

Grace Lutheran Church

821 5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103

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March 2024

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.



On Sunday, February 25, the Voters of Grace Lutheran Church extended a divine call to Pastor Michael Suelzle who is currently serving Grace Lutheran Church, Lakota; St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Niagara; and St. Peter Lutheran Church, Devils Lake.

Please keep Pastor Suelzle and his family in your prayers, also, please keep the four congregations in your prayers – Grace, Grace, St. Andrew, and St. Peter – as he considers the calls before him in the upcoming weeks.

Watch the website and bulletins for more information regarding this call.



In light of the vacancy, our midweek Lenten services will be held on Tuesdays. Pastor Sam Pitsch and Vicar Jon Chapa have taken over our midweek services. The theme is *Ministry*:

Ministry Sermon Series

- 3/5 – Ministry: Jesus the Builder
- 3/12 – Ministry: Jesus the Judge
- 3/19 – Ministry: Jesus the Servant

Services will be held at 6:30 pm and a meal will be served at 5:30 pm. Sundays will remain at 9:30 am.



During Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, March 28, (*Glory in the Cross* based on John 17) will be at Immanuel at 7 pm, and Good Friday, March 29, (*Service of Shadows*): there will be a noon service at Immanuel and an evening service will be held at Grace at 7 pm.

On Easter Sunday, a service with Holy Communion will be held at 9:30 am followed by a special fellowship hosted by the LWML.



Meals will be served at 5:30 pm on Tuesdays in Lent.

- 3/5: Executive Board will be serving sloppy Joes
- 3/12: Thrivent will be serving pulled pork
- 3/19: LWML will be serving a variety of casseroles



... obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:36



March 2024

*Serve the
Lord with
gladness.*
Psalm 100:3

One of my favorite songs this time of year is "Jesus Christ Has Risen Today". This is what our Christian life is all about! We know that because Jesus died and rose, we will live with Him in Heaven!

The LWML will be buying flowers for our church altar. Please look for the inserts in the Sunday bulletins.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 9, with the business meeting at 9 am. The Saturday circle will be hosting.

In March, we will be serving a variety of hotdishes for the Lenten meal on March 19.

There will be a Ham dinner served by the LWML in conjunction with the April 28th Voter Meeting. Also in April, Grace LWML will be hosting the Spring Event on the 13th.

Respectively submitted,
Sheryl Jones

March Circle Meetings:

Thurs., Mar. 7: 7 pm @ Church (K. Kjos)

Fri., Mar. 22: 6 pm @ J. Brelje's

Sat., Mar. 2: 9 am @ church (S. Smelser)

Mission of the Month: Lutheran Family Services

Missionaries: Paul & Ali Federwitz
Ashley Lehr
Main Street Living

Upcoming events . . .

Tues., Mar. 5: Mite Box Tuesday

Sat., Mar. 9: 9 am General meeting
10 am Speaker from Lutheran
Family Services (possibly)
Host: Saturday Circle

Sun., Mar. 10: Mite Box Sunday

Wed., Mar. 19: Serving Lenten Meal

Sun., Mar. 19: Friday Circle serves treats after
worship



March is Grace Lutheran School's favorite month – it comes in like a LION.



*Operated by: The Red River
Lutheran School Association*



There is an open house on Monday, March 4 from 4:30 – 6 pm for prospective families to explore Grace. Please register at www.glsfargo.org.

Geography Fair: Thursday, March 7th from 6:30–8 pm. Our 5th-8th grade students have prepared presentations about many countries across the globe. It will be an educational evening! Taco in a bag will be served starting at 6 pm.

Save the Date: Pasta with a Purpose Spaghetti Dinner is on Saturday, April 27 from 12-7 pm. If you would like to assist with planning, serving, or leading a group to serve, please contact Susan or Amy at 701-232-7747.

A very heartfelt thank you for helping us raise \$42,500 on Giving Hearts Day.

We had a gracious match donation from DRI (formerly Dakota Refrigeration) to help us reach this goal.

See the Growing Together in Grace article for an exciting update on the capital improvement campaign. God is blessing our supporters and this project.



Come to the Grace Place

The Evangelism Committee encourages you to engage in your continued personal evangelizing program this Easter. Remember, there are Christian themed gifts in the Narthex to use as conversation openers when speaking to others about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This Easter Season we invite you to engage with the Biblical directive to share the Gospel and to invite others: family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to Come to the Grace Place.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season . . . 2 Timothy 4:1–5

Growing Together in Grace — February 2024

In the words of David in Psalm 72 we pray, “Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!”

We announce with great thanksgiving to God our Father that as of this week the Growing Together in Grace capital improvement campaign for Grace Lutheran School has raised just over \$1.8 million, the threshold needed to award bids for construction this summer.

Grace Lutheran School will get new doors, windows, roof, geo-thermal heating and air conditioning, and 6 classrooms remodeled this summer.

This campaign has moved at breakneck speed – we received our very first dollar in May of 2023. And today we’re over \$1.8 million in pledges. We cannot even begin to express our thanks to all of you who have shared your heart for Christian education.

While monies raised and pledged represent the bulk of the necessary funds for Phase 1, we will continue toward fully funding the project.

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@glsfargo.org.



The Gift of Jesus

Simple Gifts — LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

*For Zion's sake, I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.*

Isaiah 62:1

For too long stewardship has been a quiet thing, often thought of as something only between “me and Jesus.” Silent stewardship is less than faithful. In a desire to not want to seem “holier than thou” or that we are trying to make ourselves look better than we really are, we miss out on a powerful component of stewardship of the Gospel. Silent stewardship isn’t as contagious as visible stewardship.

Silent stewardship flies in the face of our call to make disciples of all nations. If someone had a cure for cancer but kept it to themselves, this selfishness would be viewed as criminal. To know how to end suffering and death and doing nothing to share it would be the height of irresponsibility. In the same way, the steward can’t keep silent! Now, this is not a call to make stewardship about us. Faithful stewardship is always about Jesus. But to hide the stewardship of the light of the Gospel under the bushel basket of false humility is not good either. As faithful stewards today, we visibly live out our stewardship in such a way that

points to Jesus.

The message of Jesus and the righteousness He has won for us is a torch that burns brightly in our sin-darkened world. While not talking about amounts and effort in stewardship, it is about pointing to the sufficiency of Jesus and His stewardship of His life, death and resurrection for us. As we live as faithful stewards of creation and joyfully crediting it all to the Lord, others see it. In this, they too will see Jesus and His righteousness for them! We can’t keep this quiet!

Prayer

Lord of creation, Your voice thundered into chaos and created everything we have. Your Word became flesh and we beheld glory. By Your grace, do not allow us to remain silent in proclaiming the Gospel. Lead us to be faithful and generous stewards. In this, keep us from being silent as You lead us to point others to Jesus so that they know the joy that has been freely given to us. Amen.



The month of March and the first week in April begins the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign. The Emergency Food Pantry in Fargo is once again participating in the March Campaign! All food and funds raised between February 26 and April 6 will be reported to Minnesota FoodShare. Each participating pantry will receive a proportional match based on all participating food shelves across Minnesota. Even though we are in Fargo, we serve Clay County so we qualify for this amazing opportunity! More information on the back of this page.

Emergency Food Pantry
1101 4th Ave N
Fargo, ND 58102



Donation Hours:
Monday - Friday
8am - 4pm

You can **HELP** fill our shelves



Canned fruit
Rice
Canned or
dried beans

Canned tuna
Pasta Sauce
Peanut butter
Canned
vegetables

Shampoo/Cond.
Body wash
Deoderant
Pet Food
Diapers



Come support Churches United at Crooked Pint in Fargo, for their
"Crooked Fundraiser Give-Back Event!"

Grab the family, and come dine-in and enjoy some delicious food,
all for a good cause!

When: March 25th

Time: 5:00 PM- Close

Where: Crooked Pint-Fargo: 3340 13th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103

Present your free voucher shown at the bottom of this email!

(Voucher must be presented at time of payment)

20% of the bill will go to Churches United and will allow our continuous
support to provide Safe Shelter, Stable Housing, Nutritious Food & A Path
Towards Healing for all of our guest, tenants, and community members!

Help us be here for every neighbor! We can't wait to see you all
there!

pizza &



puzzles

Pizza and Puzzle night!

Saturday, March 16 at 4pm

Puzzle teams will be given a 300 piece
puzzle to complete. The first team to do so,
wins! Pizza will also be served, please sign
up in the narthex, so we get enough! Please
bring a snack, side or dessert to share!

See you then!

**CROOKED FUNDRAISER
GIVE-BACK EVENT**

MONDAY MARCH 25, 2024
FARGO CROOKED PINT

MONDAY MARCH 25, 2024 FUNDRAISING

**20% OF THE
BILL**

SUPPORTS
CHURCHES UNITED FOR THE
HOMELESS

DINE-IN ONLY -
5:00 P.M. - CLOSE.

Must present this voucher at time of payment.
Valid only Monday March 25, 2024 at the Fargo Crooked Pint. Not valid with any other coupon or offer. Please
only distribute to members of your organization. Do not distribute at the restaurant on the day of the event.



**SUPPORT
CHURCHES UNITED
FOR THE HOMELESS**

701-298-8000 • crookedpint.com
3340 13th Avenue South • Fargo



In honor of
Meredith and Nathen
Wellumson

Saturday, April 6, 2024
11 am

Registered @ Target

MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH TV PROGRAM

This month provides us with the remembrance and celebration of the most precious Bible lessons of the church year: the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus, the Christ! May these Scriptural truths – of what our loving Creator God has done for us – never get too familiar in our ears that we might begin to take them for granted. Rather, they refresh and renew our faith with the sure hope of forgiveness and eternal life!

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 March 2024:

March 3rd: Rev. Thomas Puffe, St. John's Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, MN, and Zion Lutheran Church, Warren, MN, presents the message based on the text of John 2:13–22. **This Is the Life** program: *Betrayed*.

March 10th: Rev. Daniel Suelzle, Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message: *The Sign of Salvation* based on Numbers 21:4-9. **This Is the Life** program: *Aftermath*.

March 17th: Rev. Doug Thompson, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fisher, MN, and St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Euclid, MN, presents the message: *The Glory of Jesus* based on Mark 10:32-45. **This Is the Life** program: *Holy Land Tour pt. 1* – A video tour of locations in Jesus' earthly ministry, led by SD pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel.

March 24th: Rev. Michael Suelzle, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Devil's Lake, ND, Grace Lutheran Church, Lakota, ND, and St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Niagara, ND, presents the message: *Glory* based on John 12:20-43. **This Is the Life** program: *Holy Land Tour pt. 2* – A video tour of locations in Jesus' earthly ministry, led by SD pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel.

March 31st: Rev. Steven Turner, District President, LCMS Iowa District West, presents the message: *Jesus Lives! What does this mean?* based on Mark 16:1-8.

This Is the Life program: *Three Days*.

MAIN STREET LIVING is a locally-produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program (normally **This Is The Life**, along with occasional church-season specials). Programs are broadcast starting at 9 am CT on KVRN Channel 15.1; and at 10 am CT on WDAY Xtra Channel 6.3. Please check your cable and satellite providers for the corresponding channel on your system. MSLN programs are also archived for one year and can be viewed at any time on www.mainstreetliving.com then click on **Fargo**.



Church Office Hours

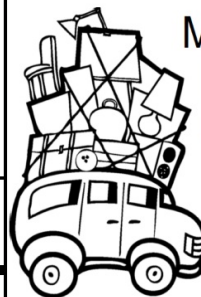
9 am – 3 pm
Monday – Friday

DEADLINES

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

Church Expense Summary as of 2/18/24

Deposits	\$ 59,252.19
Expenses Paid	\$ 58,310.99
Net Income	\$ 941.20
Missions Pledge	\$ 4,142.65
Missions Paid	\$ 0.00
Missions Owed	\$ 4,142.65



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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821 Fifth Avenue South
Fargo ND 58103



For Christ,
our
Passover
lamb, has
been
sacrificed.
1 Corinthians 5:7b

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Return Service Requested

Worship Schedule
Grace Lutheran Church
Sundays: 9:30 am Worship
10:50 am Education Hour



Lenten Midweeks

Tuesdays evenings:

3/5, 3/12, 3/19

Meal served @ 5:30

Service @ 6:30

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, 3/28

7 pm @ Immanuel

Good Friday, 3/29

7 pm @ Grace

Easter Sunday

9:30 am Service

Easter Fellowship

Following Service

Come and find rest in God's word of forgiveness and grace.

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BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

Donna Carlson – 1st
Bill Schuler – 2nd

Will Espe – 4th
Alissa Arndt – 5th
Bradley Hauschild – 5th
Hope Gullings – 7th
Diane Eichhorn – 8th
Mary Forman – 8th
Jolene Hettwer – 8th
Arylss Machado – 8th
Anna Sharbono – 8th
Tara Higgins – 9th

Brent Lougheed – 9th
Tyla Dahl-Monroe – 10th
Jon Smelser – 10th
Betty Wick – 10th
Sharon Kenney – 11th
Ethan Higgins – 12th
David Eichhorn – 17th
Chris Muchow – 18th
Brianna Isaak – 19th
Bradley Milligan – 20th

Kathy Kjos – 21st
Dawson Nichols – 21st
Daniel Rebsom – 21st
Alex Eichhorn – 22nd
Karen Bakke – 23rd
Eric Cameron – 23rd
Susan Eichhorn – 23rd
Quinn Hoag – 26th
Thor Cameron – 29th
McKenzie Hill – 29th

*Wedding
Anniversaries*
25th

Brandon & Terra Hettwer – 1st
Rick & Ramona Engel – 4th
Joshua & Dorothy Baumann – 12th
Jason & Angela Cavett Sobolik – 17th



Service	Elder
Sunday, March 3	Mark Herschlip
Tuesday, March 5	Ted Engelstad
Sunday, March 10	Mark Herschlip
Tuesday, March 12	Ted Engelstad
Sunday, March 17	Mark Herschlip
Tuesday, March 19	Ted Engelstad
Sunday, March 24	Mark Herschlip
Maundy Thursday, March 28	Maundy Thursday Service at Immanuel
Good Friday, March 29	Ted Engelstad
Easter Sunday March 31	Mark Herschlip

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LCMS MEN'S MINISTRY – FARGO

March 23: 9am - noon — Beautiful Savior
Jay Schaefer presenting on Main Street Living