

October 18, 2026

Ministry Minutes



Oktoberfest at Grace This Week!

Come celebrate our German Lutheran roots with a fun time of food and fellowship this Wednesday, October 21st, 4:30pm-6:00pm. Brats, hot dogs, pretzels, potato salad, German chocolate cake, and root beer will be served. This is a great time to get to meet our confirmation students who will be getting their pictures taken that evening and rehearsing for Sunday's confirmation service. Invite your friends and we hope to see you there!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On All Saints Sunday, November 1st, 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. Below is our list of saints who have passed away since November 2, 2025. If we have inadvertently missed your loved one's name, please inform the office as soon as possible.
office@gracelutheranchurch.org. 507-238-4418.



Mavis Anderson
Helen Bellin
Susie Davis
Diane Evans
Delphine Hanson
DeeAnne Helfritz
Elayne Hested
Maynard Johnson

Reily Junkermeier
Lois Kessler
Patricia Knewtson
Joyce McKee
Lorraine Reiter
Ted Schaefer
Tom Sime
Betty Snyder

Bette Stevens
Bob Strom
John Thomas
Velma Vickerman
Marcia Willard
Bob Witty

**Next Week's Scripture Readings: First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18,
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-46**



National Youth Gathering

The National Youth Gathering will be June 28 through July 2 in Minneapolis. "Imagine More" is the theme and all youth in 8th through 12th grade are eligible to attend! All 8th through 12th graders and parents please continue to watch your email for details.

Reformation Confirmation Sunday:

October 25



Baby Bible Class

Baby Bible class for newborn through age 2 will meet on October 7th 5:30pm to 6:15pm in room 107 on the lower level. We will have the Bible story will be Noah's Ark in Genesis. Parents are all welcome!

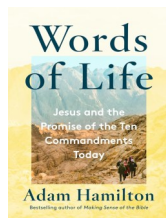


October is Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! This month we take time to honor and thank Pastor Allison and Pastor Cole for their faithful leadership, compassion, and dedication to our church family! We are deeply grateful for the many ways they serve, teach, and walk alongside us in faith. Please join us this month as we celebrate and give thanks for all they do for our congregation and community!

Adult Education

Grab your coffee and donut holes and head to the Lounge for casual conversation and faith formation at 9:40am in the Lounge. We continue with a series entitled *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today*. Hope you will come and invite a friend!



Cup of Hope Welcomes You on November 3 at Noon!

Anyone experiencing grief, whether new or old, is welcome to Grace's monthly *Cup of Hope* grief coffee on the first Tuesday of each month. 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.

Open Door Meal

Oct. 21: Oktoberfest, Brats/Hot Dogs
Oct. 28: Scalloped Potatoes and Ham



Sunday, October 18th

- 8:30AM Traditional Worship
- 9:40AM Adult Education
- 10:45AM Contemporary Worship: Baptism
- 11:45AM Church Council Meeting
- 2:00PM The Joy Collective Women's Bible Study

Monday, October 19th

- 9:00AM Staff Meeting
- 6:00PM Evening CBS

Tuesday, October 20th

- 9:00AM Sewing Circle
- 9:00AM Common Threads Sewing
- 1:00PM Prayer Meeting
- 1:30PM Women's Bible Study
- 2:00PM Worship Service Aired
- 4:30-8PM Pizza Ranch Youth Fundraiser

Wednesday, October 21st

- 8:30AM Women's CBS
- 4:30PM Oktoberfest Open Door Community Meal
- 5:30PM BLAST
- 6:30PM Confirmation
- 6:30PM WOW: Worship on Wednesday
- 7:00PM Senior High Class

Thursday, October 22nd

- 4:30AM Aktion Club Theatre

Friday, October 23rd

Saturday, October 24th

Sunday, October 25th

- 8:30AM Traditional Worship
- 9:40AM Adult Education
- 10:45AM Contemporary Worship
- Reformation Sunday

PRAYERS

Members and Loved Ones: Jeanette Nelson, Harley Jordan, Dawn Potthoff, Gladys Peterson, Carol Myhre, Carolyn Kryzer, Steph Johnson, Karen Meier, Kathleen Ferguson, MaryAnn Kehrberg, Jean Nimz, Leroy Sandberg, Karen, Jon VonBank, Leah Edward, Loren Dunham, Amber Elliot, Adeline, Kaitlyn, Melissa Carlson, Mark Brown, Carol Madsen, Carolyn Bird, Julie Andrews, Brian N, Kim Boston, Dennis Trushenski, Kristen, Chery Brumbaugh.

Sympathy for the family and friends of: DeeAnne Helfritz, Delphine Hanson

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 a renewed call to serve our neighbors, 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 injustice of every kind, 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.

OUTREACH

2026 Stewardship Stats	
\$526,496	2026 Annual Budget
\$350,914	YTD Income, P&L report: Jan 1 - Oct 12
\$8,053	Collected Oct 6 - Oct 12
\$13,506	Needed Weekly to meet 2026 budget

FAIRMONT receipts only.



\$21,700 #50



\$52,000 on #16

Ministry Assistants for October- 8:30AM Traditional Service

Sunday, Oct. 4		Sunday, Oct. 11	Sunday, Oct. 18	Sunday, Oct. 25
Communion Preparer	Sharon Elliot Jennifer Moore	Kirsten Bressler Nancy Backer	Kris Head Peggy Jones	Joyce Eisenmenger Peggy Jones
Communion Server	Allen & Karen Struck	Marian Holland Mary Kotewa	Kris Head Peggy Jones	Joyce Eisenmenger Peggy Jones
Lector	Ben Jordan	Ben Jordan	Scott Drever	Connie Donnelly
Sound Tech	Jolene Rosol	Mark Vogelsang	Justin Schmidt	Jolene Rosol
Ushers	Dan Kehrberg, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist, Roger Voss	Dan Kehrberg, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist, Roger Voss	Dan Kehrberg, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist, Roger Voss	Dan Kehrberg, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist, Roger Voss

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 email Brian at bhuebert_ford@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Ministry Assistants for October- 10:45AM Contemporary Service

Sunday, Oct. 4		Sunday, Oct. 11	Sunday, Oct. 18	Sunday, Oct. 25
Communion Preparer	Del Prescott Jane Reiman	Brenda & Randy Lubenow	Abby Ehlert Elayne Baumgart	Destiny & Tricia Brevig
Communion Server	Del Prescott Jane Reiman	Joice Forster Brenda Lubenow	Elyane Baumgart Abby Ehlert	Destiny & Tricia Brevig
Lector	Carolyn Bird	Deb Roggow	Brian Roggow	Amber Hansen
Sound Tech	Enos Breitbarth	Louise Hendricks	Blake Potthoff	Amber Hansen
Slide Tech	Louise Hendricks	Louise Hendricks	Enos Breitbarth	Corey Klanderud
Ushers	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, Darrel Krahler, Jane Reiman, Paul Seibert

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