



*The Newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church*

*June 2025*



**June**  
**Worship:**

**Sundays:**  
9:00 am

**Wednesday Worship**  
Will resume in September

**SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING**  
June 1 following Worship to discuss and vote on the extra costs of the sidewalk and retaining wall. Legacy has prepared a bid of \$3,000 to do this work. We will go through the quote with the congregation, allow for questions and then call for the vote.  
Please plan to attend the meeting.



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# FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Grace Lutheran Family,

I am still writing my stories on my blank pages. Are you? I am so thankful to God for granting me 151 stories to write. I am now left with 214. This month, I shared news from the mission field.

Three months ago, we asked you to assist with a donation to purchase cement bags for the school roof in Liberia. You came through with your donations. Thank you! Today, we have placed all the beams in position to install the aluminum zinc. This is a significant development for the mission.

Additionally, I would like to share Peter's story from the mission field. Peter (not his real name, to protect his identity), a 13-year-old boy who helped his mother sell in the community, came to the school in Liberia and declared his intention to attend school. After a brief conversation with him and his parents, the school administrators discovered that Peter was not in school because he could not afford tuition. Today, Peter is in school because he received a 100 % scholarship. Thank you for your sponsorship.

Please consider contributing to the following to fulfil this life-changing mission:

1. The total cost to put a roof on the school is \$23,795.00.
2. Total tuition for a child is \$150.00.

Your contribution can be made by writing a check to CLIM and sending it to Changing Lives International Ministry, %Grace Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 667, Parker, SD 57053. Your prayers and financial gifts are highly appreciated.

Pastor Henrique

Tuition Assistance Needed



Roof Needed





## **Message from Church Council President, Joel Plucker**

Deuteronomy 6: 4-7, "O Israel, listen: Jehovah is our God, Jehovah alone. You must love him with all your heart, soul and might. And you must think constantly about these commandments I am giving you today. You must teach them to your children and talk about them when you are at home or out for a walk; at bedtime and first thing in the morning.

I would like to begin by saying congratulations to our 6 young people who were confirmed on the 1st Sunday in May. Even though they have successfully completed confirmation classes, it is important for them to continue to grow in their faith just as we all must do. So our job is to continue to support these young people and be examples for them.

I want to say thanks to those who supported this mission by being mentors this past year. I had the opportunity to be a mentor to 3 young men and enjoyed spending time with them. I don't know how much I taught them, but for me, I hope that they are able to look at me as a friend and that God will help me to inspire them to grow in Christ.

I would like to say thank you as well to the Milestone Committee for a very special recognition service for our graduates. Thank you as well to those who helped with the blanket project for these young people.

That same Sunday, I had the honor of participating in the special baptism of Jaylea miller. For many of us, we are unable to actually remember our baptismal day since we were only infants at the time. Hopefully this will always be a special memory for Jaylea and her family.

The tentative plan is to hold an outdoor service on June 29th. Stay tuned for more details. I hope you can all make it.

For now, remember that your life may be the only Bible some people read. Live your life accordingly. Until next month, may God bless you all.

Joel



**What:** Parker Community VBS

“Yee HaW”

**Who:** VBS is open to kids 4 yrs – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

(Must be 4 by June 1<sup>st</sup>)



**Date:** Friday, June 13 5pm-8pm

Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> -10am-12:30pm

**Where:** Grace Lutheran Church

The program is **FREE** – please register by **June 11th.**

Registration & VBS times available online:

<https://vbspro.events/p/5d4ae4>

**Contact:** Missy Gillespie at 1-605-201-5575 or [mjlbgiespie@gmail.com](mailto:mjlbgiespie@gmail.com)

**Mailing Address for Grace Lutheran Church**

Please use **Box 667** if you are having anything mailed to the church.  
Thank you.



**Address for Landon Leberman**

Landon will be in Syria until August

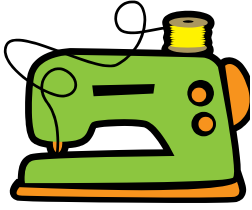
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TF Defender, C-Cram B BTRY, 2-218<sup>th</sup> FAR  
APO, Armed Forces Europe 09315  
United States



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your  
church  
mailbox.



# Happening at Grace



## Connecting Threads

The faithful sewers started out the season with a trip to Norfolk, Nebraska for a tour of the Orphan Grain Train. We delivered our products and visited with their staff about their ongoing needs.

This year, we made a total of 85 dresses, 63 hygiene kits and 24 infant layettes. These were divided between the barrel for Liberia and the Orphan Grain Train. Since this group started 2669 dresses and 648 hygiene kits have been made and distributed.

Thank you to all that helped with the sewing, contributed supplies, or acquired Thrivent Action Team cards. Without the money from the fairstand and other donations, none of this would be possible.

The group will begin again in September. Please consider connecting with us on the third Monday of the month as we connect our efforts with the world.

## Baptism

Jaylea Miller, daughter of Paige Zinnel received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, May 11.





*Happy Birthday to:*

**Bonnie Hansen**

will be 100 years old on June 20th.

The women of Grace are hosting a birthday card shower for her.

Her address is:

**Bonnie Hansen**

**PO Box 184**

**Parker SD 57053**

Bonnie requests no gifts, but she does enjoy a visit.



#### Summer AV Schedule

June 1 Kerri	August 3 Chris
June 8 Kristin	August 10 Erin
June 15 Erin	August 17 Chela
June 22 Chris	August 24 Kerri
June 29 Derek	August 31 Kristin

July 6 Chela  
July 13 Chrystal  
July 20 Kristin  
July 27 Derek

#### **Weekly Worship Helpers:**

Please use the link below to check:

<https://gracelutheranparker.com/weekly-worship-helpers>

Thank you

## Ordination of Kimberly (Schnabel) Ryan



On Saturday, June 21, 2025, Kimberly Schnabel Ryan will be ordained into the office of the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Kimberly is the daughter of Geraldine Schnabel and the late LeRoy Schnabel. Grace Lutheran Church was Kimberly's home congregation, where she was raised and confirmed in the faith. She remains grateful for her years of faith formation with her church family at Grace. Kimberly has been called to serve as Pastor of Mount Zion Lutheran Church, in Hudson, Wisconsin. Please keep Pastor Kimberly in your prayers as she is ordained, installed, and begins her ministry.

mailing address:  
13180 6th Street N  
Stillwater, MN 55082



The Blue Barrel is ready to go to Liberia. IF anyone is traveling to the Brooklyn Park, MN area, please let Pastor know. The Barrel needs to be delivered to Brooklyn Park, MN for the first part of it's trip to Liberia. Thank you



## High School Graduation Recognition, May 11, 2025

Tie-blankets prepared by members of Grace Lutheran were presented to the graduating seniors by their parents. The Milestone Committee coordinated the project and presentation.



### 2025 Graduates

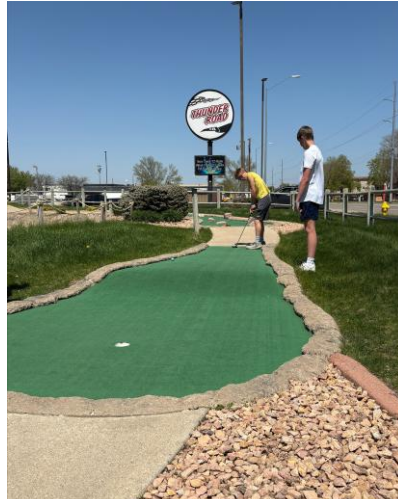
Olivia Anderson  
Alek Kuchta  
Devin Kuchat  
Myles Meyers  
Lauren Patten  
Mallory Mitzner





## High School Youth

The high school youth ended the season with a trip to Thunder Road amusement park. We had fun racing, golfing and playing laser tag. Look in the newsletter for upcoming events this fall!







**SHETEK**  
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

14 Keeley Island Drive Slayton, MN 56172

Located 8 miles north of Slayton on Hwy.  
59 then 2 miles east on Vahalla Road  
Please allow for extra time with the road  
construction.

**SATURDAY,  
JUNE 28, 2025  
10:30 A.M.  
in the Activity Center**

- Pulled Pork Dinner  
11a.m.-1p.m. \$10/person
- Hand Quilted and Machine-  
Quilted Quilts

## Quilt Preview

Friday, June 27 - 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
Picnic Supper 5:30-7:00 p.m. \$8/person

Saturday, June 28 - 8:30-10:00 a.m.  
QUILTS AND QUILTED ITEMS CAN BE VIEWED ONLINE AT  
[WWW.SHETEK.ORG](http://WWW.SHETEK.ORG)



## Theme Baskets

Available on  
our Silent Auction!



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (507) 763-3567**

Auctioneers: Donna Gravely, Windom, MN

Justin Van Grootheest, Edgerton, MN - John Croatt, Storden, MN

Visa, Mastercard & Discover accepted. Support provided by Thrivent Financial. ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS SUMMER CAMP MINISTRY.

**UNABLE TO  
ATTEND?**

**NO WORRIES!** Call or email a bid in ahead of time. (507) 763-3567 or  
email [camp@shetek.org](mailto:camp@shetek.org). Members of our quilt committee will bid for  
you the day of the auction. Bids must be in by June 26, 2025.



# Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 9, 2025

**Members Present:** Jim Johnson, Derrek Sattler, Pastor Henrique, Sara Creegan, Missy Gillespie, Joel Plucker, Kristi Nogelmeier, Kaylyn Andersen, Alexxis McKinney, Tristen Plenis

## 1. Opening Prayer and Agenda Approval

- The meeting began with a prayer.
- The agenda was reviewed. Coffee Fellowship was added under New Business as item #8.
- Motion to approve amended agenda: Kristi, seconded by Kaylyn — motion carried.
- Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

## 2. Corrections to Previous Minutes and Fishbowl Offering

- Clarification: The wine used during Lent was dry wine.
- Noted that the fishbowl offering had been missing from the bulletin. Agreement to include it each Sunday going forward.
- Motion to approve the Secretary's report: Derrek, seconded by Tristen — motion carried.

## 3. Deacons' Report and Holy Week Preparations

- Hymns selected for May and June.
- Plans confirmed for deacons to assist with feet washing during Holy Week.
- Pastor Henrique will lead Monday and Thursday services.
- Junior Frogs offered to assist on Sunday morning.

## 4. Cleaning and Maintenance Updates

- Offer made to create curtains for fellowship hall windows.
- Cleaner's schedule reviewed; future availability to be discussed.

## 5. Audio-Visual and Fellowship Hall Updates

- A quote is needed to connect the fellowship hall TV to the sound system.
- A recommendation was made to mount the TV for better use of space.
- Adding a microphone jack was discussed to enhance sound quality.
- General logistics for TV and sound system setup reviewed.

## 6. Board of Education

- Updates shared on meetings with high schoolers and fifth-graders.
- Please add Jenn Wall to the Senior Frogs account.
- Proposed date for outdoor cleanup day to address maintenance.
- Vacation Bible School set for:
  - June 13 (5–8 PM)
  - June 14 (10 AM–12 PM)

## 7. Trustees' Report

- Discussion held regarding custodial position status.

## 8. Treasurer's Report and Financial Updates

- Building loan has been paid off — balance is \$0.
- Upcoming payments noted for property tax and insurance.
- Motion to approve Treasurer's report: Kaylyn, seconded by Alexxis — motion carried.
- Website updates were discussed.

## 9. Congregational Input and Music Enhancement

- Suggestions made to increase music volume and energize selections.
- Hymn selection process explained — aiming for balance between new and familiar.
- Proposed having backup music options for summer.

## 10. Old and New Business

- Church cleanout is ongoing; donation of stools noted.
- Security system reset initiated with provider.
- New wine goblet needed — plans to purchase two.
- Options for online giving discussed, including a QR code and Venmo possibility.

## 11. Confirmation Banquet and Outdoor Service Planning

- Confirmation banquet menu and guest list still in progress.
- Father's Day outdoor service proposed for June.
  - Assistance offered by Ryan Weiman and Derrek Nolan.

## 12. Fair Stand Storage and T-Shirt Fundraiser

- A shed was donated for fair stand storage — location to be determined.
  - Motion to accept shed: Kristi, seconded by Kaylyn — motion carried.
- Grace Lutheran T-shirt fundraiser proposed.
  - Discussion on design, vendor, and use of church's new logo.

## 13. Strategic Mission Planning

- Proposal to form a strategic commission for outreach and mission.
- Goal: engage different age groups and gather input and stories.
- Suggested using interviews and photos to promote ministries.

## 14. Coffee Fellowship Planning

- Need for sign-up sheet discussed.
- Fellowship planned to begin after Easter.
- Announcements to be made to the congregation.

## 15. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

- Next meeting scheduled for May 14.
- Meeting concluded with a prayer.



**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT 4/1/2025-4/30/2025**

**INCOME:**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
101 General Offering	\$11,588.00	\$45,360.00
102 Envelope Offering	\$1,495.00	\$5,215.00
103 Quarterly Offering	\$1,470.00	\$4,510.00
104 Lenten Offering	\$2,394.00	\$4,237.00
109 Camper Savings		
202 Use of Building		
203 Misc. Income		\$107.77
205 Thrivent	\$0.00	\$358.00
208 Amazon Smile		
219 Transfer from Building Fund	\$7,410.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$24,357.00</b>	<b>\$59,787.77</b>

**SUMMARY GENERAL CHECKING:**

<b>Beginning Balance 1/1/2025</b>	<b>\$6,125.77</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$59,787.77</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$62,234.74</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$3,678.80</b>

**Monthly Summary**

	<u>Offering Total</u>	<u>Misc Income</u>	<u>Monthly Expenses</u>
January	\$11,926.00	\$105.00	\$11,935.44
February	\$16,156.00	\$173.00	\$12,393.46
March	\$14,293.00	\$80.00	\$16,535.32
April	\$16,947.00	\$0.00	\$21,478.29
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
<b>Total Monthly Offering</b>	<b>\$59,322.00</b>	<b>\$358.00</b>	<b>\$59,680.00</b>

**SAVINGS / OTHER ACCOUNT BALANCES:**

First Savings Campers Savings	\$5,314.76
First Savings Building Fund Savings	\$45,592.70
First Savings Bank Money Market	\$3,429.38
River's Edge Bank CD	\$42,849.95

River's Edge Bank Building Loan Approx. Balance **\$0 - PAID IN FULL**

Kristi Nogelmeier, Treasurer

<b>EXPENSES: SALARIES/BENEFITS</b>	<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Year-to-Date</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Budget</u></b>
301 Pastor Salary/Benefits/Pension	\$4,410.32	\$17,175.70	\$54,000.00
302 Pastor Housing Allowance	\$1,575.00	\$6,300.00	\$18,900.00
303 Employer Paid Pension/Retirement	\$653.98	\$2,615.92	\$7,848.00
304 Pastor SECA Allowance	\$464.75	\$1,884.24	\$5,577.00
305 Pastor Car Allowance	\$117.88	\$302.68	\$2,000.00
307 Employer Paid Pastor Insurance - Health & Benefits	\$1,770.70	\$7,082.80	\$21,000.00
308 Pastor Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
320 Custodian	\$150.07	\$721.48	\$7,000.00
321 Organist	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,560.00
322 Secretary	\$960.44	\$3,812.21	\$12,000.00
323 Groundskeeper	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
325 Sub Pastor	\$0.00	\$437.12	\$2,000.00
326 FICA Expenses	\$474.68	\$474.68	\$2,500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES-SALARIES/BENEFITS:</b>	<b>\$10,577.82</b>	<b>\$41,306.83</b>	<b>\$138,385.00</b>

<b>EXPENSES: BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS</b>	<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Year-to-Date</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Budget</u></b>
401 Snow Removal	\$394.00	\$394.00	\$2,500.00
402B Natural Gas	\$240.12	\$1,748.21	\$3,000.00
405 Electricity and Water	\$429.38	\$1,461.18	\$4,750.00
407 Insurance	\$0.00	\$2,561.25	\$10,000.00
408 Misc. Bldg. & Grnd. Exp.	\$7,831.82	\$8,298.09	\$5,000.00
409 Piano Tuning	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
409A Organ Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
413 State Farm - Workmen's Comp.	\$0.00	\$208.49	\$700.00
415 Audio Visual Expenses	\$231.30	\$231.30	\$1,000.00
416 Building Loan Payments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES-BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS:</b>	<b>\$9,126.62</b>	<b>\$14,902.52</b>	<b>\$32,325.00</b>

<b>EXPENSES: CHURCH PROGRAMS</b>	<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Year-to-Date</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Budget</u></b>
502 Bible Camp Sponsorships	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$1,100.00
503 Offering Envelopes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
504 Confirmation Expense	\$122.48	\$351.99	\$1,500.00
506 Synod Assembly	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
507 Books and Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
508 Misc. Program Expense	\$63.14	\$245.76	\$4,000.00
512 Bank Service Charges	\$17.95	\$71.80	\$250.00
517 Bibles for 3rd Graders	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
519 Postage	\$0.00	\$198.60	\$400.00
524 Lenton Meals	\$551.32	\$551.32	\$1,200.00
526 High School Graduate Gifts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES-CHURCH PROGRAMS:</b>	<b>\$754.89</b>	<b>\$1,669.47</b>	<b>\$10,200.00</b>

<b>EXPENSES: MISSIONS/BENEVOLENCES</b>	<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Year-to-Date</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Budget</u></b>
602 Augustana PACT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
603 ELCA Benevolence	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$6,000.00
604 Shetek Bible Camp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
615 The Banquet	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES-MISSONS:</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,400.00</b>

<b>EXPENSES: OFFICE</b>	<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Year-to-Date</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Budget</u></b>
701 Copier Lease	\$332.36	\$847.36	\$2,00.00
702 Bulletins and Inserts	\$81.62	\$935.54	\$2,000.00
703 Church Office Phone/Internet	\$104.98	\$408.72	\$1,500.00
704 Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$164.30	\$900.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES -OFFICE:</b>	<b>\$518.96</b>	<b>\$2,355.92</b>	<b>\$6,400.00</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$21,478.29</b>	<b>\$62,234.73</b>	<b>\$195,710.00</b>
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