

August 30, 2026

Ministry Minutes



Cup of Hope Welcomes You This Tuesday!

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.

Blessing of the Animals!

Bring your furry family member to Sylvania Park on Wednesday, September 2, at 6:30PM for an animal-themed worship service. Our praise band will lead us in silly animal songs and all of our scriptures and prayers will focus on God's gift of animals. The service also includes a time of bringing your animal forward to receive a blessing, even if it is from a cell phone picture or in an enclosure. Well mannered creatures only, please. Small farm critters are welcome too!



The Missions Apple Pie Bake Sale

Saturday, September 19. This is a fun, multigenerational event held to raise funds for Mission projects. We will be making approximately 200 pies and need both workers, and eaters (pie purchasers). We are also asking for donations of apples due to shortages. If you can't work a full shift or need to be seated, we can still find something for you to do. Make note of your availability/restrictions on the sign-up form. Sign-up sheets for workers and order forms for pies can be found on the table under the Missions Bulletin Board in the Gathering Area or sign up using the Sign-Up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4DA9AA28A6F94-65160907-glcmissions#/>

Next Week's Scripture Readings: First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11, Second Reading: Psalm 119:33-40, Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

God's Work. Our Hands!

Mark your calendars for a morning of worship, service, and fellowship on Sunday September 13. We will be worshipping at 9:30AM with the blessing of BLAST teachers, confirmation adult small group leaders and kids are invited to bring your backpack for a blessing. Then we will assemble kits for Lutheran World Relief, and share in a variety of projects. At noon, we will gather for a pork lunch.



Save the Dates

September 9th– Back to Fall Night for BLAST and Confirmation Families 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Sanctuary with worship following.

September 13th– *God's Work. Our Hands* 9:30am Worship with blessings for BLAST Teachers, Confirmation Adult Small Group Leaders, and backpacks. (Kids are invited to bring your school backpack to worship.)

September 16th– BLAST & Confirmation Begin

September 27th– 2nd Grade Bible Workshop at 9:30AM in Fellowship Hall & 2nd Grade Bible Presentation at 8:30am and 10:45am Worship Services.

October 25th– Reformation Confirmation Sunday

BLAST Teachers Still Needed!

We're still looking for 2 confirmation or high school students to help in the preschool classroom, 1 confirmation or high school student helper and 1 adult helper in the 1st grade classroom all year, and 1 adult helper in the 6th grade classroom in the spring.



Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and gifts with the children of Grace. You can sign up in the gathering area at church or use the QR code or link: Grace Lutheran Church CYF team: BLAST Teacher 2026-2027. **Thank you!**

Sunday, August 30th

9:30AM Summer Worship

Monday, August 31st

9:00AM Staff Meeting
4:30PM Missions Team Meeting
6:30PM Worship Team Meeting
7:00PM Evening CBS Leadership Meeting

Tuesday, September 1st

9:00AM Sewing Circle
12:00PM Cup of Hope Grief Group
1:00PM Prayer Meeting
1:30PM Women's Bible Study
2:00PM Worship Service Aired

Wednesday, September 2nd

8:30AM Women's CBS Training
6:30PM Praise in the Park: Blessing of the Animals in Sylvania Park

Thursday, September 3rd

9:00AM Women of the Cloth Sewing
9:00AM Sarah's Circle (Location Varies)

Friday, September 4th

9:00AM Woman's CBS Training

Saturday, September 5th

Sunday, September 6th

9:30AM Summer Worship

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, Delphine Hanson, Jon VonBank, Leah Edward, Loren Dunham, Amber Elliot, Adeline, Kaitlyn, Melissa Carlson, Mark Brown, Carol Madsen, Carolyn Bird, Julie Andrews, Cassie Lind Nielsen, Brian N, Kim Boston, DeeAnne Helfritz, Dennis Trushenski, Kristen, Chery Brumbaugh.

Sympathy for the family and friends of: Bob Witty, John Thomas

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
\$305,322	YTD Income, P&L report: Jan 1 - Aug 24
\$7,077	Collected Aug 18 - Aug 24
\$11,641	Needed Weekly to meet 2026 budget

FAIRMONT receipts only.


EMPLOYEE OWNED



\$150,000 #49

\$25,000 on #16

August Ministry Assistants - 9:30AM Worship

	Sunday, August 2	Sunday, August 9	Sunday, August 16
Communion Preparer	Elayne Baumgart, Coleen Ehlert	Connie & Bruce Donnelly	Tricia & Destiny Brevig
Communion Server	Joice Forster	Elayne Baumgart Abby Ehlert	Tricia & Destiny Brevig
Lector	Amber Hansen	Molly Bleess	Ben Jordan
Sound Tech	Louise Hendricks	Jolene Rosol (9:30am Grace) Blake Potthoff (Ward Park 11am)	Mark Vogelsang
Slide Tech	Enos Breitbarth	N/A	Corey Klanderud
Ushers	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler, Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey, Joel Teskey	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler, Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey, Joel Teskey	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler, Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey, Joel Teskey
	Sunday, August 23	Sunday, August 30	
Communion Preparer	Kirsten Bressler Nancy Backer	Randy & Brenda Lubenow	
Communion Server	Kirsten Bressler Nancy Backer	Joice Forster, Ben Jordan	
Lector	Joice Forster	Abby Ehlert	
Sound Tech	Justin Schmidt	Amber Hansen	
Slide Tech	N/A	Louise Hendricks	
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If you are unable to serve on your day, please find a replacement and ask them to let the head ushers, Brian Huebert (Traditional) and Bruce Ehlert (Contemporary) know when they arrive. If you can't find a replacement, please email Brian at bhuebert_ford@yahoo.com or Bruce at bruce.ehlert53@gmail.com.