

COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS!

If you would be willing to bake the communion bread for Grace (one month commitment, recipe can be provided), please contact Connie Anthony: cell# 507-236-1273 or email jcanth@yahoo.com

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

MEMBER CONCERNS:

Arvid Binde, Junice Hamre, Vivian Heideman, Alyce Johnson, Dee Larson-Lueth, Brian Mowery, Don Pannkuk, Lee Ann Sager

SYNOD PRAYER PARTNERS:

First Lutheran in Le Sueur
Tulya Lutheran Church in Tanzania
Faith Lutheran in St. Charles
Mtinko Lutheran Church in Tanzania
Cross of Glory Lutheran in Hartland
First Evangelical Lutheran in Kenyon

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)*

Open Skating
Mayo Clinic Health Systems
Ballroom Dance Lessons & Dances
Girl Scout Cookies

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



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FEBRUARY 18-26, 2012

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

12:00 PM & 6:30 PM

With Imposition of Ashes & Communion

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)

Saturday, March 3rd

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

Sunday, March 4th

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with
Communion (WC)

10:45 AM NewSong Worship with
Communion (WC)

WEEKLY STATS

2012 Budget:	\$586,781
YTD Income:	\$68,225
Needed Weekly:	\$10,953
Collected Last Week:	\$9,245
Attendance:	453

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

LESSONS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

First Reading

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Second Reading

2 Cor 5:20b-6:10

Gospel

Matt 6:1-6, 16-21

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK

First Reading

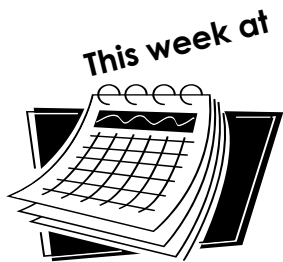
Gen 9:8-17

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel

Mark 1:9-15



Grace

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

TUE: February 21

10:00 AM Roxanne House Worship
11:00 AM Lunch on the Word
2:00 PM Worship Service Aired
6:15 PM Church Council Meeting

WED: February 22

12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
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
6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM NewSong Rehearsal
8:00 PM Men's Bible Study

THUR: February 23

6:30 AM Men's Breakfast at the Ranch
10:30 AM Parkinsons Support Group
12:30 PM Matter of Balance Class

FRI: February 24

10:00 AM Goldfinch Worship Service
3:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 30259
4:00 PM Scrapbooking
6:00 PM Scrapbooking Page

SAT: February 25

6:00 PM Holden Prayer Service

SUN: February 26

8:30 AM Traditional Service
9:40 AM Power Hour
10:45 AM NewSong Worship Service with Baptism
4:00 PM Cub Scouts
6:30 PM Dance Lessons

OPEN DOOR MEAL-Feb. 22 SPAGHETTI

Come to the Laurel Lounge today
at 9:45 AM – enjoy a cup of
Fair Trade Coffee and learn about
Martin County Church Histories
with Lenny Tvedten



Coming up next week...
Faith's Promise – Lent 2012

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. It is always fun to see what you come up with. We appreciate 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.

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

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 Italio-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!!

Grace Proudly Supports Fair Trade Products

Coffee, cocoa & chocolates are available between the worship services on the first Sunday of the month or stop by the office any other time. We gladly accept your checks!

Youth Ministry Moving Forward

I was recently delegated the responsibility to set up meetings in March to get input from the congregation to help set the future direction and vision of youth ministry at Grace. A series of meetings will be held during the first week of March at Grace for congregation members to give their Spirit-led input regarding the vision of the youth ministry at Grace for the present and future. In the coming days, I encourage you to prayerfully consider attending one (or all) of the meetings. It is the belief and hope of the church council and pastors that by the end of March we will be able to move forward as a Spirit-led congregation with a clear vision of what our youth ministry will look like, and with a good plan to make that vision become a reality. I hope to see you and hear from you in March!

~Jaime Bless

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.

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.

Join St. Martin's Episcopal Church
for a Soup Lunch
Friday, February, 24th from 11 AM-1 PM.
*This is a fundraiser for
Kids Against Hunger.*

We have reached \$107,000 of
the second \$150,000.

