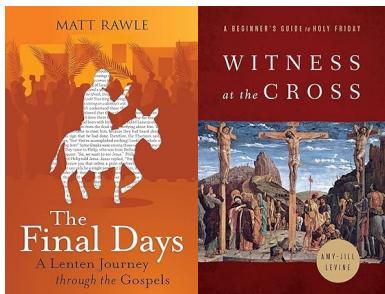


January 18, 2026

Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes

Annual Meeting **TODAY!**

The Annual Meeting at Grace is today, Sunday, January 18 between the services. We will meet in the fellowship hall for discussion; and over donuts and coffee, talk about the wonderful ways God is at work at Grace through our ministries. This is a great opportunity to discern together about where the Spirit is leading us in the new year.



Adult Education

Come join the discussion on Sunday mornings about the ministry of Jesus. On Sunday, January 25, we begin our new adult ed. series *The Final Days: A Lenten Journey Through the Gospels* by Rev. Matt Rawle. On Sunday, March 8, we 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!



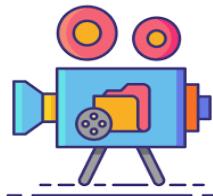
Cup of Hope: Monthly Grief Support

You are welcome to bring a lunch to Grace as we share in this walk together and hear God's words of love and comfort along the way. We meet this week, on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Noon, in the lounge. All are Welcome!

Readings for Sunday, January 18: First Reading: *Isaiah 49:1-7*, Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*, Gospel Reading: *John 1:29-42*

Tech Training For All!

All current sound and video tech volunteers, and all interested in learning more, are invited to our 2026 tech training. Blake will share how to work our new TV's for slides, run the camera, and has significantly simplified the sound board to make things easier than ever. Even if you have run tech for years, please plan to attend one of two training sessions: Sunday, February 1 at 9:40am OR Wednesday, February 4 at 5:30pm. Both sessions meet in the sanctuary balcony. Thank you to everyone interested in this important outreach ministry. You bring worship to hundreds of people in their homes each week! For more information, please contact the office.



Men's Breakfast

Next Men's Breakfast is Monday, February 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!

Lent Begins Ash Wednesday, February 18!

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18, with Ash Wednesday where we will be joining with our ecumenical partners for a community Noon service held at First Congregational United Church of Christ as well as worship at 6:30PM at Grace. 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.



Upcoming Meals for Open Door:

January 21: Spaghetti

January 28: Scalloped Potatoes



THIS WEEK AT GRACE

January 18, 2026

Sunday, January 18th

8:30AM Traditional Worship
9:35AM Annual Meeting
10:45AM Contemporary Worship

Monday, January 19th

Martin Luther King Jr. Day:

Office Closed

6:00PM Evening CBS

Tuesday, January 20th

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

Wednesday, January 21st

9:00AM Women's CBS

4:30PM Open Door Community Meal
5:15PM Chancel Choir Practice
5:30PM BLAST
6:30PM WOW - Worship on Wednesday
6:30PM Confirmation
7:00PM High School Class

Thursday, January 22nd

1:00PM Ways of Grace Assembly Team
4:30PM Aktion Club Theatre

Friday, January 23rd

Saturday, January 24th

Sunday, January 25th

8:30AM Traditional Worship
9:35AM Adult Ed.
10:45AM Contemporary Worship

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, Hailee Greeley, Kaitlyn, Maynard Johnson, Sue Langford, Melissa Carlson, Mark Brown, Harriet Danielson, Carol Madsen.

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

2025 Stewardship Stats

\$507,770	2025 Annual Budget
\$470,942	YTD Income, P&L report: Jan 1- Dec 31
\$31,767	Collected Dec 23 - Dec 31
\$48,685	Needed Weekly to meet 2025 budget

FAIRMONT receipts only.



\$119,400 #48



\$89,100 on #15

Ministry Assistants for January- 8:30AM Traditional Service

	Sunday, Jan. 4	Sunday, Jan. 11	Sunday, Jan. 18	Sunday, Jan. 25
Communion Preparer	Kirsten Bressler Nancy Backer	Sharon Elliot, Jennifer Moore	Joyce Eisenmenger Peggy Jones	Kris Head Peggy Jones
Communion Server	Kirsten Bressler Nancy Backer	Mary Kotewa Ben Jordan	Kris Head Marian Holland	Joyce Eisenmenger Peggy Jones
Lector	Scott Drever	DeAnne Helfritz	Ben Jordan	Allen Struck
Sound Tech	Jolene Rosol	Justin Schmidt	Darlon Widener	Mark Vogelsang
Ushers	Dan Kehrberg, Roger Voss, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist			

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 January- 10:45AM Contemporary Service

	Sunday, Jan. 4	Sunday, Jan. 11	Sunday, Jan. 18	Sunday, Jan. 25
Communion Preparer	Brenda & Randy Lubenow	Becky & Dave Johnson	Jane Reiman Del Prescott	Elayne Baumgart Colleen Ehlert
Communion Server	Carolyn Bird Rochelle Bremer	Enos Breitbarth Becky Johnson	Connie Donnelly Joice Forster	Elayne Baumgart Abby Ehlert
Lector	Caroyn Bird	Deb Roggow	Brian Roggow	Amber Hansen
Sound Tech	Amber Hansen	Pam Krill	Enos Breitbarth	Louise Hendricks
Slide Tech	Enos Breitbarth	Louise Hendricks	Amber Hansen	Corey Klanderud
Ushers	Darrel Krahler, Jane Reiman, Paul Seibert, Josh Ensrud			

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