

August 17, 2025

Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes

God's Work. Our Hands! Barnyard Style!

Mark your calendars for a morning of worship, service, and fellowship on Sunday September 7.

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. At 10:30, will have live animals from a petting zoo, assembling kits for Lutheran World Relief, and putting together care bags. Families will be given the opportunity to donate towards an animal that helps with specific needs around the world. At noon, we will gather for a pork lunch.



Lutheran World Relief Health Kit Donations Needed!

For God's Work. Our Hands Sunday, we will be assembling kits and need the following items.

Please drop off new items, still in original packaging, in the Gathering Space. Our goal is to assemble 100 kits to be shipped to people in need around the world. If you have a Thrivent Action Team card that you would like to donate for this project, please see Pastor Cole.

- ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- ONE sturdy wide-tooth comb
- ONE metal nail clippers

NOTE: Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name OR any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

**Readings for Sunday, August 17: First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29,
Second Reading: Psalm 82, Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-56**



Lunch at the Lake *This Tuesday, August 19!*

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

Save the Dates!

August 27– BLAST Teacher Orientation at 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

September 7– 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 10– Back to Fall Night for BLAST and Confirmation Families 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Sanctuary with worship following.

September 17– Open Door Meal, BLAST, & Confirmation Begin

September 28– 2nd Grade Bible Workshop at 9:30AM in Fellowship Hall & 2nd Grade Bible Presentation at 10:45am Worship Service.

October 26– Reformation Confirmation Sunday



There's still time to register for BLAST and Confirmation! We're still looking for teachers for Pre-K, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade BLAST classes! To sign up, watch your email or visit www.gracelutheranchurch.org and click on *Blast/Confirmation Registration* for the Sign-Up Genius link.



Blessing of the Animals

Bring your furry family member to Sylvania Park on Wednesday, September 3, 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!

Hearing Help for Worship:

All hospitality team members, and anyone needing hearing assistance, are invited to attend a training with Blake at 9am on Sundays August 17, 24, and 31 in the chapel. The Fairmont Opera House is loaning Grace listening devices which pair via Bluetooth to hearing aids. Come for a tutorial and see if they work for you! For more information, please contact the church office. We thank Blake in advance for this generous gift of time and technology!



THIS WEEK AT GRACE

The Week of August 17, 2025

Sunday, August 17th

9:30AM Summer Worship Service
10:45AM Council Meeting

Monday, August 18th

9:00AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 19th

9:00AM Sewing Circle
12:00PM Lunch at the Lake
1:00PM Prayer Meeting
1:30PM Women’s Bible Study
2:00PM Worship Service Aired

Wednesday, August 20th

6:30PM Praise in the Park: Sylvania Park

Thursday, August 21st

9:00AM Women of the Cloth Sewing

Friday, August 23rd

Saturday, August 24th

Sunday, August 25th

9:30AM Summer Worship Service

PRAYERS

Members and Loved Ones: Linda Vlieger, Jeanette Nelson, Harley Jordan (*Ben Jordan’s brother*), Weston (*Lisa Fritz’s nephew*), Dawn Potthoff (*Deb DeBoer’s sister*), Gladys Peterson, Carol Myhre, Carolyn Kryzer, Steph Johnson, Karen Meier, Parker Lintelman, Kathleen Ferguson, MaryAnn Kehrberg, Jean Nimz, John Bisbee family, Nathan Marks, Karen, Connie Donnelly, Delphine Hanson, Jon VonBank, Leah Edward, Elayne Hested, Velma Vickerman, Loren Dunham, Leroy Sandberg, Amber Elliot, Adeline, Hailee Greeley, Kaitlyn, Larry, Rhonda Redenius, Maynard Johnson.

Sympathy for the family and friends of: Vickie Berhow

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
\$268,109	YTD Income, P&L report: Jan 1- Aug 11
\$5,325	Collected Aug. 5 - Aug. 11
\$10,894	Needed Weekly to meet 2025 budget

FAIRMONT receipts only.



\$52,000 #47

\$150,000 on #14

	Sunday, August 3	Sunday, August 10	Sunday, August 17
Communion Preparer	Sharon Elliot, Jennifer Moore	Kris Head, Del Prescott	Becky & Dave Johnson
Communion Server	Elayne Baumgart, Abby Ehlert	Mary Kotewa, Ben Jordan	Mary Kotewa & Peggy Jones
Greeters	Mission Trip Youth	Bonnie and Larry Traetow	
Lector	Brian Roggow	Allen Struck	Amber Hansen
Sound Tech	Amber Hansen	Jolene Rosol (Church 9:30am) Blake Potthoff (Ward Park 11am)	Darlon Widener
Slide Tech	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler, Keith Hertzke, Chris Nasby, Brian Roggow, Enos Breitbarth, Louise Hendricks, Chris Nasby, Tracy Bremer	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler, Keith Hertzke, Chris Nasby, Brian Roggow, Enos Breitbarth, Louise Hendricks, Chris Nasby, Tracy Bremer	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler, Keith Hertzke, Chris Nasby, Brian Roggow, Enos Breitbarth, Louise Hendricks, Chris Nasby, Tracy Bremer
	Sunday, August 24	Sunday, August 31	
Communion Preparer	Elayne Baumgart, Colleen Ehlert	Peggy Jones & Kris Head	
Communion Server	Elayne Baumgart & Abby Ehlert	Ben Jordan & Joice Forster	
Greeters			
Lector	Molly Bless	Ben Jordan	
Sound Tech	Mark Vogelsang	Blake Potthoff	
Slide Tech	N/A	N/A	
Ushers	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler, Keith Hertzke, Chris Nasby, Brian Roggow, Enos Breitbarth, Louise Hendricks, Chris Nasby, Tracy Bremer	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler, Keith Hertzke, Chris Nasby, Brian Roggow, Enos Breitbarth, Louise Hendricks, Chris Nasby, Tracy Bremer	
<p><i>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.</i></p>			