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THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Sunday November 23rd

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Remember Your Baptism



We don't know all the details when Jesus was baptized, but this is how the Gospel of Matthew tells the story in chapter 3 verses 13 through 17 "Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We hear that he is baptized by John, God's Spirit comes in the form of a dove, and a voice speaks. Just as Jesus has a story of his baptism, you have a story about yours. I hope you find ways to continue to share your story with others. These stories are centered around these promises that are mentioned in the service of baptism in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal: to live with God's faithful people, being immersed in God's Word, participating in the Holy Supper, having the Bible placed in your hands, learning the Lord's Prayer, learning the Creed, learning the Ten Commandments, strengthened in faith and prayer, trusting God, and serving in ways of justice and peace. Through this gift, you have been claimed, named, and called beloved and made one of God's very own. Not by what you do, but what God has already done in and through Jesus Christ. Nothing can change or diminish this promise. So, in times of being thankful for someone or something, remembering that Jesus is King, recalling the highlights of this church year, looking ahead to a new church year that will begin on November 30th as we welcome another Advent, in whatever challenges you encounter, whatever obstacles you have, and whatever lies ahead, remember your baptism. Plus, be assured once again that nothing can change or diminish this promise. That's right. Our identity is in the waters of Holy Baptism and can never be taken away. I wonder what it would have been like to be present that day to witness and experience first-hand the baptism of Jesus, but really it is quite amazing to know that we are truly one of God's very own and nothing can change that. I give thanks for you; beloved child of God and thanks be to God. Amen.

In Christ,
Pastor Cole



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8:30AM Traditional
10:45AM Contemporary

Tuesdays: 2:00PM Fairmont Cable TV Channel
12 (pre-recorded)

Wednesdays: 6:30PM WOW, Worship on
Wednesday!



***Communion** is offered each Sunday and Wednesday.

***All services will be streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and our webpage.**

Senior Living Worship Services this month: November 10 at Lakeview Methodist Home, 10 AM. Then November 12 at Goldfinch, 10 AM in Memory Care. Please come and worship with our friends and members of Grace!



All Saints' Day

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On All Saints Sunday, November 2nd, we will honor and remember all those saints from our congregation who have passed from this life to their eternal home. During this service, a candle will be lit in their honor and in remembrance of them. As their name is read, a bell will be rung and family and friends will be invited to stand.

Gloria Anderson	Jean A. Maakestad	Ken Scott
Vickie Berhow	Jean M. Maakestad	Maynard Senf
Harriet Brown	David C. Maland	Eleanor Skaggs
Ken Carlson	Phyllis Niehaus	Mike Swanson
Luella Fisher	Ed Rettke	Lyall Widener
Karen Hertzke	Bernice Sandberg	Pat Witty

Thanksgiving Worship: Let's Give Thanks to God Together!

On Sunday, November 23, come to worship and praise God at our annual worship services of thanks. We will be blessing the food that you have donated in our fill the altar food drive and consecrating our pledge cards that you have faithfully filled out during our 2025 Stewardship Campaign, *Rivers of Living Water: Overflowing Generosity in Faith*.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to both feeding our neighbors and prayerfully considering your financial support of Grace in the coming year. Both worship services will share this Thanksgiving theme with a special fellowship hour in the Gathering Space between the services where pumpkin bars and cider will be served. Invite your friends for a festive celebration of thanks to God!



BUSINESS OF GRACE

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting October 19, 2025

Members Present: Pastor Allison, Pastor Cole, Mark Morris, Kris Boerner, Jane Reiman, Ardell Prescott, Chery Brumbaugh, Troy Nemmers, Corey Klanderud, Joyce Eisenmenger

Members Absent: Jaime Core, Nancy Backer, Kirsten Bressler, Andy Kryzer

Call to Order: Co-chair Troy Nemmers called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

Devotional: Joyce

Gathering Prayer: All

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 9/21/25: Approved via email.

Approval of Financial Report: Motion by Mark. Second by Corey. Motion carried.

Team Reports: Sent via email for review prior to meeting.

Old Business:

- Constitution status update: We are awaiting Synod review. Once received we will review/ incorporate these updates into our draft. An update to the members will be included in the November and December Ways of Grace. SE Synod anticipates a November review/ approval of Grace's constitution.
- The Pastors, Troy and Chery continue to contact candidates for next year's council leadership.
- The sanctuary screens should be operative for October 26th Reformation/Confirmation services. A big thank you to Blake for all his hard work!

New Business:

- Preliminary 2026 budget discussion. Budget recommendation will be at our next meeting. Once approved, the budget becomes effective after the annual meeting.

- Corey has been contacted by two churches about having a security training due to recent church/school shootings. Inquired whether we would also be interested and Council would like more information if this training becomes available.
- Four new households have joined Grace! Please be sure to check out the new member bulletin board to learn their names and faces. And thank you to our congregation who continues to welcome all!

Pastor Cole's Report: Pastor Cole has submitted a grant proposal for an ELCA domestic hunger grant for our community garden. The 7th through 12th grade lock-in has been scheduled for January 3rd. BLAST will have a fire drill evacuation on October 29th. Good Earth Village has been contacted about scheduling confirmation camp for the summer. A draft of a possible nine-month part time Youth Coordinator position was included in Pastor Cole's report.

Pastor Allison's Report: Attended the "Fall Theological Conference" in La Crosse. The theme was "Baptism in Muddy Waters" which reminds us of our identity as children of God and that God is with us in all areas of life. Looking for persons to create slides for use with our sanctuary screens. Working with Nicole to streamline the Office Assistant role by working with volunteers or simplifying tasks. Continue to work with the Stewardship Team regarding income generation for our church and growing a culture of year-round generosity of time, talents, and treasures. Reminder that Nicole needs the December/January newsletter info by November 15 and annual reports by December 15th, 2025.

Other: Next meeting November 16th, 2025 at 11:45 a.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Corey. Second: Kris. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Eisenmenger



Update and Modernization of Church Constitution

The Church Council identified the constitution and its bylaws as priority documents and began researching the process to update them in early 2024. Grace Lutheran Church is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and we are supported locally by the Southeastern MN Synod of the ELCA. The Synod was very helpful, and we learned right away this would be a lengthy process, but there was clear guidance on how to get it done. The Synod recommends that congregations review and update their constitution at least every three years. Grace Lutheran Church has not updated its constitution or bylaws since 2012. In the summer of 2024, the Church Council started its review process and that work has led to this update.

The Council began by reviewing Grace Lutheran's existing church constitution and bylaws as well as the model constitution that is provided by the ELCA. The ELCA Churchwide Assembly provides this model constitution as a starting point for the congregation, and it includes both required and recommended provisions from the ELCA. This model provides direction to be consistent with the governing documents of the ELCA as well as allowing organizational flexibility for local congregations.

While much of our existing constitution aligned with the model constitution, there were areas that needed to be modified or customized to Grace Lutheran Church. The council had discussions and made revisions to these documents. The Council then proceeded to merge the documents using the ELCA model as the base. Following a review of the merged document, a final draft was created. This final draft was submitted to the Synod in July 2025 for their review and approval.

Synod approval is expected this Fall. Any changes from the synod will be incorporated into a final version of the constitution that will be brought to the members of Grace for approval at the annual

meeting in January 2026. A copy of the final document will be available for review ahead of that meeting. Please take time to review the document and reach out to myself or either of the pastors with questions or comments. This is an important project for our congregation, and I want to thank the church staff and all the council members that have provided valuable input in this process.

Troy Nemmers
Co-President
Grace Lutheran Church



Want to Fund a Building and Grounds Project at Grace???

(Project estimates are subject to change)

Lower-level paint project	\$100
Wall Repair	\$500
LED Lights for Fellowship Hall	\$1200
New Toilets	\$2000
Unisex handicap accessible Fellowship Hall restroom	\$10,000

For more project information, please contact the office or see our maintenance worker, Brad. Thank you!



**The church office
will be closed
November 27 for
Thanksgiving!**

NOVEMBER MINISTRY ASSISTANTS

Ministry Assistants for November- 8:30AM Traditional Service

	Sunday, Nov. 2	Sunday, Nov. 9	Sunday, Nov. 16	Sunday, Nov. 23	Sunday, Nov. 30
Communion Preparer	Peggy Jones Joyce Eisenmenger	Sharon Elliot, Jennifer Moore	See Ministry Minutes	See Ministry Minutes	See Ministry Minutes
Communion Server	Peggy Jones Joyce Eisenmenger	Karen & Allen Struck	See Ministry Minutes	See Ministry Minutes	See Ministry Minutes
Lector	Ben Jordan	Amber DeClerq	Scott Drever	Allen Struck	Scott Drever
Sound Tech	Justin Schmidt	Darlon Widener	Justin Schmidt	Mark Vogelsang	Darlon Widener
Ushers	Keith Hertzke, Curtis & Kirsten Bressler	Keith Hertzke, Curtis & Kirsten Bressler	Keith Hertzke, Curtis & Kirsten Bressler	Keith Hertzke, Curtis & Kirsten Bressler	Keith Hertzke, Curtis & Kirsten Bressler

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!

Ministry Assistants for November- 10:45AM Contemporary Service

	Sunday, Nov. 2	Sunday, Nov. 9	Sunday, Nov. 16	Sunday, Nov. 23	Sunday, Nov. 30
Communion Preparer	Del Prescott Coleen Ehlert	Deb & Brian Roggow	See Ministry Minutes	See Ministry Minutes	See Ministry Minutes
Communion Server	Carolyn Bird Rochelle Bremer	Elayne Baumgart Abby Ehlert	See Ministry Minutes	See Ministry Minutes	See Ministry Minutes
Lector	Debbie Morris	Abby Ehlert	Joice Forster	Caroyn Bird	Deb Roggow
Sound Tech	Blake Potthoff	Jolene Rosol	Pam Krill	Jolene Rosol	Justin Schmidt
Slide Tech	Louise Hendricks	Enos Breitbarth	Corey Klanderud	James Miller	Amber Hansen
Ushers	Brian Roggow Tracy Bremer Enos Breitbarth Louise Hendricks Chris Nasby	Brian Roggow Tracy Bremer Enos Breitbarth Louise Hendricks Chris Nasby	Brian Roggow Tracy Bremer Enos Breitbarth Louise Hendricks Chris Nasby	Brian Roggow Tracy Bremer Enos Breitbarth Louise Hendricks Chris Nasby	Brian Roggow Tracy Bremer Enos Breitbarth Louise Hendricks Chris Nasby

If you are unable to serve on your day, please find a replacement and ask them to let the head usher, Bruce Ehlert, know when they arrive. If you can't find a replacement, please email Bruce at bruce.ehlert53@gmail.com. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

✚Cup of Hope Grief Coffee:

Those experiencing grief gather for support, coffee, and conversation the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

✚Prayer Shawls & Squares:

Shawls and Squares knitted and prayed over as items of comfort. These are available for you to give to someone in their time of need.

✚Prayer Group:

Meets every Tuesday to lift up in prayer friends, families, and loved ones on our Prayer List.

✚Care Ministers:

Visit homebound members monthly who would like communion and conversation.

✚Open Door Meals:

Volunteers help cook and serve meals every Wednesday evening during the school year.

✚Meal Ministry Team:

Deliver meals to those who are struggling, injured, recovering from surgery or treatment, or added a new family member.

✚Funeral Meal Servers:

Help to provide hospitality while serving meals during funerals at Grace.

✚People Helping People:

A team who meets via email and responds to requests submitted from people in need of financial assistance.

MEMORIALS:

Vicki Berhow Memorial

Rod & Diane Palmquist

Undesignated

Sandy Lunn

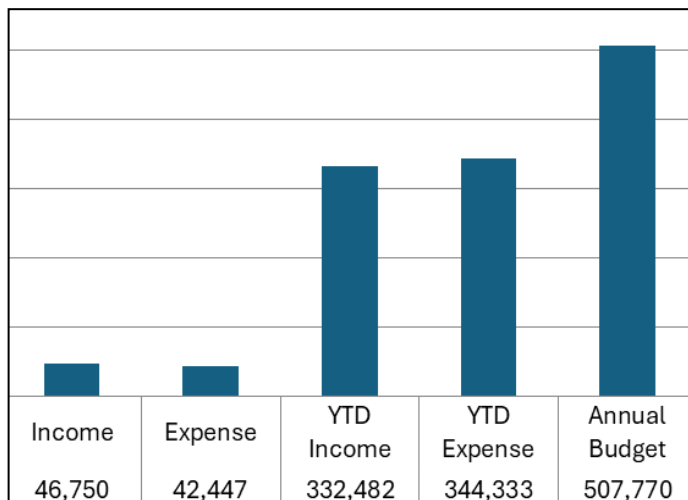
People Helping People

Karen Hertzke Memorial

Arvin & Joanne Soma

Music

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FOR SEPTEMBER





November

Open Door Meal Menu

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on
Wednesday evenings from
4:45 - 6:15 PM

Nov 5: Meatballs

Nov 12: Spaghetti

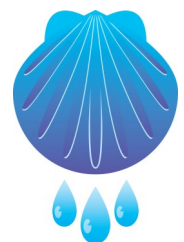
Nov 19: Soup/ Chili

Nov 26: NO MEAL



October Baptisms

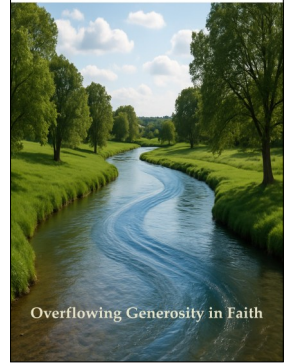
We celebrate the
baptism of:
Lainey Lin May



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Rivers of Living Water: Overflowing Generosity in Faith Personal Goals and Commitment

Rivers of Living Water



What defines your life? Is it wealth? belongings? faith? Many of us live with a scarcity mentality, worried that we must gather and hoard as much as possible, saving for some imagined “rainy day.” Others go to the opposite extreme, focusing on self-gratification. But the Bible promises both God’s blessings and joy for those who choose to live another way.

As you prayerfully consider your giving in 2026, a great question to ponder is, “Where do you find living water through the ministries of Grace Lutheran Church?” With our theme of *Rivers of Living Water: Overflowing Generosity in Faith*, we are reminded that in our baptism, we are forgiven and freed to live with overflowing love for God and our neighbor. In John’s gospel, Jesus proclaims, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” (John 7:37-38)

In the gathering area, the visual image of the baptismal font flowing into the ministries of Grace illustrates this overflowing living water. Your financial offering provides for Administration, Worship, Youth and Families, Fellowship and Outreach, and Facilities and Maintenance. Where does your life overflow with God’s grace and how do you feel led to contribute to God’s work through this congregation? Where is the Holy Spirit nudging you to give of your time, your skills, your attendance, and your financial support? Where can you share your blessings to bless others?

Later this month, you will be receiving an Estimate of Giving Commitment Card in the mail. On a practical level, we ask our members to turn in an estimate of giving commitment cards so that our Service Team can set an accurate ministry budget for the coming year. This allows us to make the most of every dollar given to the church. On a personal level, the commitment card is an opportunity for you to spend time in prayer and reflection, considering what offering you will make to God through our church in the coming year. Please be watching for the mailing; then fill out the card and bring it with you to worship in November. If you prefer to email in your pledge card, please take a picture with your phone, or scan the card, and email it to office@gracelutheranchurch.org. Your pledge is confidential! And if you are new to giving financially, we encourage you to use the chart below. Start with what you can give today and prayerfully consider growing each year.

Thank you for your generosity!
The Stewardship Team

Stepping Up In Faith: Weekly Giving by Percentage of Income

Thank you for prayerfully considering your weekly financial support of Grace Lutheran and stepping up 1% if possible. For those beginning to give, starting at 1% is wonderful!

Annual Income	Weekly Income	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
\$ 10,000	\$ 192	\$ 1.92	\$ 3.85	\$ 5.77	\$ 7.69	\$ 9.62	\$ 11.54	\$ 13.46	\$ 15.38	\$ 17.31	\$ 19.23
\$ 20,000	\$ 385	\$ 3.85	\$ 7.69	\$ 11.54	\$ 15.38	\$ 19.23	\$ 23.08	\$ 26.92	\$ 30.77	\$ 34.62	\$ 38.46
\$ 30,000	\$ 577	\$ 5.77	\$ 11.54	\$ 17.31	\$ 23.08	\$ 28.85	\$ 34.62	\$ 40.38	\$ 46.15	\$ 51.92	\$ 57.69
\$ 40,000	\$ 769	\$ 7.69	\$ 15.38	\$ 23.08	\$ 30.77	\$ 38.46	\$ 46.15	\$ 53.85	\$ 61.54	\$ 69.23	\$ 76.92
\$ 50,000	\$ 962	\$ 9.62	\$ 19.23	\$ 28.85	\$ 38.46	\$ 48.08	\$ 57.69	\$ 67.31	\$ 76.92	\$ 86.54	\$ 96.15
\$ 60,000	\$ 1,154	\$ 11.54	\$ 23.08	\$ 34.62	\$ 46.15	\$ 57.69	\$ 69.23	\$ 80.77	\$ 92.31	\$ 103.85	\$ 115.38
\$ 70,000	\$ 1,346	\$ 13.46	\$ 26.92	\$ 40.38	\$ 53.85	\$ 67.31	\$ 80.77	\$ 94.23	\$ 107.69	\$ 121.15	\$ 134.62
\$ 80,000	\$ 1,538	\$ 15.38	\$ 30.77	\$ 46.15	\$ 61.54	\$ 76.92	\$ 92.31	\$ 107.69	\$ 123.08	\$ 138.46	\$ 153.85
\$ 90,000	\$ 1,731	\$ 17.31	\$ 34.62	\$ 51.92	\$ 69.23	\$ 86.54	\$ 103.85	\$ 121.15	\$ 138.46	\$ 155.77	\$ 173.08
\$ 100,000	\$ 1,923	\$ 19.23	\$ 38.46	\$ 57.69	\$ 76.92	\$ 96.15	\$ 115.38	\$ 134.62	\$ 153.85	\$ 173.08	\$ 192.31
\$ 110,000	\$ 2,115	\$ 21.15	\$ 42.31	\$ 63.46	\$ 84.62	\$ 105.77	\$ 126.92	\$ 148.08	\$ 169.23	\$ 190.38	\$ 211.54
\$ 120,000	\$ 2,308	\$ 23.08	\$ 46.15	\$ 69.23	\$ 92.31	\$ 115.38	\$ 138.46	\$ 161.54	\$ 184.62	\$ 207.69	\$ 230.77
\$ 130,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 250.00
\$ 140,000	\$ 2,692	\$ 26.92	\$ 53.85	\$ 80.77	\$ 107.69	\$ 134.62	\$ 161.54	\$ 188.46	\$ 215.38	\$ 242.31	\$ 269.23
\$ 150,000	\$ 2,885	\$ 28.85	\$ 57.69	\$ 86.54	\$ 115.38	\$ 144.23	\$ 173.08	\$ 201.92	\$ 230.77	\$ 259.62	\$ 288.46

TIME TOGETHER



Men's Breakfast: Men of all ages are invited to a monthly breakfast at The Ranch restaurant on the first Monday of the month at 7:00AM. Come for a devotion, fellowship, and good breakfast food.

When: Monday November 3 at 6:30AM

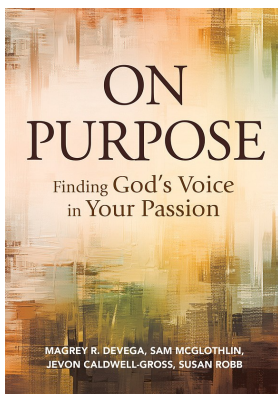
Where: The Ranch Restaurant Why: Because Jesus says that when a few are gathered in his name, he's there too!

Cup of Hope Welcomes You! Anyone experiencing grief, whether new or old, is welcome to Grace's monthly *Cup of Hope* grief coffee. This gathering will include a brief devotion on grief and time for coffee and conversation. As the Apostle Paul tells the early church, through Jesus, we have hope in the promise of new life to come where we will be reunited with those we love. We will meet in the Lounge on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Noon. Feel free to bring a lunch as we share in this walk together and hear encouraging words of God's love and comfort along the way. For more information, please see Pastor Allison. Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy." – John 16:20



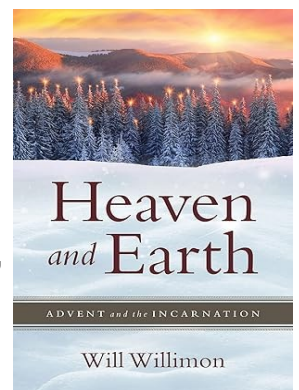
Sing a Joyful Noise to the Lord! Do you love to sing? If so, we would love to have you as part of the Grace choirs! The Chancel Choir sings at the 8:30AM Traditional service and practices Wednesday evenings at 5:15pm. Our Celebration Choir sings at the 10:45AM Contemporary service and practices their praise songs on Sunday mornings at 9:45AM. Now is a great time to join as we are learning Christmas music for the upcoming holiday season. For more info, please contact the office.

Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 23: All Ages are invited to help with hanging of the greens on Sunday, November 23rd after the 10:45am service. This is when we decorate Grace for Advent and Christmas. Pizza will be served. Please contact Del Prescott or Pastor Cole if you can help. We will meet in the Gathering Space to decorate at 11:45am. Many hands are needed to get the trees up in the sanctuary and Gathering Space, the manger by the altar, change the flags and paraments to blue, and put out the Advent wreath. With your help, we hope to have this accomplished in an hour. Come for as long as you are able as we prepare God's house in anticipation of Jesus coming at Christmas.



Adult Education:

Come join the discussion on Sunday mornings! This month we will discuss *On Purpose: Finding God's Voice in Your Passion*. Then, on November 23, between our Thanksgiving worship services, bring your pumpkin bar and cider to the Lounge as we begin our four-week Advent study. This year, we will be talking about *Heaven and Earth* by Will Willimon. Hope you will come and invite a friend!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastor Appreciation Month: Although Pastor Appreciation Month is officially in October, we will celebrate it this year on Sunday, November 16 with a special blessing for Pastor Allison and Pastor Cole during both worship services. We are deeply grateful for the countless ways they serve, teach, and walk alongside us in faith. Your love for God and your heart for people make a lasting difference every day. Thank you for all you do!

Fill the Altar Food Drive! It is that time of year when we thank God for the bounty of the harvest and give to those who are hungry. Fill the altar food drive will be happening throughout November. Microwave meals, canned pasta, canned soup, protein bars, toilet paper, easy mac, shelf stable milk, salt and pepper, can openers, small sized laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning supplies, deodorant, small hand sanitizer are all welcome. Much will be dispersed through our pantry and 10% will be shared with Heaven's Table.



The Sock Tree Returns: *How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news, proclaim peace, who bring good tidings!* (Isaiah 52:7) You are invited to bring new socks for all ages to keep the feet of God's beloved warm and toasty. Good quality new socks are needed which will be given locally to our schools for children needing socks, Options Pregnancy Center for women and children, the Salvation Army, and Grace Care Bags for our guests this winter. Decorate the bare trees in the Gathering Space with your socks as Grace Lutheran prepares for Christ's coming at Christmas.

Christmas Star Tree: Each year Grace has a Star Tree where our members can take a star to purchase gifts for those less fortunate in our community. Each Star lists the gender, age, and gift request and whether your package should be wrapped or unwrapped. The Star Tree will be ready on Sunday, November 9 and gifts should be returned on or before December 7. Please be sure to sign out your Star with your name and phone number. If you know of someone that you would like added to our giving list or if you have any questions or if you would like to pick a star but shopping is inconvenient for you, please contact Cindy Wohlhuter 507-236-4403. Thank you!



Let Us Walk to the Manger Together! The season of Advent will soon be upon us, and there is a place for you here at Grace! Each Wednesday in Advent, we will be offering *Holden Evening Prayer* at Noon and *Joyous Light* at 6:30PM. Come for supper from 4:45-6:15pm and then enjoy a time of peaceful worship in the sanctuary. **Confirmation students are asked to invite their mentor to join them for worship, with discussion to follow, ending at 7:15PM.** This replaces our regular weekly class. Parents are asked to drop off and pick up their students at the parking lot entrance and pick them up at 7:15PM. The Staff at Grace wish you and yours a blessed Advent season!

Homes for Homeless Snowmen Sale: On November 15-16 and November 22-23 we will have our snowmen adoption sale in the gathering area. Adopt one of these snowy figures with a donation and give it a place in your home or office this winter to remind you of the help you provided for area homeless and others in need! Donations will go to programs which serve the homeless. Thank you!





THRIVENT
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Thrivent Action Team Grants Needed! Are you a Thrivent member? If so, you likely are eligible for two \$250 action team grants a year. These grants can be used to fund many ministry projects here at Grace. This winter, we could use grants for the following ministries: Open Door Meal, candy for the Glows Parade outreach event, Care Bags, feminine supplies for the Grace food pantry, paint, lawn supplies, and so much more. Please speak to one of the pastors and they can help you in requesting a grant. Thank you!

Interested in Serving At Grace? Whether you are new to Grace or have been a part of this worshipping community for years, it can be difficult to join a new ministry and start serving as a volunteer. The pastors and staff at Grace want to make this process simple by encouraging you to sign-up on the bulletin board above the Care Table in the Gathering Space. Nicole will contact you and connect you to the ministry team leader for more information. Additionally, the yellow Grace *Welcome* brochures have all each ministry's contact information, and you may email that team member directly. We hope to bring awareness of all the wonderful ways to share our gifts of time and talents for God's ministry here at Grace. If you have any questions, please visit with one of the pastors.



VOLUNTEERS

Office Volunteers Needed: We are looking for volunteers for the office from noon - 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

New Faith Legacy Team Needs You! Are you passionate about the history of Grace Lutheran Church and would like to be a part of the planning of the 100th anniversary celebration? If so, please plan to attend our initial meeting on Monday, November 3, at Noon. We will meet in the work room on the main level. For more information, please see Pastor Allison.



Slide Makers Needed! Do you know PowerPoint and would like to help make slides for worship each week? We are looking to find two people to make slides for the traditional service. The PDF of the bulletin is posted on the church website on Thursdays and everything you need is found there with the exception of the hymns. Many of the slides for the hymns are already built and can be dropped in. If you are interested, please see one of the pastors or Nicole in the office! Thank you.

Another Way to Serve @ Grace: Altar Guild! Grace Lutheran is looking to expand Altar Guild. The purpose of this team, led by Del Prescott, is to prepare for worship. Right now, Del coordinates the communion preparers and servers and orders the communion elements. Brad changes the paraments, flags, and baptism/funeral banners. Members of the Altar Guild dust the front and back altar, polish the Christ candle and altar candles, and keep the sacristy tidy. The team sets out the poinsettias at Christmas, Easter Lilies after Good Friday worship, assists with the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday and the Re-dressing of the Altar on Easter morning, and helps prepare the sanctuary for Advent and Lent by helping decorate with our trees, special cross, etc. Del works closely with the Worship Team to stay in the loop about upcoming services and would keep the Altar Guild informed through emails and an annual May meeting. If you love worship and spending time in the beautiful Grace sanctuary, this could be a wonderful place to serve! For more information, please contact Del at del_prescott@netzero.com or see one of the pastors. Thank you!





Christmas Poinsettia Order Form:

I would like to buy a Poinsettia:



IN MEMORY/ HONOR OF:

FROM:

_____ 6" Red \$12.00

**One the line beside the size, please write in the amount you would like to purchase.
Please drop off this order form and payment in church office. Deadline for orders is
November 10th.**

Grace Mission Team Christmas Tree Sales

We are looking for 6 volunteers to help with setting up of the lot on November 15 and at least 12 volunteers to help with tree delivery, unwrapping, and pricing on November 22.

* Presales will be allowed for any that work at least two hours during the lot set-up or tree unwrapping and pricing events. Otherwise no early sales.

Sign-up Genius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4DA9AA28A6F94-60058092-2025>

Lot Set-up: November 15 at 9:00am

Tree Unloading/Unwrapping/Tagging: November 22 from 9:00am – 1:30pm

Tree sales start:

- Wednesday, November 26 from 10 am - 4 pm.
- Closed on Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 28: 9 am - 6 pm
- Normal hours after November 28:
 - Saturdays: 9 am - 6 pm
 - Sundays: Noon - 6 pm
 - M-F: 11 am - 7 pm

We have ordered 200 trees and expect that we will need to staff the lot for 2-3 weeks. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and we appreciate all the help from the volunteers.



CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE



Open Door Meal: 4:45pm – 6:15pm, Fellowship Hall

BLAST, PreK - 6th Grade: 5:30PM - 6:25PM, Education wings downstairs and upstairs

Wednesday Worship: 6:30PM - 7:00PM, Sanctuary

Confirmation: 7pm to 7:45pm, Fellowship Hall

New 10th - 12th Senior High Group: 7pm – 7:45pm, Lounge



Congratulations to our 2025 Confirmands!
May God bless you and may you always remain strong in your faith!



Colsan Andersen
Ty DeBoer
Lylah Becker
Nora Fitzgerald
Jack Bursell
Olivia Garbers
Evelynn Christenson

Preston Geerdes
Chloe Darnell
Lucas Johnson
Lucas Kotewa
Gwyneth Schultz
Adriana Leiding
Addison Splinter

Allissa Moore
Avery Steuber
Adilene Petschke
Brooklyn Stone
Brock Rodning
Wyatt Survis
Jonah Vetter



Confirmation Service Project: Glows Parade: Confirmation youth will be walking behind the Grace Lutheran Church float. On Friday, November 21st, we will be handing out bags with candy and information about our Christmas Eve worship opportunities. More details will be emailed out later this month about where to meet and be picked up. The lineup is at 5:15pm, parade kicks off at 6pm. It begins at Downtown Plaza and goes to Lincoln Park. Come for a fun night and a great way to begin the holiday season.

BLAST Reminders: Cherub and Alleluia choirs sing @ 6:30pm worship on 11/12
11/26 – No Wednesday evening activities

Confirmation Reminders: Second worship note on Sunday, November 2nd Please continue to watch the acolyte and reader schedule and switch with someone in your small group if you are unable to come on a Sunday that you have been assigned. Readings can be found on the church website front page on Thursday of each week.



YOUTH LOCK-IN



7th through 12 Grade Youth Lock-in at Grace January 2nd and 3rd 2026:

The lock-in will be from 9pm on January 2nd to 7am on January 3rd. Youth can be picked up at midnight if not spending the night. The lock in is FREE to attend and will have games, food, Bible study, worship, fellowship and very little sleep. Invite friends. Please use the following link below to register before December 10th, 2025. All youth must be registered to attend. Contact Pastor Cole if you have any questions: 507-238-4418 | McCormick@gracelutheranchurch.org

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pDT2c_oA9RBaHfKEhEwy0ToGGC9JCf0TPRPixmSMqrk/edit?ts=68d2d7d4

Baby Bible Class: A newborn through age 2 Bible class will met next on Sunday, November 2nd 9:40am in the primary two classroom downstairs. We will look at a story about Jesus as king, do a song, craft, and snacks. Older siblings, parents, grandparents etc. are all welcome. We hope you can join us!



WORDS FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, November 2 - ALL SAINTS DAY

"God loves us all, both big and small," a child's verse declares. The sins of the world are covered. We are able to stand tall before God our righteous judge because in the person of Jesus "salvation has come to this house"—to our house today. In Christ Jesus God seeks us out to save us.

First Reading: Isaiah 1:10-18

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Sunday, November 9 - Pentecost 22

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

First Reading: Job 19:23-27a

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Sunday, November 16 - Pentecost 23

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, November 23 - Pentecost 24

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth,

the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

Sunday, November 30 - Pentecost 25

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44



November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Confirmation Reformation Sunday 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:35am Adult Ed. 10:45am Contemporary Worship	27 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Evening CBS	28 9:00am - 11:00am Sewing Circle 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	29 9:00am - 12:00pm Women's Community Bible Study 4:45pm - 6:15pm Open Door Community Meal 5:15pm Chancel Choir Practice 5:30pm - 6:25pm BLAST 6:30pm - 7:45pm Confirmation 6:30pm - 7:00pm WOW - Worship on Wednesday 7:00pm High School Class	30	31	1 3:30pm Fairmont Soccer Banquet
2 All Saints Sunday Daylight-Saving Time Ends 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:35am Adult Ed. 9:40am - 10:20am Baby Bible Class 10:45am Contemporary Worship 5:00pm - 7:00pm Tennis Banquet	3 7:00am Men's Breakfast - The Ranch 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm - 2:00pm Mary Circle 5:30pm CYF Team Meeting 6:00pm Evening CBS 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Worship Team Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm Boy Scouts	4 9:00am Common Threads Sewing 9:00am - 11:00am Sewing Circle 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	5 9:00am - 12:00pm Women's Community Bible Study 4:45pm - 6:15pm Open Door Community Meal 5:15pm Chancel Choir Practice 5:30pm - 6:25pm BLAST 6:30pm - 7:45pm Confirmation 6:30pm - 7:00pm WOW - Worship on Wednesday 7:00pm High School Class	6 9:00am Sarah's Circle (Location Varies) 9:00am Women of the Cloth Sewing	7	8
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NUMBERS 6:24-26**



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