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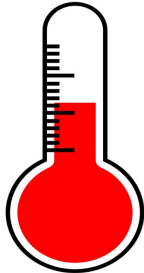

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God's Grace is Amazing Sunday, May 18th

A part of the first verse of Amazing Grace by John Newton says, "Amazing grace!- how sweet the sound- that saved a wretch like me!" We sing about grace and live it out each day. It truly is that gift that comes to meet us. Not by what we do, but what Christ does for us. It unleashes us into service towards our fellow neighbors because Jesus said, "just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life ransom for many." Jesus is part of many healings in the lives of God's people. We also have a plethora of ways to boldly follow the lead of Jesus' invitation, to step forward to support the ongoing work of the kingdom, and to make a difference in the lives of our fellow neighbors. Therefore, I would like to personally invite you to our God's Grace is Amazing Day on Sunday, May 18th. It is a day of serving and sharing Christ's gift of grace with others. We will have a 30-minute worship service from 9:30am to 10am and following the service will have a variety of projects for all ages. Will be painting small crosses for distribution, assembling bingo prize bags for local senior living communities, writing cards to veterans and first responders, sharing bread with our neighbors, and cleanup work in one of our local parks. This day is one of many that is a marvelous way to share your talents, to see old friends, and to begin to make new friendships along the way. A lunch of ham, cheese, chips, cookies, and lemonade will be shared following all the projects. We hope that you will consider coming to join us as we continue to give thanks for God's Grace that is truly so amazing.

In Christ,

Pastor Cole



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8:30AM Traditional
10:45AM Contemporary
Summer: 9:30AM (Beginning May 18)

Tuesdays: 2:00PM Fairmont Cable TV Channel 12
(pre-recorded)

Wednesdays: WOW- Worship on Wednesday 6:30PM
Summer: Sylvania Park 6:30PM



***Communion is offered every Sunday and Wednesday.**

***Sunday services will be streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and our webpage.**



Worship in the Park! Beginning on Wednesday, May 21, Worship on Wednesdays moves to Sylvania Park. We will meet at 6:30PM at the bandshell for the same service you love on Wednesday but now in God's creation for the warm weather months. In case of rain, we will worship in the pavilion. Praise songs, a scripture reading and message, and communion will be shared each week. Hear a variety of pastors and lay speakers proclaim God's Word. If you would like to have a baptism during this service, please speak with a Grace pastor. Hope to see you there!

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. Please come and worship with our friends and members of Grace!



Want to Fund a Buildings & Grounds Project???

(Project estimates are subject to change)

Lower-level entry paint project	\$100
Baby changing station for Men's main floor restroom	\$300
Park worship sound system	\$400
Women's restrooms toilet upgrades	\$3,000
Unisex handicap accessible Fellowship Hall restroom	\$20,000
Sanctuary projector	\$20,000

For more project information, please contact the office or see our maintenance worker, Brad. Please specify in the memo line where you would like your donation designated. Thank you!



BUSINESS OF GRACE

**Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting
February 9, 2025**

**CORE VALUES: Faith, Christ-Centered
Community/Connections, Service**

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world.**

Members Present: Pastor Allison, Pastor Cole, Jaime Core, Nancy Backer, Kirsten Bressler, Corey Klanderud, Ardel Prescott, Mark Morris, Chery Brumbaugh, Joyce Eisenmenger & Kris Boerner

Members Absent:
Troy Nemmers & Andy Kryzer

Motion to call the meeting to order:
Co-Chair Chery Brumbaugh at 5:52pm

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 1/19/25:
Motion: Mark Morris
Second: Corey Klanderud
Motion Carried: pass

Approval of Financial Report:
Motion: Kris Boerner
Second: Ardel Prescott
Motion Carried: pass

Reviewed Team Reports:
With the meeting being a week early we do not have these reports available.

Worship: Using a book for Lent focusing on an object lesson. Unfailing Light brought back. Noon-Holden Prayer.

Youth: Youth singing on Wed night. Working on the older youth. Palm Sunday breakfast. Baccalaureate Sunday service @ 10:45AM on March 30.

Rest of the committees haven't gotten together yet.

No Old Business. Table due to Troy not being here.

Review New Business: 2025

Discussed Council letter to congregation regarding engagement and online worship: Nothing asked of you financially. Visiting this letter a year later. Going through BLAST list. Then asking if they want to become official members of Grace. Becoming a member: Pizza with Pastor. Putting your picture on the board at Grace. Receiving envelopes & newsletters. Then doing registration in the Fall. Put out another sheet along with it asking if they want to become members.

Motion: Mark Morris
Second: Kris Boerner
Motedioned carried: yes

Moving the retreat back one week due to receiving reports from different teams: 3rd Sat of Feb, 2026

New item: making the downstairs bathrooms handicap accessible. Using the existing men's bathroom for a unisex handicap bathroom.

New signage. Coming in on main floor (back) Main floor-Bathrooms, classrooms. Baby changing stations.

April council meeting change due to Good Friday & Easter

Reviewed Pastor notes:
Pastor Cole & Pastor Allison

Other: Opportunity to have day camps at Grace, Youth-one year mission trip. Camp. Youth gathering. A rotation.

Adjourn: Time: 7:05pm
Motion: Ardel Prescott
Second: Jamie Core.

**Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting
April 6, 2025**

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Members Present: Jane Reiman, Pastor Allison,
Pastor Cole, Kirsten Bressler, Andy Kryzer,
Ardel Prescott, Chery Brumbaugh, Joyce
Eisenmenger, Nancy Backer, Mark Morris,
Kris Boerner and Corey Klanderud.

Members Absent:
Troy Nemmers & Jamie Core

Call to order-11:56 am

Ardel did the devotion for the meeting.

Pastor Allison did the Gathering Prayer

Approved the meeting minutes

Motion: Nancy Backer.
Second: Corey Klanderud.
Motion carried: Passed

Approved the financial report.

Motion: Kirsten Bressler.
Second: Kris Boerner.
Motion carried: Passed

Reviewed the team reports

Discussed some old business-

- 1)Constitution 2)Community Relationships
3) Stewardship

Reviewed Troy Nemmers combined Grace and
model Constitution. Will submit first draft to
synod constitution committee.

Discussed new business.

- 1)Voted on the new updated Facility Use
Agreement. Motion: Mark Morris.

Second: Kirsten Bressler.
Motion carried: Passed

2)Discussed the No Firearms Policy. Will add to
facility use guide.

Reviewed Pastor Reports.

Adjourned at 1:30pm.

Motion: Kirsten Bressler.
Second: Nancy Backer.
Motion carried: Passed

Memorials:

***Thank you to all who gave memorial gifts this
month!***

Phyllis Niehaus Memorial

Maynard & Audrey	People Helping People
Johnson	
Mark & Ilene Reiter	
Rod & Diane Palmquist	Projector Project
Dale Splinter	Undesignated
Linda Shaw	
Michael & Nancy Droegemueller	
Mark Brown	Missions
Jolene Rosol	
Kris Tillotson	Youth Choir

Pat Witty Memorial

Daniel & Mary Kehrberg	Undesignated
Janice Lemon	
Nancy Backer	
Patricial Jones	
Vicki Terkark	
Barb & Lloyd Clemmensen	
Fred & Lorraine Carlson	
Beth Christianson	
Charlotte & Enos Breitbarth	
Building	
Harriet Danielson	
Mark & Ilene Reiter	People Helping People

BUSINESS OF GRACE CONTINUED...

Janet Nielsen	Banners
Rod & Diane Palmquist	Projector
Sandy Ettesvold	Missions
Cindy & Ross Wohlhuter	
Tari Riley	
Stan & Jane Sundberg	
Larry Olson	
Chris & Carol Nasby	
Ralph & Charlene McMillon	
Jerome & Karen Miller	
Wayne & Judy Zarn	
Judy & Gary Watts	
Mike & Linda Katzenmeyer	
Jennelle Cuning	
David & Susan Bergmark	
Jim & Carol Dick	
Marian Holland	
Tom & Susan McKinley	
Roger & Carol Voss	
Kathryn Worth	
Enos & Char Breitbarth	
Sandy Ettesvold	
Kevin, Betty & Cory Williams	
Collin Cuning	
Gary & Shirley Schaub	
Jean Maakestad	
Ken & Pat Rose	
Jennie & John Sorensen	
Dr. David Johnson	
Carol Cress	
Bob Witty	
Maynard Jagodzinske	

David Meland Memorial

Mark & Ilene Reiter	People Helping People
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Lyle Widener Memorial

Marian Holland	Projector
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Luella Fisher Memorial

Rod & Diane Palmquist	Projector
Les & Everal Ringnell	Undesignated
Derrice Skow	
Harriet Danielson	Building
Marian Holland	Missions
Jennelle Cuning	

Carolyn Seidel Memorial

Michael & Nancy Droegemueller	Undesignated
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Russ Thompson Memorial

Michael & Nancy Droegemueller	Undesignated
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Karen Hertzke Memorial

Craig & Joyse Forster	Building
Marcia Schaefer	Missions

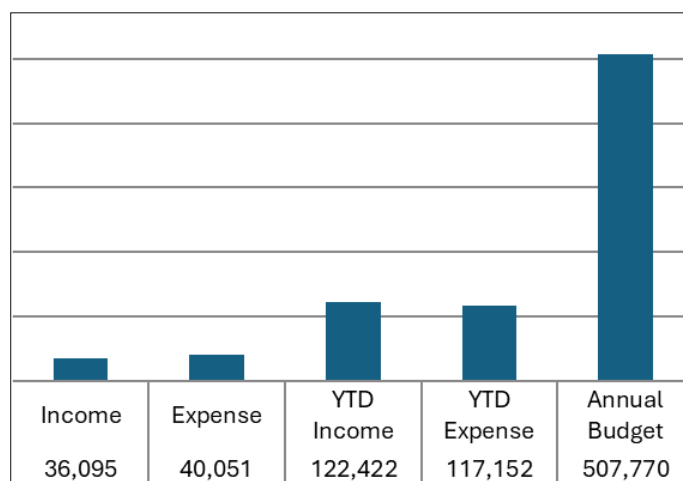
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Ken Scott Memorial

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FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FOR MARCH



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Altar Guild Appreciation Meeting! On Sunday, May 4 between the services, all communion preparers and servers are invited to the chapel for our annual appreciation meeting. We thank you for your service in setting the Lord's table and serving this special Holy Meal. We would love to get your thoughts on how the year went and any recommendations for the future. Please see Del Prescott with any questions. Many thanks!

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 5 at 7:00AM**
Where: The Ranch Restaurant Why: Because Jesus says that when a few are gathered in his name, he's there too!



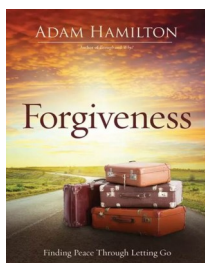
Hummus Demonstration May 7th & 8th: Named Jordan's Musical Ambassador, Jordanian virtuoso Farah Siraj has a career that spans the United States, Europe and the Middle East. Farah and her band of musicians will be here at Grace on Wednesday, May 7th in the evening to lead us in some music in two sessions 5:30pm and 6pm in the fellowship hall. Then on May 8th she will be leading hummus demonstrations from 5:30pm - 7pm in the lounge. Information about some of the historical Christian sites in Jordan will also be shared in all these sessions. All ages are welcome. We hope you can join us both nights!

Lunch at the Lake Returns on Tuesday, May 14! Invite your friends and bring a sack lunch for a time of fellowship at Gomsrud Park. We will meet at noon, the second Tuesday of the month, through October for a devotion and fellowship in God's beautiful creation. Hope to see you there!



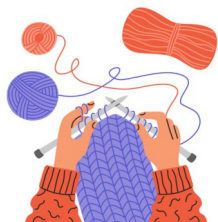
Baptisms in the Park! Praise in the Park will again meet at the Sylvania Park band shell for a half an hour praise service on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Each week will have a different pastor or lay leader from our community churches provide the message and communion will be celebrated each week. In addition, Pastor Allison and Pastor Cole will be available for families who would like a summer outdoor baptism in a casual outdoor setting. If there is rain, we will meet at the shelter house in Sylvania Park. For more information, please contact the church office.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame: Everyone is invited for an outing to Faith Night at the Mankato Moon Dogs on Sunday, August 3rd. We have tickets for 30 people and each one costs \$10.00 which includes your assigned seat and a hot dog meal. Please purchase your tickets in the office. Checks can be made to Grace Lutheran Church with Moondogs in the memo. We plan to meet at Grace Lutheran at 3:30pm for carpooling. Hope to see you at the ballpark!



Adult Bible Study: 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. Each week will include a brief video lesson from a Bible scholar or preacher followed by discussion. Come for light-hearted conversation and faith education. We will start a series entitled Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go by Rev. Adam Hamilton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...



Calling All Knitters!!! We are in need of more prayer shawls. These tangible hugs full of prayer are available in our Gathering Space to give to those experiencing difficult times. If you are a knitter, or like to crochet, yarn and patterns are available in pre-packaged bags outside of the office. Please take a bag and return your finished prayer shawl in that bag. We so appreciate your skills and faithfulness in sharing God's love in this special way. And if you would like to donate to this ministry, each prayer shawl costs around \$30 to make with the price of yarn. Donations can be made out to Grace with Prayer Shawls in the memo line. Thank you!

Grace's 100th Anniversary in 2028! In three years, Grace Lutheran Church will celebrate 100 years of worship, service, and fellowship in the Fairmont community. A small team is being formed to plan this event, in coordination with our Fellowship and Worship Teams. Lenny Tvedten will be chairing the sub committee that will bring together historical articles, artifacts, and conduct interviews with our youngest to oldest members. If you would like to join the planning team or the history team, please contact Pastor Allison.



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 C. 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. 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.

Notice of the 2025 Synod Assembly: The 2025 Synod Assembly of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 30-31 2025, at the Mayo Clinic Event Center in Mankato, MN. We thank Jane Reiman and Cindy Wohlhuter 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>

Southeastern
Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Electronic Disposal Coupons! This Spring and Summer we will be sorting and cleaning at Grace to prepare for Mission's Annual Rummage Sale and add storage to support our programs 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!

COUPON

Have you ever wondered about the Service Team? The Service Team supports the mission of Grace Lutheran Church by overseeing the maintenance and upkeep of the building and grounds, managing the budget, working alongside the pastors to staff according to congregational needs and financial realities, and maintaining a prioritized list of on-going projects for Council approval. The Service Team strives to ensure that Grace Lutheran Church is a safe and inviting facility for worship, faith formation, service, and fellowship through building and budget management.



REALM Database Update: We are in the process of updating our database. If your contact information has changed since covid, please contact the office with your current information. Thank you!



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 now be offering a grief class starting in June. 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 Mondays at Noon from June 23 -

August 11. 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.

THANK YOU! Thank you to our head ushers, Brian and Bruce, who have welcomed our confirmands as they were acolytes and readers this school year. Thank you for passing on this important love of God and neighbor through serving in worship!

Thank you also to our ministry assistants who serve in worship as hospitality teams, overseeing the sound and slides, projecting the worship service for those who are in their homes, reading the lesson, prepping and serving communion, and sharing gifts of music. If you are interested in trying out any of these important ministries, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Tech volunteers for the contemporary service and ushers for the traditional service are most needed. For more information, please see one of the pastors.



God's Grace is Amazing Day on Sunday, May 18!

This year, we will gather in the sanctuary for a brief worship service at 9:30 and then disperse to various projects. BLAST kids will also be singing at worship. ***Please wear your yellow shirt on this day!***

Projects in the Fellowship Hall

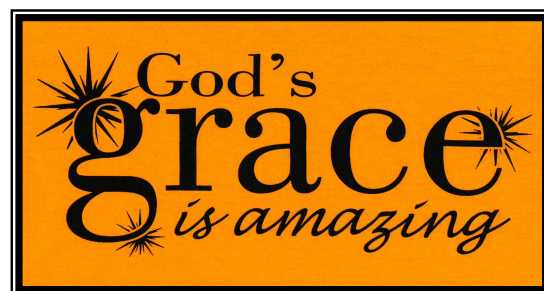
- Decorating bags for Lutheran Social Service to give to families in need.
- Attaching notes to bread and delivering to our neighbors.
- Assembling bingo prizes for local senior living communities
- Writing notes to our elders 90+ and those living in care facilities. We will include in the envelope a prayer square made lovingly by our knitters.
- Blessing notes to be written to our policeman, firemen, dispatchers, sheriff's deputies, and veterans.
- Prayer Shawl kits will be assembled for people to knit or crochet prayer shawls at home.

Outdoor projects

- Park project - We will have one big outdoor project as we clean up Lincoln Park. We will also have a craft table at the park for kids to take a break and paint rocks to brighten up our community. Please bring rakes and work gloves. Garbage bags will be provided.

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. Hope you can come for a fabulous Sunday together!



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...

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 18, 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:

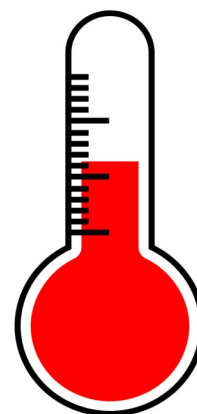
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x5-inch loaf pan. Mix together 1/3 cup sugar and 2 teaspoons cinnamon in a small bowl; set aside. Combine flour, remaining 1 cup sugar, baking powder, and salt together in a large bowl. Combine egg, milk, and oil in a separate bowl; add to flour mixture. Stir until just moistened.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Church Council has partnered with the Stewardship Committee to issue a challenge to the members of Grace. 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. 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 2025, we have seen our giving near our budgeted amounts and are very grateful. However, in 2025 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!

Chery Brumbaugh and Troy Nemmers, Council Co-Presidents



May Ministry Assistants

Ministry Assistants for May- 8:30AM Traditional Service			Ministry Assistants for May- 9:30AM Summer Service	
	Sunday, May 4	Sunday, May 11	Sunday, May 18	Sunday, May 25
Communion Preparer	Kris Head, Dawn Becker	Becky & Dave Johnson	N/A	Kris Head, Peggy Jones
Communion Server	Marian Holland, Kris Head	Mary Kotewa, Peggy Jones	N/A	Ben Jordan, Joyce Forster
Greeters	Arv & Joanne Soma	Darlene Parks, Marian Holland	Wayne & Marlene Olson	Joel & Dawn Meyer
Lector	Ben Jordan	Allen Struck	Scott Drever	Deb Roggow
Sound Tech	Justin Schmidt	Darlon Widener	Mark Vogelsang	Pam Krill
Slide Tech	N/A	N/A	Amber Hansen	N/A
Ushers	Ernie Nuss, Arv Soma, Allen Struck	Ernie Nuss, Arv Soma, Allen Struck	Enos Breitbarth, Tracy Bremer, Louise Hendricks, Chris Nasby, Brian Roggow,	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler, Keith Hertzke

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.

Ministry Assistants for April - 10:45AM Contemporary Service				
	Sunday, May 4	Sunday, May 11		
Communion Preparer	Jane Reiman, Del Prescott	Elayne Baumgart, Coleen Ehlert,		
Communion Server	Jane Reiman, Del Prescott	Elayne Baumgart, Abby Ehlert		
Greeters	Ken & Mary Kotewa	Enos Breitbarth, Deb Roggow		
Lector	Joyce Forster	Carolyn Bird		
Sound Tech	Enos Breitbarth	Blake Potthoff		
Slide Tech	Amber Hansen	Corey Klanderud		
Ushers	Harry Brumbaugh Mark Morris Mark Paskey Joel Teskey	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, Bruce Ehlert, know when they arrive. If you can't find a replacement, please email Bruce at bruce.ehlert53@gmail.com.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Open Door Meal: 4:45PM - 6:15PM - All are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a meal.

BLAST, PreK - 6th Grade: 5:30PM - 6:30PM - This includes Cherub & Alleluia Choir, learning lessons, and fun!

Wednesday Worship: 6:30PM - 7:00PM

Confirmation, 7th-9th Grade: 6:30PM - 7:45PM

Youth Mission Trip: Commitment forms are still available for the 7th through 12 grade mission trip to West Virginia. We will be staying at Messiah Lutheran Church in Moundsville. The days will be full of service projects and one fun outing. More details will be coming about the service projects. This is sure to be a memorable experience for our young adults in being able to witness God's work in another community that is different from our own. Cost is approximately \$500.00 Contact Becky Kelley rkelly1229@yahoo.com or Pastor Cole mccormick@gracelutheranchurch.org with any questions.



Baby Bible Class: A newborn through age 2 Bible class that meets the first Sunday of each. The next class will be Sunday, May 4th 9:40am in the primary two classroom downstairs. We will be looking at the Easter story, continuing to learn the song/actions for "Jesus Loves Me" and making a pop up Jesus. Older siblings, parents, grandparents, etc. are all welcome. We hope you can come and join us. Upcoming summer schedule: Sundays at 10am June 1st, July 6th, and August 3rd.

Congratulations Graduates!

2025 Baccalaureate Seniors



Kylan Andersen
Madison Carlson
Paige DeBoer
Alexandra Ensrud
Keara Flanagan
Hailee Greely
Andrew Haugen

Alyssa Jahnke
Hunter Johnson
Cadence Leiding
Brittney Lopau
Trevor Maakestad
Ilana Moeller
Kaylee Nelson

Meredith Nemmers
Ethan Pockrus
Finley Reichel
Ava Rodning
Norah Traetow
Shelby Willette
Hailey Wordon

End of the Year Celebrations!

WHO: BLAST & Confirmation students, along with their parents

DETAILS: Wednesday, May 14

BLAST 5:30pm to 6:25pm in the sanctuary

Worship 6:30pm

Confirmation 6:30pm to 7:45pm

WHAT TO EXPECT: Activities, games, & popcorn.

*Registration for VBS & 2025-26' BLAST & Confirmation

Our year will soon be coming to a close. May 14th will be our last evening of youth education for this year. *Parents, please plan to attend* with your child. Registration for Fall '25 will take place.



SAVE THE DATE :
JUNE 16 – 19, 2025

LOCATION :
GRACE LUTHERAN

TIME : 8AM – NOON

OTHER DETAILS:

GLC is once again teaming up with Ingham Lake Okoboji for VBS! Children 4 years old through those entering 6th grade will learn to be CAPTIVATED, Psalm 121:1-2!

Watch for more info to come!

WORDS FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, May 4 -

Third Sunday of Easter

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

First Reading: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Sunday, May 11 –

Fourth Sunday of Easter

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel: John 10:22-30

Sunday, May 18 -

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Sunday, May 25 -

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

Gospel: John 14:23-29



May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:30am Traditional Worship Service 9:40am Adult Ed. 10:45am Contemporary Worship Service - Baptism	28 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting	29 9:00am - 11:00am Sewing Circle 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	30 9:00am - 12:00pm Women's CBS 4:45pm - 6:30pm Open Door Community Meal 5:15pm Chancel Choir Practice 5:30pm BLAST 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm WOW - Worship on Wednesday	1 9:00am - 12:00pm Blue Earth River Conference Pastors Meeting 9:00am Sarah's Circle (Location Varies) 9:00am Women of the Cloth Sewing	2 ARC Bowling Banquet -Martin County People First	3
4 8:30am Traditional Worship Service 9:40am Altar Guild Appreciation Meeting 9:40am Baby Bible Class 10:45am Contemporary Worship Service - Baptism	5 7:00am Men's Breakfast - The Ranch 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Mary Circle 5:30pm CYF Team Meeting 6:30pm Worship Team Meeting	6 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	7 9:00am - 12:00pm Women's CBS - End of the Season Celebration 4:45pm - 6:30am Final Open Door Community Meal 5:15pm Chancel Choir Practice 5:30pm BLAST 6:30pm WOW - Worship on Wednesday 7:00pm Confirmation	8 4:30pm - 6:00pm Aktion Club Theatre 6:00pm - 8:00pm Boy Scouts	9	10
11 Mother's Day 8:30am Traditional Worship Service 9:40am Adult Ed. 10:45am Contemporary Worship Service	12 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Lakeview Senior Worship 6:30pm Shalom Circle	13 9:00am - 11:00am Sewing Circle 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	14 10:00am Goldfinch Memory Care Worship 5:15pm Chancel Choir Practice 5:30pm BLAST Celebration 6:30pm WOW - Worship on Wednesday 7:00pm Confirmation Party	15 Ways of Grace Submission Deadline 9:00am - 2:00pm American Red Cross Blood Drive 9:00am Women of the Cloth Sewing	16 4:00pm Wedding Prep/ Rehearsal	17 4:00pm Wedding
18 God's Grace is Amazing Day! 9:30am Summer Worship 10:00am Service Projects 12:00pm Picnic Lunch 12:30pm Council Meeting	19 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting	20 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	21 6:30pm Praise in the Park - Sylvania Park	22 1:00pm Ways of Grace Assembly Team	23	24
25 9:30am Summer Worship	26 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	27 9:00am - 11:00am Sewing Circle 9:00am - 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	28 6:30pm Praise in the Park - Sylvania Park	29	30	31



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