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November 8, 2026

Ministry Minutes

Fill the Altar Food Drive!



It is that time of year when we thank God for the bounty of the harvest and give to those who are hungry. Fill the altar food drive will be happening throughout November. Microwave meals, SPAM, canned tuna/meat, canned pasta, canned soup, protein bars, toilet paper, easy mac, ramen shelf stable milk, salt and pepper, can openers, small sized laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning supplies, deodorant, small hand sanitizer are all welcome. Much will be dispersed through our pantry and 10% will be shared with Heaven's Table.

GLC Missions Christmas Tree Sales:



Lot set up will be Nov. 7 or 14 depending on the weather. Volunteers will be needed on Nov. 21 to unload, unwrap, stage, and tag the trees. Many hands make light work. We are hoping to get 12-16 people to assist with this project as we will be opening the lot the next day. Instead of opening the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, we will be opening the Sunday before. We also are shifting our hours to open an hour sooner and close an hour earlier. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, usually raising between $7,000-$9,000. We appreciate those that can help with set-up and sales during this fundraiser. Sign-up Genius Link for Christmas Tree Volunteers: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4DA9AA28A6F94-66887852-2026

National Youth Gathering

There is still time to register for 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! Registration deadline is Nov.11 at noon.

Open Door Meal

Nov. 11:
Soup/Chili

Nov. 18:
Spaghetti



Next Week's Scripture Readings: First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

Homes for Homeless Snowmen!



The Snowmen Adoption Sale will be held on Nov. 8, Nov. 11, and Nov. 15. Money raised from donations for snowmen will go to programs which serve the homeless. More information will be on the Mission Team bulletin board. In the Spring, if you wish to return the snowmen for next winter, we will provide a summer home for it. Thank you for your support, GLC Mission Team.

The Sock Tree Returns



You are invited to bring ***NEW*** socks for all ages! Good quality new socks are needed which will be given locally to our schools for children needing socks, Options Pregnancy Center for women and children, the Salvation Army, and Grace Care Bags for our guests this winter. Decorate the tree in the Gathering Space with new socks as Grace Lutheran prepares for Christ's coming at Christmas!

Christmas Star Tree

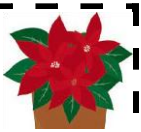


Each year Grace has a Star Tree in the gathering area where our members can take a star to purchase gifts for those less fortunate in our community. Each Star lists the gender, age, and gift request and whether your package should be wrapped or unwrapped. Gifts should be returned on or before December 6. Please be sure to sign out your Star with your name and phone number. If you know of someone that you would like to add to our giving list or if you have any questions or if you would like to help but shopping is inconvenient for you, monetary donations are accepted. Please contact Cindy Wohlhuter 507-236-4403 with questions. Thank you!



Christmas Poinsettia Order Form:

I would like to buy a Poinsettia:



IN MEMORY/ HONOR OF:

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FROM:

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_____ **6" Red $12.00**

One the line beside the size, please write in the amount you would like to purchase. Please drop off this order form and payment in church office. Deadline for orders is November 9th.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE — November 8, 2026

Sunday, November 8th
8:30AM Traditional Worship
9:40AM Adult Education
10:45AM Contemporary Worship

Monday, November 9th
9:00AM Staff Meeting
10:00AM Lakeview Senior Worship
6:00PM Evening CBS
6:30PM Shalom Circle

Tuesday, November 10th
9:00AM Sewing Circle
1:00PM Weekly Prayer Meeting
1:00PM Star Tree Labels
1:00PM Prayer Meeting
1:30PM Women's Bible Study
2:00PM Worship Service Aired
5:30PM Outreach/Fellowship Team Meeting
5:30PM Service Team Meeting
6:30PM Stewardship Team Meeting

Wednesday, November 11th
8:30AM Women's CBS
10:00AM Goldfinch Memory Care Worship
4:30PM Open Door Community Meal
5:30PM BLAST
6:30PM Confirmation
6:30PM WOW: Worship on Wednesday
7:00PM Senior High Class

Thursday, November 12th
4:30PM Aktion Club Theatre

Friday, November 13th

Saturday, November 14th

Sunday, November 15th
Ways of Grace Submission Deadline
8:30AM Traditional Worship
9:40AM Adult Education
10:45AM Contemporary Worship
11:45AM Council Meeting

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, Leroy Sandberg, Karen, Jon VonBank, Leah Edward, Loren Dunham, Amber Elliot, Adeline, Kaitlyn, Melissa Carlson, Mark Brown, Carolyn Bird, Julie Andrews, Brian N, Kim Boston, Dennis Trushenski, Kristen, Chery Brumbaugh.

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 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
$384,159	YTD Income, P & L Report: Jan 1 - Nov 2
$9,157	Collected October 27 November 2
$15,815	Needed Weekly to Meet 2026 Budget

FAIRMONT receipts only.

Hy-Vee EMPLOYEE OWNED

$72,500 on # 50

FAREWAY

$61,000 on #16

8:30AM Traditional Service					
	Sunday, Nov. 1	**Sunday, Nov. 8**	**Sunday, Nov. 15**	**Sunday, Nov. 22 9:30am Worship**	**Sunday, Nov. 29**
Communion Preparer	Jennifer Moore Sharon Elliot	Nancy Backer Kirsten Bressler	Joyce Eisenmanger Peggy Jones	Nancy Backer Kirsten Bressler	Jennifer Moore Sharon Elliot
Communion Server	Allen & Karen Struck	Nancy Backer Ben Jordan	Joyce Eisenmanger Peggy Jones	Allen & Karen Struck	Marian Holland Ben Jordan
Lector	Ben Jordan	Allen Struck	Scott Drever	Debbie Morris	Ben Jordan
Sound Tech	Justin Schmidt	Mark Vogelsang	Jolene Rosol	Mark Vogelsang Blake Potthoff	Justin Schmidt
Ushers	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler Harry Brumbaugh Mark Paskey Joel Tesky Mark Morris	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler
10:45AM Contemporary Service					
	Sunday, Nov. 1	**Sunday, Nov. 8**	**Sunday, Nov. 15**		**Sunday, Nov. 29**
Communion Preparer	Becky & Dave Johnson	Connie & Bruce Donnelly	Brenda & Randy Lubenow		Elayne Baumgart Ardel Prescott
Communion Server	Connie Donnelly Becky Johnson	Brian & Deb Roggow	Enos Breitbarth Becky Johnson		Elayne Baumgart Ardel Prescott
Lector	Connie Donelly	Amber Hansen	Brian Roggow		Debbie Morris
Sound Tech	Louise Hendricks	Enos Breitbarth	**Need Volunteer**		Amber Hansen
Slide Tech	Enos Breitbarth	Louise Hendricks	Amber Hansen		Corey Klanderud
Ushers	Harry Brumbaugh Mark Paskey Joel Tesky Mark Morris	Harry Brumbaugh Mark Paskey Joel Tesky Mark Morris	Harry Brumbaugh Mark Paskey Joel Tesky Mark Morris		Harry Brumbaugh Mark Paskey Joel Tesky Mark Morris

If you are unable to serve on your day, please find a replacement and ask them to let the head usher know when they arrive. If you can't find a replacement, please email Brian at bhuebert_ford@yahoo.com for 8:30am worship and Bruce at bruce.ehlert53@gmail.com for 10:45am worship. Thank you!