



Peace † Grue

God's Country News

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MAY 2024

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

**HAPPY
Mother's
DAY**

*God has a reason for
allowing things to happen.
We may never understand
His wisdom, but we simply
have to trust His will.*

Psalm 37:5

**Congratulations to our Seniors at Peace & Grue
Class of 2024**

Peace Seniors

**Quynn Behrens, Haleigh Brendmoen, Kellen Dahlen,
Richie Johnson & Jake Norby**

**Grue Senior
Fynn Miller**

**Baccalaureate @ the Ashby High School Wednesday, May 22, 2024 @ 7pm
Ashby High School Graduation Sunday, May 26, 2024 @ 2pm**



Dear friends in Christ at Peace and Grue,

Today just happens to be Earth Day, a day to “PRAISE GOD ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW.” This second line of the doxology professes the message of Psalm 96: “Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord; for he is coming to judge the earth (vs. 11-13).”

Today this joyful psalm is diminished and muted. Earth no longer seems glad. We trample and destroy its green pastures. The sea became our dumping grounds, their leviathans pressed to the brink. House is added to house and field to field, until there is room for no one but you and you are left alone (see Isa. 5:8). Discontented and driven, we pursue all we can get, as we live out the message proclaimed by disciples of the first Adam: “Seek first yourself-and everything will be added to you.”

What does the church have to say about this self inflicted abuse of creation? What is the role of the disciples of the New Adam in this time of creation’s degradation? Herman Daly raises three questions for our consideration: First how does the world work? In modern times, this question has been relegated to universities. They are the generators of knowledge. This pursuit of knowledge is rigorous and disciplined. It objectifies the world and is good at determining what can we do, but not so good at determining what should we do, which leads to the second question.

What is right? There was a time when universities had a major stake in this question too. A time when universities taught moral philosophy as the capstone course for every student, advocating avoidance of greed while professing the ethical wisdom of the ages, but no more. Modernism claims that the route to knowledge is science and technology. Modernism reduces morality to the survival of the fittest. Modernism sees us primarily as consumers, while integrity, harmony, and the good are reduced to sentimentality, which has no place in the “real world.” Values-and so also the church which modern society seen as the caretaker of values-have been made largely irrelevant in these modern times, which leads us to the final question.

What must we do? We do what the market dictates is the common response. In my day that meant “get a job” or better yet “get a good job.” A good job is one that pays “good money,” one that is one done to further my private advantage. From a Christian perspective, “what must we do” is a question of vocation not occupation. It is a question of faithful obedience and grateful stewardship. While the world wishes the church would confine itself to being a mere observer, the church’s vocation is to understand creation, know what is right, and to act, heal, and restore, even as we pray, “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done.”

In this time of unprecedented knowledge, unprecedented ability to mobilize people, and unprecedented degradation of creation, we believe creation remains God’s possession and that God still trusts us with its care. For this trust we give our Creator thanks as we seek to respond in faithful obedience and thankful stewardship as our joyful vocation. Yes Earth Day is over, it has come and gone for another year, yet as disciples of Christ we sing, “PRAISE GOD ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW.”

“This is day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24).

Pastor Dan

READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

MAY 5, 2024 - White First Reading <u>Acts 10:44-48</u> Psalm <u>Psalm 98</u> Second Reading <u>1 John 5:1-6</u> Gospel <u>John 15:9-17</u>	MAY 12, 2024 - White First Reading <u>Acts 1:15-17, 21-26</u> Psalm <u>Psalm 1</u> Second Reading <u>1 John 5:9-13</u> Gospel <u>John 17:6-19</u>	MAY 19, 2024 - Red First Reading <u>Acts 2:1-21 or</u> <u>Ezekiel 37:1-14</u> Psalm <u>Psalm 104:24-34, 35b</u> Second Reading <u>Romans 8:22-27 or</u> <u>Acts 2:1-21</u> Gospel <u>John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</u>	MAY 26, 2024 - White First Reading <u>Isaiah 6:1-8</u> Psalm <u>Psalm 29</u> Second Reading <u>Romans 8:12-17</u> Gospel <u>John 3:1-17</u>
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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.***

Celebrating 150 Years of Grue 1874-2024

Multiple Choice 1979-1989

1. In 1979 Janice Gradin gave a history of the circles at the January meeting. What were the names of the two women's circles?

- A. Ruth & Esther
- C. Ruth & Sarah

- B. Ruth & Mary
- D. Ruth & Miriam

(look for more questions through out the newsletter, answers on page 13)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1st

Wesley Shaffer

Lynelle Lindemyer

May 4th

Ron Peterson

May 5th

Donna Lindemyer

May 6th

Lillian Evavold

Orland Norenberg

Amy Bidleman

May 10th

Carson Spangler

Carter Spangler

Jason Odens

Chad Van Santen

May 11th

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

Gavin Balgaard

May 23rd

Tyler Barry

May 26th

Joel Holte

May 27th

Megan Rein

May 28th

Heidi Balgaard

May 29th

Anthony Ohren

Emily Williams

Char Hanson

May 30th

Corinne Dahlen

May 31st

Reid Magnuson



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birth date or if I have it
listed incorrectly please
e-mail or call me -
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Melissa R*

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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*

GRUE Bible Study:

Tuesday, May 21st, 1:30pm @ Ashby Living
Center

PEACE Bible Study:

Tuesday, May 21st, 9:30am
@ PEACE



	Grue - MAY- Sunday School at 10:15
5	10:15 a.m. Road Ditch Cleaning
12	10:15 a.m. Last Day of Sunday School
17	
26	
	Peace - MAY– NO Sunday School



Celebrating 150 Years of Grue,1874-2024

Multiple Choice 1979-1989

2. In 1980 the women put on a fundraising dinner they called

A. Dollar-A-Dunk Sunday

B. Dime-A-Dip Sunday

C. Penny-A-Pint Sunday

D. Simply-A-Scoop Sunday

3. In 1981 the ladies helped pay for what in the parsonage?

A. Dining table

B. Bathroom repair

C. Kitchen sink

D. Carpet

4. In 1985 the ladies discussed whether or not to

A. Make a cookbook

B. Purchase a vacuum

C. Continue to have circles

D. Donate to copier fund

E. None of the above

F. All of the above

(look for more questions through out the newsletter, answers on page 13)

4/22/24

The Grue Women's bible Study met on April 16th, 2024, at 1:30 at the Ashby Living Center with Beverly and Marlys.

We started our new lessons on John 13-21, Part 2: The Way to True Life.

Lesson one: The Son as a Slave. (John 13:1-17) Jesus' example of loving servanthood and to motivate us to display the same spirit.

Our next lesson is: A Traitor/ Not Me! (John 13:18-38), May 21st at the Assisted Living with our friends.

We are all looking forward to working on the Kitchen at Church, a few repairs, and a fresh new look. A great place for fellowship and many of those great potlucks.

We will be meeting at the church on May 1st at 1:00 to prepare the walls for painting.

We will be serving morning coffee and a snack at the Welca Spring Gathering at Peace church on April 27th, 2024, starting at 8:15, with Patty Wetterling Speaking.

We will be honoring our graduate on Sunday April 28th with cake and a blue jean quilt made by the ladies and given to her church family and friends.

Spring is here, enjoy.

Blessings to you all.

Bea Runningen, Sec.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2024

May 17-18, 2024 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p. m.

Concordia College in Moorhead, Knutson Campus Center

Friday May 17th check-in will begin at noon, orientation at 2:00,
first plenary at 4:00, concluding after dinner.

Saturday May 18th Bible study opportunity with Pastor Jon Anderson at 8 am
with worship at 9, will conclude with our business by 4 pm.

The representatives of the churches of the Northwestern MN synod are - Pastor Dan,
Voting members from PEACE are Wayne & Cindy Vorland,
Voting members from GRUE are Darlane Miller & June Bjornson

Grue Sunday School donated “snuggle blankets” they made to the Ottertail County Sheriffs Department on Sunday April 21, 2024



Welcome to May!

By the time you read this, our parish WELCA will have hosted and welcomed over 125 WELCA members from 14 different churches on the 27th of April. **Faith the size of a Mustard Seed** was our theme for the Synod 8 conference. In Matthew 17:20, Jesus tells us and disciples, “Truly I say to you, if you have **Faith the size of a Mustard Seed**, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; nothing will be impossible for you.” The response to our invitation was quite overwhelming and it took faith and the words of one of our members, “we can’t turn anyone away” to keep adjusting our plans of how we could accommodate so many guests. Even though I am writing this prior to event, I have faith it was a blessing to all in attendance and thank everyone who helped make it happen.

For month of April, the Sorenson Family stepped up and provided all of our church’s Sunday needs. Thank you! As many of you know, each Sunday, ushers and readers are needed. Communion helpers are needed for just one Sunday and then a generous person each Sunday is needed to make coffee and provide a cookie and/or bar for fellowship. This time on Sunday is a good way to relax and visit with friends and/or meet new ones. Cindy and Wayne Vorland are leaders for May. If you are contacted to help serve, I pray you choose to say yes.

Congratulations to Bailey Barry from Fergus Falls for winning the quilt at the Second Chance Thrift Shop. Our kind and generous quilting members donate a quilt each month. Ashby’s thrift shop is a blessing to our community and filled to the brim with household items, cards, clothing and almost anything you can think of. I always find something I can use or need. If you are Spring cleaning and desire to part with a few of your own gems, drop them off at the store.

Donations for our NO BAKE-BAKE Sale will be this month, May. Look for signs and the Ark.

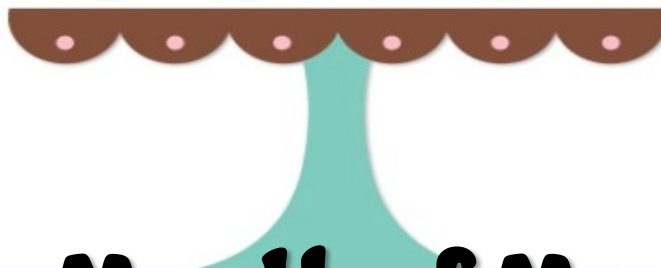
JULY SERVING OPPORTUNITY: Saturday, July 20, Peace will be hosting the traditional Pie in the Park event as part of Ashby Appreciation Days. Pie Makers and Servers are needed for that two hour event. Look for a sign-up sheet in June. If you already know you can do either or both, please contact Janet or Val.

Enjoy this wonderful weather!

Sister in Christ and WELCA Co President,

Janet Novak

P.S. Please check your contact information in Annual Report and WELCA handbook for accuracy. Call church office at 218-747-2273 to provide correct information.

NO BAKE**Bake
Sale!****The Month of May**

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM TO UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBERS

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBERS _____

Instructions: We would like to update our congregations addresses so that they may continue getting "God's Country News" (Peace/Grue Newsletter), please fill out the above form, and mail it to Peace Grue Parish at PO Box 157, Ashby MN 56309 or email to peace@prtel.com or put it in the mail slot in the Parish Office Manager's office door.

PEACE COUNCIL MEETING

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Peace Council Minutes

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Members present: Pastor Dan, Gene Jensen, Wayne Vorland, Duane Spielman, Jody Dahlen, and Tim Cunningham.

Members absent; Linda Bahnson and Brenda Johnson

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

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

Pastor's report: 6 meetings, 19 visits, 2 hospital calls. No other items to discuss.

Committee Reports:

Education: No report

Christian Growth: No report

Worship: Coffee Cup Sundays will continue! Starting in June-every 2nd Sunday of the month- services will be held downstairs.

Property Management: The front doors of the church entrance have been fixed! Thank you to Lakeside Lumber for their continued donations of labor and materials for church projects. It is very much appreciated!

Old Business: None

New Business: None

M/S/C to adjourn.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 8th following the Parish Council meeting at Grue.

Jody Dahlen,

Council Secretary

GRUE COUNCIL MEETINGS

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Grue Council Meeting April 14th, 2024

In attendance: June Bjornson, Bob Torgrimson, Darlane Miller, Sonia Heibel, Melissa Runningen, Gwen Lillemon, and Sharon Hermanson.

Absent: Char Woldahl, Randy Koefod and Pastor Dan.

Devotions: The Lord's Prayer prayed in unison.

Secretary's Report: read and approved. M/S/C

Treasure's Report: read and approved. M/S/C

Old Business: Church Insurance - Randy visited with North Star Mutual Insurance at Security Bank in Fergus Falls. We will be switching our insurance to North Star Mutual from Church Mutual after a significant increase in rates.

The council made a motion to approve the switch. M/S/C

Kitchen remodel project: Madison has checked with Joe Bitzan to repaint kitchen cupboards. An anonymous donation was given to pay for the work to be done.

The council made a motion to accept his bid. M/S/C

A group will be gathering May 1st @ 2:00 to remove the border print and scrub the kitchen and bathroom walls to prepare for painting. A date will then be set to paint the walls.

The council made a motion to approve and move forward on installing new flooring in the kitchen and basement bathroom. The WELCA ladies' group has agreed to use the memorial funds from Twila to pay for the flooring. Also, a new high rise elongated toilet will be installed. An anonymous donation was given to pay for the cost.

Church Marque: The sign at Excel will be done by the end of April. The installation and lighting for the sign will then be scheduled.

New Business: Refinishing of the communion railing will be addressed at a later date.

Youth National Gathering: The council voted to give the youth \$1000.00 from the church to help with expenses to attend. Motion made and approved. M/S/C

Motion to adjourn. M/S/C

Next meeting will be Parish Council @ Grue on May 8th at 7:00pm.

Respectful submitted,
Sharon Hermanson, Council Secretary

May this SPRING be a time of GROWTH in Christ. Revelation 21:5

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

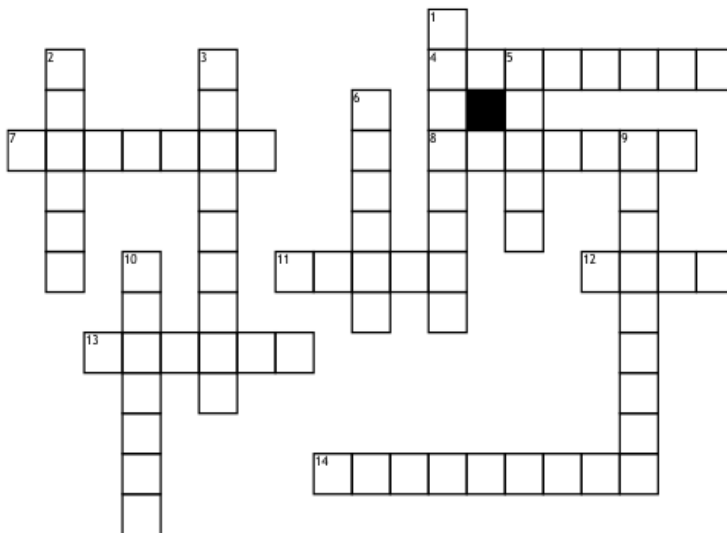
8. What happens in April to bring May flowers?

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?



Celebrating 150 Years of Grue, 1874-2024

Multiple Choice 1979-1989

5. In 1987 the women decided to give \$5,000 to the church to be used toward what?
- A. Fixing the bell tower and a new entry door
 - B. Fixing the altar and sanctuary carpet
 - C. The kitchen appliances and counters
 - D. Fixing the basement walls, floors and add carpet
6. The women served food at several auctions sales. What did they serve?
- A. Hotdish, coffee, lemonade and bars
 - B. Doughnuts, bars, barbecue, pop and coffee
 - C. Roast beef sandwiches, bars, pop and coffee
 - D. Hotdogs, bars, pop and coffee
7. The women voted to combine the circles in to one in what year?
- A. 1983
 - B. 1984
 - C. 1986
 - D. 1987
8. In 1986 the women decided everyone should donate this for the kitchen?
- A. Towel
 - B. Serving spoon
 - C. Spatula
 - D. Pot holder
9. In 1987 lone Finkelson showed a sample of what to the group which they decided was too costly?
- A. Throw-away dishes
 - B. Throw-away napkins
 - C. Throw-away serving trays
 - D. None of the above
10. From 1979-1989 Grue was served by how many called Pastors?
- A. One
 - B. Two
 - C. Three
 - D. Four

(look for more questions through out the newsletter, answers on page 13)

Grue Trivia Answers

1. C. Ruth & Sarah; 2. B. Dime-A-Dip Sunday; 3. D. Carpet; 4. F. All of the above; 5. D. Fixing the basement walls, floors and add carpet; 6. B. Doughnuts, bars, barbecue, pop and coffee; 7. C. 1986; 8. A. Towel; 9. A. Throw-away dishes; 10. C. Three

God's People in Service

MAY 2024

Peace†Grue Lutheran Parish

GRUE 9:00 a.m. Early Service	May 5 White Holy Communion	May 12 White	May 19 Red	May 26 White
Janitors/Ushers	Bea Runnigen, Amy & Joan Maunumaki and Melissa Runnigen			
Reader	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Music	Denise Juven	Denise Juven	Contemporary	Denise Juven
PEACE service 10:45 a.m. Late Service	May 5 White Holy Communion	May 12 White	May 19 Red	May 26 White
Music	Brenda Risbrudt	Brenda Risbrudt	Contemporary	Brenda Risbrudt
Ushers	Wayne Vorland Dennis Anderson	Bob & Joan Moerke	Wayne Vorland Aaron Vorland	Troy & Teresa Langlie
Readers	Aaron Vorland	Cindy Vorland	Aaron Vorland	Cindy Vorland
Psalm's Reader	Noah Anderson	Evan Rossum	Joey Johnson	
Acolytes	Darian Holte Noah Anderson	Finn Thompson Evan Rossum	Liam Hansen Joey Johnson	
Communion Helper (set up, serve, clean)	Cindy Vorland Aaron Vorland
Cookie Servers	Kim Anderson	Cindy Vorland	Cindy Vorland	Troy & Teresa Langlie

Peace Lutheran, Month of May

Chairpersons: Wayne & Cindy Vorland

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

Make sure lights are turned off and doors are locked

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
GRUE service 9:00 am, SS 10:15 am, May 12-last day SS PEACE service 10:45 am, No SS PQ -Peace quilting, 1st & 3rd Wed., at 9:00 am			1 PQ Confirmation 5:30 - 6:30 PM		3	4
5 Holy Communion GRUE service 9:00 am, 10:15 am, road ditch clean up PEACE service 10:45 am, No SS Worship Committee meeting	6	7	8 Confirmation 5:30 - 6:30 PM Peace/Grue Parish meeting 7pm at Grue. Council meetings following	9	10	11
12 GRUE service 9:00 am, SS 10:15am, last day PEACE service 10:45 am, No SS	13	14	15 PQ	16	17	18 Ashby AA 6-10 pm Roundup, speaker & potluck
19 GRUE service 9:00 am, No SS PEACE service 10:45 am, No SS Cub Scouts meeting – Peace afternoon	20	21 Peace Bible Study 9:30 a.m. GRUE Bible Study 1:30 p.m.	22 Baccalaureate @ the Ashby High School Wednes- day, May 22, 2024 @ 7pm	23	24	25
26 GRUE service 9:00 am, No SS PEACE service 10:45 am, No SS Ashby High School Graduation Sunday, May 26, 2024 @ 2pm	27	28	29	30	31	



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