

August 23, 2026

Ministry Minutes

Save the Dates

August 26th– BLAST Teacher Orientation at 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

September 9th– Back to Fall Night for BLAST and Confirmation Families 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Sanctuary with worship following.

September 13th– *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 16th– BLAST & Confirmation Begin

September 27th– 2nd Grade Bible Workshop at 9:30AM in Fellowship Hall & 2nd Grade Bible Presentation at 8:30am and 10:45am Worship Services.

October 25th– Reformation Confirmation Sunday



BLAST Teachers Still Needed!

We're still looking for 2 confirmation or high school students to help in the preschool classroom, 1 confirmation or high school student helper and 1 adult helper in the 1st grade classroom all year, and 1 adult helper in the 6th grade classroom in the spring. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and gifts with the children of Grace. You can sign up in the gathering area at church or use the QR code or link: Grace Lutheran Church CYF team: BLAST Teacher 2026-2027. *Thank you!*



**Next Week's Scripture Readings: First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21,
Second Reading: Psalm 26:1-8, Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28**

God's Work. Our Hands!



Mark your calendars for a morning of worship, service, and fellowship on Sunday September 13. 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. Then we will assemble kits for Lutheran World Relief, and share in a variety of projects. At noon, we will gather for a pork lunch.

Lutheran World Relief Health Kit Donations Needed!



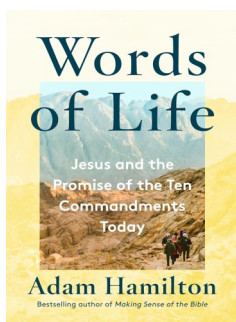
For God's Work. Our Hands Sunday, we will be assembling kits and need the following items. Please drop off new items, still in original packaging, in the Gathering Space. Our goal is to assemble 125 kits to be shipped to people in need around the world. If you have a Thrivent Action Team card that you 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 (Try to find 4 oz. bars)
- ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- ONE sturdy wide-tooth comb
- ONE metal nail clippers suitable for adults

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. **All individual donations must be dropped off at church by the end of the day on Wednesday, September 9!**

Adult Education Returns Next Month!

Grab your coffee and donut holes and head to the Lounge for casual conversation and faith formation. On September 20, we will start a series entitled *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today*. Hope you will come and invite a friend!



Sunday, August 23rd

9:30AM Summer Worship
10:30AM 100th Celebration Kick
Off Meeting

Monday, August 24th

9:00AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 25th

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

Wednesday, August 26th

6:30PM Praise in the Park:
Sylvania Park

Thursday, August 27th

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

Friday, August 28th

Saturday, August 29th

Sunday, August 30th

9:30AM Summer Worship

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
9:00AM - 3:00PM

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, Jean Nimz, Leroy Sandberg, Karen, Delphine Hanson, Jon VonBank, Leah Edward, Loren Dunham, Amber Elliot, Adeline, Kaitlyn, Melissa Carlson, Mark Brown, Carol Madsen, Carolyn Bird, Julie Andrews, Cassie Lind Nielsen, Brian N, Kim Boston, DeeAnne Helfritz, Dennis Trushenski, Kristen, Chery Brumbaugh.

Sympathy for the family and friends of: Bob Witty, John Thomas

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 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 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
\$298,246	YTD Income, P&L report: Jan 1 - Aug 17
\$6,215	Collected Aug 11 - Aug 17
\$11,413	Needed Weekly to meet 2026 budget

FAIRMONT receipts only.

HyVee
EMPLOYEE OWNED
\$131,400 #49 **FAREWAY**

\$25,000 on #16

August Ministry Assistants - 9:30AM Worship

	Sunday, August 2	Sunday, August 9	Sunday, August 16
Communion Preparer	Elayne Baumgart, Coleen Ehlert	Connie & Bruce Donnelly	Tricia & Destiny Brevig
Communion Server	Joice Forster	Elayne Baumgart Abby Ehlert	Tricia & Destiny Brevig
Lector	Amber Hansen	Molly Bleess	Ben Jordan
Sound Tech	Louise Hendricks	Jolene Rosol (9:30am Grace) Blake Potthoff (Ward Park 11am)	Mark Vogelsang
Slide Tech	Enos Breitbarth	N/A	Corey Klanderud
Ushers	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler, Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey, Joel Teskey	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler, Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey, Joel Teskey	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler, Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey, Joel Teskey
	Sunday, August 23	Sunday, August 30	
Communion Preparer	Kirsten Bressler Nancy Backer	Randy & Brenda Lubenow	
Communion Server	Kirsten Bressler Nancy Backer	Joice Forster, Ben Jordan	
Lector	Joice Forster	Abby Ehlert	
Sound Tech	Justin Schmidt	Amber Hansen	
Slide Tech	N/A	Louise Hendricks	
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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.