

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

### The Week of May 12, 2024

#### Sunday, May 12th

8:30AM Traditional Worship Service  
9:45AM Final Season Adult Education Hour  
10:45AM Contemporary Worship Service

#### Monday, May 13th

9:00AM Staff Meeting  
10:00AM Lakeview Senior Worship

#### Tuesday, May 14th

9:00AM Sewing Circle  
1:00PM Weekly Prayer Meeting  
1:30PM Women's Bible Study  
2:00PM Worship Service Aired  
5:30PM Service Team Meeting  
6:30PM Celebration Choir Practice  
6:30PM Stewardship Team Meeting

#### Wednesday, May 15th

##### Ways of Grace Submission Deadline!

5:30PM BLAST Celebration  
7:00PM Confirmation Celebration

#### Thursday, May 16th

9AM-2PM American Red Cross Blood Drive  
9:00AM Women of the Cloth, Sewing

#### Friday, May 17th

1:00PM Worship Service Aired

#### Saturday, May 18th

12PM Visitation  
1:30PM Rev. Jack Thorstensen Funeral

#### Sunday, May 19th

8:30AM Traditional Worship Service  
10:45AM Contemporary Worship Service

#### 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, Jan Nielsen.

**Sympathy for the family and friends of:** Rev. Jack Thorstensen.

**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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## May 12, 2024

# Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes



## Happy Mother's Day!



### BLAST & Confirmation - End of the Year!

Parents please plan to attend our End of the Year Celebration night on **Wednesday May 15th!** Registration for next year will be taking place.

#### No Wednesday Worship!

BLAST Families @ 5:30pm in the Sanctuary  
Cherub & Alleluia choirs will have a short program

Confirmation Families @ 7pm in the Fellowship Hall



ELCA Foundation  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Next Sunday, May 19th, Tharan Leopold with the ELCA Foundation will be here to share a forum on legacy gifts. This information will get you thinking about the gifts you've received from God throughout your lifetime, and how your family and ministry, such as our congregation's Endowment Fund(s), can benefit from these gifts to make a lasting and meaningful impact in this world. Please join the stewardship committee between services!

**Readings for Sunday, May 12: First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26,  
Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13, Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19**



### American Red Cross Blood Drive at Grace!

Grace will be hosting a Blood Drive THIS 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!

### Praise in the Park Begins Wednesday, May 22

The Praise Band and Worship Team are excited to share that we are extending our Wednesdays in the Park by three weeks this year beginning May 22. We want to capitalize on the wonderful warm weather and beauty of the outdoors. We will meet at the Sylvania Park band shell for a half an hour praise service. We are blessed to have our fantastic praise band leading Grace in song, and each week will have a different pastor or lay leader from our community churches. Come and worship in the sunshine! And, if there is rain, we will meet at the shelter house in Sylvania Park.



### Prayer Shawl Knitters Quarterly Coffee

All knitters and crocheters are invited to our quarterly coffee on Wednesday, May 22, at 10AM in the Lounge Kitchen. Feel free to bring projects to work on as we visit about this important outreach ministry. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be provided. Hope to see you there!

### New Offering Envelopes!

You will be receiving new offering envelopes in the mail. If you do not want them or if you would like them but aren't currently receiving them, please let the office know. Thank you!



## OUTREACH

2024 Stewardship Stats	
\$507,915	2024 Annual Budget
\$165,143	Year to Date Income, P&L report: Jan 1- May 6
\$5,301	Collected April 30 - May 6
\$9,793	Needed Weekly to meet 2024 budget
\$3,056	\$5 Challenge: April 21 - May 6

Please only FAIRMONT receipts



\$163,500 #44



\$115,000 on #13



### Summer Worship Sundays Begin Sunday, May 26!

A reminder that we move to one summer worship service beginning on Sunday May 26 at 9:30AM. The Worship Team is working with our wonderful musicians to provide two traditional and two contemporary services a month. We hope you will attend and have an opportunity to worship with others who may normally worship in a different service than you do during the school year. It is a joy to get a chance to all worship together!



## DAY CAMP

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 17-20

8AM - Noon

### Missions Phantom Tea Fundraiser!

Watch your mail for the Phantom Tea letter. Enjoy a cup of tea from the Missions Team while you review our annual budget. Please consider giving a donation to help support the various local, regional, and international organizations listed. If you would like to learn more about these organizations, there is a 3-ring binder on the Mission Table in the gathering area that has information.



### Faith Night at the Mankato Moon Dogs!

In these Spring-like temps, its easy to think SUMMER! We will be offering another trip to the Mankato Moon Dogs on Sunday, June 30!!! Please purchase your tickets in the office as soon as possible. We have 20 reserved seats left and if we need more, we will do our best to purchase additional ones before they sell out. The cost is \$10 which includes your assigned seat and a hot dog meal. Checks can

be made to Grace Lutheran Church with MoonDogs in the memo. We will meet in the Grace parking lot that day at 3:45pm and carpool to the game. Hope to see you at the ballpark!