

## IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Ashley Wrucke on the baptism of her son, Carson Reed Wrucke. Carson's sponsors are Judd & Amber Wrucke and Josh & Stefanie Phelps.

### SYMPATHIES TO:

Paul & Diane Sheely upon the passing away of Paul's mother, Viola Sheely.  
Michele Bisbee upon the passing of Michele's father, R. D. Knakmuhs.

### MEMBER CONCERNS:

Arvid Binde, Junice Hamre, Alyce Johnson, Brian Mowery, Don Pannkuk, Lee Ann Sager

### SYNOD PRAYER PARTNERS:

Bethlehem Lutheran in Lanesboro  
Bethel Lutheran in Rochester  
Central Diocese Dispensaries in Tanzania  
Bethany Lutheran in Frost  
Christ Lutheran in Faribault  
Ruruma Lutheran Church in Tanzania

### MILITARY PERSONNEL:

Please let us know your family & friends serving our country.  
**Kuwait:** Nick Berhow

### RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Beth Zehnder (*Mother of Staci and Chad Bonin*)  
Bill Miles (*Brother of Bob & Diane Miles*)  
Bonnie Stadtherr (*Friend of Bob & Diane Miles*)  
Jacob Strickler (*Nephew of Larainne & Harlan Gorath*)  
Ann Hilgendorf (*sister-in-law of Barry & Tina Hilgendorf*)

## ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

### COMMUNITY EVENTS *(to the right of the Chapel)*

American Red Cross Blood Drive  
Open Skating  
Mayo Clinic Health Systems  
Gala Gowns Go Green Sale-Feb. 11th-12th  
Celebrate Valentine's Day-Feb. 14th  
Ballroom Dance Lessons & Dances  
Knit Night  
Girl Scout Cookies  
St. John's (Sherburn) Pancake Breakfast

## ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS (Con't)

### MESSAGES FOR GRACE *(in the Gathering Area)*

Thrivent Financial: Is College Next for Your Child?  
Yellow Ribbon Communities Brochure  
Internship Opportunities  
Goldfinch Coffee Hour  
Flowers on the Altar  
Men's Fraternity: The Quest for Authentic Manhood  
Help Grace Go Green  
Online Giving  
People Helping People  
Grace Lutheran Veterans  
(and we are looking for additional names, as well)

Ingham Okoboji Opportunities  
AARP TAXAIDE  
Becoming a Courageous Woman Retreat  
Becoming a Courageous Man Retreat  
2011-12 Recharge Weekends  
Theatre on the Prairie 2012 Summer Camp  
Good Earth Village 2012 Summer Camp  
The Wilderness Prayer Center  
Prairie River Camp Retreats

### MISSIONS *(east side of the Gathering Area)*

**YOUTH BOARD** *(south end of main hallway)*  
TEC-Teens Encounter Christ  
Youth Pics  
Calendar  
Lutheran Colleges  
Acquire The Fire  
Youth Activity Information  
2012 ELCA Youth Gathering

### MESSAGE OF THANKS *(south side of Gathering Area)*

Betty Hiller  
Bernice Hendrickson  
Community Options & Resources-Sherburn  
Adolescent Treatment Center of Winnebago  
Evelyn Plumhoff  
Fairmont Elementary School  
Donna Torgerson  
Clara Reitsma for Yellow Star Gifts  
Mourning Glory Ministries  
Bethany Christian Services  
Youth for Christ  
Union Gospel Mission Asian Ministries  
Martin County Youth for Christ, Inc.  
Ellie & Wendi Tonder  
Virginia Peterson

## WORSHIP - FELLOWSHIP - DISCIPLESHIP - SERVICE - OUTREACH



## THE MINISTRY MINUTES OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## FEBRUARY 11-19, 2012

### OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, February 18

6:00 PM Holden Prayer Service with  
Communion (CH)

#### Sunday, February 19

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with  
Communion (WC)  
10:45 AM Praise Band Worship with  
Communion (WC)

#### Saturday, February 25

6:00 PM Holden Prayer Service (CH)

#### Sunday, February 26

8:30 AM Traditional Service (WC)  
10:45 AM NewSong Worship with  
Baptism (WC)

### WEEKLY STATS

2012 Budget:	\$586,781
YTD Income:	\$59,347
Needed Weekly:	\$10,917
Collected Last Week:	\$13,288
Attendance:	434

### OUR WELCOME

We welcome you to Grace Lutheran Church!

It is a joy to come together for worship and then to be on our way in service. We are blessed by your presence.

Worship is for all members of God's family; but if little ones need to move, the PLAYROOM is located on Grace's lowest level. The Gathering Area also is a great place to be with your child.

Thank you for being here today, and once again,

**Welcome!**

### OUR PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor Steve Berkeland** - Senior Pastor

**Pastor John Heille** - Pastor

**Pastor Neil Christopherson** - Visitation Pastor

**Jen Bartholmey** - Youth & Family Ministry

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### LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK

**First Reading**

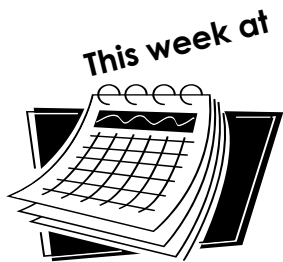
2 Kings 2:1-12

**Second Reading**

2 Cor 4:3-6

**Gospel**

Mark 9:2-9



# Grace

Grace's website: [www.gracelutheranchurch.org](http://www.gracelutheranchurch.org)  
(for additional and most recent calendar details)

### MON: February 13

10:30 AM Keenagers  
6:30 PM Cub Scout Pak 56 Webelos 1 Den Meeting  
6:30 PM Shalom Circle

### TUE: February 14

9:00 AM Dorcas-Lydia Circle  
11:00 AM Lunch on the Word  
11:15 AM Joy Circle  
1:00 PM Martha Circle  
2:00 PM Worship Service Aired  
5:00 PM Outreach Team  
5:15 PM Service Team Meeting  
6:30 PM Children, Youth & Family Ministry Team Mtg.

### WED: February 15

8:00 AM CBS  
2:00 PM Staff Coffee  
3:00 PM Fish Bowl  
3:00 PM K-6 Fruit of the Spirit Afterschool Activity  
4:30 PM Kids Against Hunger Meeting  
5:00 PM Alleluia Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 PM Open Door Meal  
5:30 PM Bells of Praise  
6:00 PM Cherub Choir Rehearsal  
6:15 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 PM NewSong Rehearsal  
8:00 PM Men's Bible Study

### THUR: February 16

6:30 AM Men's Breakfast at the Ranch  
12:30 PM Matter of Balance Class

### SAT: February 18

6:00 PM Holden Prayer Service with Communion

### SUN: February 19

8:30 AM Traditional Service with Communion  
9:40 AM Power Hour  
10:45 AM Praise Band Worship Service w/ Communion  
3:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 34075  
6:30 PM Dance Lessons

**OPEN DOOR MEAL-Feb. 15  
TACOS**



**Our programming takes a break this week to say  
farewell to Jen.**

**Next Sunday join us at 9:45 AM in the Laurel Lounge  
- enjoy a cup of Fair Trade Coffee and learn about  
Martin County Church Histories.**

**We have reached \$100,000 of  
the second \$150,000.**



**Children, Youth & Family Ministry  
is looking for donations of plastic  
Easter eggs & egg cartons  
(1 dozen size)**

### Spring Luncheon

The Mission Ministry Team will be hosting our Annual Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 28th from 11 AM-1 PM. In conjunction with the luncheon we have a Silent Auction of handmade items donated from the members of the Congregation. Please take time to think of us when you are busy with knitting, crocheting, sewing, painting, or quilting. We would love a donated item for the Congregation to bid on. We have so many creative members in our midst that is always fun to see what you come up with. We appreciated anything made with loving hands and heart.. If you have something to donate please contact Sharon Swenson at 238-1081. Thank you for making this a special part of our luncheon.

### Pizza Ranch Fundraiser

Come and support our youth going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer!!

**Monday, February 27th from 5-8 PM**

We will be bussing tables and greeting you as you come to dine on fine italo-western cuisine!  
10% of all profits for the night and ALL TIPS go to our youth - so come hungry and give generously!  
**WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT!!**

### Phantom Tea

The Mission Ministry Team will host our first fundraiser for the year with an invitation to join us for a cup of tea. The Congregation will be receiving their invitation and tea packet the first of March. We ask each member to take a moment from your busy lives, relax with a cup of tea, and prayerfully consider sending or bringing a donation to the Church for Missions. There will be a basket by the Mission Bulletin Board for you to place your offering. Thank you for your continued support.

Do you have concerns about falling? 'A Matter of Balance' is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. This seven 2-hour session program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. Classes include a gentle exercise component to help strengthen your body and reduce falls. **YOU WILL LEARN TO:** View falls as controllable, set your goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risks at home, and exercise to increase strength and balance. **WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Anyone concerned about falls, anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength, anyone who has fallen in the past, and/or anyone who has restricted activity because of falling concerns. Classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall of Grace Lutheran Church, Fairmont, every Thursday Feb. 16 - March 29 from 1-3 PM. Suggested donation \$25. To reserve your spot or for more info contact Joanne Hansen at 236-1504 or Interfaith Caregivers at 526-4684.

## MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?

Tari Riley will be instructing Ballroom Dance Lessons and Dances for Grades 9 to Age 99 on Sundays from 7-8:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Lessons are 7-7:30 PM. Open ballroom dance for beginners and experienced dancers from 7:30-8:30 PM. Lesson schedule is as follows:

**February 19th:** Fox Trot/2-step  
**February 26th:** Swing/Lindy/Jitterbug  
**March 4th:** Waltz  
**March 18th:** Polka  
**Monday, April 2nd:** Bandwagon recording from 7:30-9:30 PM - Kato Ballroom (Free)

*This is a "Fun"draiser for the Grace Lutheran Youth going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. A free will offering will be collected.*

## Kids Against Hunger SIGN-UP TO PACK FOOD

Saturday, February 18th  
St. John Vianney School  
Grace will be packing food during the 3:15-4:45 PM shift.  
Sign-up sheets are in the narthex or contact Michelle Hernes at 238-9627 or email at [michellehernes@gmail.com](mailto:michellehernes@gmail.com) if you can help.

### DONATE

Change Collection Cans are located in the narthex and in the lounge. Empty your coins every Sunday & feed a hungry family. Remember, 23 cents feeds one child for one day. Your change can change the world!

### GOAL

To feed 110,000 hungry children and to raise \$25,000 to cover the cost of food ingredients.