Introducing the NEW and IMPROVED
Big Grove Crow River Grace Parish Website!

http://www.bgcrgparish.org

The website is up and running!
It is still under construction, though, so please bear with us while we get things added and tweaked.

With that in mind, here are some things YOU can do to help us make the website be as user-friendly as possible…

1. Take a look at the website.
   Let us know what you think of it!!

   Big Grove: contact Deanna Johnson
   Crow River: contact Trish Thieschafer
   Grace: contact Bruce/Jan Wing
   Parish and general thoughts: contact Travis Szczesniak crowrivertreasurer@hotmail.com

   If you have photos and news that should be on the website, please contact the appropriate person above!

2. DID YOU KNOW…
   The newsletter is on the website!
   Take a look at it. Let us know if you would like to rely on the website to get the newsletter, instead of having it mailed to you each month. If you want to get it online only, contact Roxanne.

3. DID YOU KNOW…
   The website is mobile!
   For best results, scroll to the bottom of the screen and choose Web version.
## Stewardship – June 2019

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### BIG GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

JOIN US AT 9:30 for coffee, juice and treats in the back of church. This is a Free Will offering with proceeds going to the General Fund. Wanted: Volunteers to serve coffee and treats Sundays at 9:30 am. Please sign up in the back of church.

WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS for Bruce Paulson and family on the death of Mary Jo Paulson. Mary Jo died on Sunday, April 21st. and her service was held on Saturday, April 27th at Big Grove Lutheran Church. Blessed be the memory of Mary Jo Paulson.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ALMA BAALSON was held on Saturday, May 4, 2019, at 11:00 am at Big Grove Lutheran Church. Visitation will be at 10:00 am, and there will be a lunch following.

WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS for Roger Ball and family on the death of Julie Ball. Julie died on Saturday, May 11th and her service was held on May 18th at Big Grove Lutheran Church. Blessed be the memory of Julie Ball.

### CROW RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH

WE WELCOMED INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD through the Rite of Holy Baptism, Grayson Michael Finn Jensen, son of Amanda Jensen. Welcome, Grayson to God’s Kingdom.
WE WELcomed into the KingdoM OF GOD through the Rite of Holy Baptism, Piper Ann, Erin Marie and Miles Leroy Theis, children of Nathan and Jeni Theis. Welcome, Piper, Erin and Miles to God’s Kingdom.

WE EXPRESS OUR SYmpathy AND PRAYERS for Suzie Johnson and family on the death of Delmore Johnson. Delmore died on Sunday, May 12th and his memorial service will be held on Thursday, June 6th at 11:00 a.m. at Crow River Lutheran Church. Blessed be the memory of Delmore Johnson.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

GLCW: Please watch the July/August newsletter for the summer outing that will be scheduled in July. Mission Growth is in the process checking out a few ideas and would welcome any suggestions; please contact Loey Maroschek who is our Mission Growth Coordinator.

CONGRATULATIONS, ROBERT WOLD: Robert’s Eagle Scout Ceremony was held at Grace on Sunday, May 5th.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported, donated, prepared and worked at the GLCW Spring Brunch Celebration on Sunday, April 28th. It was a time of great fellowship and good food. Thanks again.

LIBRARY NEWS: by Maxine Jensen
“Autumn’s Promise” is a novel by Shelley Shepard Gray.

Until Robert Miller met Lilly Allen, his world had been dark. A widower after only two years of marriage, he had been living in a haze, feeling that at twenty one, his life was already over. But thanks to his friendship with Lilly, he now has new reasons to wake up each day. He knows his connection to her doesn’t make sense. She is only nineteen, with a past the whole town talks about. Even more, she’s not Amish like Robert. Lilly’s heart is drawn to Robert, not to his faith. No matter how much she admires his quiet strength and dependability, she doesn’t think she could even give up her independence and reliance on the modern world.

Caleb Graber’s family loves being Amish and their way of like. But Caleb longs for works, meeting other people and living places. He had dreams of leaving Sugarcreek and the endless rules that cage him in. These three people are searching for the place God wants them to be.

USHERS NEEDED: Ushering provides an opportunity for you to give God’s best. Ushering is more than simply collecting the offering on Sunday morning. At many worship services, ushers set the tone for welcoming. We are in need of ushers for the summer months, fall months and winter months. Please sign the sheet in the social hall. Ask a family member, a friend, an elderly person, a young person to usher with you.

DO-DAY LADIES last day of quilting was on Tuesday, May 21st. We thank their nimble fingers and their sewing skills that have been busy making quilts and putting together kits for LWR. A total of 42 quilts were taken to the SW MN SYNOD Convention in Marshall, MN on June 3rd for LWR. Way to go Do-day Ladies.

GRACE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONAL

Fund awards scholarships, grant
The Grace Lutheran Church Congregational Fund board met recently to consider requests for scholarships and grants. Each spring the fund distributes 80% of its dividends and earnings. This year four requests for scholarships and one for a youth trip were received.

Recipients were three seniors at BBE High School, a fourth-year student at Concordia College, Moorhead, and a Free Spirits mission trip. Each will receive $538.00.

Robert Wold, a senior at BBE High School will attend Alexandria Technical School in the carpentry program. Ben Boie also a senior at BBE will attend Ridgewater College in Willmar and pursue a career in
agriculture. Madison Eckstein, another senior at BBE will also attend Ridgewater College to study nursing.

Alyssa Dalen, who will be a four-year student at Concordia College, Moorhead, will also receive $538.00. Alyssa is studying biology and neuroscience and plans to enter medical school following her four-year degree. The Free Spirits youth group from Big Grove Crow River Grace Parish will receive its grant to use on a mission trip to Arizona and the Grand Canyon and Utah.

THE GRACE LUTHERAN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION is accepting bids for mowing the cemeteries this summer. Bids may be sent to the parish office at P.O. Box 10, Belgrade, MN 56312. Thank you. Darlene

BIG GROVE CROW RIVER GRACE PARISH

ROXANNE will be out of the office on Thursday, May 30 and Friday, May 31st. Please have all bulletin announcements into the Parish Office no later than, Tuesday, May 28th by 11:00 a.m. Thanks.

SWMN SYNOD ASSEMBLY: Our Synod Assembly will be held June 7-8. Pastor Ann and Pastor John will be attending, along voting members from Crow River (Greg and Jan Martin) and from Grace (John and Shirley Anderson). Please keep the Synod Assembly in your prayers, that it may be a productive time that glorifies God.

FCA BREAKFAST: Thursday, May 30th will be the last Thursday morning FCA breakfast until September. Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped with FCA breakfast. Thank you to Pastor John for all of the organizing and leading this event.

THERE will be only one newsletter in the months of July and August. Please have all announcements into the office no later than Monday, June 17th for July/August newsletter.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS: If anyone is interested in volunteering as drivers for rides to the clinic Brooten Clinic please call, Brenda Nelson at 320-346-2272.

♫ Take Me Out to the Ball Game… ♫
Let’s go, Twins!
Family outing on Saturday, July 20, 2019, 6:10 pm game start
Minnesota Twins v. Oakland Athletics
Tickets: $22 per person (due at registration)
MINIMUM 20
Deadline to sign up: Sunday, June 23, 2019

Come to see the Minnesota Twins play the Oakland A’s in Minneapolis! Tickets do not include food or parking. Carpooling option available (leaving from Grace at 3:30 pm).

Minnesota Twins Family Outing Registration

Number of people going ________ x $22 each = __________
(checks payable to BGCRG Parish)

Names _______________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________
Big Grove, Crow River, and Grace Lutheran Churches have teamed up again this year to give your children a very exciting and fun filled week of learning about God.

Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for the week of Sunday, June 2nd - Wednesday, June 5th from 5:45 pm to 8:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church in Belgrade. A short program will be held for the public on the last night, Wednesday, June 5th at 7:30 pm. Please note the change in days of the week this year. Our first night is going to be on a Sunday! We will be providing supper for the children again this year from 5:30pm to 6:00pm. The meals will be provided by the church circles and the menu will be kid friendly. Our theme this year is Roar! At Roar, children discover that life is wild, God is good. Kids will participate in the large-group excitement at Safari Celebration, experience God's Word at Wild Bible Adventures, and enjoy snacks, crafts, and games at Imagination Station and Stampede Sports. You won’t want to miss this super fun week.

**SENIOR SUNDAY** was celebrated on Sunday May 5th at Grace Lutheran Church. Seniors wrapped in their quilts are Ben Boie, Madison Eckstein, Casandra Olson, Robert Wold and Cody Evenson. Congratulations Class of 2019!!

**SENIOR SUNDAY** was celebrated on Sunday May 12th at Crow River Lutheran Church. Seniors wrapped in their quilts are Ethan Roeder, McKenzie Thieschafer and Kaylee Torgerson. Congratulations Class of 2019!!
SENIOR
at Big Grove quilts are Dylan Macie

SUNDAY was celebrated on Sunday May 12th Lutheran Church. Seniors wrapped in their Kampsen, Kirsten Kampsen, Emily Knight, Kirckof, Brady Nelson and Kole Kampsen. Congratulations Class of 2019!!!

DAILY BIBLE READING

Martin Luther once said, “For some years now... I have read through the Bible twice every year. If you picture the Bible to be a mighty tree and every word a little branch, I have shaken every one of these branches because I wanted to know what it was and what it meant.”

Each month we will print a schedule that will help you shake the branches of this tree. Feel free to read as much or as little as works best for you. If you feel yourself getting bogged down in some difficult Old Testament readings, skip them.

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PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS
May
(Complete minutes available in Parish Office)

Treasurer’s Report:  (April)
Beginning Balance     $ 7,452.55
Ending Balance        $ 6,425.21

Approved buying a Parish Banner to be used in the summer parades.

Set the date of Sunday, August 4 for a Parish Worship Service (11:00), and a lunch (Ice Cream Social), followed by a softball game and other activities. This will be held on the Parsonage lot across from Grace.

Discussed the importance of communication from all three congregations so that special events including fundraising dinners don’t conflict with each other.

GRACE CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:  May
(Complete minutes available in Parish Office)

Treasurer’s Report:  (April)
Gen. Fund Begin Balance     $47,093.89
Income                   $ 12,364.36
Expenses                 $ 12,884.61
Gen. Fund End Balance        $46,573.64

Discussed lighting and carpets. Will get bids on lighting and will put the sanctuary carpet on hold for now.

Approved John and Shirley Anderson as our Synod Assembly Voting Members.
BIG GROVE CHURCH COUNCIL
HIGHLIGHTS: May
(Complete minutes available in Parish Office)

Treasurer’s Report: (April)
Gen. Fund Balance       $ -(3,750.59)
    Income:        $ 11,324.29
    Expenses:      $ 6,387.39
Gen. Fund Balance:      $ 1,186.31

Approved a request for the use of the church for a baby shower for Morgan Lewis on June 1.

Heard an update on the plans for the Raffle, Silent Auction, and Memorial Day Dinner.

CROW RIVER CHURCH COUNCIL
HIGHLIGHTS: May
(Complete minutes available at parish office.)

Treasurer’s Report: (April)
Gen. Fund Begin Balance    $1,725.45
    Income:        $13,914.07
    Expenses:      $10,294.98
Gen. Fund End Balance:    $ 5,344.54

Trustees will check on needed repairs and improvements at the parsonage.

Discussed the importance of archived records. Jerry and Travis will inventory what we have and will make suggestions as to the best way to keep them.

Discussed the possibility of some Wednesday programming for elementary youth and family worship.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
(if information is not correct-please contact the office)

June 2
8:30a Worship-CR w/ Holy Communion
9a Worship-Grace w/ Holy Communion
Tina Carlson
10:30am Worship-BG w/ Holy Communion
5a Lundgren’s B

June 3
VBS 5:30pm Supper
6pm-8pm

June 4
2:30p Pastor John @ BNH
5:45p Naomi Circle (G)
7p AA

June 5
9a Crow River Work Day
7p CR Council

June 6
Pastor John & Pastor Ann at Synod Assembly

June 7
Pastor John & Pastor Ann at Synod Assembly

June 8
8:30a Worship-CR w/ Holy Communion
9a Worship-Grace w/ Holy Communion
10:30am Worship-BG w/ Holy Communion
5a Lundgren’s B

June 9
Father’s Day!

June 10
9a Crow River Work Day
7p CR Council

June 11
Pastor John & Pastor Ann at Synod Assembly

June 12
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Parish Secretary  bgcrlutheran@frontiernet.net

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

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Big Grove Crow River Grace Parish (BGCGRG)

Council Members: Brian Ziemer (Crow River), Jan Martin (Crow River)
Allen Anderson (Big Grove) Eric Johnson (Big Grove)
Connie Wold (Grace), Bruce Wing (Grace)

Pastors
Pastor John Dalen
Pastor Ann Zastrow