

GRACE MESSENGER

May, 2025

Grace Lutheran Log Church



Dear Family and Friends of Grace Lutheran,

"Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." Martin Luther

As I am writing this, the sky is rumbling and a fairly warm rain is falling. A nice spring shower.

Spring testifies to the goodness and mercy of God. The warmer sun shines on God's creation and it comes to life once again.. The robin returns, even though there may be a late snowstorm. Through the dead grass of winter, we can see the fresh green grass. The frogs are waking from their hibernation and singing their praises.

Spring testifies to the resurrection of outwardly dead things. The seed decays and from it springs new life. The insect breaks free from its dormancy and begins a new life of freedom. New buds appear on lifeless trees.

Jesus claims His victory over death and the devil.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Jesus says to her, "I am the resurrection and the life."
John 11:25*

God Bless You All,
Pastor Lorelie

Helping our Community – Food Shelf

Effective July 1, 2025, the existing Food Shelf will be closing and the space has been leased out. Over the past months the Church Council has had many conversations during meetings of how we can give back to our community. Leaving a feeling like there is more that we can do. On April 23 the Church Council adopted the proposal to open a new food shelf. The new McGregor Area Food Shelf will move to the Thrive Center. There is a separate entrance to the building that will be dedicated to the food shelf. In this space we will transform it into a SmartShelf, which is a client centered food shelf that will promote and respect individual choice, apply behavioral economic principles that promote healthy food choices. People will shop!
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Sundays:

Worship 9:00 am

Bible Study 8:00 am (all welcome)

Saturday May 3rd:

Spring Tea 11-2:00 pm

Sunday May 4th:

Grubby Sunday & Pot Luck Lunch

Tuesday May 13th:

Grace Women Meeting 1:00 pm

Wednesday May 21st:

Community Meal @ Com Center 5:30

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Council Meeting 6:30 pm

*Thank-you to all who donated
the Easter Lilys for the church
sanctuary and the beautifully
decorated tables in the
Fellowship Hall!*

*Thank-you to the choir.
You did a wonderful job!*

Remember A.S.A.P.

Always Say a Prayer

Food Shelf Cont.:

Partnerships with Second Harvest Northland and Aitkin Public Health will help with the development of this space as well as food access. You may ask....How can I help! Become a Board member or a volunteer on distribution days and food delivery days. If you would like to be a part of this exciting endeavor, please contact Lynne Jacobs, McGregor Area Food Shelf Coordinator for Grace Lutheran at 218-820-8790 or email at lynnejacobs2006@gmail.com. The Food Shelf open is not just about food — it's about preserving dignity, health, and hope for people in our community. In a rural area where resources are already stretched, this food shelf is a vital connector and stabilizer. Its continued operation ensures that McGregor remains a place where no one is left behind.

Grace Women Serving Community Meal

May 21st at the McGregor Community

Center from 5:30 to 6:00 pm.

A Pork Loin Dinner will be served!

If you would like to help, sign up at the Church or contact Nancy (218-820-8923) or the Church office (218-426-3343).

Please come to the meal! Free will offering.



A Huge Thank-You to John & Cindy Swenson for framing the pictures that Ruby Serfling created years ago. It looks awesome!



GRACE LUTHERAN LOG CHURCH OF BIG SANDY

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Lay People Serving in April

Readers

4: Lynne

11: Stacy

18: Aileen

25: Rob

Communion Assist

Kendra

Peggy

Napoli

Sandy

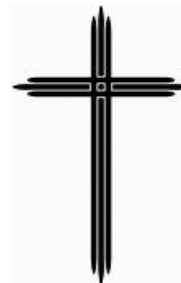
Fellowship coffee/treats

4: Pot Luck by all

11: Laurie & Dani

18: Pam & Dave

25: Lynette & Amanda



Counter's List

4: Kendra & Deanna

11: Deb & Liz D

18: Lynette & June

25: Liz E & Sandy

GRACE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Len Flesher (President)

Todd Streeter (Vice President)

Lynne Jacobs (Secretary)

Bev Streeter

Liz Eddy

Lynette Maas

Dick Rohde

David Hoover

Jon Napoli

*"Through Grace we grow,
share and spread
God's Love"*

April was a busy month for the kids with the Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Day and the Sunday Funday!

