

*Our Mission: To boldly live out our faith in Jesus through worship, fellowship, and service to God and our neighbor, here and around the world.*


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# GOD'S grace is amazing

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***[Jesus said,] 11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.” (John 17:11)***



Dear Friends of Grace,

May is a wonderful time of year as we bask in the light of the Easter story, and see resurrection all around us in daffodils blooming, robins and bunnies on the move, emerald green grass ready to be mowed, and waterfowl floating again on the lakes. The cycle of the seasons reminds us that new life is always around the corner, and Jesus promises us this new life as he overcame death and the grave.

As Easter people, we carry this good news with us into every relationship and are invited by Jesus to share this message of hope in a variety of ways. Each week during the month of May, our lectionary continues the story of Jesus meeting the disciples after the resurrection, encouraging them in their ministry ahead, and promising them the gift of the Holy Spirit as their companion on the journey. From hearing the deep reassurance from Jesus that God's house has many rooms and that Jesus is going ahead to prepare a place for us, to the command to make disciples of all nations, and then the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, we are reassured that discipleship is meant to be lived in community with God and one another.

At Grace, summer programming has a different rhythm than the school year, where we intentionally slow down to grow in our worship and fellowship together. On May 17, God's Grace is Amazing Day begins our single Sunday service at 9:30AM, with two traditional and two contemporary services each month. We will include the Psalms in our weekly scripture lessons, be singing the Lord's Prayer more frequently, and have several special worship experiences. Our youth will lead a service, we will have a Sunday of summer lessons and carols, our Missionary, Katlynn Larson, will be joining us to share God's Word and her missionary work, and we will worship on the water again!

Beginning on Wednesday, May 27, we will also return to Sylvania Park for our summer community worship, with our ecumenical partners, and lay speakers from various churches. Each week will also include communion. Lunch at the Lake resumes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, and you are invited to bring your lunch, share a devotion, and enjoy fellowship in God's beautiful creation. Be on the lookout for our upcoming youth activities too, from Vacation Bible School and confirmation camp to fun fellowship events! And finally, for those walking through a time of grief, Pastor Cole and I will again offer our eight-week grief class which will run from 6/9-7/28 at noon on Tuesdays.

My prayer for our congregation this summer is that we continue to grow in our faith and build connections with one another. This is a great time to invite a friend to something new and experience a welcoming community of faith that walks with each other through the ups and downs of life. It is a joy to be a disciple of Jesus with you!

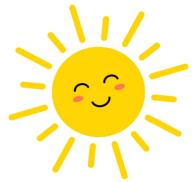
Your sister in Christ,  
Pastor Allison

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Sundays:** 8:30AM Traditional  
10:45AM Contemporary  
9:30AM (May 17)
- Tuesdays:** 2:00PM Fairmont Cable TV  
Channel 12 (pre-recorded)
- Wednesdays:** 6:30PM WOW– Worship on Wednesday  
6:30PM Praise in the Park - Sylvania Park (May 27)



- \***Communion** is offered each Sunday and Wednesday.  
\***Sunday services** will be streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and our webpage.



**Summer Worship Time Begins May 17!** On May 17, we begin our single 9:30AM worship service with God's Grace Is Amazing Day, which continues through Sunday, September 13. We will have two contemporary and two traditional services each month. Wednesday worship will move to Sylvania Park on Wednesday, May 27. Communion is a part of our outdoor worship services too. We hope you will invite a friend to worship this summer season at Grace!

**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. Pastor Allison and Pastor Cole will be available for families who would like a summer outdoor baptism in that casual outdoor setting. For more information, please contact the church office.



**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. Do to construction near the chapel during the weekdays, Lakeview worship will be held in the community room just before you enter the nursing home. The construction will take about 8 weeks. Please come and worship with our friends and members of Grace!

## Living Out Our Faith Together

- ✦ **Chancel Choir:** Practice Wednesdays at 5:15PM, Sing at 8:30AM worship services, during program year.
- ✦ **Celebration Choir:** Practice Sundays at 9:30AM, Sing at 10:45AM worship services, during program year.
- ✦ **Care Ministers:** Call, visit, and possibly share communion with a homebound member! Contact Pastor Allison for more information.
- ✦ **Service Team:** Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 5:30PM monthly to discuss budgets, assets, and more!
- ✦ **Stewardship Team:** Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30PM monthly to oversee year round stewardship of time, talents, and treasures.
- ✦ **Fellowship/Outreach Team:** Meet 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm to discuss Grace Pantry, fellowship hour, and special events such as Oktoberfest, Fill the Altar Food Drive, and service days.
- ✦ **CYF Team:** Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 5:30PM to discuss youth ministry and events.
- ✦ **Worship Team:** Meets the 1st Monday of the Month at 6:30pm to plan inclusive and welcoming worship for all ages.
- ✦ **Meal Ministry Team:** Deliver a meal to someone struggling or in need! Contact Nancy Backer at nurse\_nancyb@hotmail.com to join this group.
- ✦ **Prayer Team:** Meets every Tuesday at 1pm to pray over the congregation's prayer list.

# BUSINESS OF GRACE

## Council Minutes for April 19, 2026

Members present: Stephanie, Terry, Brenda, Chery, Joyce, Nancy, Cindy, Mark, Jane, Corey, Pastor Allison

Members absent: Pastor Cole, Katie, Andy

Presentation by Brandon Sahr from Thrivent on how to apply for and use Action Team funds, Charitable Contributions, and Choice Dollars.

Devotional and gathering prayer given by Pastor Allison

Council members signed on for monthly devotions.

May- Cindy

June - Corey

August - Nancy

September - Joyce

October - Chery

November - Brenda

December - Terry

January - Stephanie

Financial report by Jane. Giving has been up during the Easter season and the report showed a 2 1/2 % increase in income over the same period last year.

Motion by Joyce and a seconded by Nancy to accept the financial report as presented.

Motion carried.

Old Business: Update on renting out space to a day care. Provider had been contacted several times by email saying that we were willing to negotiate a rental amount the would work for both of us. Provider was still in discussion with her tax man to see if this would be a good move for her day care and herself.

No reply back from her as of this meeting date.

Discussion by council around some other ideas of rental options. Members were asked to talk with folks about the space we have available. The stewardship team had decided to go ahead with the day care required Fire Marshall inspection as the fee was \$50 and we would have that record on file for other renters to see.

## New Business

After several years as Grace youth choir director, Kris Tillotson has resigned. We are truly grateful for her talent and contributions to our youth. The personnel team has updated the job description for this position and it will be posted as a 28 week, 3 hours/ week position in the bulletin, ministry minutes and Ways of Grace.

Motion by Cindy and seconded by Chery to approve the hours and job description and to post it in Grace communications.

Motion carried.

Jamie Core has been hired as the Youth Director and the plans are nearly ready for the Blast year end celebration and the week of VBS. Discussion was held as to a curriculum fee for VBS and having congregational sponsorships for families who might not be able to afford a \$20 fee. No decision was made.

Pastor reports by Pastor Allison

Summer schedule was discussed with the 9:30 service beginning on May 17, our Gods Grace is Amazing Day.

Also decided was council meetings for the summer to be on June 21 and August 16, with no July meeting.

A praise of thank you to Kris Tillotson for her years of service and Abbey Ehler for starting a new monthly Bible Study for women.

Membership lists continue to be updated as needed with emphasis on being sure we know of shut ins and are connecting with them.

Council members volunteered their time to help with various projects on Gods Grace is Amazing Day.

Next Meeting May 17 at noon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Wohlhuter

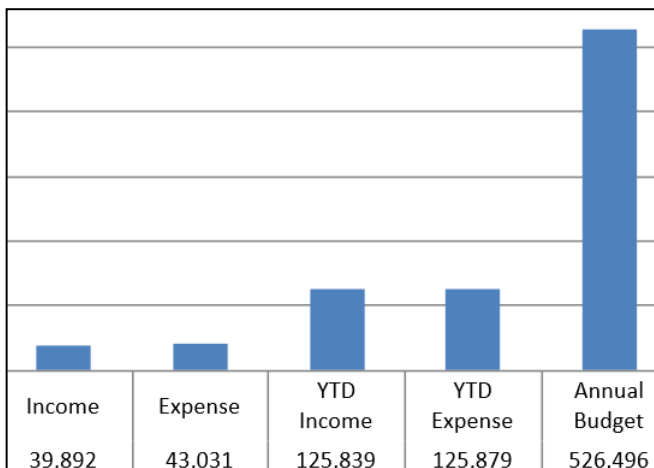
## Memorials:

### Pat Knewton Memorial

Dan & Mary Kehrberg      Undesignated

***Thank you for your memorial gifts!***

## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FOR MARCH



**Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."  
John 11:25**



In profound grief and hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we announce the deaths of Maynard Johnson and Lorraine Reiter. Rest eternal grant Maynard and Lorraine, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Gracious God,

Surround the family of Maynard and Lorraine with your love, and grant them your peace, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come. Thanks be to you, O God, for you give us the victorious through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Baptisms

In April we celebrated the baptism of Payton Lynn Myren



# May Ministry Assistants

Ministry Assistants for May- 8:30AM Traditional Service			Ministry Assistants for May- 9:30AM Summer Service		
	Sunday, May 3	Sunday, May 10	Sunday, May 17	Sunday, May 24	Sunday, May 31
<b>Communion Preparer</b>	Kris Head Peggy Jones	Nancy Backer Kristen Bressler	Sharon Elliot Jennifer Moore	Brenda & Randy Lubenow	Becky & Dave Johnson
<b>Communion Server</b>	Marian Holland Kris Head	Kris Head Peggy Jones	Karen & Allen Struck	Nancy Backer Kristen Bressler	Deb & Brian Roggow
<b>Lector</b>	DeeAnne Helfritz	Ben Jordan	Debbie Morris	Ben Jordan	Abby Ehlert
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Justin Schmidt	Jolene Rosol	Mark Vogelsang	Enos Breitbarth	Blake Potthoff
<b>Slide Tech</b>	—	—	Louise Hendricks	Cory Klanderud	Louise Hendricks
<b>Ushers</b>	Curtis & Kristin Bressler	Curtis & Kristin Bressler	Curtis & Kristin Bressler, Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey, Joel Teskey	Curtis & Kristin Bressler, Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey, Joel Teskey	Curtis & Kristin Bressler, 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, Brian Huebert, know when they arrive. If you can't find a replacement, please email Brian at [bhuebert\\_ford@yahoo.com](mailto:bhuebert_ford@yahoo.com).*

## Ministry Assistants for May - 10:45AM Contemporary Service

	Sunday, May 3	Sunday, May 10
<b>Communion Preparer</b>	Connie & Bruce Donnelly	Becky & Dave Johnson
<b>Communion Server</b>	Jane Reiman Del Prescott	Enos Breitbarth Becky Johnson
<b>Lector</b>	Abby Ehlert	Joice Forster
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Amber Hansen	Louise Hendricks
<b>Slide Tech</b>	Cory Klanderud	Enos Breitbarth
<b>Ushers</b>	Harry Brumbaugh Mark Morris Mark Paskey Joel Teskey	Harry Brumbaugh Mark Morris Mark Paskey Joel Teskey



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# 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 May 4 at 7:00AM.**

**Where: The Ranch Restaurant**

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

**Notice of the 2026 Synod Assembly:** The 2026 Synod Assembly of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at the Mayo Clinic Event Center in Mankato, MN. We thank Jane Reiman, and Louise Hendricks for being this year's delegate's along with our pastors. For more information on this year's synod assembly, please see the synod's info page: <https://semnsynod.org/assembly>



**Grace Lutheran Youth Fundraiser at Fairmont Pizza Ranch.** Take a night off cooking and come and join our youth on Tuesday, May 5th in the evening 5pm to 8pm at the Fairmont Pizza Ranch. We will get 10% of the proceeds that night and a tip jar will also be available. This is a fundraiser for some wonderful faith

formation opportunities like confirmation Bible camp this summer in August and National Youth Gathering summer of 2027.

**Cup of Hope Monthly Grief Support:** You are welcome to bring a lunch to Grace as we share in this walk together and hear God's words of love and comfort along the way. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Noon, in the lounge. All are Welcome!



**Lunch at the Lake Returns on Tuesday, May 19!** Invite your friends and bring a sack lunch for a time of fellowship at Gomsrud Park. We will meet at noon, the third Tuesday of the month, through October for a devotion and fellowship in God's beautiful creation. Hope to see you there!

**Take Me Out to the Ballgame:** Everyone is invited for an outing at the Mankato Moon Dogs on Sunday, May 31st. The game time is 5:05pm. We have tickets for 30 people and each one costs \$12.00 which includes your assigned seat and a hot dog meal. Please purchase your tickets in the church office. Checks can be made out to Grace Lutheran Church with Moondogs in the memo. We will let you know when your tickets are available for pickup. Please contact Pastor Cole if you are interested in carpooling with someone. We look forward to a fun night in God's creation together.



**Grief Support Class is Starting at Grace!** As we look to serve the congregational care needs across all life stages at Grace, and in the broader Fairmont community, your pastors will again be offering a grief class starting on June 9. We welcome you to join our 8-week course by Julie Yarbrough entitled *Beyond the Broken Heart: A Journey Through grief*. Pastor Allison and Pastor Cole will lead our group which will be limited to 10 participants and open to the community. Dates are Tuesdays at

Noon from June 9 - July 28. There is a fee of \$20 to cover the cost of participant materials. If this is a financial hardship, please see one of the pastors. To register, please contact the Grace Lutheran Church office.



**At-home Bible Study:** Looking for a Bible study to grow in your faith, at your own pace, and in the comfort of your own home? The ELCA provides two lectionary-based studies on their website which provide a reading, devotion, and questions. This year, we are following Lectionary Year A. The Daily Discipleship Study is focused on the gospel text and the Daily Faith Practices study pertains to the Second Lesson of the Sunday readings, often one of the Apostle Paul's letters. These can be downloaded for FREE at [https://resources.elca.org/?\\_categories=bible-studies](https://resources.elca.org/?_categories=bible-studies). And, if you have a group that would like to gather at Grace to study together, please see one of the pastors and we can help get this scheduled, provide copies of the lessons, and find a good space for you to meet.

**Grace Lutheran Community Garden Project:** We will be have having a meeting Tuesday, May 12, at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come and learn more about this project and looking for volunteers to help out through the summer months. Refreshments will be provided .



**New Outside Drop Box!** The Service Team wants to thank you for all the ways that our Grace family connects to the ministries at church. Sometimes, however, we know it is not convenient to drop off registrations, building use forms, or weekly offering during business hours. Therefore, we have added a secure outside drop box at the main Grant Street entrance for your convenience. Thank you to Paul Seibert for getting this installed!

**Electronic Disposal Coupons!** This Spring and Summer we will be sorting and cleaning at Grace. We have a number of broken equipment and are asking for your extra Fairmont Coupons for disposal of electronics. We have a need to clean out and this would help dispose of items without cost. Thanks for your help!



**Annual REALM Database Update:** We love to stay connected with you! If your contact information has changed in the past year, please contact the office with your current information. Thank you!

**Thank you, First Responders!** We are blessed to have many first responders at Grace! After a recent medical emergency, they recommended additional items that would be helpful for us to have ready to go. Many of the items were donated, and now we have additional items by each AED machine, one by the food pantry and one outside of the Fellowship Hall. Additionally, the first drawer of the usher stand also has first aid supplies as does the main office. We appreciate all who help in a time of need. Thank you for sharing your gifts at Grace!



# Star Tree



**Thank you so much for all of your contributions to the Star Tree!  
We received so many thank you notes and I wanted to share a few**

- “Thank you gift giver for the Amazon gift card...I used it to buy a basketball!
- I used my card for a game, thank you for thinking of me
- Dear Santa, thank you for not putting me on the No-No list
- We greatly appreciate your gifts to our clients, families and staff are thankful for your generosity and thoughtfulness
- Thank you for the kwik trip card, it will help me on a daily basis, thank you for thinking of me over the holidays
- I was able to buy some personal items to help me through the day
- The kwik trip card will help me put gas in my car to get to school
  - I used it to buy sketch pads
- Thank you for my Christmas gift, it was vary much needed and it made me vary happy
  - I was able to buy some personal items
    - I bought medicine
  - I used it to help with some new clothes
  - I haven’t bought anything yet but I will later, thank you whoever you are
    - I will use the card to buy food
  - I used my card to buy some blue light glasses
    - I am going to get a hair curler
  - I used it to buy sweat pants they are really warm
  - The Walmart card helped me get extra pens and paper the I need during the day, thank you for thinking of me

- Cindy Wohlhuter

## Thrivent grant ideas:

Please sign up on the calendar by the Care Table in the Gathering Area!

Mission Phantom Tea  
Prayer Shawl Yarn  
Annual Meeting Treats  
Communion Elements  
Open Door Meal  
Grace Pantry  
Office Postage  
Paper for Bulletins  
Care Bags  
Grief Packets  
Council Retreat  
Palm Sunday Brunch  
Cleaning Supplies  
Baptism Bags  
God's Grace is Amazing Day Project 1  
God's Grace is Amazing Day Project 2

God's Grace is Amazing Day Project 3  
Meal for God's Grace is Amazing Day  
BLAST/Confirmation End of Year Party  
Prayer Shawl Yarn  
Confirmation Camp Fees  
High School Bible Camp Scholarships  
Summer Outdoor Worship  
Lawn Care Supplies  
Altar Guild Supplies  
Supplies for High School Class  
Supplies for Baby Bibles Class  
Grief Packets  
God's Work. Our Hands Project 1

God's Work. Our Hands Project 2  
God's Work. Our Hands Project 3  
Apple Pie Bake  
Supplies for BLAST & Confirmation  
Glows Parade Candy  
Octoberfest Dinner  
Mission Christmas Tree Lot  
Fill the Altar Food Drive  
Thanksgiving Sunday Treats  
Homebound Christmas  
Care Bags  
Cocoa and Carols Christmas Eve  
Community Carols Singalong  
Sock Tree  
Star Tree



## ***Now Hiring: Youth Choir Director***

We're excited to share that we are now accepting applications for a Youth Choir Director position at Grace.

The Youth Choir Director supports the music programming of the Wednesday evening BLAST (Believe.

Learn. Ask. Share. Tell.) in conjunction with the core values, mission, and vision of Grace Lutheran Church. Please visit our website for the employment details and application.



## ***God's Grace is Amazing Day on Sunday, May 17!***

God's Grace is Amazing Day on Sunday, May 17th! Worship 9:30am with BLAST kids singing. Then various service projects for all ages.

***Please wear your yellow shirt on this day!***

### **Projects in the Fellowship Hall**

- Assembling bingo prize bags for local senior living communities
- Assembling and delivering bread to our neighbors around Grace
- Work in our community garden
- Assembling birthday kits for local pantries and blessing bags for Bravo Zulu house.
- Painting crosses

### **Outdoor projects**

- Mulch work at Charolette Park
- Mulch and clean up at Sylvania Park
- Painting green Disabled American Veteran bins by Ace
- (Bring rakes and gloves)

### **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!

# 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 17, 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.

# CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

## YOUTH REMINDERS

**BLAST Program Practice:** Wednesday, May 6 at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary.

**BLAST End of Year Program and Registration:** Wednesday, May 13 at 5:30pm.

**Cherub/Alleluia Choirs Performance:** Sunday, May 17th at 9:30am worship.

**Last Confirmation Worship Note of the Year:** Sunday, May 17th at 9:30am.



**Final Baby Bibles Class** will meet on Wednesday, May 6, 5:30pm in the chapel. We will have a story, sing a song, do a small craft project, and have snacks. Parents and older siblings are all welcome. We will take a break for the summer and resume in September.

**ELCA Imagine More:** "Imagine More" is the theme for the summer 2027 national youth gathering in Minneapolis. June 28th through July 2nd. All current 7th through 11th graders invited to save these dates on your calendar. Registration will be late October/early November of this year. More information will be shared on Wednesday May 13 at 7pm in the Sanctuary.



### Celebration Night!

**WHO:** BLAST & Confirmation students, along with their parents.

**DETAILS:** Wednesday, May 13, BLAST 5:30pm to 6:25pm in the sanctuary, Confirmation 6:30pm to 7:45pm. Kids will be singing at worship.

**WHAT TO EXPECT:** Registration for VBS & 2026-2027 BLAST & Confirmation

This is the last Wednesday for BLAST and Confirmation for the school year. **Parents, please plan to attend** with your child. (BLAST KIDS WILL ALSO SING FOR GOD'S GRACE IS AMAZING DAY ON MAY 17th)

### Congratulations Graduates!

#### 2026 Baccalaureate Seniors



Cheyenne Abel  
Macklain Anderson  
Owen Blaufuss  
Kendra Blomster  
Alayna Buntjer  
Colby Cross  
Dayton Draper  
Mersades Droegemueller  
Mychaella Dunker  
Allie Engebretson  
Teagan Feely

Nolyn Goerndt  
Caine Gronewold  
Brooklyn Johnson  
Cedric Johnson  
Chase Johnson  
Logan Junkermeier  
Illyana Kelley  
Ainsley Malo  
Jase Meade  
Lilly Meyers  
Kailyn Miller

Jadyn Musser  
Anthony Napier  
Bryanna Petschke  
Madi Peyman  
Merritt Pomerence  
Braden Prafke  
Austin Schleininger  
Isaac Stone  
Colton Wells



## Confirmation Camp!

This summer August 2nd (3pm to 4pm check in time) through 5th (2pm end time) 2026 we are offering a half week of confirmation Bible camp at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, Minnesota for current 6th – 9th. Families are responsible for covering the non-refundable deposit amount of \$100 when you register (Grace Lutheran covers the rest of the amount.)

### Where Faith Comes to Life

Confirmation Camp at Good Earth Village takes learning beyond the classroom—into the woods, around the campfire, and beside friends who are growing in faith alongside you. This half week experience strengthens the Confirmation journey through shared adventures, outdoor ministry, and deep reflection, all in a safe and encouraging environment.

### What to Expect

Campers will explore what it means to live out their faith in everyday life. Through hands-on learning, outdoor exploration, and spiritual practice, they'll experience God's grace in a new and powerful way.

### Highlights of the week include:

Morning devotions and small group discussion, Evening worship around the campfire, Team-building games and large group activities, Nature hikes and outdoor discovery, Canoeing (weather permitting), Campfire cookout and classic s'mores, Time for reflection, creativity, and fun! Campers stay in our Hilltop or Main Street cabins, building community in a comfortable and welcoming setting.

### Program Goals

Grow in Faith & Friendship - Campers explore who they are, who they want to become, and how their faith guides that journey.

Build Strength & Resilience - Through new experiences and outdoor adventures, campers develop grit, confidence, and teamwork, skills that last far beyond camp.

Experience God in Creation - Time away from technology and immersed in nature restores minds, hearts, and souls while deepening connection with God and one another.

- Link to register for Confirmation Camp August 2-5 <https://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.aspx?idCamp=504&campCode=gev&idSession=560147>
- Sponsorship code to use is GRACELCF2026 and is not case sensitive
- Select tier 3 when registering
- Do not apply any discount codes
- After applying the sponsorship code, click continue to payment and pay the non-refundable deposit of \$100 to complete registration
- We would like to have everyone registered by **Wednesday, May 20th**

**Please contact Pastor Cole at 507-238-4418 or email [McCormick@gracelutheranchurch.org](mailto:McCormick@gracelutheranchurch.org) if you have any questions.**



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 15 - 18, 8am to 12pm

Children 4 years old through entering 6th grade  
(Older youth are encouraged and invited to come and help.)

Registration Night: May 13, 5:30pm

# WORDS FOR WORSHIP

## **Sunday, May 3 - Fifth Sunday of Easter**

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel: John 14:1-14

## **Sunday, May 10– Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Gospel: John 14:15-21

## **Sunday, May 17 - Seventh Sunday of Easter**

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Gospel: John 17:1-11

## **Sunday, May 24– Day of Pentecost**

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence

within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Gospel: John 7:37-39

## **Sunday, May 31 – The Holy Trinity**

Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

First Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20



# May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:35am Adult Ed. 10:45am Contemporary Worship 2:00pm - 5:00pm Girl Scouts	27 6:00pm Evening CBS	28 9:00am 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 4:30pm - 6:00pm Open Door Community Meal 5:15pm Chancel Choir Practice 5:30pm BLAST 6:30pm - 7:15pm Confirmation 6:30pm - 7:00pm WOW - Worship on Wednesday 7:00pm High School Class	30 1:00pm Ways of Grace Assembly Team 4:00pm - Wedding Rehearsal	1 5:00pm Wedding	2
3 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:35am Adult Ed. 10:45am Contemporary Worship - Baptism	4 7:00am Men's Breakfast - The Ranch 9:00am - Staff Meeting 1:00pm - 2:00pm Mary Circle 5:30pm CYF Team Meeting 6:00pm Evening CBS 6:30pm Worship Team Meeting	5 9:00am Common Threads Sewing 9:00am - Sewing Circle 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	6 9:00am - 12:00pm Women's CBS: Final Day Fellowship Hall Celebration 4:30pm - 6:00pm Final Open Door Community Meal 5:15pm Chancel Choir Practice 5:30pm Baby Bible Class 5:30pm BLAST: End of Year Practice 6:30pm - 7:15pm Confirmation 6:30pm - 7:00pm WOW - Worship on Wednesday 7:00pm High School Class	7 9:00am - 12:00pm BERC Conference Gathering 9:00am Sarah's Circle (Location Varies) 9:00am Women of the Cloth Sewing	8 ARC Bowling Banquet - Martin County People First	9
10 <b>Mother's Day</b> 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:35am Adult Ed. 10:45am Contemporary Worship	11 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Lakeview Senior Worship 6:00pm Evening CBS 6:30pm Shalom Circle	12 9:00am - 11:00am Sewing Circle 12:00pm Cup of Hope Grief Group 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	13 10:00am Goldfinch Memory Care Worship 11:00am - 1:00pm Staff Lounge Meeting Practice 5:30pm End of Year Program and Registration 6:30pm - 7:00pm WOW - Worship on Wednesday	14 <b>GGIA SETUP</b> 4:30pm - 6:00pm Aktion Club Theatre 6:00pm - 8:00pm Boy Scouts	15 <b>GGIA SETUP</b> Ways of Grace Submission Deadline	16 <b>GGIA SETUP</b>
17 <b>God's Grace is Amazing Day! - Children's Choir Sings</b> 9:30am Worship 2:00pm The Joy Collective Women's Bible Study	18 9:00am - Staff Meeting	19 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	20 9:00am - 2:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive	21 9:00am Women of the Cloth Sewing	22	23
24 <b>Pentecost</b> 9:30am Summer Worship	25 <b>Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED</b>	26 9:00am - Sewing Circle 9:00am - Staff Meeting 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	27 6:30pm - Praise in the Park - Sylvania Park	28 1:00pm Ways of Grace Assembly Team 4:30pm - 6:00pm Aktion Club Theatre	29	30
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NUMBERS 6:24-26

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