

Grace Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Worship Services

Sunday 10:30 am & Sunday School

Bible Class 9am

Contemporary 4:30

A Letter from our Pastor...

Peace to you. Do you want a change in your life? Politicians talk a great deal about change these days. Is change good or bad? That depends doesn't it? If your housing payment triples—that is change right? Bad change. If gas prices drop from \$5.50 to \$ 5.00—that is change right? Good change. If the amount of sin in your life triples—that is change right? Bad change. If the price paid for your sin drops from a death sentence to freedom—that is change right? An amazing, wonderful and gracious change. Go ahead, wish for change in your life but be careful what you wish for. Pray for positive change. Hope for Christ's miraculous change which leads to eternal life. Do you need a change in your life? We all need the saving change that God freely offers. May you see the joy of God's truth and seek the source of truly, lasting and meaningful change. Amen.

Have you heard the question: "Have you given up smoking? Oh yes—a dozen times." It's kind of like that with sin isn't it? Have you given up sin? Oh yes—dozens and dozens of times. As many times as we repent, just as many times we have been sucked back into the addiction to sin. Our sinful nature has a nicotine like grip on us. God, have you given up your grip on our sin? Oh yes, dozens and dozens of times. My son has paid the price for your sin so when I look at a believer in Christ my mighty hands open wide and the sin falls to the ground and I welcome the repentant into my loving arms. I try to pass along my wisdom to try to protect you from the next bout with the intoxicating appeal of temptation. Turn to Christ. Accept his grace. Amen.

What is life? To some life is theirs and they will do with it what they like. This is a very dangerous mistake. It leads to throwing a life away when faced with an unwanted pregnancy. Even for you who have made this gravely sad choice—God is not willing to compound the problem by throwing away your life. He loves you deeply and longs to console your pain. With repentance he is there to graciously wipe clean your sin. He patiently waits for you to offer you new life in Christ. If you are struggling with the decision of what to do about the life growing inside you or suffering from the result of not accepting the gift of life, talk to someone at a church or Pregnancy Center. The center cares about your life like God does and the life of your child. Support is available no matter what stage you are in the process. What is life? It is a miraculous gift from God. It is not ours to decide what to do with it. Accept God's love and leading in your life and you will never regret it. Amen.

Do you remember Jonah? Yeah the guy who was swallowed by the great fish...

... Do you remember that he was a prophet of God, although not a very good prophet at all. He had a very cushy calling with high pay and great benefits,... until God got in the way. God told him to go to the wicked, wicked city of Ninevah. What did Jonah do? He hired a boat and went the opposite direction. How did that work out? God caught up with him in the form of a great storm and was thrown into the sea of the great fish. Finally, God had Jonah's attention in the belly of the whale. Finally, Jonah said, "OK God, what do you want with me?" What will it take for God to get your attention? Does it take a great storm to blow you in the right direction? God does not require that you go to the depths before revealing Himself to you. He lovingly shows Himself to you day after day. But if you insist on running away, He does have other ways of getting your attention. Your choice. Amen.

The Quiet Power of Faithfulness

The greatest forces in the universe are rarely spectacular. Gentle summer showers often do more lasting good than hurricanes, though they draw little attention. The world depends on the faithfulness, loyalty and dedication of countless people whose names are never known.

Every life, no matter how humble, has a role in shaping a better world and a more beautiful tomorrow. It is easy to overvalue what seems impressive and underestimate what appears ordinary. Yet lasting change is most often built through quiet commitment, patient service and faithful hearts doing what matters most, day after day.

From Gratitude to Faithful Praise

Gratitude is the beginning of faith; faith leads us to the ultimate gratitude. Gratitude is often the first quiet step of faith. Before answers come, before circumstances change, gratitude teaches the heart to notice God's presence and provision. Scripture reminds us, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, KJV). Giving thanks, even in uncertain moments, opens our eyes to God's faithfulness already at work.

As gratitude grows, it naturally leads us into deeper trust. When we remember what God has done, faith finds solid ground. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1, KJV). Gratitude strengthens that hope by anchoring it in God's past mercies. Each thankful prayer becomes a reminder that the same God who carried us before will carry us again.

Faith, in turn, leads us to ultimate gratitude, not just for blessings received, but for God himself. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV). This gratitude reaches beyond circumstances and rests in Christ, the greatest gift of all. When gratitude begins our journey and faith guides our steps, our hearts learn lasting praise, thankful not only for what God gives, but for who he is.



Cares Committee & Volunteers

When: Wednesday, June 17

Time: noon to 2:00pm

Where: Grace Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall



We'll be preparing the upcoming Birthday cards for July, August and September. Once again, if time permits I'd also like us to make up cards for our shut-in's and others that we haven't seen in church for awhile.

Preschool

And that is a wrap! Preschool finished the school year at the end of May. We ended the year with a graduation and a field trip to the park. It was so wonderful to invite our families together for graduation to celebrate all that these students accomplished and overcame.

It is amazing to look back to September and seeing how much this group has grown this year. We got lots of learning in and had fun while doing it!

Thank you for your support as a church! Whether it was through donating supplies, volunteer in the classroom or praying for our preschool, all of it is so appreciated.



**Volunteers Needed
Please come join us!**

**July 27-31
9am to noon**

Register online:
blainegracelutheran.com

Grace Budget Draft Summary	2026 Actual Jan—April	2026 Budget Jan—April
Income	104,180	85,882
Expenses	81,950	94,946
Excess Revenue / (Shortfall)	22,230	(9,064)

Servants	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
ACOLYTES	Caeden	Caeden	Caeden	Caeden
ALTAR COMMITTEE	Linda	Linda	Linda	Linda
SCRIPTURE READERS	Joan Gregory	Sandie Miller	Caeden	Kristi Galbraith
COMMUNION ASST.	Dick Johnson		Dennis Wildermuth	
PIANIST	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus
ORGANIST	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson
USHERS	Dan Persse	Caeden	Dick Johnson	Jon Huffman
SLIDES	Caeden	Steve Galbraith	Steve Roe	Patty



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Secretary Summer Office Hours Mon - Thu 8:30am—9:30am	1	2	3	4	5	6
	————— Pastor Vacation —————					
7 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship w. Communion & Sunday School 4:30 Contemporary	8	9 Circuit Meeting	10	11 Men's Club 4:30pm	12	13
	————— Pastor Vacation —————					
14 9:30 Worship Service 4:30 Contemporary	15	16	17 Cares Committee noon	18	19	20
	————— Pastor Vacation —————					
21 Father's Day 9:30 Worship w. Communion 4:30 Contemporary Family Dinner	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 Worship Service 4:30 Contemporary	29	30				

BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 David Craig | 16 Shauna Johnson | 24 Rika Kent |
| Glen Hagen | 18 Treasa (Berg) Scott | 25 Karin Wildermuth |
| 2 Nisha Buksh | Dan Delong | Sarah Day |
| 8 Alexander Tucker | 20 Pat Hinchey | 26 Jane Woods |
| 9 Jim Higby | 21 Cindy Vogt | Jason VanderYacht |
| Ryan Johnson | Luke Liebert | Caryn Johnson |
| 10 Nancy Vogee | 22 David Halldorson | 28 Lindsay (Delong) Tucker |
| 11 Lydia Pomerening | Shannon VanderYacht | 30 Melissa McWilliams |
| 15 Kirsti Berge | 23 Andrew Galbraith | Elsie Jussel |
| | Pat Bucknam | |



ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Bruce & Lynne Shelton
- 19 Jim & Carolyn Higby