

# February Reflection 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<b>4 5th Epiphany</b> 9:30 am Worship/HC Edward Anderson. Sunday School.	<b>5</b> <b>9 am</b> <b>Quilting</b> <b>at</b> <b>church.</b>	<b>6</b> <b>9 am Quilt-</b> <b>ing Soup</b> <b>Planning</b> <b>meeting.</b>	<b>7</b> <b>El J office day</b>  <b>6:15 pm</b> <b>Confirmation.</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11 Transfiguration</b> 9:30 am Worship El J Arntson. Sunday School.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>El J office</b> <b>day</b> 6 pm Council meeting at church.	<b>14 Ash Wed.</b> <b>El J office day</b> <b>6:30 pm Lenten</b> <b>Worship.</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18 1st LENT</b> 9:30 am Worship/HC El J Arntson. Sunday School.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>El J office day</b>  <b>6:30 pm Lenten</b> <b>Worship.</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25 2nd LENT</b> 9:30 am Worship El J Arntson & BOF. Sunday School. Serving from 10:30- 12:30 Annual Soup & Bread, and Pie Lunch- eon with all proceeds going to the Eric Lyon Benefit.	<b>26</b>  <b>Welcome</b> <b>Band of Faith!</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>El J office day</b>  <b>6:30 pm Lenten</b> <b>Worship.</b>	<b>29</b>		

## Grove Lake Church Council Minutes

November 14, 2023

**Members present:** Laurie Buck, Wendy Haugrud, Julie Ann Holt, El J Arntson, Paul Restad, Scott Wolf, Keith Anderson, Jessie Williams  
Members absent: Jean Varholdt, Erin Hagen, Tim Williams

**Treasurer's Report:** Revenues as of October 31, 2023 were \$157,005.56. Expenditures for the same period were \$80,317.28. The revenues include \$61,000 from the insurance company for hail damage to the roof. This roof work won't be done until next Summer. Keith made a motion to accept treasurer's report. Laurie seconded the motion.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from October 10, 2023 meeting reviewed. Laurie made a motion to accept the minutes. Paul seconded it.

**Minister's Report:** El J is planning to have office hours on Wednesdays. discussed various issues, ideas, schedules, etc. El J is interested in a mutual ministry group. He also requested we give him names of people who are shut in or may need a clerical visit.

**Education Committee:** Christmas program will be December 17. Noisy offering for September and October was \$382.63. This money went for supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits.

**Youth Committee:** planning a lock-in on Friday night. there will be supper and games and will have breakfast in the morning. Parents will be helping.

**Outreach Committee:** no report **Stewardship Committee:** no report

**Worship Committee:** songs for services have been planned. committee members will meet with pastor on a Wednesday

**Properties Committee:** water heaters have been installed but they need to be wired.

**WELCA:** recently made 8 quilts which will be donated to REACH (Rural Enrichment and Counseling Headquarters), a human services agency from Hawley and Hendrum.

**Men's Group:** No report

**New Business:** Call Committee will meet and start the Call process.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy Haugrud

## Grove Lake Church Council Minutes

December 12, 2023

**Members present:** Laurie Buck, Keith Anderson, Scott Wolf, El J Arntson, Wendy Haugrud, Julie Ann Holt, Jessie Williams, Tim Williams, Jean Varholdt

**Members absent:** Paul Restad

**Treasurer's Report:** Revenues as of November 30, 2023 were \$165,513.08. This includes \$61,000 from insurance which will be used to repair the roof. Expenditures for the same period were \$91,241.04. Keith made a motion to accept the report. Tim seconded the motion. Reviewed the proposed budget for 2024. Tim made a motion to accept the 2024 budget. Jean seconded the motion. This will be presented to the congregation for vote at the annual meeting.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the November 14, 2023 minutes were reviewed. Tim made a motion to accept the minutes. Laurie seconded the motion.

**Minister's Report:** El J made suggestions to improve the Reflection. He suggested adding birthdays and anniversaries. Also, to add a church history column. He suggested we send care packages to service members. El J will preach on January 14, then will be gone the next three Sundays. He will be back the second Sunday in February. Discussed plans for Lent.

**Worship Committee:** They are working to cover services while El J is gone.

**Education Committee:** Youth Group and Sunday School Christmas program is this Sunday. The Sunday School kids collected \$297.52 from noisy offering in November to go to 'Little Dresses for Africa' ministry. December noisy offering will go to the 'ELCA Good Gifts' ministry. Beth applied for matching funds on 'Giving Tuesday'. There will be NO Sunday School on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be Sunday School on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Committee:** 10 kids participated in the lock in. The kids had fun.

**Outreach Committee:** Colleen has been arranging for people to serve coffee after church. Millie will start doing this in January.

**Properties Committee:** Tim replaced the filters in the furnaces. There is a rocking chair in the family room which is broken.

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**Stewardship Committee:** Erin is resigning from this committee due to time constraints. Her position will be filled at the annual meeting.

**WELCA:** WELCA met at Laurie's home for our Christmas party. 14 people attended. Offering and donations for shut ins was collected. Will use money to buy needed supplies for Churches United. Our church is serving there on Sunday so will deliver the items at that time.

**Men's Group:** No report.

**New Business:** discussed having a benefit for Eric Lyon, who has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. Keith made a motion to go forward with the benefit. Jean seconded the motion.

Dennis Preston from the Synod will meet with the call committee, and any council members who want to attend, on January 7 after church.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Haugrud

### Thirty days has September

How many months have 28 days? If you answered they all do, then you are correct. The answer is different if the word only is inserted. February is a short month. Legend has that it originally had 30 days like a few other months. Julius Caesar believed that as Emperor the month named after him should have an extra day. To facilitate this, Julius Caesar took a day from February and added it to July. After Julius Caesar was assassinated and his nephew Augustus became emperor, Augustus believed he was as important as Julius and also took a day from February and added it to August, the month named after him. February thus became the only month limited to 28 days. Sadly, this legend is apocryphal. Yes the Romans changed the calendar. Yes Julius Caesar was involved. No, He did **NOT** take a day in February and move it to July. February is a short month because of MATH.

This tale I hope reminds us that just because we find something written does not make it true. It is important to do the research and determine the truth. While a simple google search may give us literally thousands of instantaneous responses their validity must be called into question. Information is only as valid as its source. This is increasingly more important as we transition into a world inhabited by artificial intelligence. The best research is done in the Library. A library looks at issues from all sides. Most libraries have research librarians who delight in delving into issues. They (the librarians that I know) are willing and able to lend a hand.

This year we begin our Lenten journey on February 14, Ash Wednesday. Our Lenten services will begin at 6:30 PM each Wednesday through March 20<sup>th</sup>. On Ash Wednesday we will have communion and the imposition of ashes. The remaining Wednesday services will be short and feature Lenten dramas as the sermon. Three of the five dramas will be presented by the confirmation students. The remaining two services' dramas will be performed by adults. These dramas will be in readers theater style meaning the lines will not be memorized but rather read. As I write this article we are still looking for volunteers to participate in the services. These short play-lets give us a more "human" look at those peripherally involved in Christ's Crucifixion.

Since this article began with a bit of calendar fiction, please ponder this calendar fact. William Shakespeare (famous English writer) and Miguel de Cervantes (famous Spanish writer) both died on April, 23, 1616. Yet, they did not die on the same day. How is this possible? Spain and England in 1616 were using different calendars. Cervantes actually died 10 days before Shakespeare.

## What's Cooking?

This recipe is from the Golden Harvest of Grace cookbook from Grace Lutheran Church of Bensenville, Illinois. I received this cook book from Denise's aunt Janene as she was attempting to reduce the number of cookbooks in her collection. I was told that cooks on submarines would make this cake as it didn't need eggs. That also made it a great cook for the depression era when fresh eggs were in short supply. When I bring this cake to Bible study at Zion of Amor I am told that "I can bring this cake again!"

### Kooky Cake

<b>3 cups</b> flour	<b>½ cup</b> cocoa
<b>2 cups</b> sugar	<b>2 teaspoons</b> baking soda
<b>1 teaspoon</b> salt	<b>2 Tablespoons</b> vinegar
<b>2/3 cup</b> salad oil	<b>1 teaspoon</b> vanilla
<b>2 cups</b> water	

In a bowl blend the flour, sugar, cocoa, salt and soda. To this mixture add the remaining ingredients. Beat until smooth. Pour into a greased 9 X 13 pan and bake for 30 to 35 minutes in a 350 degree oven. Cool and frost with the frosting of your choice

Notes: This is a moist devil's food cake

This is a no egg cake

I have used a variety of different frostings including a caramel/brown sugar frosting, a chocolate-cherry frosting, and a peanut butter chocolate frosting. My favorite frosting for this cake is a chocolate buttermilk frosting.

My grandson Samuel is a big fan of this cake!



Yum yum!

## Usher List for the Month of February 2024

**Sunday 4th**

*PJ and Karla Breen*

**Sunday 11th**

*Wayne and Janet Woolever*

**Sunday 18th**

*Rich and Millie Ness*

**Sunday 25th**

*Jeff and Diane Nord*

*Happy  
Birthday !*

## February Birthdays

**1st** Chris Haugrud

**5th** Lyle Haugrud, John Seter

**6th** Christie Radtke, Casey Hammond

**8th** Amos Restad

**11th** Kaydell Halling

**12th** Helen Miller, Joseph Shulstad, Quinlan Jacobson

**13th** Jay Lyon

**14th** Kimberly Arntson

**16th** Lori Bakken

**18th** Taylor Berg

**20th** Anthony Haugrud, Bruce Haugrud

**22nd** Mitchell Monson, Kim Haugrud

**23rd** Richard Hagen

**25th** Rachel Thysell

**27th** Wesley Hagen, Aaron Halbakken



## Anniversary

**16th** Tara and Scott Wolf

**17th** Paul and Denise Gubrud

**Disclaimer:** We want to celebrate the milestones of life! We have attempted to include everyone.

If we've missed anyone please let us know!  
We want to be inclusive not exclusive!



*Special music by  
Band of Faith will  
complete our worship  
that day!*

**Join us on Sunday  
February 25th for  
Grove Lake's Annual  
Soup, Bread, and Pie  
Luncheon.**

*Serving is from  
10:30 am to 12:30  
pm with all proceeds  
going to the  
**Eric Lyon Benefit.***



Eric was diagnosed with Grade 4 Astrocytoma which is the most aggressive brain tumor. Eric's case was accepted at an integrative Cancer Center in Arizona. He is currently in treatment and they are hoping this treatment will prolong his quality of life.