

April 2025

HAPPY EASTER!



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“Repent, believe, and be baptized, the great divine command, and here, according to they Word, O Lord, this day we stand. The young, the old, the middle aged, here seek the water’s side, to tread the path the Savior trod, into the yielding tide. O let the Spirit Dove descend, as once o’er Jordan’s wave, and rest on all who here arise, from the baptismal grave.”

—Baptist Pastor Sydney Dyer’s baptism hymn from 1852.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In 1852, when this good old baptism hymn was written, baptisms were typically done by immersion in the local lake or stream. When one was fully submerged, and unable to breathe under water, it mimicked being in the grave, just as our Lord was in the tomb. And just as Jesus was raised from the dead, the one being baptized was raised from the water to take in a full breath of new life, sustained by the Holy Spirit.

Today, we might miss that connection to Easter in our baptisms where we sprinkle a little water on the head of the one being baptized. Yet we continue to understand this sacrament as our connection from dying to sin to being raised to new life promised by God at our baptism, where we are claimed as God’s beloved, sealed with the Holy Spirit, and marked eternally with the cross of Christ.

This Lenten season, we are focusing on what keeps us from living that full life as disciples that God is calling us to in our baptism. We began our season of Lent by teaching our young ones what it means to repent, and that repenting is an action word. During the children’s sermon, the kids were asked to face the congregation and then on the count of three, when I said “repent,” we all did a jump turn and faced the cross.

This physical action of turning ourselves, the entirety of our lives, from our own ways to God’s ways is what we intentionally practice this season of the church year. We take a deep dive into our sinfulness and what separates us from God and our neighbor and leave that baggage behind as we confess our sin and ask for God’s mercy and forgiveness. And at the table each week, Jesus offers us himself for the forgiveness of our sins and we are given new life.

Turning to God has been the theme of our Lenten season which will come to a close as we move from Palm Sunday on April 13 to Easter on April 20. I would like to personally invite you to continue this journey with Jesus from the parade of palms to the empty tomb, and not to miss the important days in between. It is on those days that we see our own humanity up close in the last days Jesus had with his disciples and understand even more why we need a savior.

Invite a friend, and attend our evening Maundy Thursday worship, April 17, where we will recall the last supper that Jesus had with his disciples. We will hear how he washed their feet, feet of the ones he loved and who loved him, but also who would deny him and betray him. We will watch as the altar is stripped bare and hear these words of despair as read from Psalm 22. “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? 2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night but find no rest.”

We leave that service in the dark and quiet to ponder what Jesus must have felt that night and return the next day, on Good Friday, to hear the seven last words of Jesus. This service, at Noon and 6:30PM, will be readings and hymns, as we hear how Jesus left that upper room meal with his friends and was escorted by soldiers to face punishment and death on a cross. We leave Good Friday worship with Jesus dying with a criminal on his right and one on his left, and his body is place in a sealed tomb. All hope seems lost. The ministry and mission of God to save the world would seem to have been defeated. And yet what seems to be the worst thing possible opens to the Good News that God has in store.

On Easter morning, at 6:45AM, we will take the baggage box full of our sin and shame, our guilt and things we need to forgive and be forgiven for and add the fire of God's Holy Spirit. The Spirit's flames refine us, strip from us what is not life giving, and lighten our load from the sinfulness we carry so that we can indeed turn our whole selves to God. At 7AM, our sunrise service begins, and we light the Christ Candle from those flames.

In the dark of the sanctuary, piece by piece, the altar will be re-dressed. And then the light of Christ will enter, bringing light that has overcome all of the darkness in the world. The lights will be brought up, the smell of lilies will fill the air, and alleluias will ring out as the tomb is now empty. Death could not contain the love of God! Jesus has risen from the dead and invites us to share in this resurrected life with him.

In addition to our sunrise service, we will also have 8:30AM traditional and 10:45AM contemporary services. On behalf of your pastors and staff, we hope you are able to come and share in this joyful celebration together. It is a blessing to worship with you!

Your Sister in Christ,

Pastor Allison



Easter Lily Order Form:

I would like to buy a Easter Lily:

IN MEMORY OF:



IN HONOR OF:

FROM:

Easter Lily: \$11.00

Quantity: _____

Please drop off order form and payment in church office. Deadline for orders is April 3rd.

Flowers may be picked up anytime after the 10:45 am Easter Service.

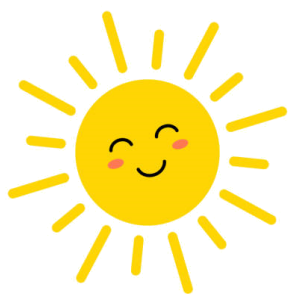
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Sundays:** 8:30AM Traditional
10:45AM Contemporary
- Tuesdays:** 2:00PM Fairmont Cable TV Channel 12
(pre-recorded)
- Wednesdays:** 12PM *Holden Prayer Service* & 6:30PM
Unfailing Light Prayer Service.



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

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



Summer Worship Time Begins May 18! On May 18, we begin our single 9:30AM worship service which continues through Sunday, September 7. We will have two contemporary and two traditional services each month. Wednesday worship will move to Sylvania Park on Wednesday, May 21. Communion will now be a part of our outdoor worship services too. We hope you will invite a friend to worship this summer season at Grace!

Senior Living Worship Services: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10AM on the Memory Care side with Communion at Goldfinch, and every 2nd Monday of the month, 10AM, at Lakeview Methodist home, with communion. Please come and worship with our friends and members of Grace!



Mid-Week Lenten Worship! The season of Lent began on Wednesday, March 5, with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a season of repentance and self-examination where we see what is not life-giving, ask for God's forgiveness, and turn our lives back around to God. In the sanctuary, you will find a black box which is our Baggage Box. During this season, you are invited to write down any burden, sin, shame, or fear that is weighing you down and holding you back in your life and relationship with God and one another. On Easter morning, we will burn this box

as a symbol of the refining fire of the Holy Spirit, lighting the Christ Candle from these flames. Confirmation students and their mentors are asked to worship together on Wednesdays in Lent as we sing *Unfailing Light* together with a time for discussion, ending at 7:15PM. We will also offer *Holden Evening Prayer* Wednesdays at noon in the chapel. A meditation will be read each week that focuses on a symbol in the Easter story. We hope you will come for a time of mid-week reflection, to take a breath, and acknowledge the presence of Christ in our midst.

BUSINESS OF GRACE



Holy Week & Easter

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday Traditional Worship at 8:30AM

Palm Sunday Breakfast 9:30AM-11AM

Palm Sunday Contemporary Worship at 10:45AM

Wednesday, April 16

No Open Door Meal, BLAST, or Confirmation

Thursday, April 17

Maundy Thursday Worship at 6:30PM

Friday, April 18

Good Friday Community Service hosted by United Methodist Church at Noon Good Friday Worship, Grace Lutheran Church, at 6:30PM

Sunday, April 20

Easter Burning of the Baggage Box at 6:45AM

Easter Sunrise Worship with Re-dressing of the Altar at 7:00AM

Easter Traditional Worship at 8:30AM

Easter Contemporary Worship at 10:45AM

Monday, April 21 - Office Closed

Wed, April 23

NO evening activities

Memorials:

Bernice Sandburg Memorial

Harry & Chery

People Helping People

Brumbaugh

Ken Scott Memorial

Tari Riley

Undesignated

Curt & Ellen Nelson

Kathleen Langer

Harlan & Larainne

People Helping People

Gorath

Rod & Diane Palmquist

Projector

David Maland

Harry & Chery

Building

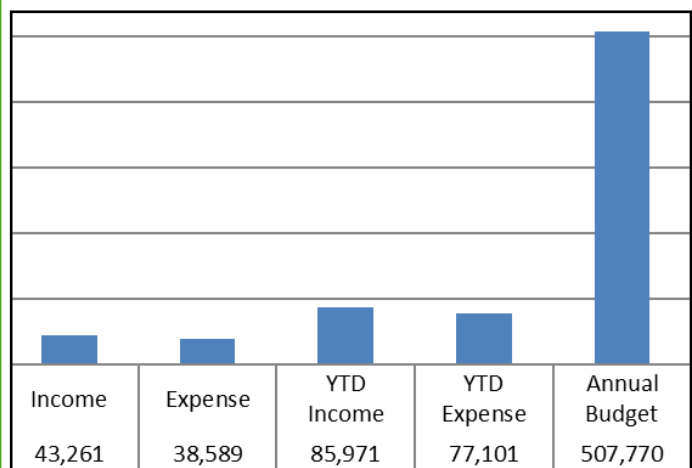
Brumbaugh

Tari Riley

Undesignated

***The Office will be closed:
Monday, April 21 in
observance of Easter!***

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FOR FEBRUARY



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Men's Breakfast on Monday: 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 April 7 at 7:00AM**
Where: The Ranch Restaurant Why: Because Jesus says that when a few are gathered in his name, he's there too!

Congregational Care Coffee on Sunday, April 27: At Grace, our homebound visitation and communion ministries, and new care caller ministry, provide important pieces of congregational care. Let's visit on these ministries, how they are going, and ideas for growing this outreach within our congregation. All current volunteers and those interested in learning more are welcome! We will meet on Sunday, April 27, in the chapel between the worship services. For more information, please see Pastor Allison.



Altar Guild Appreciation Meeting! On Sunday, May 4 between the services, all communion preparers and servers are invited to the chapel for our annual appreciation meeting. We thank you for your service in setting the Lord's table and serving this special Holy Meal. We would love to get your thoughts on how the year went and any recommendations for the future. Please see Del Prescott with any questions. Many thanks!

Hummus Demonstration: Named Jordan's Musical Ambassadors, Jordanian virtuoso Farah Siraj will be with us here at Grace on Wednesday, May 7th in the evening. She will be leading two hummus demonstrations and talking about historical Christian sites in Jordan. (5:30pm and 6pm) in the fellowship hall. All ages are welcome. BLAST kids will be attending during their class lesson time and doing music at regular time. We hope you can join us for one of these sessions.

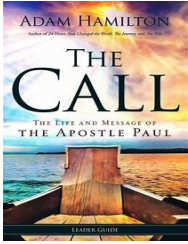


Lunch at the Lake Returns on Tuesday, May 14! Invite your friends and bring a sack lunch for a time of fellowship at Gomsrud Park. We will meet at noon, the second Tuesday of the month, through October for a devotion and fellowship in God's beautiful creation. Hope to see you there!

Baptisms in the Park! Praise in the Park will again meet at the Sylvania Park band shell for a half an hour praise service on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Each week will have a different pastor or lay leader from our community churches provide the message and communion will be celebrated each week. In addition, Pastor Allison and Pastor Cole will be available for families who would like a summer outdoor baptism in a casual outdoor setting. If there is rain, we will meet at the shelter house in Sylvania Park. For more information, please contact the church office.



Take Me Out to the Ballgame: Everyone is invited for an outing to Faith Night at the Mankato Moon Dogs on Sunday, August 3rd. We have tickets for 30 people and each one costs \$10.00 which includes your assigned seat and a hot dog meal. Please purchase your tickets in the office. Checks can be made to Grace Lutheran Church with Moondogs in the memo. We plan to meet at Grace Lutheran at 3:30pm for carpooling. Hope to see you at the ballpark!



Adult Bible Study: Invite a friend, grab your coffee and donut holes, and come to adult Sunday School between the worship services. We meet at 9:35am for a variety of topics throughout the program year. Each week will include a brief video lesson from a Bible scholar or preacher followed by discussion. Come for light-hearted conversation and faith education. We continue this month with our six-week Lenten study by Rev. Adam Hamilton entitled *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul*.

Mission's Phantom Tea: Letters from the Mission Team annual "Phantom Tea for Mission" will be mailed out. A bag of tea can also be picked up from the missions table in the back of the sanctuary. Please take time to sit down, relax, and have a cup of tea on us, while contemplating all the blessings God has bestowed on us! The Phantom Tea is an effort to raise funds for many worthwhile projects locally and globally that our Mission Team from Grace supports. Thank you for your continued outreach support for others!



Calling All Knitters!!! We are in need of more prayer shawls. These tangible hugs full of prayer are available in our Gathering Space to give to those experiencing difficult times. If you are a knitter, or like to crochet, yarn and patterns are available in pre-packaged bags outside of the office. Please take a bag and return your finished prayer shawl in that bag. We so appreciate your skills and faithfulness in sharing God's love in this special way. And if you would like to donate to this ministry, each prayer shawl costs around \$30 to make with the price of yarn. Donations can be made out to Grace with Prayer Shawls in the memo line. Thank you!

Grace's 100th Anniversary in 2028! In three years, Grace Lutheran Church will celebrate 100 years of worship, service, and fellowship in the Fairmont community. A small team is being formed to plan this event, in coordination with our Fellowship and Worship Teams. Lenny Tvedten will be chairing the sub committee that will bring together historical articles, artifacts, and conduct interviews with our youngest to oldest members. If you would like to join the planning team or the history team, please contact Pastor Allison.



Old Favorites! Do you have a favorite hymn you would like to sing at our 8:30AM Traditional Service? If so, please drop your suggestion by the office this month, and it will be added to the list. We hope to include more favorites in 2025

Directory Notice: We will soon be publishing our church directory. If you do not want your contact information printed in the directory for privacy or other reasons, please let the church office know by April 1. We will be printing name, address, and phone number of all members and friends including those who did not have their picture taken. Please contact Nicole in the office at (507) 238-4418 or office@gracelutheranchurch.org.



Thank You Ministry Assistants! Everything from lectors, communion, technology, greeters, ushers, etc. We simply cannot thank you enough for being willing to be part of these roles. It is our hope that you will continue to find a replacement if you are unable to be here and if you have no luck in finding a replacement, we appreciate that you have tried. You can find the monthly schedule in the ministry minutes each week along with information about keeping the head usher updated of any changes. Thank you very much for all the ways that you serve.

Have you ever wondered about the Fellowship and Outreach Team?



The Fellowship and Outreach Teams work together to support and empower bold disciples through frequent fellowship, community outreach projects that meet current needs, and making Christ known to all throughout the world.

The Fellowship team supports Wednesday Open Door Community Meal, Palm Sunday Breakfast, God's Work, Our Hands Day, God's Grace is Amazing Day, Funeral Committee, Sunday Morning Coffee Hour, Pizza with the Pastor, New Member Events, Hosting Synod Gathering, and Special Fellowship Events.

The Outreach Team reaches out to support people in our church, in our community, and in our world. We are actively seeking to share and to show God's love. Outreach is a broad umbrella that includes the following ministries:

In our church: Grace Pantry, Care Bags, Visitation of shut-ins and the elderly, Women's Circles, Prayer Shawls, Prayer Chain, Church Pictorial Directory, Local Military Support,

In our community: Christmas Star Tree and Sock Tree to provide gifts to those in need, Meals on Wheels – delivering meals to the elderly, Church Float to have a presence in the Glows parade, People Helping People for those in need who come to Grace for help

In our world: Lutheran Social Services supports people locally and nation-wide, Missions Team supports numerous ministries with fundraisers like: Apple Pie Bake, Phantom Tea, Church-wide Rummage Sale, Christmas Trees & Wreaths Sale.

Thrivent Action Teams:

Have you ever wanted to give to Grace for a special project? Thrivent Action Team Grants are an easy way to do that if you are a Thrivent member. You can now call Thrivent and they will do the application over the phone or complete it online! Thrivent members receive two \$250 grants a year to use. Please see one of the pastors if you would like to give a grant for one of the below ministries:

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Open door meals	Park worship sound system	Glows Parade Candy and
Pizza with the Pastors	God's Grace is Amazing Day	Advent cards for our neighbors
Homebound communion supplies	Vacation Bible School	Octoberfest meal
Buildings and Grounds project	Prayer Shawl Yarn	Confirmation fellowship event
Confirmation service project	Worship in the Park Advertising	Fill the Altar Food Drive
Treats for shut ins	Confirmation supplies	Thanksgiving fellowship event
Palm Sunday Brunch	BLAST supplies	Sock Tree
Care Bags	God's Work. Our Hands Sunday	Christmas Eve Cocoa and Carols
Baccalaureate gifts	Worship on the Water	Bread for our neighbors
	Confirmation camp	

Want to Fund a Buildings & Grounds Project???

(Project estimates are subject to change)

Lower-level entry paint project	\$100
Baby changing station for Men's main floor restroom	\$300
Park worship sound system	\$400
Women's restrooms toilet upgrades	\$3,000
Unisex handicap accessible Fellowship Hall restroom	\$10,000
Sanctuary projector	\$20,000

For more project information, please contact the office or see our maintenance worker, Brad. Please specify in the memo line where you would like your donation designated. Thank you!



God's Grace is Amazing Day on Sunday, May 18!

This year, we will gather in the sanctuary for a brief worship service at 9:30 and then disperse to various projects. BLAST kids will also be singing at worship.

Please wear your yellow shirt on this day!

Projects in the Fellowship Hall

- Decorating bags for Lutheran Social Service to give to families in need.
- Attaching notes to bread and delivering to our neighbors.
- Assembling bingo prizes for local senior living communities
- Writing notes to our elders 90+ and those living in care facilities. We will include in the envelope a prayer square made lovingly by our knitters.
- Blessing notes to be written to our policeman, firemen, dispatchers, sheriff's deputies, and veterans.
- Prayer Shawl kits will be assembled for people to knit or crochet prayer shawls at home.

Outdoor projects

- Park project - We will have one big outdoor project as we clean up Lincoln Park. We will also have a craft table at the park for kids to take a break and paint rocks to brighten up our community. Please bring rakes and work gloves. Garbage bags will be provided.

Picnic Lunch

Following the projects, please join everyone for a picnic lunch at noon at the church. All ages are welcome and invited. Come for a morning full of worship, service, and food! Thank you in advance for your support and prayers for this annual event. We hope you can come for a fabulous Sunday together!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...

Bread for Our Neighbors! This year, we will bring loaves of bread to 100 different households close to Grace on God's Grace is Amazing Day! But to do that, we need you! In the Gathering Space, you will find a table that has disposable loaf pans. Please pick up a recipe and stack of three mini pans. On Sunday, May 18, bring in your bread still in those pans and wrapped in cling wrap. We will add a welcome card which contains our summer worship times and Bible School dates, and deliver them that morning. Thank you in advance for making this special outreach project happen!



Cinnamon Swirl Bread Recipe

Take this Bread: Bread for our Neighbors! Please bake three mini loaves in place of the one 9x5 loaf called for in the recipe. Cool and wrap loaves in saran wrap, leaving them in their foil pan. Return loaves on God's Grace is Amazing Day, Sunday May 18th, by 9AM in the fellowship hall. No nuts please! Thank you!!!

NOTE: Prepare as directed but use 3 mini loaf pans instead of 1 regular pan. Cook time will vary - approximately 30-40 minutes.

Ingredients:

- 1 1/3 cups white sugar, divided
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1 cup milk
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil

Directions:

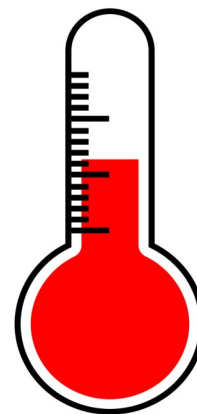
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x5-inch loaf pan. Mix together 1/3 cup sugar and 2 teaspoons cinnamon in a small bowl; set aside. Combine flour, remaining 1 cup sugar, baking powder, and salt together in a large bowl. Combine egg, milk, and oil in a separate bowl; add to flour mixture. Stir until just moistened.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Church Council has partnered with the Stewardship Committee to issue a challenge to the members of Grace. Beginning on April 27 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. 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 2025, we have seen our giving near our budgeted amounts and are very grateful. However, in 2025 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 prayers and thoughtful consideration of how you can impact Grace Lutheran church and fulfil this Offering Challenge. Go Team Grace!

Chery Brumbaugh and Troy Nemmers, Council Co-Presidents



April Ministry Assistants

Ministry Assistants for April - 8:30AM Traditional Service

	Sunday, April 6	Sunday, April 13	Thurs, Apr. 17 6:30p	Fri, Apr 18 6:30p	Sunday, April 20	Sunday, April 27
Organist/ Pianist	Sandy Ettesvold	Sandy Ettesvold	Carol Madsen	Sandy Ettesvold	Sandy Ettesvold	Carol Madsen
Communion Preparer	Sharon Elliot, Jennifer Moore	Kris Head, Dawn Becker	Sharon Elliot, Peggy Jones		Kris Head, Del Prescott 7:00	Sharon Elliot, Jennifer Moore
Communion Server	Mary Kotewa, Ben Jordan	Dawn Becker, Marian Holland	Ben Jordan, Peggy Jones		Kris Head, & Del Prescott 7:00 Mary Kotewa &	Dawn Becker, Peggy Jones
Greeters	Patricia Jones, Marian Holland	Peggy Jones	Joanne Soma	Darlene Parks Marian Holland	Patricia Jones 7:00 Wayne & Marlene Olson 8:30	Peggy Jones
Lector	Ben Jordan	Allen Struck			Scott Drever	Aber Declercq
Sound Tech	Justin Schmidt	Darlon Widener	Mark Vogelsang	Justin Schmidt	Darlon Widener 7:00 Jolene Rosol 8:30	Mark Vogelsang
Ushers	Ernie Nuss, Arv Soma, Allen Struck	Ernie Nuss, Arv Soma, Allen Struck	Paul Seibert		Ernie Nuss, Arv Soma, Allen Struck	Ernie Nuss, Arv Soma, Allen Struck

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 April - 10:45AM Contemporary Service

	Sunday, April 6	Sunday, April 13	Thursday, April 17	Friday, April 18	Sunday, April 20	Sunday, April 27
Musicians	Molly Bleess	Molly Bleess	Molly Bleess	Molly Bleess	Jen Kahler & Praise Band	Molly Bleess
Communion Preparer	Brenda & Randy Lubenow	Becky & Dave Johnson			Elayne Baumgart, Abby Ehlert	Becky & Dave Johnson
Communion Server	Carolyn Bird, Rochelle Bremer	Joice Forster, Elayne Baumgart			Becky Johnson, Enos Breitbarth	Brian & Deb Roggow, Joice Forster
Greeters	Rebecca Whitmore	Dennis & Carol Madsen			Tom & Nona Larson	Bob & Barb Duffey
Lector	Brian Roggow	Amber Hansen			Deb Morris	Abby Ehlert
Sound Tech	Amber Hansen	Enos Breitbarth			Amber Hansen	Louise Hendricks
Slide Tech	Corey Klanderud	Louise Hendricks			James Miller	Enos Breitbarth
Ushers	Harry Brumbaugh Mark Morris Mark Paskey Joel Teskey	Harry Brumbaugh Mark Morris Mark Paskey Joel Teskey			Harry Brumbaugh Mark Morris Mark Paskey Joel Teskey	Harry Brumbaugh Mark Morris Mark Paskey Joel Teskey

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!

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Open Door Meal: 4:45PM - 6:15PM - All are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a meal.

BLAST, PreK - 6th Grade: 5:30PM - 6:30PM - This includes Cherub & Alleluia Choir, learning lessons, and fun!

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

Confirmation, 7th-9th Grade: 6:30PM - 7:45PM

**During Lent, students worship with mentors at 6:30PM followed by discussion until 7:15pm.*

Youth Mission Trip: Commitment forms continue to be available for the 7th through 12th grade summer mission trip to Appalachia, West Virginia July 18th through 25th. We will be staying at Messiah Lutheran Church in Moundsville and assisting with some projects. We will also have a recreation/cultural day that the group will be able to give input on. The cost is now approx. \$500 per person, and we are hoping for these commitment forms to be turned in as soon as possible. Please contact Becky Kelley 651-231-4733 rkelly1229@yahoo.com or Pastor Cole 507-238-4418 or mccormick@gracelutheranchurch.org



Baby Bible Class: A newborn through age 2 Bible class will be starting on Sunday, April 6th at 9:40am in the primary 2 classroom downstairs. Come for a Bible story, song, craft, snack, etc. This class will continue to meet at this time on the first Sunday of each month.

PALM SUNDAY YOUTH BREAKFAST

Please join our Youth grades 7-12, in a time of fellowship, as they host
"Palm Sunday Breakfast"

When: Palm Sunday April 13, 2025
9:30AM - 11AM

Where : Fellowship Hall

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links, Muffins, Juice and Coffee

Free will donation will help support our youth in the upcoming mission trip to the Appalachia Range to be held July 18th-25th, 2025

Please contact Pastor Cole with any questions!

End of the Year Celebrations!

WHO: BLAST & Confirmation students, along with their parents

DETAILS: Wednesday, May 14

BLAST 5:30pm to 6:25pm in the sanctuary

Worship 6:30pm

Confirmation 6:30pm to 7:45pm

WHAT TO EXPECT: Activities, games, & popcorn.

*Registration for VBS & 2025-26' BLAST & Confirmation

Our year will soon be coming to a close. May 14th will be our last evening of youth education for this year. **Parents, please plan to attend** with your child ~ Registration for Fall 25' will be taking place



SAVE THE DATE :
JUNE 16 – 19, 2025

LOCATION :
GRACE LUTHERAN

TIME : 8AM – NOON

OTHER DETAILS:

GLC is once again teaming up with Ingham Lake Okoboji for VBS! Children 4 years old through those entering 6th grade will learn to be CAPTIVATED, Psalm 121:1-2!

Watch for more info to come!

WORDS FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, April 6 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel: John 12:1-8

Sunday, April 13- Palm Sunday

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Day

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven.

Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, April 27 - Second Sunday of Easter

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel: John 20:19-31



April Open Door Meal Menu

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

April 2: Chicken Fried Steak

April 9: Chicken Breast and Nuggets

April 16: Holy Week, No Meal

April 23: No Meal

April 30: Spaghetti

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:30am Traditional Worship Service 9:40am Adult Ed. 10:45am Contemporary Worship Service - Baccalaureate Sunday	31 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Evening CBS	1 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	2 9:00am - 12:00pm Women's CBS 12:00pm Lenten Worship 4:45pm - 6:15pm Open Door Community Meal 5:15pm Chancel Choir Practice 5:30pm BLAST 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Unfailing Light Worship	3 9:00am Women of the Cloth Sewing	4	5
6 8:30am Traditional Worship Service 9:40am Adult Ed. 10:45am Contemporary Worship Service - Baptism 11:45am Church Council Meeting	7 7:00am Men's Breakfast - The Ranch 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Mary Circle 5:30pm CYF Team Meeting 6:00pm Evening CBS 6:30pm Worship Team Meeting	8 9:00am - 11:00am Sewing Circle 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired 5:30pm Outreach/Fellowship Team Meetings 5:30pm Service Team Meeting 6:30pm Stewardship Team Meeting	9 9:00am - 12:00pm Women's CBS 10:00am Goldfinch Memory Care Worship 12:00pm Lenten Worship 4:45pm - 6:15pm Open Door Community Meal 5:15pm Chancel Choir Practice 5:30pm BLAST 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Unfailing Light Worship	10 4:00pm - 6:00pm Aktion Club Theatre 6:00pm - 8:00pm Boy Scouts	11	12
13 8:30am Palm Sunday Traditional Worship Service 10:45am Palm Sunday Contemporary Worship Service - Baptism 	14 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Lakeview Senior Worship 6:00pm Evening CBS 6:30pm Shalom Circle	15 Ways of Grace Submission Deadline 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	16 NO Wednesday Activities 5:15pm Chancel Choir Practice	17 9:00am Women of the Cloth Sewing 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship	18 12:00pm Good Friday Community Service at United Methodist 6:30pm Good Friday Worship	19
20 6:45am Burning of the Baggage Box 7:00am Easter Sunrise Service 8:30am Easter Traditional Worship Service 10:45am Easter Contemporary Worship Service 	21 OFFICE CLOSED 6:00pm Evening CBS	22 9:00am - 11:00am Sewing Circle 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	23 NO Wednesday Activities 5:15pm Chancel Choir Practice	24 1:00pm Ways of Grace Assembly Team 4:30pm - 6:00pm Aktion Club Theatre	25	26
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