

Grace Lutheran Church
is a caring community
of disciples,
proclaiming the
good news of
Jesus Christ.

Grace Notes

February 2018

Greetings in Christ to my newest friends, my sisters and brothers of Grace!

Being with you all is a joy, and I truly appreciate that you have accepted me into your congregation and have agreed to teach me along the way. My heart is taken by the chance to live a life for the people of the Church. More than almost anything, I want to be there for you and to be what you need me to be. I have a great deal to learn as we move forward. So, thank you ahead of time for all the lessons. And apologies for all the mistakes.

We will get to know each other over the next few months, but here is a bit of my story: the most important thing about me is that I am a papa to an ever-growing 6 year old girl, Lilia, and married to Molly, a professor of Tropical Forest Ecology at MTU. It is only because of them that I know anything about love. The second most important thing is that I am a Lutheran Christian in seminary at Luther in St. Paul, MN, and I love our Church! If you want to know anything else, want to talk or need me in some capacity, come find me... by email, phone or in person. I will be there for you.

As we bump into each other around town or in church, please stop me and introduce yourself. Again and again. It will take me a while to learn your names, so please let me know who you are. I will thank you for the introduction every time. And if you have any pointers for me, recommendations for who to get to know, tips on how to give a sermon, advice on how to slow down the service (or speed it up), let me know. I want your help and can (probably) handle a critique.

This is a new beginning for me and for you in many ways. We have dreams. I dream about trying new programs and learning to care for our church. I want to see our young people preach during the children's sermons from time to time. I foresee us becoming a resource for the abused and the vulnerable in the Copper Country. And I hope to see workshops on how to deepen our Christian spirituality and carry that into our communities. There are many more dreams to be had, and where we go, ultimately, is not up to me. If you have a dream, please share it and let us see if we can make that dream for the Church a reality.

Who knows what the future holds for us? I know I do not know. We have a great deal of hope and possibility before us.

With gratitude,
Micah

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Coming to Grace Lutheran Church

God is generous! Wonderful things are happening in our church. God's Word is being proclaimed and we are sharing our lives together doing Christ's work in this world. It is all about God's Grace!

Now let's see what God is doing as we "Welcome, Worship, and Witness."

Over the next six weeks, our congregations will think together about God's gifts and our Christian response to this amazing Grace.

On Stewardship Sunday, March 18th, we will all be asked to make a financial pledge for the coming year. We will celebrate God's generosity! It is important for all of us to reflect on our personal giving to God's work in this church. How can we grow personally and as a congregation in response to God's Grace? What is God calling me to give? How does my offering reflect my own belief in a generous God?

A luncheon to thank you for your generosity will follow worship on Sunday, March 18th. You are warmly encouraged to attend.

Our stewardship ministry continues to focus on God. Your generous response will provide the resources to build our ministries together.

God is at work in this congregation, this community, the Northern Great Lakes Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

*I thank my God every time I remember you,
constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you,
because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.
I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you
will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.*

~ Philippians 1:3-6



Kiitos Paljon



Thank you to Joe DeForge, Tom Savola, and Matt Dompier for shoveling the church roof.

Notes from the office

Would you like to start receiving a weekly devotion from the church office on Mondays? Please send Katie your name and email address.

Newsletter items are due in the office the last week of the month.

Please save your Econo receipts and return them to a box in the library. Grace receives 1% of the total receipts.

If we do not have your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.

Birthdays

Savanna Jarriel 4

Amanda Krznarich 5

Tina Sten 5

Sandra Maki 17

Kevin Semmens 18

Cheryl Bloom 21

Paul Wightman 21

Mason Bukovich 24

Anniversaries

Tom and Cheryl Stimac
Feb. 10th

GAMES AT GRACE

Join us for games every Thursday starting at 12:30pm, with a light lunch, followed by games until 3:00pm.

This event is open to all – anyone from the community is invited.

COME
ONE ★ **ALL!**
COME

Quilters

Wednesday,
Feb. 7th & 21st

Knit, Pray, Crochet

Every Tuesday,
1:00pm
All are welcome.

Lenten Service and Soup Supper Schedule

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, Feb. 14th
Service at 6:30pm

Starting Feb. 21st
Soup Supper at 5:30pm
Lenten Services at 6:30pm

Feb. 21st ~ Soup supper hosted by LCW

Feb. 28th ~ Soup supper hosted by Choir

Mar. 7th ~ Soup supper

Mar. 14th ~ Soup supper

Mar. 21st ~ Soup supper

March 25th Palm Sunday

March 30th Good Friday

April 1st Easter

The logo features a purple cross with a white outline, positioned to the left of the word "Lenten" in a large, bold, black serif font. Below "Lenten" is the phrase "Meal & Services" in a smaller, purple, sans-serif font.

Lenten
Meal & Services



February Worship Text

Sunday, February 4
Mark 1:29-39
The healing of Peter's
mother-in-law.

Sunday, February 11
John 9:2-9
Christ revealed as
God's beloved Son.

Sunday, February 18
Mark 1:9-15
The temptation
of Jesus.

Sunday, February 25
Mark 8:31-38
The passion
prediction.

Lutheran Dictionary

by: Walter Lieder
Concordia Publishing House
Saint Louis, Missouri

Christian Education: Instruction in the teachings of the Bible, at every age level, and training in Christian living. Agencies of Christian education are the Christian home (parents), the parochial school, Sunday school, confirmation instruction, Bible class, preaching.

Decrees of God: God's eternal decrees, or purposes, which could not and cannot be prevented; they are creation, redemption, and predestination.

Transept: In a cross-shaped church, the part forming the cross section; also, either of the two arm like divisions of this, one on each side of the nave.

The Word: 1. The Bible, as God's message to man. 2. Christ, the divine Word, through whom the Father revealed Himself.

**Join us for Fellowship on Sunday, February 4th.
Our Grace Lutheran Confirmation Class will be hosting
the fellowship hour. Your donations will go to help
finance Copper Country Autism Awareness.**

Copper Country Autism Awareness is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded by four grandparents of a child with autism who decided to do something to help families living with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Since then the organization has grown to include many members who volunteer their time and are devoted to promoting awareness of the issues and challenges faced by those affected by ASD and who seek to provide support to all who are living with these disorders, their families, as well as the educators, medical professionals and volunteers who provide assistance to those in the Copper Country who are affected.

<http://www.ccautismawareness.org/>

**Acolytes
in
training**



Grace
Lutheran is a
member
of the
Evangelical
Lutheran
Church
in America.

Range VFW
Breakfast
Every Wednesday,
9am to 11am
\$6.00

Our Hearts to Their Homes

Nancy Harris at home
Susan Koskela at home
Delores Paavola at home
Elaine Aro at Gardenview
Eleanor Maki at the Bluffs
Jan Mikkola at the Bluffs
Amanda Mountjoy at home
Laurel Johnson at Lighthouse
Bill & Sandra Mannisto at home





Gentle Reminder

The office and financial staff do not work on
Sunday mornings. Thanks for respecting their
worship time with their families.

Service Workers for February

	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 25	
Counters					
Fellowship	Confirmation Class			Potluck	
Ushers					
Acolyte & Bell Ringer	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth	
Communion Assistant					
Reader					
Sunday School	Janet Kokko	Heather Aro	Janet Kokko	Chris DeForge	


 taste
 and see
 that THE
 LORD
 is good.
 Psalm 34:8

Thanks to those
 who provide food
 and/or serve at
 the funeral luncheons.


Thanks to those who
 bring food for the
 fellowship hour.

January Council Highlights

The Nominating Committee reported the following: council member, Jan Maierle; Fortune Lake delegates, Emily Raffaelli and Lisa Raffaelli; delegates for Fall Conference, Jeanine Bailod and Katie Bridgers (2 more needed), and Synod delegates 2 needed which we will need to open up from the floor at the annual meeting.

The constitution was reviewed at a special meeting on January 7th and approved. A second vote will be at the annual meeting.

The 2018 Budget was reviewed and has been revised because the parsonage maintenance needed additions.

Micah will be starting February 1st. Our Grace internship committee has not been officially formed.

The Ash Wednesday service will be on Feb. 14th at 6:30pm. Wednesday Lenten services are at 6:30pm, with soup supper at 5:30pm, starting Feb. 21st. We will coordinate the Holy Week schedule at a later date with First Lutheran and Vicar Micah.

Joe moved that we replace February and March local benevolence with S.K.Y (Simple Kindness for Youth) and C.C. Autism. Pam seconded the motion with all in favor.

Pam stated that she has already read the Social Statement booklet "Women in Justice" and that she encourages everyone to at least read the first nine pages when it is our turn to read it!

Grace Lutheran Congregational Contact Information

Volunteer Coordinators

Acolytes/Bell Ringers	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Altar Duty	Chris Davis	482-5567
Communion	Chris DeForge	482-8068
Counters	Marianne Bohjanen	482-8459
Funeral Servers	Patty Savola	281-5100
Readers	Cheryl Stimac	281-7909
Fellowship	Carolyn Rundman	482-6344
Ushers	Pam Long	482-4065
Greeters	Heather Aro	482-0341
Ride Coordinator	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Office Volunteers	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Gardening	Janet Kokko	482-2368

Building & Grounds Maintenance



Paul Bridgers	482-3665	Dave Aro	487-6161
Tom Stimac	281-7910	Joe DeForge	482-8068
	Heather Aro	482-0341	

Parsonage Maintenance

Paul Bridgers	482-3665	Dave Aro	487-6161
Katie Bridgers	482-2011	Cheryl Stimac	281-7909

Grace Lutheran Council

Cheryl Stimac (President)	281-7909
Joe DeForge (Vice President)	482-8068
Laurie Aho (Treasurer)	482-0817
Micah Cavaleri (Vicar)	
Heather Aro (Secretary)	482-0341
Chris Bohjanen	(482-8459)
Pam Long	(482-4065)
Janet Kokko	(482-2368)
Dave Aro	(487-6161)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:30 Exercise 12:30 Games at Grace	2 8:00 AA	3
4 9:45 Choir 10:00 Sunday School & Confirmation 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship hosted by Grace Confirmation Class	5 	6 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet 6:30 Worship and Music Meeting	7 10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 3:00 ASP	8 10:30 Exercise 12:30 Games at Grace	9 8:00 AA	10
11 9:45 Choir 10:00 Sunday School & Confirmation 11:00 Worship 4:00 – 6:00 “Let’s Eat”	12 12:00 LCW	13 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet 1:00 Primetimers at Rockhouse 6:30 Council	14 10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 3:00 ASP 6:30 Ash Wednesday Worship Service	15 10:30 Exercise 12:30 Games at Grace	16 8:00 AA	17
18 9:45 Choir 10:00 Sunday School & Confirmation 11:00 Worship	19 4:00 Prayer Service	20 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	21 10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 3:00 ASP 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Lent Service	22 10:30 Exercise 12:30 Games at Grace	23 8:00 AA	24
25 9:30 Choir 10:00 Sunday School & Confirmation 11:00 Worship 12:00 Potluck	26 	27 10:30 Exercise 1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	28 10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 2:00 Nursing Home Visits 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Lent Service			

Have you seen our Grace Lutheran monthly calendar?

We have so many different types of activities.

Have you tried some of them?

We have something for everyone!

Join us for some of our Grace Lutheran activities.

All are welcome.

Worship: Sunday morning at 11am

Sunday School: Sunday mornings, at 10:00am (Sept. to May)

Choir Rehearsal: Sunday mornings, at 9:45am (Sept. to May)

After School Program: Wednesdays, 3pm to 5pm (Sept. to May)

Confirmation Classes: Sunday mornings, at 10:00am (Sept. to May)

Knit, Pray, Crochet: Tuesdays at 1:00pm

Quilting: first and third Wednesday at 1:00pm

Prayer Service: third Monday at 4:00pm

Lutheran Church Women: second Monday at 12:00pm

Cup of Grace: Wednesday mornings, at 10:00am

Bible Study: Wednesday mornings, at 11:00am

From the Foot Up exercise: Tues. & Thurs. at 10:30am

Games at Grace: Thursdays, at 12:30pm

“Let’s Eat”: FREE community meal, second Sunday, 4-6pm

AA: Fridays, at 8:00pm

