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July 7, 2024

Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes

New Church Directory for Grace Members!

This summer we will be taking photos for a new Church Directory July 9-13 and July 31 - August 3! Online Scheduling is Available! To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter mn437 (Case Sensitive) in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. Please call Cindy Wohlhuter at 507-236-4403 with any questions. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.



Readings for Sunday, July 7: First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5, Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-13



Summer Lessons and Carols

Psalm 96 instructs us to “Sing to the Lord a new song!” On Sunday, July 21, we will have our second annual worship service of Summer Lessons and Carols. This beloved Christmas tradition of having a reading then singing a corresponding Christmas carol has been reimagined with old traditional favorites. During this service, we will sing Sweet Hour of Prayer, What A Friend We Have in Jesus, Blessed Assurance, and other beloved songs as well as include a time to come forward to kneel at the altar rail for healing prayer with a pastor or to light a candle and pray. We welcome you to invite a friend as we hear God’s Word, commune at Christ’s table, sing with joy, and pray together as sisters and brothers in Christ.

Care Bag Assembly Needs You!

Come for Summer Lessons and Carols Worship on Sunday, July 21, and as you leave, walk through the Chapel to assemble a Care Bag. 50 bags will only take a few minutes with lots of hands. All items will be laid out, so you just have to pick up items to add to the bag as you walk through, cinch up the bag, and place it on the shelf in the hallway. Total Time: 2 minutes. Doing God’s Work: Priceless.



Lunch at the Lake Tuesday, July 30!

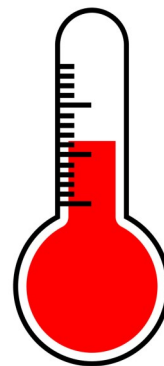


Come join your pastors for *Lunch at the Lake!* Let’s take advantage of the wonderful weather and our beautiful lakes. On the last Tuesday of the month, from April to September, bring your lunch and a lawn chair to the beach at Gomsrud Park. If there is rain, we will meet in the shelter house at the picnic table. We will meet at noon for fellowship with a brief devotion and prayer at 12:15pm. Come on your lunch hour and stay for as little or long as you can. This is a fun, casual, and informal way to stay connected as the body of Christ at Grace! For more information, please see one of the pastors.

Stewardship \$5 Challenge

(\$4,451 Collected as of July 1)

We are now halfway to our goal! We are challenging the families of Grace to add \$5 per week to their offering. Special envelopes have been made for this challenge and are available in the gathering space. This challenge will run for five months from April-August. If 100 families participate with an additional \$5/week in their offering, Grace Lutheran will see an extra \$10,000 in the general fund giving! In the first few months of 2024, we have seen our giving near our budgeted amounts and are very grateful. However, in 2024 we also saw increases in several of our normal operating expenses. This challenge will provide needed additional revenue to continue to offer all the services that you as Grace members utilize and expect on a weekly basis.



Thank you for your donations! Please continue your prayers and thoughtful consideration of how you can impact Grace Lutheran church and fulfil this Offering Challenge!



Help Wanted!

Grace Lutheran Church is hiring for our Open Door Meal Coordinator position. For more information, please visit the Grace website or stop by the office. This is a paid position which runs August through May. Please share this with anyone gifted in food and hospitality who would like part time work. Thank you!

OUTREACH

2024 Stewardship Stats	
\$507,915	2024 Annual Budget
\$224,374	Year to Date Income, P&L report: Jan 1- July 1
\$6,221	Collected June 25 - July 1
\$10,502	Needed Weekly to meet 2024 budget
\$4,451	\$5 Challenge: As of July 1

Please only FAIRMONT receipts



\$33,300 #45



\$14,000 on #13

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

The Week of July 7, 2024

Sunday, July 7th

9:30AM Summer Worship Service

Monday, July 8th

9-10AM Staff Meeting

10:00AM Lakeview Senior Worship

Tuesday, July 9th

9:00AM Sewing Circle

1:00PM Weekly Prayer Meeting

1:30PM Women's Bible Study

2:00PM Worship Service Aired

2PM-8:36PM Directory Photos

5:30PM Service Team Meeting

Wednesday, July 10th

10:00AM Goldfinch Memory Care Worship

10:30AM Goldfinch Assisted Living Worship

2PM-8:36PM Directory Photos

6:30PM Praise in the Park - Sylvania Park

Thursday, July 11th

2PM-8:36PM Directory Photos

4:00PM Aktion Theatre

4:30PM Missions Team Meeting

6:30PM Boy Scouts

Friday, July 12th

1:00PM Worship Service Aired

2PM-8:36PM Directory Photos

Saturday, July 13th

10AM-4PM Directory Photos

Sunday, July 14th

9:30AM Summer Worship Service

10:45AM Church Council Meeting

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday:

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



PRAYERS

Members and Loved Ones: Linda Vlieger, Jeanette Nelson, Harley Jordan (*Ben Jordan's brother*), Weston (*Lisa Fritz's great nephew*), Dawn Potthoff (*Deb DeBoer's sister*), Gladys Peterson, Carol Myhre, Carolyn Kryzer, Pat Witty, Steph Johnson, Parker Lintelman, Karen Meier, LeRoy and Bernice Sandberg, Kay Wrucke. Brian Rosenfeldt (*Patty Jones' Nephew*), Ben Hamilton, Susie, Marlene and Jim Kuperus. Evon Lyle, Mike Swanson, Eli, Phyllis Niehaus, Kathleen Ferguson, Kevin & Susan Sukalski, Ernie Nuss, Mary Ann Kehrberg, Jean Nimz, John Bisbee family, Delores Holz, Dan Rolling, Darlene Parks.

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 hiring a new Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach and the Call Committee in their tireless work, 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.