

March 1, 2026

Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes

Men's Breakfast Tomorrow!

Next Men's Breakfast is tomorrow, Monday, March 2. Join the guys at Grace for a devotion and breakfast at the Ranch in Fairmont, 7AM, and invite your friends. Come for a time of fellowship and discussion!

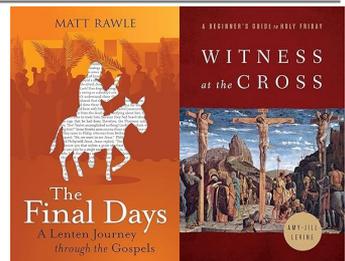


The Season of Lent!

The season of Lent began on February 18 with Ash Wednesday. 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. 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.

Adult Education at Grace!

Come join the discussion on Sunday mornings about the ministry of Jesus. On Sunday, January 25, we began our new adult ed. series *The Final Days: A Lenten Journey Through the Gospels* by Rev. Matt Rawle. On Sunday, March 8, we will begin the series *Witness at the Cross: A Beginners Guide to Holy Friday*. Invite a friend and come for a time of faith formation together. Hope to see you there!



**Readings for Sunday, March 1: First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a,
Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17**



First Communion Class *Today!*

We will start with a pizza lunch followed by lessons, a craft, tasting communion elements, and baking communion bread. Students will mark this special milestone of first communion in both worship services on Sunday, March 8.

Welcome to the Staff!

We welcome Jaime Core to the Grace staff as our new Children, Youth, and Family Coordinator. This 9-month position runs May through January and assists the CYF team in volunteer recruitment, program registration, and communication. Grace is fortunate to have such wonderful and passionate youth leaders and volunteers. We are glad to have Jaime on board!



Save the Date: Baccalaureate Sunday

High School Baccalaureate Sunday will be on Sunday, March 22nd at the 10:45am worship service. We look forward to celebrating with our seniors!

Upcoming Meals for Open Door:

March 4: Creamed Chicken/ Biscuit
March 11: Baked Potato



Easter Lily Order Form:

I would like to buy a Easter Lily:

IN MEMORY OF:



IN HONOR OF:

FROM:

Easter Lily: \$11 Quantity: _____

**Please drop off order form and payment in church office.
Deadline for orders is March 19. Flowers may be picked up
anytime after the 10:45am Easter Service.**

Sunday, March 1st

8:30AM Traditional Worship
 9:35AM Adult Ed. in the Lounge
 10:45AM Contemporary Worship
 12:00PM First Communion Class

12PM Holden Prayer Lenten Worship
 4:30PM Open Door Community Meal
 5:15PM Chancel Choir Practice
 5:30PM BLAST
 6:30PM Unfailing Light Lenten Worship
 6:30PM Confirmation
 7:00PM High School Class

Monday, March 2nd

7:00AM Men's Breakfast at The Ranch
 9:00AM Staff Meeting
 1:00PM Mary's Circle
 5:30PM CYF Team Meeting
 6:00PM Evening CBS
 6:30PM Worship Team Meeting

Thursday, March 5th

9:00AM Sarah's Circle
 9:00AM Women of the Cloth Sewing

Friday, March 6th

Saturday, March 7th

Sunday, March 8th

8:30AM Traditional Worship: First Communion Celebration
 9:35AM Adult Ed. in the Lounge
 10:45AM Contemporary Worship: First Communion Celebration

Tuesday, March 3rd

9:00AM Common Threads Sewing
 9:00AM Sewing Circle
 1:00PM Prayer Meeting
 1:30PM Women's Bible Study
 2:00PM Worship Service Aired

Wednesday, March 4th

9:00AM Women's CBS

PRAYERS

Members and Loved Ones: Linda Vlieger, Jeanette Nelson, Harley Jordan, Dawn Potthoff, Gladys, Peterson, Carol Myhre, Carolyn Kryzer, Steph Johnson, Karen Meier, Parker Lintelman, Kathleen Ferguson, MaryAnn Kehrberg, Jean Nimz, Nathan Marks, Karen, Delphine Hanson, Jon VonBank, Leah Edward, Elayne Hested, Loren Dunham, Leroy Sandberg, Amber Elliot, Adeline, Kaitlyn, Maynard Johnson, Sue Langford, Melissa Carlson, Mark Brown, Carol Madsen, Susie Davis, Carolyn Bird.

Sympathy for the family and friends of: Patty Knewtson

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 re-connecting with one another as we enter into more familiar times, for our pastors and church staff that they may hear and bear witness to the Holy Spirit at work in our midst, for the Spirit's leading in 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 racial injustice, 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
\$85,849	YTD Income, P&L report: Jan 1- Feb 23
\$11,802	Collected Feb 18 - Feb 23
\$9,792	Needed Weekly to meet 2026 budget

FAIRMONT receipts only.



\$156,000 #48

\$109,000 on #15

Ministry Assistants for March- 8:30AM Traditional Service

	Sunday, March 1	Sunday, March 8	Sunday, March 15	Sunday, March 22	Sunday, March 29
Communion Preparer	Nancy Backer Kirsten Bressler	Sharon Elliot Jennifer Moore	Joyce Eisenmenger Peggy Jones	Kris Head Peggy Jones	Nancy Backer Kirsten Bressler
Communion Server	Nancy Backer Kirsten Bressler	Marian Holland Mary Kotewa	Joyce Eisenmenger Peggy Jones	Kris Head Ben Jordan	Nancy Backer Kirsten Bressler
Lector	Scott Drever	DeeAnne Helfritz	Ben Jordan	Allen Struck	Scott Drever
Sound Tech	Justin Schmidt	Jolene Rosol	Mark Vogelsang	Justin Schmidt	Mark Vogelsang
Ushers	Arv Soma Allen Struck	Arv Soma Allen Struck	Arv Soma Allen Struck	Arv Soma Allen Struck	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 March- 10:45AM Contemporary Service

	Sunday, March 1	Sunday, March 8	Sunday, March 15	Sunday, March 22	Sunday, March 29
Communion Preparer	Becky & Dave Johnson	Connie & Bruce Donnelly	Abby Ehlert Coleen Ehlert	Del Prescott Jane Reiman	Brenda & Randy Lubenow
Communion Server	Connie Donnelly Joice Forster	Carolyn Bird Rochelle Bremer	Elayne Baumgart Abby Ehlert	Del Prescott Jane Reiman	Carolyn Bird Rochelle Bremer
Lector	Brian Roggow	Debbie Morris	Abby Ehlert	Joice Forster	Carolyn Bird
Sound Tech	Louise Hendricks	Pam Krill	Amber Hansen	Amber Hansen	Blake Potthoff
Slide Tech	Amber Hansen	Corey Klanderud	Louise Hendricks	Justiss Hansen	Corey Klanderud
Ushers	Brian Roggow Enos Breitbarth Louise Hendricks Chris Nasby Tracy Bremer				

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