



GRACE
BIBLE
CHURCH

*The church by
the water tower*
Silver Lake, MN

Church Profile

Grace Bible Church (The Church by the Water Tower) was established in 1891 and composed of people whose heritages were either directly or indirectly linked to Czechoslovakia. Immigrants had come to America from Bohemia and Moravia to escape oppression and be free to worship God according to their beliefs. It was initially called the Bohemian Free Reformed Church of Silver Lake. From the onset, and up to the present, one of the basic requirements for church membership is that one “must be born again” in accordance with Jesus’ charge in John 3:7.

The congregation has had 10 pastors in 132 years of existence. The last two pastors retired after serving for over 30 years each. (See our website silverlakechurch.org)

The Church was re-named “Congregational Church of Silver Lake” for many years but in recent years, members saw the growing need for a name that more accurately reflects its Bible based beliefs. The church operates under its own congregational form of government which has as its premise that the Bible is inspired by God and without error, therefore God’s word is to be the final authority in all matters of faith and life. Our name “Grace Bible Church” was chosen through a series of votes by members of the congregation.

Members and friends of Grace Bible Church come from such diverse denominational backgrounds as Congregational, Lutheran, Evangelical Free, Baptist, Catholic, Methodist, Reformed and others.

We have recently completed two building additions. The first, completed in 2006, provided handicap accessibility & restrooms, a fellowship hall, kitchen, and pastors office. The second, completed in 2012, provided much needed Sunday school rooms and in the basement under the Sunday school rooms, we were able to create an archery range. This enabled us to begin our Center Shot Archery ministry. We are blessed to have paid off the loans for both additions and we are debt free as a church.

GBC giving has come from up to 80 givers in the past 10 years but since COVID, we have been under 60 givers with similar attendance numbers. We are a small church but very active in our community.

So far in 2023, we have had great church events such as Outreach at the Big Little Hunting and Fishing Expo, Easter breakfast and service, Women’s Event, Wild Game Feed, Seaside Service at Swan Lake, South Dakota ceiling repairs and Centershot Archery outreach, Motorcycle Sunday, Vacation Bible School, Outdoor Community Service, Ice Cream Cone Give-away, Missionaries, first annual Family Fun Day and Mn Adult and Teen Challenge.

For more information Grace Bible Church ministries, missions, and what we believe, please visit our website at silverlakechurch.org.

Silver Lake MN Profile

Silver Lake is 50 miles west of Minneapolis in McLeod County. McLeod County has a population of 36,771 with 880 farms. Silver Lake is predominantly Czech and Polish with a population of 837. Churches in the city are Catholic being the largest, Grace Bible Church and Presbyterian.

Hutchinson is the largest city in the county with a population of 14,599. Distance is 9 miles.

Glencoe is the county seat with a population of 5,744. Distance is 11 miles. Silver Lake and Glencoe schools are consolidated. Glencoe has a large Hispanic population.

Other cities nearby where some members live:

Lester Prairie with a population of 1,894. Distance is 10 miles.

Winsted with a population of 2,240. Distance is 12 miles.

Dassel with a population of 1,472. Distance is 17 miles.

Howard Lake with a population of 2,071. Distance is 17 miles.

Waconia with a population of 13,033. Distance is 20 miles.

Norwood Young America with a population of 3,961. Distance is 23 miles.



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Grace Bible Church of Silver Lake, MN
Pastor Job Description

Job Title: Pastor
Reports To: The Elders and Trustees
Position Status: Full-Time

Purpose:

We are searching for a man, called by God, to pastor our church. He will serve the church by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ and feeding the church a steady diet of biblical teaching. He will need skills in administrative leadership and a heart for engaging in pastoral care ministries to meet the needs of persons in the church and in the community.

Responsibilities:

- Set as a guideline of personal behavior the standard required in I Timothy 3:1-7 and I Peter 5:1-4.
- Prepare and preach sermons based on the Word of God, every Sunday.
- Teach confirmation class to young church members (two 9 month periods starting at 12 years old).
- Administer the sacrament of Holy communion.
- Perform weddings, funerals, dedication of children, baptisms.
- Lead the prayer service/bible study on Wednesdays
- Attending monthly church board meetings chaired by the head elder.
- Serve as a permanent member of the Missions Committee.
- Producing a weekly program for our First Light Radio Broadcast.
- Supervise and advise other members of the church staff according to staff organization.
- Plan and promote evangelistic ministries for the unsaved and renewal for the Christians.
- Provide administrative leadership for the total church program.
- Visit the sick and minister to members in times of crisis.
- Other assigned duties

Salary range: \$40K to \$50K
Vacation: Starting at 2Wks /Yr
Medical allowance: \$500 to 1K /MO
Housing allowance: \$500 to \$1000 monthly

Signature [Pastor]

Date