

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

The Week of April 21, 2024

Sunday, April 21st

Baccalaureate Sunday, Both Services

8:30AM Traditional Sunday Worship
9:30AM Adult Education Hour
10:45AM Contemporary Sunday Worship

5:30PM BLAST
6:30PM WOW, Worship on Wednesday
7:00PM Confirmation

Monday, April 22nd

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

Thursday, April 25th

4:30PM Aktion Club Theatre

Friday, April 26th

1:00PM Worship Service Aired

Tuesday, April 23rd

9:00AM Sewing Circle
9:00AM Common Threads
1:00PM Weekly Prayer Meeting
1:30PM Women's Bible Study
2:00PM Worship Service Aired
6:30PM Celebration Choir Practice

Saturday, April 27th

Sunday, April 28th

8:30AM Traditional Sunday Worship
9:30AM Adult Education Hour
10:45AM Contemporary Sunday Worship

Wednesday, April 24th

9:00AM Women's CBS
11:30AM Staff Appreciation Lunch
4:45PM Open Door Community Meal
5:15PM Chancel Choir Practice

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday:
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



PRAYERS

Members and Loved Ones: Linda Vlieger, Jeanette Nelson, Harley Jordan (*Ben Jordan's brother*), Weston (*Lisa Fritz's great nephew*), Dawn Potthoff (*Deb DeBoer's sister*), Gladys Peterson, Carol Myhre, Carolyn Kryzer, Jayden Johnson, Pat Witty, Steph Johnson, Parker Lintelman, Karen Meier, LeRoy and Bernice Sandberg, Kay Wrucke. Brian Rosenfeldt (*Patty Jones' Nephew*), Ben Hamilton, Steve Thiesse, Susie, Marlene and Jim Kuperus. Evon Lyle, Mike Swanson, Eli, Phyllis Niehaus, Kathleen Ferguson, Kevin & Susan Sukalski, Ernie Nuss, Mary Ann Kehrberg.

Sympathy for the family and friends of: Ken Reiman, Doug Underdahl

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 hiring a new Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach and the Call Committee in their tireless work, 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, 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.



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Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes

Congratulations Graduates! 2024 Baccalaureate Seniors



Elayna Anderson
Gavin Artner
Cohl Becker
Sydney Blomster
Reece Buntjer
Cali Cross
Shaye Dietz
Ethan Geerdes
Landon Gilbertson
Savannah Goerndt
Colby Gustafson
Andrew Haefner
Jonathan Heinze
Emma Hilgendorf
Jozie Hoefker

Blake Jahnke
Jorvik Jensen
Cameron Johnson
Alex Kastning
Hope Klanderud
Jace Kollofski
Hope Kueker
Jordan Lamoureaux
Addie Lenway
Kayden Loesch
Matthew Malo
Lilian Martinson
Rosalie Martinson
Melody Miles
Noah Miller

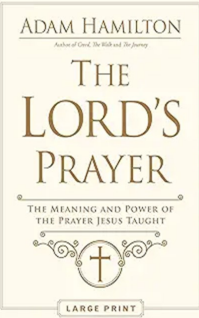
Grace Nelson
Noah Nielsen
Kahlyn Ogle
Addison Olson
Will Osborn
Grace Pendergast
Abi Peyman
Janea Prafke
Cameron Schmidtke
Skylor Schultz
Harrison Skow
Tommy Smith
Ava Terfehr
Aiden Thomas

Tech Training April 28

Blake Potthoff will be offering training between the services on Sunday April 28! Please come to learn how to run sound, camera for streaming, and slides. After training, if you would like to be part of a team to run tech on a Sunday, you will be paired with someone who has been doing it for a while. While it may look complicated, Blake loves to teach and will make it easy to learn. Thanks for considering being part of this important ministry of worship!!



**Readings for Sunday, April 14: First Reading: Psalm 23,
Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24, Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18**



ADULT EDUCATION HOUR

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. Our final series for the program year is by Rev. Adam Hamilton entitled *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*. We will conclude our time with a presentation organized by our Stewardship Team, May 19, by Tharan Leopald, ELCA Gift Consultant, on planned giving.

American Red Cross Blood Drive at Grace!

Grace will be hosting a Blood Drive Thursday, May 16 from 9AM -2PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Red Cross national blood supply has fallen by about 25% since early August. Right now, blood product distributions to hospitals are outpacing the number of blood donations coming in. We need your help!



Stewardship \$5 Challenge

Beginning in April 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 from April-August. 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 2024, we have seen our giving near our budgeted amounts and are very grateful. However, in 2024 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!**



OUTREACH

2024 Stewardship Stats	
\$507,915	2024 Annual Budget
\$141,353	Year to Date Income, P&L report: Jan 1- April 15
\$9,845	Collected April 9 - April 15
\$9,646	Needed Weekly to meet 2024 budget

Please only FAIRMONT receipts



\$115,600 #44



\$99,500 on #13



Pizza with the Pastors is postponed due to the change in Council Meeting date!



God's Grace is Amazing Day on Sunday, May 5!



Come for a morning full of worship, service, and food! This year, we will gather in our yellow shirts in the sanctuary for a brief worship service at 9:30AM. Teams will be released for a variety of projects. This year, we will have one big outdoor project as we clean up Sylvania Park, our location for our Wednesday Praise in the Park services. We will also have a craft table at the park for kids to take a break and paint rocks to brighten up our community. Indoors, in the fellowship hall, we will have tables to attach notecards to bread for our neighbors which will then be delivered. We will also be coloring canvas bags for children in the foster care system through Lutheran Social Services. There will also be a rock painting table and a table to write cards to our elders 90+ and those living in care facilities. We will include in the envelope a prayer square lovingly made by our knitters. At 11:30AM, we will conclude our projects and have a picnic lunch. 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. 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 5, 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!

Upcoming Meals for Open Door:

Apr 24: Spaghetti
May 1: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham



DAY CAMP

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 17-20
8AM - Noon