your calendar!

May 2024 Grace Worship Assistants							
	May 5 9 AM - Grace Communion	May 12 9 am Mother's Day	May 19 9 AM - Grace Senior Recognition	May 26 8:30 am - Grace Communion			
Acolyte	Corbin Borgstrom	Tyler Breitkreutz	Brooklyn Daniels	Evan Dingwall			
Reader	Chris Pizel	Pat Timmerman	Addison Daniels	Dan Olson			
Ushers	Dan & Diane Olson Johnson Family	Gaylin & Jane Croonquist Johnson Family	Stitch Family	Gen & Joan Serba			
Communion Servers	Chris Pizel Terrill Morical			Terrill Morical			
Coffee/ Fellowship	Johnson Family	Pat Timmerman	Junior Class & Families	Brad & Kelly Lund			
Musicians	Annette Helder Tom Helder	Joyce Engel Kathy Fynboh	Rebecca Heyn Heyn Family	Annette Helder Tom Helder			

Altar Guild - Izzy Rusch and Jan Sponsler

Grace Beyond Our Doors April 4, 2024

Next Meeting Thursday, May 2 3:30 pm - Grace Fellowship Hall



Pastor opened with prayer.

International Health Partners in Tanzania: Dr. Denny Lofstrom, one of the founders of IHP, passed away recently at the age of 96. He and his wife Paula have been at Grace a couple times to speak of their mission. We are recommending a special gift from the Mission Fund be sent to IHP in memory of Dr. Denny. We have also requested if Paula comes back to MN she will speak at one of our worship services. We have been supporting this organization for many years. If you would like to read more information about them, their website is www.ihptz.org.

We will once again be collecting medical equipment for HERO (Healthcare Equipment Recycling Organization) in Fargo. If you have used walkers, canes, wheelchairs, etc. you no longer need, please drop them off with your rummage sale items before May 18. Michelle will deliver these items to Fargo.

Our Noisy Offering in June will be to buy quilt batting for our quilting group. These quilts are sent to Lutheran World Relief, Marie Sandvik House in Mpls., graduating seniors, and occasionally for other local use. We hope to have a quilting frame set up in the fellowship hall so anyone who would like can try their hand at tying the quilts.

Habitat for Humanity of Douglas County will be the recipient of our May Noisy Offering. Our congregation has committed \$750 for the Faith Build. Our work day will be June 12. We will be doing various projects on the new house as we did last year. If you would like to join the work crew, please let Kelli or Michelle know. It's fun and we really enjoy the camaraderie! Look for a signup sheet in the future. HFHDC will be holding their Hard Hat events on May 15. More information is on their website.

Our future Noisy Offerings (subject to change):

- July: Firefighters for Healing (Diane)
- -Aug-Sept: School and personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief (Pat F. and Michelle)
- -Oct: Luther Crest Bible Camp (Annette)
- -Nov: United Way Backpacks (Terrill and Diane)
- -Dec: Douglas County Food Shelf (Jean)
- -Jan: Sanford Children's Hospital in Fargo to coincide with a matching funds opportunity (Terrill)

Present: Kathy Fynboh, Gene Fynboh, Annette Helder, Terrill Morical, Pastor Brad, Pat Freese, Michelle Olsen.

May's Noisy Offering -Habitat for Humanity Faith Build



Once again Grace will be part of the local Habitat Faith Build. In the past we have raised funds, prayed for new home partners, worked on the construction site and provided lunch for the construction crew.

We will be doing the same again this year. Our work day will be June 12 on a site in Alexandria. (Meet the family on pg. 5)

Please look for a signup sheet in the next few weeks. All are welcome and no experience is necessary. If you ask anyone who has participated in one of these builds you will hear that it is a fun and fulfilling experience! You may sign up for the whole day or any part of the day. Consider joining us! Our Noisy Offering will be collected on May 12.



If you have used walkers, canes, wheelchairs, etc. you no longer need, please drop them off with your rummage sale items before May 18. We will deliver these items to Fargo.



Join Us for Quilting Thursday, May 2 & 9 9 am



Grace Rummage Sale

> Saturday, May 18

8:30 am to Noon

You can bring items May 13 to 17. The church will be open from 8:30 to 6 pm for those dropping off items. Contact Peg Okerlund or Pam Mickelson if you are able to help organize during the week.

Grace Lutheran Church Minutes - 4/10/24

<u>Grace Members Present:</u> Danielle Anderson, Don Bakken, Eric Johnson, Terrill Morical, Erin Okerlund, Clem Roers, Brenda Trisko, Coley Wagner

Guests Present: Pastor Bradley Pearson, Kelli Wendel

We opened with prayer. Eric called the meeting to order.

Terrill had two additions to the agenda. Brenda motioned to approve the amended agenda. Terrill 2nd. Approved. We welcomed new board of education council representative, Danielle Anderson.

VISITOR REPORTS: None PASTORAL REPORT: None.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Brenda presented financials for March and the 1st Quarter of the year. General Fund Giving continues to be down for the start of the year. We are currently down around \$9,000 year-to-date. We have been keeping expenses in check so far, but we will need to keep an eye on how we are doing moving into the summer months. Terrill motion to approve. Coley 2nd. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- •MN Sick Leave Law: Erin visited with several area churches to review their policies on carryover hours. Discussion took place on how to be fair, but limit risk for the church. Erin made a motion that 50% of the year's earned amount could be carried over into the new year. (Example: 72 hours earned = no more than 36 hours carried over into the new year.) Clem 2nd. Approved.
- •<u>Men's Dinner:</u> Supplies were delivered. Art is taking care of cooking/prep work. Sign-ups could use a few more people.
- •<u>VBS</u>: August 5, 6 and 7. Coley will get theme and registration information to Kelli to go out at the end of May/start of June. Need volunteers to prepare/serve meals for kids each night.

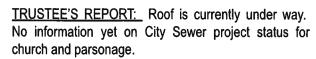
NEW BUSINESS:

- •<u>Joint Outdoor Service Planning June 23 at 10:30 am:</u> Service will feature Gloryland Band and will take place at The Lodge. Pastor will work with worship committee and invite help from Faith for planning.
- *God's Work, Our Hands/Rally Sunday Planning: Terrill shared that GBOD was making plans for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday and that they wanted to ensure there were no conflicts with Rally Sunday planning as has happened in the past. It was decided that Rally Sunday will be September 8 and God's Work, Our Hands Sunday would take place on September 15.
- •GBOD Request for International Health Partners: Terrill presented a request from GBOD for a \$500 memorial to IHP in Tanzania in memory of Dr. Denny Lofstrom toward the hospital. Terrill made the motion to approve from Mission Fund. Eric 2nd. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DEACON'S REPORT: None

<u>BOARD OF EDUCATION:</u> Will meet with Pastor to go over plans through the end of the school year and begin discussion on what needs to be in place for September.



NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, May 8. TIME: 8 pm

Terrill motioned to adjourn. Erin 2nd.

Submitted by: Kelli Wendel, Parish Assistant

Our General
Giving is
almost \$9,000
under budget for
the start of the year.



Remember Your Offering

As we move toward the summer months, the Grace Council asks that you prayerfully consider ways you may be able to help us catch up.

Thank you for the many ways you share your time and treasure in our ministry together!

Fund Balances as of 3/31/24:

General Fund \$28,867.80

Building Fund \$23,343.84

Christian Ed Fund \$17,168.99

Mission Fund \$11,695.24 Scholarship Fund \$3,038.15



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Grace Giving at a Glance

<u>General Fund:</u>	
Giving March 31	\$3,687.80
Giving April 7	\$5,939.45
Giving April 14	\$1,962.00
Giving April 21	\$2,727.00
Giving April 28	TBD
Coffee	\$20.00
Building Giving	\$215.00
Mission Giving	\$205.00
World Hunger	\$300.00
Noisy Offering	\$357.20
Sunday School	\$4.00
Roof	\$30,100.00
Thrivent Choice	\$1000.00
Camperships	\$211.00
Men's Dinner	\$2,620.00

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



Meet Chelsey & Matt's Family



Chelsey and Matt were approved into the homeownership program in September 2023.

How did you learn about the Habitat homeownership program?

We have known and partnered with Habitat through volunteering and giving for many years now. We both love the mission and believe it can be a blessing to many in this community and beyond.

What motivated you to apply?

Affordable housing is difficult to come by in this area. Even though we have been intentional in saving for a house, with the way the housing market has been, we found it difficult to find affordable and safe housing for our growing family. We were encouraged by family members to consider applying and partnering with Habitat. Since we already knew how great partnering with them can be, we prayed about this opportunity and felt encouraged to apply.

Tell us about your family.

Matt is an expeditor with Douglas Machine, and Chelsey serves as the Communication Director for Lake Community Church and the Creative Guide for Church Doctor Ministries.

We moved to Alexandria three years ago for work and to be near family. Our son was born in 2022 and we have loved watching him grow, learn, and explore the world around him. We enjoy being involved in our church, hanging out with family and friends, serving the community through our work, playing board games, and adventuring around Minnesota.

What are you looking forward to about owning your own home?

We are looking forward to having space for growing our family even more, being able to decorate, and making our house feel like our home. Owning our own home will also help us feel more settled in the area and provide opportunities for hospitality to our friends, family, and neighbors.

How do you think your life will change?

We know owning a home will come with its challenges and unexpected adventures, but we are excited for the opportunity to build equity, host people, decorate how we choose, grow our family, and be good neighbors and members of the community.

What would you like to share with people helping to build your home?

We are truly grateful for the time you are taking to volunteer and help build our home for our family and thank you for your hard work. You are a blessing to us and we encourage you to continue partnering with Habitat beyond this build.





Elaine Eidem Julie Schecker 5 Avery Andersen Samantha Jacobson 6 Zach Drever 7 10 Ron Olson Paul Strand 10 **Lance Shores** 11 Dallas Quinn 15 Matthew Henneman 16 Nelda Olson 16 Katherine Lunemann 17 Isaiah Schneeberger 18 Evan Gibson 19 Sara Jacobson 19 23 Julie Aasness Matthew Hanson 23 Riley Perleberg 24 Joshua Hanson 27 Hannah Anderson 28 Monty Carlson 29 29 Jovce Moebius **Gregory Baker** 30 **Henry Drever** 30 Darlene Jante 30 Candi Steer 30

Neighbor with Neighbor

Life Connections Needs the Following Items:

- •W.O.W. items (wash, ointment, wipes)
- Preemie clothing

- Diapers
- ●Boys clothing sizes 3T- 4T- 5T

A box is available in the Life Connections room at Faith for donations. Thank you for your consideration of this ministry! If you have any questions, please contact Deb Erickson at 320-491-1615 or Pastor Brad.

May 2024 Faith Worship Assistants May 5 May 26 **May 12** May 19 11 AM -Faith 11 AM -Faith 10:30 AM - Faith 11 AM - Faith Communion Mother's Day Senior Recognition Communion Sound/Video **Brad Anderson** Larry Carlson Sandy Alvstad **Brad Anderson** Reader Naomi Anderson Candi Steer Ritz Loftness **Angie Baker** Kevin Johnson Ushers **Dennis Anderson** Steve Bock Doug Alvstad Family Communion Mary Johnson Vicki Carlson Servers

Faith Lutheran Council Meeting

Sunday, April 14, 2024 12 pm Faith Lutheran

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

The meeting was called to order by Elise LeMay.

Visitor Reports: No reports at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Candi Steer went through the financial report.

- Audit was completed on April 11 by Bob Anderson and Bob Hendricks.
- •Larry moved to use the carpet fund to go towards kitchen flooring. Naomi seconded. Motion carried.
- ·Larry moved to use Christmas funds for sound system upgrade. Angle seconded. Motion carried.
- •Bob moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Doug Alvstad seconded. Motion carried.

Pastoral Report:

- •The pastor received Vicki Worthington's resignation; council accepted it.
- •Pastor is creating a Hospitality Team for special events. This team will be responsible for planning and getting people to work the special events (Advent Breakfast; potlucks; Carols, Candles & Cookies; Easter morning; etc.).
- •Joint Summer Worship with Grace June 23, 2024 at Long Lake Lodge. Bound For Glory will be the music group for worship. Pastor will ask members from Faith to help plan.

Committee Reports: No reports at this time.

Old Business:

- •May noisy offering will support the local food shelf.
- •Elise will let us know what size mailbox we'll go with for packages that are left outside of the church.

New Business:

- •Flags and rope outside of the church are in tough shape with missing clips. Naomi moved to replace the flags, rope, and clips. Bob seconded. Motioned carried.
- •Larry moved we participate in Habitat for Humanity with Grace. Bob seconded. Motion carried.
- •Ditch cleaning will be April 28, 2024 after church service. Wear your grubby clothes. Pizza will be served after.

 Larry moved to give \$100 gift certificate for Target to Vicki Worthington in appreciation for her beautiful piano playing.

Next Meeting Date: May 5 at noon

Meeting was adjourned by President Elise LeMay. Respectfully submitted: Angie Baker





BIBLE STUDIES/PRAYER & SHARE

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 Hali

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

Fund Balances as of 3/31/24:

General Fund **Building Fund** Christian Ed Fund Benevolence Fund \$9,835.92 Service Min. Fund Scholarship Fund

\$104,344.25 \$57,587.72 \$4,709.66 \$5,729.16 \$4,471.72



May 2024

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