

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

### The Week of May 21st, 2023

#### Sunday, May 21st

8:30AM Traditional Sunday Worship  
9:35AM Adult Sunday School  
10:45AM Contemporary Worship/Splinter  
Baptism

#### Saturday, May 27th

#### Sunday, May 28th

9:30AM Summer Worship

#### Monday, May 22nd

9:00AM Staff Meeting

#### Tuesday, May 23rd

9:30AM Weekly Prayer Meeting  
2:00PM Worship Service Aired

#### Wednesday, May 24th

5:30PM BLAST Teacher Appreciation Party  
6:30PM Wednesday Worship  
7:15PM Celebration Choir Practice

#### Thursday, May 25th

4:30PM Aktion Club Theatre

#### Friday, May 26th

1:00PM Worship Service Aired

Church Office Hours  
Monday - Thursday  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



## PRAYERS

**Members and Loved Ones:** Velma Roalson, Linda Vlieger, Gary Ettesvold, Bill Gies, Jeanette Nelson, Harley Jordan (*Ben Jordan's brother*), Weston (*Lisa Fritz's great nephew*), Tim McCarthy (*Brian Huebert's brother*), Dawn Potthoff (*Deb DeBoer's sister*), Dennis Rosburg, Gladys Peterson, Hope Kueker, Shirley Poirier, Carol Mhyre.

#### Sympathies in the loss of your Loved One:

To the family of Dan Cress (Brother-in-law to Carol Cress). To the family of LaDonna Levik. To the family of Lou Thorstenson, to the family of Ryan Lunn. To the family of Arnie Swenson. To the Family of Sandra Lunn.

**Ongoing Concerns:** For people to see Jesus in the face of their neighbor, 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, 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.

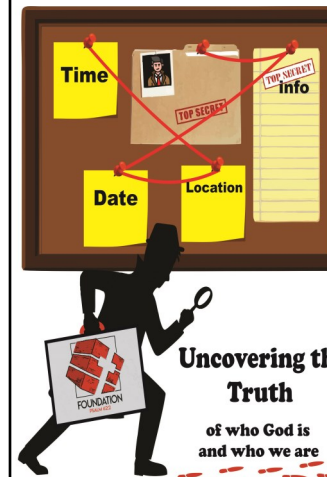


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## Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 12th - June 15th



Mark your calendars for VBS this summer at Grace. It will be Monday-Thursday, June 12-15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM -2:00PM. We will be teaming up with Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp. The theme this year is *Uncovering the Truth*, a detective theme. All kids pre-school (Ages 4 and older) through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to participate in this fun and interactive time of learning about Jesus and his love for them. Please bring a sack lunch. A snack will be provided. To register, visit our website at [www.gracelutheranchurch.org](http://www.gracelutheranchurch.org), under the "Resources" tab or pick up a form in the gathering area to complete.

If you would like to help off set the cost of VBS for our Youth, please scan the QR code to make a donation. We hope to see you there!



#### SNACKS NEEDED FOR VBS!

We ask that you prayerfully consider donating snack items for our VBS kids. Items needed are Plastic spoons, Pretzels, Popcorn (seeds or pre-popped). Please have the items to the fellowship hall kitchen by **Sunday June 4th**. Thank YOU!

#### VBS HOST HOME NEEDED!

The Children Youth and Family Team asks you prayerfully consider being a host home to Ingham Lake Okoboji Counselors that will be helping us with VBS Sunday June 11-Thursday June 15. Counselors will be paired in 2's for home arrangements. As a host you will provide breakfast, a sack lunch, and a couple of dinners for these gifted students who love Jesus and are here to share God's love with the youth at Grace. If you can host, please contact Carisa Anderson at [corycarisa@mac.com](mailto:corycarisa@mac.com).



**Readings for Sunday, May 14th: First Reading: Acts 1:6-14,  
Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, Gospel Reading: John 17:1-7**

Because not all your family members come on Sundays... Bring them to church for a blessing!



## The Blessing of the Animals

Wednesday, May 31 at 6:30p.m.  
Grace Lutheran Church South Lawn

Bring your own lawn chair and leash!

## Want Slides at Worship?

We would love to provide slides for the 10:45AM worship service but need volunteers. If you would like to be trained to run the slides, please contact the office.



## STAINED GLASS WINDOW PROJECT-THE PASSOVER

God sent ten plagues upon Egypt before Pharaoh would release the Hebrews. The flaming sword symbolizes these plagues. The Hebrews were told to slay a spotless lamb for a feast and put its blood on the lintel and doorposts. The angel of death would "pass over" such homes. This blood was, no doubt, spread on in the form of a T cross, as the window symbol shows it. This points forward to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. After the tenth plague, Pharaoh let the Hebrews go free.



"The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch your when I strike Egypt."

Exodus 12:13 NIV

An additional \$163,761 needs to be raised. Please note that you are donating for the "Stained Glass Window Project". Total received as of 05/17/23: \$40,161



## OUTREACH

Stewardship Stats for Ministry Minutes	
\$595,130	2023 Annual Budget
\$156,600	Year to Date Income (P&L report): 01/01/23 -05/18/23)
\$7,956	Collected May 12 - May 18, 2023
\$13,289	Needed Weekly to meet 2023 budget

Please only FAIRMONT receipts



\$124,000 #42



\$84,000 on #12

## KENTUCKY YOUTH TRIP

### CANCELED!

It is after much discussion and prayer, the Children Youth and Family Ministry team has decided for the safety of our youth, to cancel the upcoming trip to Kentucky. The need for an extra chaperone as well as a driver, remained unfulfilled.

## Grace Pantry Items of the Week!

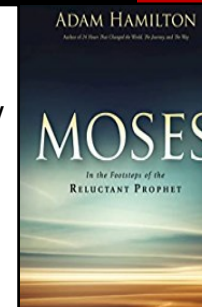
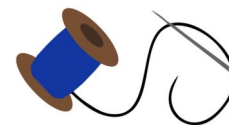
As you shop for your groceries this week, consider adding the following for the Grace Food Pantry:

**-Paper Towels -Salad dressing,  
-Canned Tuna and Chicken**



## Common Threads

Common Threads meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9:00AM in the Laurel Lounge. Come for fellowship, sewing, and creative fun!



## Coffee and Conversation

Sundays in the Laurel Lounge at 9:35AM: We will be studying **Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet** by Rev. Adam Hamilton. No preparation is required--just come and explore our faith together. Hope to see you there!

## HELP WANTED:

Seeking a part time Technology Coordinator. (Paid Position)

Sundays. The technology coordinator will run sound, stream worship services, burn DVD's of worship services, deliver DVD's to Gemini studios. If interested, call 507-238-4418.



## Open Door Meal:

Have a blessed summer! We will see you again in September.



## Meal Ministry Team Needs You!

Are you willing to take a meal to someone who just lost a loved one, is undergoing treatment for cancer, had a new baby, or just got their knee replaced? This meal can be homemade or purchased such as chicken and sides from the deli or restaurant. If so, please email Nancy Backer at nurse\_nancyb@hotmail.com. She is the chair of our new Meal Ministry Team and will email the list of people when there is a need. Then anyone who can participate will pick a date to bring the meal. The idea is two meals a week for three weeks as needed. Often the five minutes of visiting and checking on the recipient means more than the food. But the food's good too! Sign up sheet is on the volunteer board in the Gathering Area. For more information, please see Pastor Allison. Thank you!

