



**GREET. GATHER.
GROW AND GO
IN GOD'S GRACE**

Peace † Grue

**God's Country News
An ELCA Parish**



**TO BECOME THE
VOICE AND HANDS
OF JESUS**



June/July 2025



Father's Day - June 16

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What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
 The majesty of a tree,
 The warmth of a summer sun,
 The calm of a quiet sea,
 The generous soul of nature,
 The comforting arm of night,
 The wisdom of the ages,
 The power of the eagle's flight,
 The joy of a morning in spring,
 The faith of a mustard seed,
 The patience of eternity,
 The depth of a family need,
 Then God combined these qualities,
 When there was nothing more to add,
 He knew His masterpiece was complete,
 And so, He called it ... Dad

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY DAD'S!!!

COMMUNITY WORSHIP † SERVICE

IN THE CITY PARK,

Peace Church Hosting

ACROSS FROM PEACE CHURCH

Welcome Presbyterian, Grue, Our Saviors - Dalton

SUNDAY, JULY 20th @ 10:30AM

Ashby Lions Club Pancake Breakfast in the Park

Starts at 8:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon

Pancake breakfast

Pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee!

Free will donation!



Outdoor Worship Service

There has been a change in the email address for Peace & Grue.

The new email is

peacegrue@outlook.com.

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 peace@prtel.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 _____

June Readings

6/1/2025

First Reading

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm

Psalm 97

Second Reading

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Gospel

John 17:20-26

6/8/2025

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

Gospel

John 14:8-17 [25-27]

6/15/2025

First Reading

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm

Psalm 8

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-5

Gospel

John 16:12-15

6/22/2025

First Reading

Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalm

Psalm 22:19-28

Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

6/29/2025

First Reading

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm

Psalm 16

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Gospel

Luke 9:51-62



July Readings

3

7/6/2025

First Reading

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm

Psalm 66:1-9

Second Reading

Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Gospel

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

7/13/2025

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalm

Psalm 25:1-10

Second Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

7/20/2025

First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm

Psalm 15

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-28

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

7/27/2025

First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm

Psalm 138

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

June Birthdays

June 1st

Christopher Ohren
Alyssa Evavold

Britton Lillemon

June 2nd

Makenna Mickelson

June 3rd

Matthew Propst

June Wahl

William Hanson

June 4th

Terry Hanson

Alexander Hanson

June 5th

Brent Christensen

June 6th

Grady Duenow

June 7th

Dorothy Evavold

June 9th

Donna Grover

John Rohloff

June 10th

Chile Anderson

Betty Lindgren

Ryan Risbrudt

Duane Spielman

June 11th

Jenna Johnsrud

Taylor (Koefod) Wing

June 15th

Kim Anderson

June 16th

Scott Juven

June 18th

June Bjornson

Bob Torgrimson

June 19th

Scott Kamrath

Darlane Miller

Missy Johnson

June 20th

Kayla Johnson

June 25th

Ethan Johnsrud

June 26th

Beckett Johnson

Blaine Barry

Missy Barry

June 27th

Candy Catoe

June 28th

Halle Dahlen

Bonita Evavold

June 29th

Louise Lang

June 30th

Randy Catoe

July Birthdays

July 3rd

Craig Koefod

July 4th

Charles Anderson

Perry Knutson

July 5th

Sharon Hermanson

Amanda Restad

July 6th

James Evavold

Tanner Langlie

July 7th

Timothy Evavold

Gage Olson

July 10th

Erin Sorenson

July 13th

Beverly Runningen

July 15th

Perry Evavold

July 16th

James Evavold

Matthew Ohren

Meg Downer

July 17th

Laura Rasmussen

Peter Runningen

July 18th

Lisa Behrens

Christian Koefod

July 19th

Deanna Aamot

Hannah Johnson

July 20th

Norbert Evavold

Meg Rein

July 25th

Nancy Purdon

July 26th

Evana Fick

Eleanor Fick

July 30th

Wanda Risbrudt

Tyler Norenberg

Theron Rein

July 31st

Wayne Risbrudt

If I don't have your birthday or have it listed incorrectly please

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Melissa R

Vacation Bible School

At First Presbyterian Church

July 28th thru 30th

**GOD'S COUNTRY NEWS
ARTICLES ARE DUE BY THE
15TH OF EACH MONTH**



*June & July
Bible Study*

GRUE Bible Study:

JUNE: Tuesday, June 17th @ 1:30 p.m.

JULY: Tuesday, July 15th @ 1:30 p.m.

PEACE Bible Study:

JUNE: Tuesday, June 17th @ 9:30 a.m.

JULY: Tuesday, July 15th @ 9:30 a.m.

May 20, 2025

The Grue Bible Study met at the Ashby Assisted Living Center with Bev joining us. We enjoyed having her join us.

Our lesson was lesson nine Trial & Trust. (John 18:1-27). Purpose: to show Jesus' sovereign control and calm confidence in times of trial and to give us assurance in our difficult times.

Our next lesson will be lesson 10. Character test (John 18:28-19:16) on June 17th at 1:30 at the church. Purpose for lesson 10: to demonstrate that even though Jesus was crucified unjustly, He willingly submitted to death for our sins.

Question: Who killed Jesus? Read John 18:28-37.

In July we will meet on July 15th at 1:30 studying lesson 11.

A short meeting was held to discuss projects for the summer.

A good project for these rainy days, we could use a few more quilt tops, any type of material will do.

Thank you, Living Center, for the coffee and treats, we enjoyed them, always great to be with you.

Praying all are well and to see you again soon.

Love one another . . . God bless

Bea Runningen, Sec.

Congratulations to Trinity & Daniel as they celebrate their graduations.



May 15, 2025

Thank you to Teresa Ohren for gathering our volunteers for May worship times and thank you to Dee Holte for June and Cindy Vorland for July.

Destiny is hosting Pie in the Park on July 19 for Appreciation Days. Not necessarily a WELCA item, but Peace is hosting the Community Worship for that weekend.

The WELCA Synod Gathering is being hosted by First Lutheran in Alexandria on September 19 and 20. Remember Missy has scholarship applications for first time attendees in her office.

Parish worship and picnic will be in August and Grue hosts this year.

Enjoy your summer everyone and take time to get to know our new interim Pastor, Julie Carlson.

Again, thank you to Dorothy Sorenson for supplying her Thrivent card and to Lynette Rohloff for making a child's quilt for the basket raffle for Luther Crests Annual Auction Fundraiser in July.

God Bless you all

Val Fick
WELCA Co-President

Sharon Hermanson was the lucky winner of the Minnesota lap quilt at the thrift store.

The new one which will be drawn for on Flag Day is a patriotic lap quilt.



Interim Pastor

We have an Interim Pastor, Pastor Julie Carlson from Evansville starting to serve our Peace/Grue Parish the middle of June. Pastor Julie served as an intern at Holmes City and Oscar Lake while in seminary and the past 3 years has served as a full-time called pastor at Vukku Lutheran and Foxhome Lutheran. Vukku is closing and Foxhome Lutheran, as a 1 point parish is unable to keep her.

Pastor Julie comes with a lot of enthusiasm and we are confident you will welcome her, invite her to the coffee shop, bible studies, etc.



Call Process

After our interim, Julie Carlson starts middle of June, the Call Team will meet with her and our Synod liaison, Pastor Dennis Preston, to start to develop our Site Profile. This could involve several of you in small groups so that we have a large range of input from our members as to what is important to our members. When you are asked to participate, we hope you will say "yes".

Once our Site Profile is submitted to Synod, it will be matched to profiles from pastors looking for a call.

Your Call Team is Jeremy Anderson, Heidi Balgaard, Val Fick, Annah Evavold, Beatrice Runnigen and Greg Lillemon. Any thoughts you have regarding our needs, please feel free to call one of these members.

Parish Council Minutes

Parish Council Meeting - May 15th, 2025 @ Grue 7:00 PM

In attendance: Wayne Vorland, Duane Spielman, Brenda Johnson, Dee Holte, Tim Cunningham, Linda Bahnson, Donna Grover, Sonia Heibel, Darlene Miller, Gwen Lillemon, Char Woldahl, Bob Torgrimson, Melissa Runningen, and June Bjornson.

Absent: Randy Koefod

Meeting called to order by Duane Spielman
All in attendance prayed the Lord's Prayer

Secretary's Report- Read and approved M/S/C

Treasurer's Report- Read and approved M/S/C

Old Business:

The Parish picnic will be a 4 church event this year. Melissa R. will reach out to Pastor Paul for confirmation, after their meeting on 5/6. It is Grue's turn to host. The parish picnic is the 3rd Sunday in August.

New Business:

The call committee and parish council members have sent a call out to Pastor Julie Carlson to fill the position of interim Pastor and she has accepted. Pastor Carlson is currently the Pastor at Foxhome Lutheran Church. Pastor Julie will begin on June 15th. Her contract will be through December. She will have reviews in July, September and December.

Thank you to the call committee and council members for all their time and energy given to interviewing, researching, and choosing Pastor Julie Carlson.

During Ashby Appreciation Days, Church in the Park will be hosted by First Presbyterian Church and Peace will be assisting with the service. Destiny Church will be in charge of Pie in the Park.

Motion to adjourn meeting. M/S/C

Next Parish meeting will be held @ Peace, August 15th, 2025, @ 7:00 pm.

5/14/2025 Peace council meeting

Attendance: Duane Spielman Pres., Wayne Vorland council, Brenda Johnson Co-Sec., Donna Grover council, Tim Cunningham Treas., Dee Holte Co-Sec., Linda Bahnson council

Secretary's Report: M/S/C

Treasurer's Report: M/S/C

Education Team:

Donna Grover reminded the council that joint VBS would be happening again this summer.

Call Team:

Duane and Dee told the council about the research and interviews about the selection of our interim Pastor Julie Carlson.

Property Management Team:

Tim is waiting to hear back from the Elevator Company that installed our current wheelchair lift for possible repairs.

Duane has received the door handles with locks and will get them installed.

New Business:

Duane and Abigail Spielman wrote a grant to APS Day of Caring and it was accepted. On May 21st, Duane will be supervising a group of students who will be doing the following improvements to our church.

The students will be varnishing the church's back steps, filling holes on the church grounds with black dirt, painting the foundation of the church, and spreading new mulch in the front of the church.

Donna Grover has volunteered and was unanimously accepted by the council to fill the open council position.

Meeting adjourned M/S/C

Council Secretary's Report

Grue Council Meeting: May 14, 2025

Attending: Bob, Char, Dar, June, Melissa, Sonia & Gwen

Absent: Randy K.

President Sonia Heibel called the meeting to order following the joint council meeting.

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

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

Old Business:

*The estimate to have the 2 decks on the church power washed and painted came in at \$650. M/S/C to have Brandon Sethre do the job. The paint has been purchased.

*There was discussion on using compostable paper products. Gwen will check on this.

*Sonia reported on the Interim position. The job will be offered to Julie Carlson. We are looking at the middle of June for a starting date.

New Business:

*Bea reported that one of the burners on the stove is not working well. We will look into it.

*After years of the Sunday School students and families taking care of cleaning the road ditches near Grue, it has been decided to discontinue the Adopt -A-Highway Program. Thank you for the years of dedication to this task.

The next council meeting will be June 8th @ 9:45 before the worship service. Meeting was adjourned. M/S/C

Gwen Lillemon, Council Secretary

God's People in Service
JUNE 2025
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Grue 10:45 a.m. Worship	June 1 White Holy Communion	June 8 Red	June 15 White The Holy Trinity	June 22 Green	June 29 Green
Janitors/ Ushers	Bob & Betty Torgrimson and Harold & MaBeth Jensen				
Reader	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Music	Denise Juven	Cindy Vorland	Denise Juven	Contemporary	Denise Juven
Peace 9:00 a.m. Worship	June 1 White Holy Communion	June 8 Red Coffee Cup Sun- day	June 15 White The Holy Trinity	June 22 Green	June 22 Green
Music	Brenda Risbrudt	Brenda Risbrudt	Brenda Risbrudt	Contemporary	Brenda Risbrudt
Ushers	Jeremy & Noah Anderson	Joel & Darian Holte	Alan & Kathy Hammer	Jeremy & Lukas Anderson
Readers	Jeremy Anderson	Dee Holte	Dee Holte	Dee Holte	Jeremy Anderson
Communion Helper (set up, serve, clean)	Jackie & Lukas Anderson Jennifer Holte	□..... □□□	□□□□□□ □□□□□□□□	□..... □□□□□ □□□□□□□□
Cookie Servers	Dee Holte	Dee Holte	Dee Holte	Kathy Hammer	Jennifer Holte

Serving Team Peace Lutheran Month of June 2025

Chairpersons: Chuck & Dee Holte

***Ushers are reminded to pick up bulletins and trash and replace hymnals in racks
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PEACE 9am service GRUE 10:45am service NWMN Synod Assembly Concordia College	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 PEACE 9am service Peace Council mtg-after services GRUE 10:45am service Grue Council mtg-9:45	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Father's Day Welcome Interim Pastor Julie Carlson PEACE 9am service GRUE 10:45am service	16	17 Peace Bible Study 9:30 a.m. GRUE Bible Study 1:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21
22 PEACE 9am service GRUE 10:45am service	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 PEACE 9am service GRUE 10:45am service	30				<u>WORSHIP TIMES</u> PEACE 9 A.M. GRUE 10:45 A.M.	

God's People in Service
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GRUE 10:45 a.m. Worship	July 6 Green Holy Communion	July 13 Green	July 20 Green	July 27 Green
Ushers	Tony & Vicky Ness and Vic & Vonnie Evavold			
Reader	ushers	ushers	ushers
Music	Denise Juven	Cindy Vorland	Contemporary
PEACE 9:00 a.m. Worship	July 6 Green Holy Communion	July 13 Green Coffee Cup Sunday	July 20 Green Community Worship in the Park 10:30 a.m.- Peace hosting	July 27 Green
Music	Brenda Risbrudt	Brenda Risbrudt	Contemporary	Brenda Risbrudt
Ushers		Richard & Norma Clemensen	Ashby Appreciation Days	Larry & Nancy Purdon
Readers	Nancy Purdon	Norma Clemensen	Aaron Vorland	Nancy Purdon
Communion Helper (set up, serve, clean)	Wayne & Cindy Vorland □□□ □□□□□□□□□□□□ □ □□
Cookie Servers	Wayne & Cindy Vorland	Wayne & Cindy Vorland □□□□□	Wayne & Cindy Vorland

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>WORSHIP TIMES</u> PEACE 9 A.M. GRUE 10:45 A.M.		1	2	3	4 July 4th church office closed	5
6 PEACE 9am service GRUE 10:45am service	7	8	9 Grue Council meeting	10	11	12
13 PEACE 9am service GRUE 10:45am service Peace Council meeting?	14	15 Peace Bible Study 9:30 a.m. GRUE Bible Study 1:30 p.m.	16	17	18	19 Pie & Ice Cream social in the park. Destiny hosting.
20 Community Worship in the City Park 10:30am. Peace church hosting.	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 PEACE 9am service GRUE 10:45am service	28 VBS at First Presbyterian church	29 VBS at First Presbyterian church	30 VBS at First Presbyterian church	31		

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