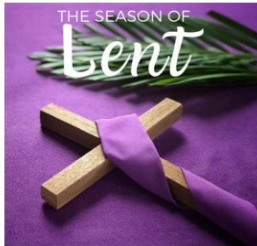


February 15, 2026

Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes



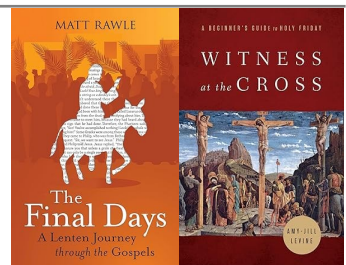
Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18!

The season of Lent begins this 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.

Adult Education

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



**Readings for Sunday, February 15: First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18,
Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21, Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9**



American Red Cross Blood Drive February 24th at Grace

The American Red Cross is facing a severe blood shortage as requests from hospitals exceed the available supply of blood, drawing down the blood supply by about 35% over the past month. Book an appointment or stop by Grace on February 24 at www.redcrossblood.org to support the Red Cross. Thank you!

Now Hiring: Youth Coordinator

We're excited to share that we are now accepting applications for a part time Youth Coordinator position at Grace. The Youth Coordinator supports the purpose and programming of the Children, Youth, and Family Team in conjunction with the core values, mission, and vision of Grace Lutheran Church. Please visit our website for the employment details and application.



First Communion Class on March 1st!

At Grace, we commune children at whatever age parents feel it is appropriate. Jesus welcomes all to the table so if you come from a tradition where even the littlest commune, you are welcome to do so at Grace.

Likewise, if you prefer your children to have taken an introductory class to communion first, that is welcome as well. There is no "right" age to commune, and no one can ever fully understand the holy mystery of Christ being present at communion. Jesus simply welcomes all! The pastors offer a class once a year geared toward ages five through twelve which offers hands on learning as we hear the promises of Jesus brought to us in this holy sacrament. Please call or email the office if you would like to enroll your child in this year's class which will meet on Sunday, March 1, from noon to 3pm. ***An adult must attend with each student.*** We will start with a pizza lunch followed by lessons, a craft, tasting communion elements, and baking communion bread. Students will mark this special milestone of first communion in both worship services on Sunday, March 8.



Upcoming Meals for Open Door:

February 18: Soup/Chili (Ash Wednesday)

February 25: Porkalicious



THIS WEEK AT GRACE

February 15, 2026

| | | |
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| Sunday, February 15th | 12:00PM | Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Worship at First Congregation UCC |
| Ways of Grace Deadline | | |
| 8:30AM Traditional Worship | 4:30PM | Open Door Community Meal |
| 9:35AM Adult Ed. in the Lounge | 5:15PM | Chancel Choir Practice |
| 10:45AM Contemporary Worship | 5:30PM | BLAST |
| Monday, February 16th | 6:30PM | Ash Wednesday Worship |
| 9:00AM Staff Meeting | Thursday, February 19th | |
| 6:00PM Evening CBS | 9:00AM | Women of the Cloth Sewing |
| Tuesday, February 17th | Friday, February 20th | |
| 9:00AM Sewing Circle | Saturday, February 21st | |
| 9:00AM Common Threads Sewing | Sunday, February 22nd | |
| 1:00PM Prayer Meeting | 8:30AM | Traditional Worship |
| 1:30PM Women's Bible Study | 9:35AM | Adult Ed. in the Lounge |
| 2:00PM Worship Service Aired | 10:45AM | Contemporary Worship |
| Wednesday, February 18th | | |
| Ash Wednesday | | |
| 9:00AM Women's CBS | | |

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, Kaitlyn, Maynard Johnson, Sue Langford, Melissa Carlson, Mark Brown, Carol Madsen, Susie Davis. Carolyn Bird.

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

2026 Stewardship Stats

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| \$526,496 | 2026 Annual Budget |
| \$60,204 | YTD Income, P&L report: Jan 1- Feb 9 |
| \$12,597 | Collected Feb 3 - Feb 9 |
| \$9,921 | Needed Weekly to meet 2026 budget |

FAIRMONT receipts only.

HyVee
EMPLOYEE OWNED

\$150,000 #48

FAREWAY

\$105,800 on #15

Ministry Assistants for February- 8:30AM Traditional Service

| | Sunday, Feb. 1 | Sunday, Feb. 8 | Sunday, Feb. 15 | Sunday, Feb. 22 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Communion Preparer | Sharon Elliot Jennifer Moore | Joyce Eisenmenger Peggy Jones | Sharon Elliot Jennifer Moore | Peggy Jones Jennifer Moore |
| Communion Server | Allen & Karen Struck | Peggy Jones Mary Kotewa | Marian Holland | Marian Holland Ben Jordan |
| Lector | Scott Drever | DeeAnne Helfritz | Ben Jordan | Ben Jordan |
| Sound Tech | Justin Schmidt | Justin Schmidt | Jolene Rosol | Mark Vogelsang |
| Ushers | Curtis & Kirsten Bressler | Curtis & Kirsten Bressler | Curtis & Kirsten Bressler | Curtis & Kirsten Bressler |

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 email Brian at bhuebert_ford@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Ministry Assistants for February- 10:45AM Contemporary Service

| | Sunday, Feb. 1 | Sunday, Feb. 8 | Sunday, Feb. 15 | Sunday, Feb. 22 |
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| Communion Preparer | Brenda & Randy Lubenow | Elayne Baumgart Coleen Ehlert | Brenda & Randy Lubenow | Brian & Deb Roggow |
| Communion Server | Brian & Deb Roggow | Becky Johnson Enos Breitbarth | Elayne Baumgart Abby Ehlert | Brian & Deb Roggow |
| Lector | Deb Morris | Abby Ehlert | Joice Forster | Carolyn Bird |
| Sound Tech | Pam Krill | Jolene Rosol | Amber Hansen | Blake Potthoff |
| Slide Tech | Enos Breitbarth | Corey Klanderud | Amber Hansen | Corey Klanderud |
| Ushers | Joel Teskey, Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey | Joel Teskey, Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey | Joel Teskey, Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey | Joel Teskey, Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey |

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