

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.

## The Eighth Day

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

John 20:26

I'm not sure why English Bible translations of the last century have all taken a pass on this, but the ESV gives us a very literal translation. Maybe the others thought it was just too much information (TMI). Or a needless detail that might otherwise cloud up a very clear passage. The NIV just says "a week later" instead of "eight days later".

The Old Testament invests some significance in the eighth day. The covenant of circumcision was performed on the eighth day—the day when they became part of God's chosen people. When a leper thought that he was healed of his disease, he would show himself to the priest who could declare him to be clean only after eight days had passed. When Solomon's temple was built, the people celebrated for an entire week, and then the next day, the eighth day, the temple was dedicated, while the cloud of God's glory and His presence filled the Holy of Holies. The eighth day was set aside for consecration, for deliverance, for cleansing, for healing, for restoration. The eighth day is the start of something new....beyond the ordinary...even something extraordinary.

Easter is our eighth day. It is the beginning of something new. A new creation! The very One who created Adam on the sixth day and breathed into his flesh the breath of life, now suffers in His flesh on the cross and breathes His last on that

same day—Good Friday. The One who rested on the seventh day from all His work of creation, now rests in a tomb on that same day—Holy Saturday. The next day—the eighth day— sees angels greet the women at Jesus' empty tomb with these words: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen! Remember how He told you while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise" Luke 24:5-6. And the reason or purpose of this? St. Paul answers: "Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.... For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive" 1 Corinthians 15:20, 22.

Since the early church we gather on the anniversary of the resurrection for worship. Every Lord's Day is an eighth day. It is the beginning of a new creation. The hope of eternal life! On this day the Lord gives his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation to sustain us into everlasting life. In the divine service and through the word and sacraments – He consecrates, restores, and dedicates people like you and me to Himself forever.

Happy eight day! Live in the new life that never ends! And all of us sustained by God.

— Pastor Wornal



Grace would like to recognize those members graduating from high school or college. If you know of a member who will be graduating this spring, please call or email the church office by May 20 with their name, school, future plans, etc.



Phone: 232-1516  
email: glcfargo@gmail.com  
Thank you for your help!



Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4) the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions fund the district and national mission grants of the LWML.

In May the LWML is collecting for a "Virtual Mite Walk." For just a \$1 a day for the month of May you will be contributing towards the LWML ND mission grant goals. Simply place \$31 in the envelope marked LWML Mite Walk located in the Narthex of the Church. Please make checks payable to the *Grace Lutheran LWML*.

On May 16 we will have Lutherans for Life speaker at 7 pm with the business meeting starting at 6.

Our District convention is June 14–16 in Bismarck.

Sheryl Jones  
LWML President

**May circle meetings:**

- Tues., May 2: 7 pm @ church (L. Sommerfeld)
- Sat., May 4: 9 am @ Church (open)
- Fri., May 17 6 pm @ (open)

**Missionaries . . .** Paul & Ali Federwitz  
Main Street Living N Ashley Lehr

**Mission of the Month . . .** DBGR

**Upcoming events . . .**

- Tues., May 7: Mite Box Tuesday
- Sun., May 12: Mite Box Sunday
- Sat., May 16: 6 pm General Meeting  
7 pm Lutherans for Life Speaker
- Sun., May 19: Friday Circle serves treats



The Human Care Board would like to thank everyone for your generous donations to the Food Pantry March Campaign. A total of 155 lbs. of miscellaneous items were collected for the campaign. The collected donations will be matched through Minnesota FoodShare. There is a strong need at this time for personal hygiene items as well as cleaning supplies.

The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to help fill the carts for their clients. In recent years the number of volunteers have gone down but the number of clients are up. If anyone is willing to help they can call the Food Pantry directly at 237-9337 and set up a day to help. They would appreciate any help you can give.  
Board of Human Care



*Let us run with perseverance the race set before us. . .*

**Fargo Marathon, 2024!!**

Grace Lutheran Church will sponsor an aid station for the Fargo Marathon on Saturday, June 1.

A minimum of 20 volunteers are needed. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex and/or talk to a member of the Board of Fellowship to sign up.

Last year over 3,000 runners passed our church and received water, Powerade, and encouragement from Grace!

God has blessed us with a wonderful opportunity to be a blessing to our community!

**Time commitment: 7:30 am — 1:30 pm**

May is a busy time at Grace Lutheran School. We're taking field trips, packing Mercy Meals, signing yearbooks, cleaning out desks and lockers, and generally enjoying the nice weather. This year is bittersweet, as our students will return to a fully remodeling building this fall. One thing will not be changing – our mission: Christ, Character, Community.

You are invited to Graduation ceremonies on Sunday, May 19th at 4:30 pm at the school. We have 14 kindergartners and seven 8th grade students graduating this year. Cake and beverages will be served after the ceremony.

Then on Tuesday, May 21 at 1 pm, come on over to the school for the Growing Together in Grace construction groundbreaking ceremony. All are invited to this momentous event!

Pasta With a Purpose Spaghetti Dinner was a great success. Thank you all for joining us to raise funds for new furnishings around the building. A complete wrap-up will be in next month's newsletter.

### More Than a Negative

Even if you've never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie?

Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without technically lying. You tell just enough of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing how close we can get to sinning without technically going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the commandments. He's not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. We shouldn't just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our



### Growing Together in Grace Capital Improvement Campaign Update May 2024

The Growing Together in Grace capital improvement campaign is in the hom stretch. Our current goal is to raise the next \$300,000 by May 15th, just a few short weeks away. Financing is in the works and construction begins May 28th. In almost exactly one year, \$1.93 million has been raised. Please continue to pray that we would bring people to the project and that full funding will be provided in His timing.

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](http://www.glsfargo.org). Questions? Contact Amy Hirsch at 701-232-7747 or [amy.hirsch@glfargo.org](mailto:amy.hirsch@glfargo.org).



relationship with him:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers and your friends is one of the most precious gifts you have been given. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time and income. This is an especially fragile gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back.

But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.

Board of Stewardship

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

**1-1-1 Mission Giving**

Recently someone asked if our 1-1-1 mission giving was still active. The answer is YES!!! If you haven't heard of it, the 1-1-1 Mission Giving is a simple way for you to give to our District missions such as Wittenberg Chapel, Main Street Living, Youth Ministry, Church Worker Financial Aid, Shepherd's Hill Retreat, Christ's Care for Children — Kenya, and the Chile Partnership. Just think – 1 dollar per 1 baptized member every week. \$52 per member per year can really add up and support our missions. Each LCMS ND District church should have a box and brochures on 1-1-1. If you have questions or need brochures or a box for your church, call Tami at 701-360-1469.



**Congregations' Status Pres. Arie Bertsch**

St. Peter, Belfield: vacancy  
(Rev. Anthony Ahrendt)

Redeemer, Grassy Butte: vacancy  
(Rev. Michael Wolters)

Crosspointe, Fargo: Applying for a seminary candidate  
(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: Associate Pastor vacancy

Grace, Carrington: Applying for a seminary candidate  
(Rev. Tom Eckstein)

Zion, Binford; Grace, Cooperstown: Applying for a seminary candidate  
(Rev. Bob Hill)

Bethlehem/St. John, Upham; Zion, Kramer; Faith, Towner: vacancy  
(Rev. Carlyle Roth and Rev. Rick Jones)

Zion, Bismarck: Seminary Student Vincent Otto called as Associate Pastor, installation TBD

Beautiful Savior, Fargo: Associate Pastor vacancy

**Pastors and DCE'S**

Rev. Michael Suelzle, St. Peter, Devil's Lake; Grace, Lakota; St. Andrew, Niagara has accepted a call to Grace, Fargo.

Rev. Brian Doel, Our Savior, Minot has accepted a call to St. Peter, Portage, IN.

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

**INCOME**

Congregational Mission Giving	\$57,631.15
Less Synodical Pledge (35%)	(20,170.90)
<b>Net Congregational Mission Giving</b>	<b>\$37,460.25</b>
Other Unrestricted Gifts	1,695.33
1-1-1 Mission Giving	650.00
Current gifts/fees for missions	3,977.06
<b>Available Income</b>	<b>\$43,782.69</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Local Missions and Committee Activities:	\$20,298.67
(Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	
Congregational Support/Operating Exp.	30,565.77
(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	0.00
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.)	

<b>Current Expenses</b>	<b>\$50,874.44</b>
<b>NET OPERATING LOSS FOR MARCH</b>	<b>(\$7,091.75)</b>
Past Funds Given used for Current Expenses	

<b>Year To Date NET INCOME</b>	<b>(\$14,446.74)</b>
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March giving was on the low end of average, which means income is still a bit behind where I would like it. Expenses were pretty normal and the loss gap is more manageable this month.

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 March 31, 2024:

Christ's Care for Children - Kenya	\$25.00/\$0.00
Chile Mission	\$25.00/\$0.00
Shepherd's Hill Retreat	\$50.00/\$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 MEDIA MINISTRY — May 2024 Update**

*SO SHALL MY WORD BE that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:11*

These are exceedingly reassuring words, and all the more as the world seems to increasingly crumble around us! May God continue to bless the words sent out through our MSLN TV broadcasts and internet pathways!

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](http://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 May 2024:**


**May 5:** Vicar Jonathan Chapa, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN, presents the message: *What A Friend That We Have...* based on John 15:9–17. **This Is the Life** program: *How Come a Nice Girl Like You?*

**May 12:** Rev. Jim Neubauer, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Park Rapids, MN, presents the message: *More Than Meets the Eye* based on Acts 1:1–11. **This Is the Life** program: *A Will to Live*.

**May 19:** Rev. Steve Schulz, from Mission Central in Mapleton, IA presents a message titled: *The Spirit of Truth* based on Acts 2:1–21. For more information visit: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com). **This Is the Life** program: *Man in the Middle*.

**May 26:** Chaplain Craig G. Muehler, Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces in St. Louis, MO presents a Memorial weekend message. For more information visit: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com). **This Is the Life** program: *Return Trip*.

**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 at 9:00am Central time on FOX station KVRN Fargo-Moorhead Channel 15.1, AND at 10:00am Central on WDAY Xtra Channel 6.3 Fargo-Moorhead – as well as the cable and satellite systems carrying these stations, some of which may have a different channel number, and archived on [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) (then click on “North (Fargo)”)



Sunday, May 19, Estelle Arndt, Henry Eichhorn, Sarah Hankel, and Adelyne Sharbono will be confirmed. Please keep these 4 young people in your prayers.

*Carnation*  
*Sunday*  
*May 12*

Beginning April 21, stop by the table before or after church to place an order and write a note for a carnation or a rose for someone. Carnations will be \$3 a stem, roses will be \$5 a stem. We will hand out the flowers on May 12 during church. Afterwards we will be delivering flowers to local nursing homes.



# OFFICE HOURS

9 am – 3 pm; Monday – Friday  
Deadlines: Bulletin – Noon on Wednesday – Newsletter – Noon on the 20th

<b>Church Expense Summary as of 4/19/24</b>			
Deposits	\$ 110,875.93	Mission Pledge	\$ 9,729.04
Expenses Paid	<u>\$ 106,782.76</u>	Missions Paid	\$ 7,000.00
Net	\$ 4,093.17	Missions Owed	\$ 2,729.04
<b>Growing Together in Grace Update</b>			
Pledged:	\$ 80,500	Raised:	\$ 13,430.66



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



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*You keep him in perfect peace  
 whose mind is stayed on you,  
 because he trusts in you.*  
*Isaiah 26:3*

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Return Service Requested

*Worship Schedule at  
 Grace Lutheran Church  
 Sundays: Worship - 9:30 am  
 Education Hour - 10:50 am  
 Tuesdays: Worship 7 pm Vespers  
 Come and find rest in God's word  
 of forgiveness and grace.*

# MAY

## 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

April 2024							June 2024							1	2	3	4
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S				
1	2	3	4	5	6								1		7 am Men's Bible Study @ Randy's Too, WF		9 am Circle (Open)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	9	10	11	12	13	14	15				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		7 pm Circle (L. Sommerfeld)		
28	29	30					23	24	25	26	27	28	29				
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5	9:15 am Prayer Group 9:30 am Divine Service 2 10:50 am Education Hour	6	9 am Mission Workers  7 pm Women's Bible Study  7 pm Elders Meeting	7	7 pm Divine Service 2 / Communion	8		9	<b>Ascension Day</b> 7 am Men's Bible Study @ Randy's Too, WF  7 pm Ascension Day Service @ Immanuel	10		11					
12	<i>Mother's Day</i> 9:15 am Prayer Group 9:30 am Divine Service 2 / Communion 10:50 am Education Hour	13	9 am Mission Workers  7 pm Women's Bible Study	14	7 pm Vespers	15		16	7 am Men's Bible Study @ Randy's Too, WF  LWML 6 pm Meeting 7 pm Program	17	6 pm Circle (TBD)	18					
19	<b>Confirmation Sunday</b> 9:15 am Prayer Group 9:30 am Divine Service 2 / Communion 10:50 am Education Hour	20	9 am Mission Workers  7 pm Women's Bible Study	21	7 pm Vespers	22		23	7 am Men's Bible Study @ Randy's Too, WF	24		25					
26	9:15 am Prayer Group 9:30 am Divine Service 2 10:50 am Education Hour	27	<b>Memorial Day Observed</b> Church Office Closed	28	7 pm Vespers	29		30	7 am Men's Bible Study @ Randy's Too, WF	31							





Lisa Heap - 1st  
 Dottie Sincebaugh - 2nd  
 Michele Thomaier - 2nd  
 Travis Wang - 3rd

Amy Muchow - 6th  
 Austin Smith - 6th  
 Lois Agather - 7th  
 Mike Benusa - 11th  
 Tim Gullings - 11th  
 Chris Lougheed - 11th  
 Corey Abraham - 12th  
 Todd Funfar - 12th  
 Jane Harrison - 13th  
 Kyler Hamdan - 15th  
 Keeley Eichhorn - 18th

Samantha Crabill - 20th  
 Taylor Hill - 20th  
 Jerry Link - 20th  
 Jim Crabill - 22nd  
 Ronda Suelzle - 22nd  
 Stephanie Basol-Ells - 23rd  
 William Lange - 24th  
 Vicki Finnie - 26th  
 Gary Groom - 27th  
 Dayna Strecker - 29th  
 Shannon Hoag - 31st

Brent & Karen Lougheed - 4th  
 Jerry & Shelley (Dahl) Monroe - 12th  
 Rick & Chris Winter - 12th  
 Gary & Linda Wang - 18th  
 Harry & Pam Smith - 20th  
 Jeff & Karen Hankel - 21st  
 Charles & Natalie Ramsett - 28th



Service	Elder
Sunday, May 5	Jim Nitschke
Tuesday, May 7	Gene Sommerfeld
Sunday, May 12	Jim Nitschke
Tuesday, May 14	Gene Sommerfeld
Sunday, May 19	Jim Nitschke
Tuesday, May 21	Gene Sommerfeld
Sunday, May 26	Jim Nitschke
Tuesday, May 28	Gene Sommerfeld



*We're installing a new Pastor*

**Join us as we Welcome Pastor Mike Suelzle!  
 Sunday, June 2; 4 pm Installation Service**

**Potluck meal following the installation service for Pastor Mike Suelzle. 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!**