

January 4, 2026

Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes



The Gift of Final Wishes Today!

During this time of giving, one of the most helpful gifts we can give our loved ones is to have our final wishes written down. Join the pastors today, Sunday, January 4 between the services and talk about what questions are typically asked when planning a funeral. What are your chosen scripture readings, hymns, organ or piano, special music, military honors, favorite memories, and so much more. The best gift we can give our loved ones is to take the stress away in planning our church service. Come to learn more, walk through Grace's funeral planning guide, and take it home to make selections and talk with your family. When you are finished, please bring a copy of your wishes to Grace and we will keep it on file for you. Funeral guides can be found on our Care Table in the gathering space as well as under the *Resources* tab on our webpage. For more information, please see Pastor Allison. Thank you!

Annual Pre-Budget Meeting Next Sunday!

A pre-budget meeting will be held next Sunday, January 11 between the services in the lounge to answer questions and discuss the financial picture of Grace.



Mark Your Calendars: Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting at Grace is on Sunday, January 18 between the services. We will meet in the fellowship hall for discussion, and over donuts and coffee, talk about the wonderful ways God is at work at Grace through our ministries. This is a great opportunity to discern together about where the Spirit is leading us in the new year! We need a quorum for this meeting so please plan to attend!



**Readings for Sunday, January 4: First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6,
Second Reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12**

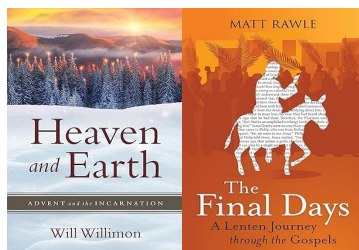


Men's Breakfast Tomorrow!

Next Men's Breakfast is tomorrow, Monday, January 5. Join the guys at Grace for a devotion and breakfast at the Ranch in Fairmont, 7AM, and invite your friends. Come for a time of fellowship and discussion!

Adult Education

Come join the discussion on Sunday mornings about the miracles of Jesus. This year, we will be talking about the miracle of Jesus coming to be with us. On Sunday, January 25, we begin our new adult ed. series *The Final Days: A Lenten Journey Through the Gospels* by Rev. Matt Rawle. Invite a friend and come for a time of faith formation together. Hope to see you there!



Cup of Hope: Monthly Grief Support



You are welcome to bring a lunch to Grace as we share in this walk together and hear God's words of love and comfort along the way. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Noon in the lounge. All are Welcome!

Office Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers for the office from 12-2pm, Monday through Wednesday. During that time, volunteers would greet guests and answer phones. Volunteers can knit, read, or spend their time in an activity of their choosing while covering the phones. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer. 507-238-4418 | office@gracelutheranchurch.org



OUTREACH

2025 Stewardship Stats	
\$507,770	2025 Annual Budget
\$439,174	YTD Income, P&L report: Jan 1- Dec 22
\$11,857	Collected Dec 16 - Dec 22
\$68,596	Needed Weekly to meet 2025 budget

FAIRMONT receipts only.

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EMPLOYEE OWNED

\$68,000 #48

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\$69,000 on #15

Sunday, January 4th

8:30AM Traditional Worship
9:35AM Gift of Final Wishes
9:35AM Adult Ed
10:45AM Contemporary Worship

Monday, January 5th

7:00AM Men's Breakfast: The Ranch
9:00AM Staff Meeting
1:00PM Mary's Circle
5:30PM CYF Team Meeting
6:00PM Evening CBS
6:30PM Girl Scouts

Tuesday, January 6th

9:00AM Sewing Circle
9:00AM Common Threads Sewing
1:00PM Prayer Meeting
1:30PM Women's Bible Study
2:00PM Worship Service Aired

Wednesday, January 7th

9:00AM Women's CBS
4:45PM Open Door Community Meal
5:15PM Chancel Choir Practice
5:30PM BLAST
5:30PM Baby Bible Class
6:30PM WOW - Worship on Wednesday
6:30PM Confirmation
7:00PM High School Class

Thursday, January 8th

6:00PM Boy Scouts

Friday, January 9th**Saturday, January 10th****Sunday, January 11th**

8:30AM Traditional Worship
9:35AM Pre-Budget Meeting
10:45AM Contemporary Worship

PRAYERS

Members and Loved Ones: Linda Vlieger, Jeanette Nelson, Harley Jordan, Dawn Potthoff, Gladys, Peterson, Carol Myhre, Carolyn Kryzer, Steph Johnson, Karen Meier, Parker Lintelman, Kathleen Ferguson, MaryAnn Kehrberg, Jean Nimz, Nathan Marks, Karen, Delphine Hanson, Jon VonBank, Leah Edward, Elayne Hested, Loren Dunham, Leroy Sandberg, Amber Elliot, Adeline, Hailee Greeley, Kaitlyn, Maynard Johnson, Sue Langford, Melissa Carlson, Mark Brown.

Sympathy for the family and friends of: Tom Sime, Wilma Bird-Swanson, Velma Vickerman

Ongoing Concerns: For people to see Jesus in the face of their neighbor, those affected by the ongoing conflict in the Holy Land, for a revitalization of our faith community and re-connecting with one another as we enter into more familiar times, for our pastors and church staff that they may hear and bear witness to the Holy Spirit at work in our midst, for the Spirit's leading in our ministries within and outside the walls of the church, for continued generosity of people during these difficult economic times as prices of food and gas rise and cupboards are bare, for an end to racial injustice, for peace in our cities, and for our military and police officers who put their own lives on the line every day, and healing for our communities and world from the anger, division, and war that so many people are experiencing.

Upcoming Meals for Open Door:

January 7: Soup/ Chili

January 14: Chicken Breast/Nuggets



Ministry Assistants for January- 8:30AM Traditional Service				
	Sunday, Jan. 4	Sunday, Jan. 11	Sunday, Jan. 18	Sunday, Jan. 25
Communion Preparer	Kirsten Bressler Nancy Backer	Sharon Elliot, Jennifer Moore	Joyce Eisenmenger Peggy Jones	Kris Head Peggy Jones
Communion Server	Kirsten Bressler Nancy Backer	Mary Kotewa Ben Jordan	Kris Head Marian Holland	Joyce Eisenmenger Peggy Jones
Lector	Scott Drever	DeAnne Helfritz	Ben Jordan	Allen Struck
Sound Tech	Jolene Rosol	Justin Schmidt	Darlon Widener	Mark Vogelsang
Ushers	Dan Kehrberg, Roger Voss, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist	Dan Kehrberg, Roger Voss, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist	Dan Kehrberg, Roger Voss, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist	Dan Kehrberg, Roger Voss, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist
<i>If you are unable to serve on your day, please find a replacement and ask them to let the head usher, Brian Huebert, know when they arrive. If you can't find a replacement, please email Brian at bhuebert_ford@yahoo.com. Thank you!</i>				
Ministry Assistants for January- 10:45AM Contemporary Service				
	Sunday, Jan. 4	Sunday, Jan. 11	Sunday, Jan. 18	Sunday, Jan. 25
Communion Preparer	Brenda & Randy Lubenow	Becky & Dave Johnson	Jane Reiman Del Prescott	Elayne Baumgart Colleen Ehlert
Communion Server	Carolyn Bird Rochelle Bremer	Enos Breitbarth Becky Johnson	Connie Donnelly Joice Forster	Elayne Baumgart Abby Ehlert
Lector	Caroyrn Bird	Deb Roggow	Brian Roggow	Amber Hansen
Sound Tech	Amber Hansen	Pam Krill	Enos Breitbarth	Louise Hendricks
Slide Tech	Enos Breitbarth	Louise Hendricks	Amber Hansen	Corey Klanderud
Ushers	Darrel Krahler, Jane Reiman, Paul Seibert, Josh Ensrud	Darrel Krahler, Jane Reiman, Paul Seibert, Josh Ensrud	Darrel Krahler, Jane Reiman, Paul Seibert, Josh Ensrud	Darrel Krahler, Jane Reiman, Paul Seibert, Josh Ensrud
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