



Peace † Grue

God's Country News

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VOICE AND HANDS
OF JESUS

MAY 2025

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**Congratulations to our
High School Seniors
at Peace & Grue**

Class of 2025

**Peace Seniors
Addison Olson, Easton Nelson,
Levi Rossum, & Jessica Schlundt**

**Grue Seniors
Trinity Miller & Daniel Runningen**

**Baccalaureate @ the Ashby High School
Wednesday, May 21, 2025**

**Ashby High School Graduation Sunday, May 25,
2025 @ 2pm**

NEW SERVICE TIMES

**May thru August
Peace 9:00 a.m.
Grue 10:45 a.m.**





Dear friends in Christ at Peace and Grue,

A wise retired pastor, on his deathbed, handed me a small slip of paper and said, “You are going to preach my funeral, and this is what you’re going to work with:” So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless servants; we have only done what we ought to have done!” (Luke 17:10). Not my first choice, but it stuck with me and overtime has become a cherished memory, proving once again how wise he was.

Thank you for giving me the privilege of being your servant these past five years, the last years before my retirement. It was a privilege because of what the Apostle Peter wrote: “...you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. God’s own people...” (1 Peter 2:9). I hope you will keep these two passages in mind as you enter into what is an important, exciting time in the life of a congregation: preparing to call your next pastor.

An important partner in this process is your interim pastor. The ministry of an interim pastor has at least two areas of focus. The first and the most obvious duty of the interim pastor is to cover the responsibilities which normally fall to the pastor; including leading worship, preaching, teaching, providing pastoral care, visiting shut-ins, making hospital calls, administration, meetings, etc.

The second focus is more subtle. The interim pastor, without involving his/her own personality, helps the congregation work through the call process. To prepare for calling a new pastor, the congregation, with the interim pastor’s guidance, undertakes a ministry study. This study encourages members of the congregation to develop a vision for the ministry of the congregation for the next several years. This vision discerns what God is calling a congregation to do at this time and in this place and to commit to that call, not the call they wish they had.

This study will be used to complete the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). The purpose of the MSP is to review the congregation’s life and mission as the body of Christ and to identify the gifts the next pastor needs to possess to further that mission. The MSP, representing the thinking of the congregation, will assist the call committee as they meet and consider candidates. It will be used by those candidates as a way of getting an overall picture of the congregation. It will be used by the synod staff as they deliberate before recommending a candidate to be considered. And it can be used by the congregation as they decide to vote to call the candidate to serve as their next pastor.

As you can see the MSP plays an important part in the call process. My advice is to take this step seriously. My experience is that congregations who commit to this process are pleased with the results and actually once it is up and running find it to be an enjoyable experience. I know the call process can be an anxious time in the life of a congregation. Be assured you are in my thoughts and prayers, as I hope Sharon and I are in yours. You have been a blessing to us, I am confident you will continue to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Farewell and Godspeed from your now retired pastor,
Dan

READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

May 4, 2025	May 11, 2025	May 18, 2025	May 25, 2025
First Reading <u>Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]</u> Psalm <u>Psalm 30</u> Second Reading <u>Revelation 5:11-14</u> Gospel <u>John 21:1-19</u>	First Reading <u>Acts 9:36-43</u> Psalm <u>Psalm 23</u> Second Reading <u>Revelation 7:9-17</u> Gospel <u>John 10:22-30</u>	First Reading <u>Acts 11:1-18</u> Psalm <u>Psalm 148</u> Second Reading <u>Revelation 21:1-6</u> Gospel <u>John 13:31-35</u>	First Reading <u>Acts 16:9-15</u> Psalm <u>Psalm 67</u> Second Reading <u>Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5</u> Gospel <u>John 14:23-29</u>



**PEACE CHURCH
ACOLYTE SCHEDULE May 2024**

- May
- 5 Darian Holte / Noah Anderson
 - 12 Finn Thompson /Evan Rossum
 - 19 Liam Hansen /Joey Johnson
 - 26 Ushers

******If you are unable to acolyte on the Sunday that you are listed please contact another youth and switch or ask them to cover for you-thanks.***

MAY BIRTHDAYS



- May 1st
Lynelle Lindmeyer
- May 4th
Ron Peterson
- May 5th
Donna Lindemeyer
- May 6th
Lillian Evavold
- Orland Norenberg
- Amy Bidleman
- May 10th
Carson Spangler
- Carter Spangler
- Jason Odens
- Chad Van Santen
- May 12th
Odin Restad
- May 15th
Deb Story
- May 17th
Teresa Barry
- May 18th
Levi Driggins
- May 19th
Terry Ohren
- Shawn Spangler
- Betty Torgrimson
- May 20th
Vernie Alvstad

- May 21st
Joan Maunumaki
- Lola Thompson
- May 22nd
Wavely McCarty
- Gavin Balgaard
- May 23rd
Tyler Barry
- May 26th
Joel Holte
- May 27th
Megan Rein - Alison
- May 28th
Heidi Balgaard
- May 29th
Anthony Ohren
- Emily Williams
- Char Hanson
- May 30th
Corinne Dahlen
- May 31st
Reid Magnuson

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15th of each MONTH**

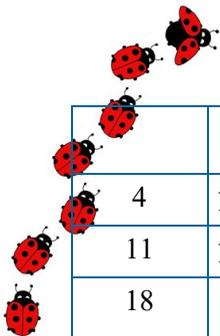


There are *Angels* God puts on this Earth

Who care for us and guide us.
You can feel their love and gentleness
as they walk through life beside us.
They do great thing for us every day
they whisper in our ears,
they even hold us in their hearts
when we are filled with all our fears.
They are always there to give a hug
and try to make us smile.
They treat us with respect and love,
they treat us like their child.
God blessed me with an Angel,
I'm proud to call my own.
She's been with me throughout my
life, been with me as I've grown.
She's guided me the best she can,
she's taught me like no other,
and I'm, thankful I'm the lucky one
who get's to call her.....*Mother*

*If I don't have your
birth date or if I have it
listed incorrectly please
e-mail or call me -
peace@prtcl.com /
747-2273
Melissa R*





	Grue - MAY 2025- Sunday School at 10:15
4	10:15 a.m. Road Ditch Cleaning
11	10:15 a.m. Last Day of Sunday School
18	
25	
	Peace - MAY 2025– NO Sunday School

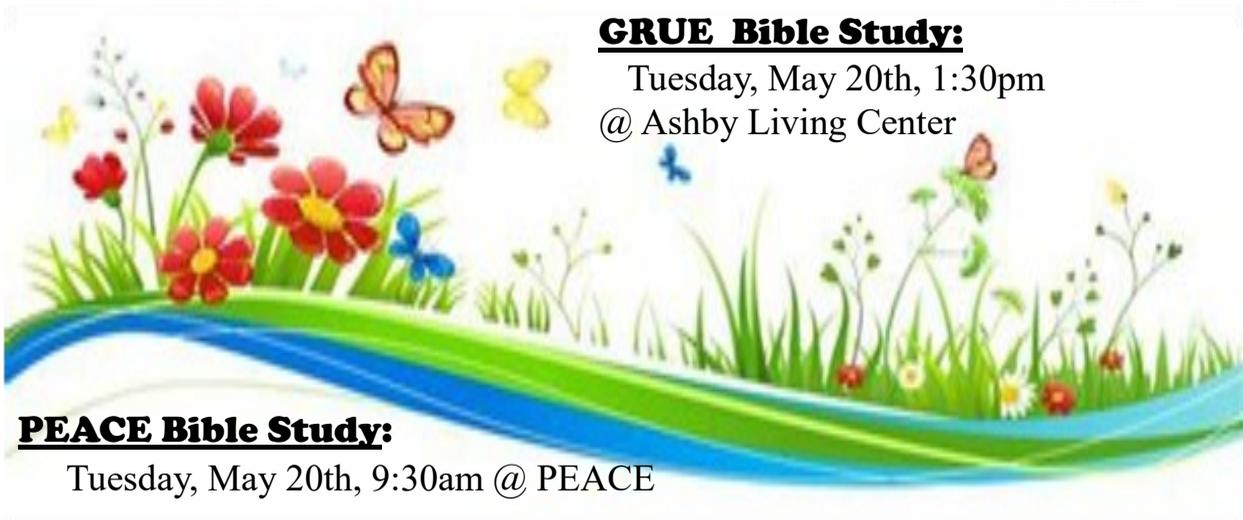


GRUE Bible Study:

Tuesday, May 20th, 1:30pm
@ Ashby Living Center

PEACE Bible Study:

Tuesday, May 20th, 9:30am @ PEACE



4/15/25

The Grue Bible Study met April 15th at the Ashby Living Center with Bev, Sharon, Betty, Patty, & Bea present.

Our study was on John 17, Jesus prays for us (the purpose: to reveal the concerns of Jesus' heart as he faced the cross and to see how those concerns should be our concerns as his followers) (Express to God your sincere desire to glorify him in all you do.)

Our next lesson is lesson nine. John 18:1-27, Trial & Trust. Closing with prayers by Betty.

Wed. April 16th we will be quilting at the church. We will be finishing the quilts for our graduates. Danny Runningen & Trinity Miller. Congratulations Grads, well done.

They will be honored at church services on May 11th when they will receive their quilts and celebrate with cake & coffee.

A short meeting was held, we agreed to disperse our funds to Grant County food shelf, Battle Lake food shelf & Ottertail County food shelf and others.

Sharon is retiring as treasurer and Melissa & Bea Runningen have accepted the position of co. treasurers. We also need a Sunshine Lady.

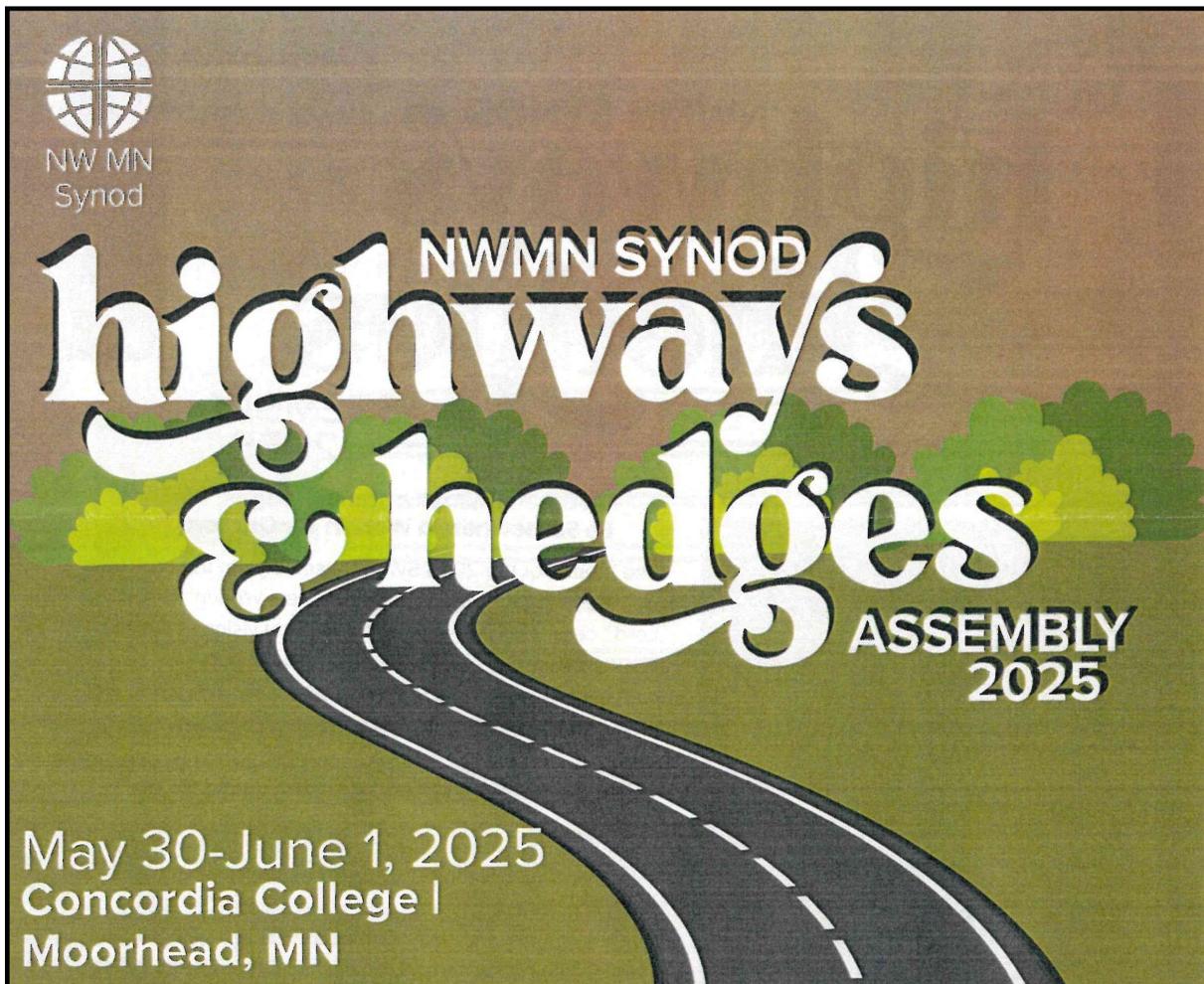
We enjoyed coffee & goodies with Bev after our lesson. The Living Center always makes sure we have coffee. Thank you.

Spring is on its way, the birds are singing, the frogs have woke up, the trees are thinking about budding, soon the tulips will bloom, enjoy Spring.

Enjoy Easter with family & friends,

God Bless

Bea Runningen Sec.



SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2025

May 30-June 1, 2025

Concordia College in Moorhead

The representatives attending the Northwestern MN synod Assembly are ...

from PEACE - Val Fick,

and from GRUE - Darlane Miller & June Bjornson

Welcome to May!

Thank you, thank you, thank you, April was a busy month at Peace and a large number of you helped make it go smoothly. Thank you to those that served the noon Lenten Soup Lunches, bringing bars and serving Jean Wick's funeral, baking and working at the Spring Bake Sale. Quilters met a couple times, we said a sad good bye to Sharon Hermanson at our monthly bible study. It was a busy month.

During the month of March, the Food Shelves match contributions and Peace WELCA sent checks to both Grant and Otter Tail County Food Shelves for \$250 each. We raised \$488 from the February and March potlucks and those funds were sent to the Fire Fund via the Synod Office. Thanks to Cindy for researching how to get this done.

In April we hosted a Spring Bake Sale at the Community Center and whether you baked, bought or just came for coffee and fellowship, all contributed to a successful morning, we raised over \$1100 that will help to fund our mission projects. The best part of the morning was watching members of our community in conversation and fellowship. We served around 80 cups of coffee, it was a great morning. Thank you, all of you.

As the school year ends and we all look forward to relaxing a bit for the summer, we wish you all a relaxing and blessed summer. HAVE FUN!!!

God's Blessings to all

Val Fick
WELCA Co-President

Winner of the child's quilt at thrift store this past month was Mary Anderson from Battle Lake.



The quilt for the May drawing is a Minnesota lap quilt.
Very fitting as Minnesota became our 32 state on May 11.



We would like to update our congregation's addresses so that we will have them correct in our church directory and also for the newsletter, please fill out the form, and mail it to Peace/Grue Parish at PO Box 157, Ashby MN 56309 or email to peacegrue@outlook.com or put in the mail slot in the Parish Office Manager's office door.

NAME _____

PERMANENT OR SUMMER

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBERS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

*For the People who leave for the winter - please update your addresses,
when you leave and when you return.*

WINTER

ADDRESS _____

DATE YOU LEAVE /RETURN _____

4/13/2025 Peace council meeting

Attendance:

Duane Spielman Pres., Linda Bahnson council, Dee Holte Sec., Tim Cunningham Treas.

Secretary's report: Correction Duane will look into purchasing/changing door locks. M/S/C

Treasurer's report: M/S/C to approve as written

Committee report:

Tim reported that the endowment committee met with the lawyer, and he will draw up a document for the committee to fill in amounts and present to the congregation for acceptance. Treasurer's report will need to be modified to show restricted funds in the future.

Property Management

Tim has contacted companies about a new elevator, and they run \$100,000 or more. He found out ours is considered a wheelchair lift and that is less expensive. He will check with the company the current one was purchased from. Inspection and license renewal is due soon.

Duane reported he has ordered new door handles with locks.

New Business:

Pastor Paul has signed the contract to cover burial, marriages and visitations as needed.

A letter was received from ALF requesting donations for Ashby fireworks. It was agreed to put the Ark in the back of the church for members to donate.

Discussion on contribution to the Synod, no donation was sent last year due to funding. With the Synod assisting with the process of calling a minister and interim minister it was decided that we should make a contribution this year. Amount discussed and decided on \$8,000. M/S/C.

We still need a delegate for the Synod meeting on May 30th to June 1st at Concordia.

Pastor joined the meeting

Pastor's last Sunday service is May 4th and his official end date will be May 11 to allow him to use his remaining vacation. Health care continues to the end of May.

He reported he had completed several visits and attended extra meetings to plan Lenten services.

Meeting adjourned M/S/C

Council Secretary's report

Dee Holte

GRUE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Grue Council Meeting: April 13, 2025

Attending: Bob, June, Dar, Melissa, Sonia and Gwen.

Absent: Randy & Char.

President Sonia Heibel called the meeting to order following our worship service.

Secretary's report was reviewed and approved. M/S/C

Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. M/S/C

Old Business:

*Deck wash and paint estimate. Gwen will look into this again.

*Bathroom sink repair has been completed.

*Window well coverings have been installed.

*Senior recognition day has been changed to May 11th. Bea will make and decorate a cake. WELCA will provide the gift.

New Business:

*The fan for the storage room is needing to be replaced. We will purchase a new one before fall.

*Pastor Dan's retirement dinner will be at Grue on May 4th following a joint worship service @10:00 at Grue. We will purchase Gobble up Turkey with buns, scalloped potatoes, baked beans and pickles. Each council member is to bring a salad to share. Bea will make and decorate a cake.

*Sunday School Teacher recognition day will be May 18th.

The next council meeting will be joint with Peace, at Grue on May 14th @ 7PM.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

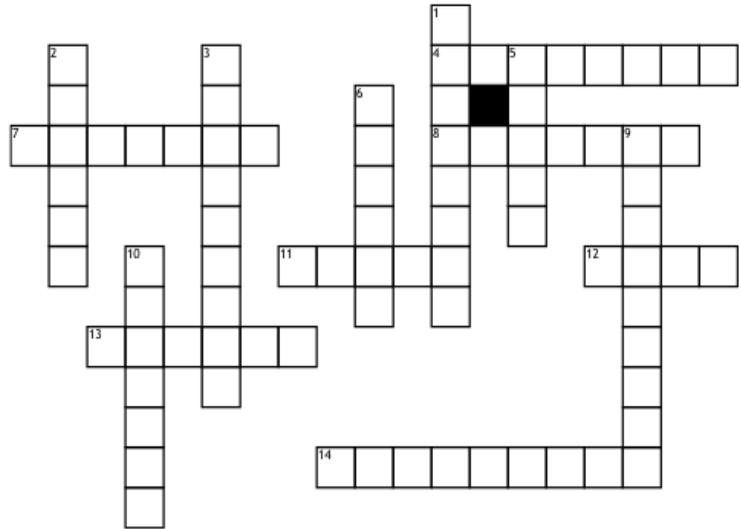
Meeting adjourned. M/S/C

Gwen Lillemon, Council Secretary

Spring Crossword Puzzle

Across

4. What may you need to carry in the month of April?
7. These start to shoot out of the ground in Spring
8. What happens in April to bring May flowers?
11. What color your lawn turns in Spring?
12. What finally starts to melt away in April?
13. What you call sitting on a blanket on the grass eating food
14. What flower is one of the first of Spring?



Down

1. We have more of this in the sky in Spring.
2. Which flower do the Dutch grow with pride?
3. These enthusiasts spent more time outside in their backyard doing this?
5. What do the flowers do in the Spring?
6. What you decorate your lawn with?
9. What do you feel fall on your head in April?
10. After a shower, what is something colorful you might see in the sky?



The **LORD** is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters,
He restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the
Valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness & love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the
house of the **LORD** forever.

Psalm 23

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**God's People in Service
May 2025
Peace † Grue Lutheran**

GRUE Late Service 10:45 a.m. SS 9:30am	May 4 White Holy Communion Joint service at Grue at 10 Pastor retirement party Meal following	May 11 White Mother's Day Senior Recognition	May 18 White	May 25 White
Janitors/ Ushers	Bea Runnigen, Amy & Joan Maunumaki, Melissa Runnigen and Peter & Denette & Danny Runnigen			
Reader				
Music	Denise Juven	Cindy Vorland	Contemporary	Denise Juven
PEACE Early Service 9am	May 4 White Joint service at Grue at 10 Pastor retirement party Meal following	May 11 White Mother's Day Coffee Cup Senior Recognition	May 18 White	May 25 White
Music	.....	Brenda Risbrudt	Contemporary	Brenda Risbrudt
Ushers	.....	Kim Anderson Teresa Ohren	Terry & Teresa Ohren	Terry & Teresa Ohren
Readers	.....	Jeff Merrick	Dee Holte	Brenda Johnson
Psalms Reader	.....		Darian Holte	
Acolytes	.....	.....	Darian Holte Gage Norby	
Communion Helper (set up, serve, clean)	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cookie Servers	.....	Melissa & AJ Olson	Teresa Magnuson	Teresa Ohren

Serving Team Peace Lutheran Month of May 2025

Chairpersons: Terry & Teresa Ohren

*Ushers are reminded to pick up bulletins and trash and replace hymnals in racks prior to leaving the sanctuary.

**MAKE SURE THE LIGHTS ARE TURNED OFF AND
ALL DOORS ARE LOCKED!**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>WORSHIP TIMES CHANGE</u> PEACE 9 A.M, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL GRUE 10:45A.M, SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM				1	2	3
4 Peace/Grue joint Service at 10:00 at Grue with lunch following to cele- brate Pastor Dan's retirement	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 <u>Mother's Day</u> <u>Senior recognition</u> <u>at Peace & Grue</u> Peace service 9am Grue service 10:45am, SS 9:30am	12	13	14 Parish Council Meeting 7pm @ Grue	15	16	17
18 Peace service 9am, Grue service 10:45am, SS 9:30am <u>Grue SS Teacher</u> <u>recognition</u>	19	20 Peace Bible Study 9:30 a.m. GRUE Bible Study 1:30 p.m.	21 Baccalaureate at the Ashby High School @ 7pm	22	23	24
25 Peace service 9am Grue service 10:45am, SS 9:30am Ashby High School Graduation @ 2 pm	26 Memorial Day Church office closed	27	28	29	30 NWMN Synod Assembly Concordia College	31 NWMN Syn- od Assembly Concordia College

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