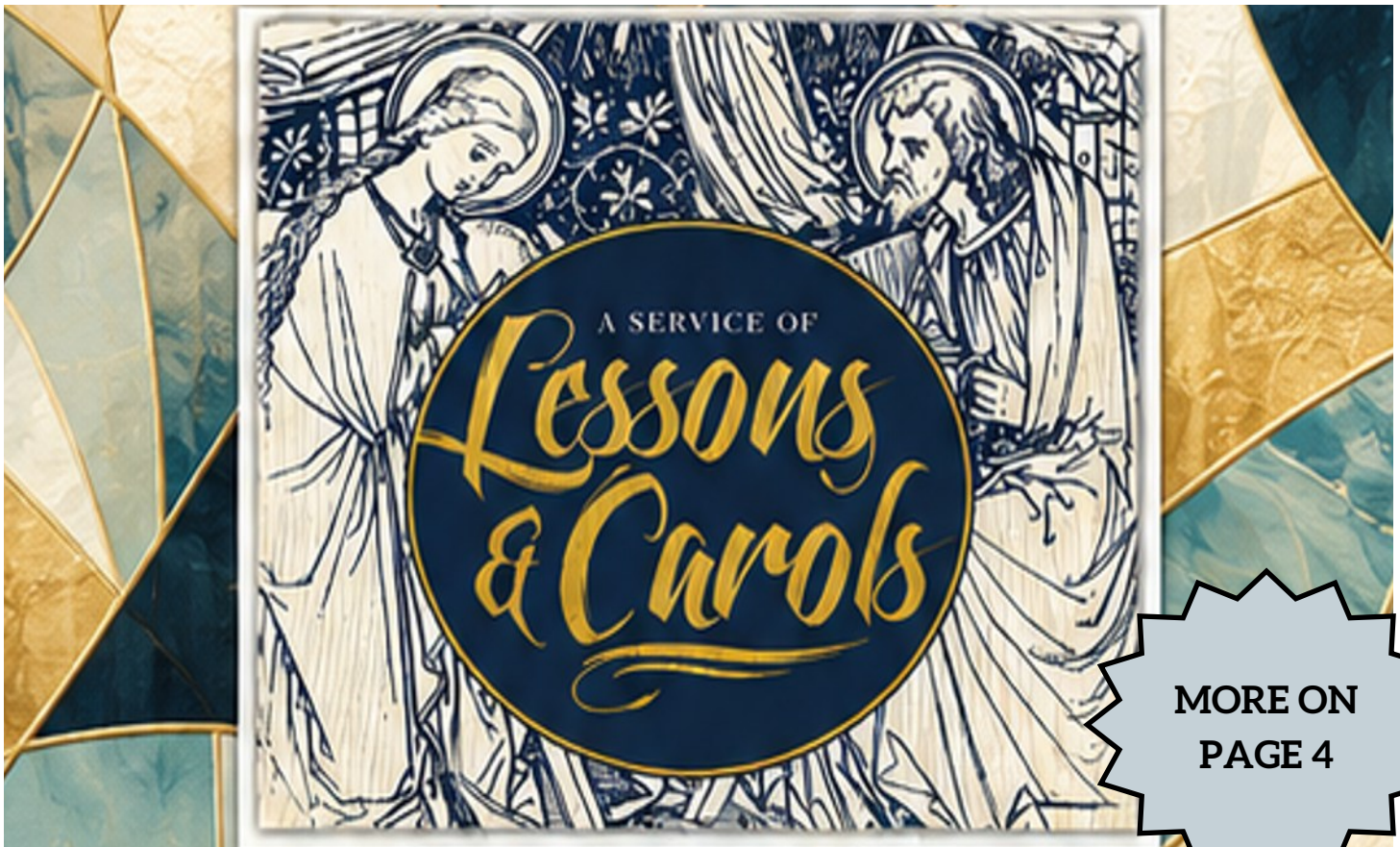
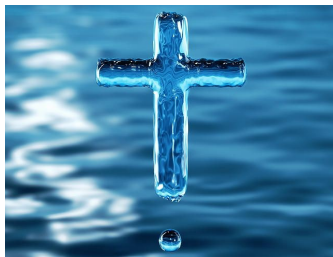


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**I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, Down in my heart,
Down in my heart, Down in my heart;
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, Down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.**

-George W. Cooke, 1925

Dear friends in Christ,



What a joy to know Jesus and to know you! I wonder if George Cooke imagined that people would still be singing his song over 100 years after it was written. A lot can change in 100 years, while at the same time, so much can stay the same. For a century, this beloved song has been taught to thousands of children in Sunday School and Bible School classrooms here and around the world. Yet during this time, clothing styles, technology, travel, and cultural norms have changed. What has remained the same is the love of Jesus, the joy He brings, and the assurance that we are children of God!

As I write this note, below my window are over 80 children learning about Jesus at our vacation Bible school. They will be taught scripture and songs that will live in their hearts their entire lives. What songs do you remember that you learned at church? Seek Ye First, The B-I-B-L-E, This Little Light of Mine, Jesus Loves Me? Thank you for supporting the faith formation of our youth at Grace, from our Baby Bible class to our BLAST elementary students, confirmation and high school classes, and adult Sunday gathering. We trust Jesus is with us as we gather to learn, question, doubt, proclaim, and study God's Word! I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Lyn Burkett who has been hired as Grace's youth choir director. Welcome!

In addition to I've Got the Joy being over 100 years old, the number 100 continues to be raised as the Faith Legacy Team gathers to discuss Grace's 100th anniversary celebration on May 7, 2028. We look forward to collaborating with the many ministry teams of Grace to plan worship, a catered meal, fellowship activities, a time of remembrance, and pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as our church is led into the future. It is an exciting time to be a part of our church which seeks God's help to live into our core values of faith, Christ-centered community, and service. It is a joy to share this walk of faith with you!



As you worship at Grace this summer, I invite you to introduce yourself to someone in the pew who you may not know. This could be someone new to Grace, someone who worships at another service during the program year, or a friend who worships online and has come to worship in person on that day. And be sure to invite those who love the “old favorites” to come on July 26 to our summer lessons and carols service at 9:30AM. This service invites us to celebrate the words of Psalm 100 which proclaim,

1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. 3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name. 5 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

God is indeed faithful and will continue to lead Grace into the next 100 years to come. The saints which came before us, which have passed on their faith, have left us with the responsibility of passing on the faith to those yet to come. We do so with the joyful song that God has place on our hearts.

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Allison

Want to Fund a Building and Grounds Project at Grace???

(Project estimates are subject to change)

Lower-level paint project	\$100
Wall Repair	\$500
LED Lights for Fellowship Hall	\$1,200
New Toilets	\$2,000
Unisex handicap accessible Fellowship Hall restroom	\$10,000



For more project information, please contact the office or see our maintenance worker, Brad. Thank you!



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

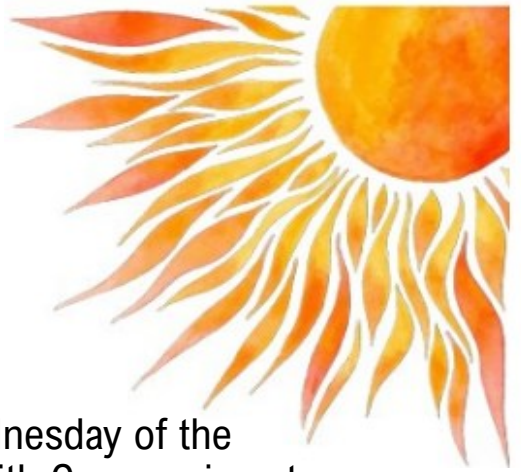


Sundays: 9:30AM

Tuesdays: 2:00PM Fairmont Cable TV
Channel 12 (pre-recorded)

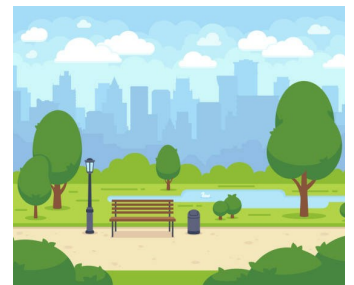
Wednesdays: 6:30PM Sylvania Park

***Sunday services will be streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and our webpage.**



Senior Living Worship Services: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10AM on the Memory Care side with Communion at Goldfinch, and every 2nd Monday of the month, 10AM, at Lakeview Methodist home in the 3rd-floor activity space, with communion. Please come and worship with our friends and members of Grace!

Praise in the Park Each Wednesday! Join us for worship at 6:30pm on Wednesdays in Sylvania Park. Communion is a part of our outdoor worship services too. Pastor Allison and Pastor Cole will be available for families who would like a summer outdoor baptism in this casual outdoor setting. For more information, please contact the church office. We hope you will invite a friend to worship this summer season at Grace!



Summer Lessons and Carols: Psalm 96 instructs us to “Sing to the Lord a new song!” On Sunday, July 26 at our 9:30am worship service, we will have our worship service of Summer Lessons and Carols. This beloved Christmas tradition of having a reading then singing a corresponding Christmas carol has been reimagined with old traditional favorites. During this service, we will sing Sweet Hour of Prayer, What A Friend We Have in Jesus, Blessed Assurance, and other beloved songs as well as include a time to come forward to kneel at the altar rail for healing prayer with a pastor or to light a candle and pray. We welcome you to invite a friend as we hear God’s Word, commune at Christ’s table, sing with joy, and pray together as sisters and brothers in Christ.

SAVE THE DATE:

Worship by the Water – Sunday, August 9 | 11AM | Ward Park!

BUSINESS OF GRACE



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES June 21, 2026

Members Present: Pastor Allison, Pastor Cole, Corey Klanderud, Andy Kryzer, Terry Maakestad, Cindy Wohlhuter, Stephanie Busiahn, Joyce Eisenmenger

Members Absent: Katie Teachout, Brenda Lubenow, Nancy Backer, Jane Reiman, Mark Morris

Call to Order: Chair Corey called the meeting to order.

Devotional: Corey

Gathering Prayer: All

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 5/17/26:
Approved via email.

Approval of Financial Report: Motion by Cindy. Second by Stephanie. Motion carried.

Team Reports: Sent via email for review prior to meeting.

Old Business:

* We will not meet in July; August 16th, 2026 will be our next meeting.

✝ Pastor Cole gave an update on non-member funerals held at Grace Lutheran Church.

“Funeral Planning Guide” handed out for review. Our policy is if a funeral (or wedding) is held at our church, one of our pastors is to officiate. We do not want our church to be used solely as a venue.

New Business:

Rental Agreement rates – Council members were given copies of the “Facility Use Covenant” and “Planning Your Wedding” policies for review. The custodian receives an

honorarium/fee for weddings but not funerals as the church is given the custodian fee for funerals. Stephanie made a motion, Andy seconded, to give the custodian honorarium/fee to the custodian for both funerals and weddings moving forward. Motion passed.

Cindy provided a response from Audrey Schultz regarding the fire marshal inspection for 3 rooms to be used as a daycare.

Andy suggested using the space for pre-school/elementary children during the summer months. Good discussion/ideas for using the space for “drop-in care”; possibility for using high school/college students as caregivers, etc. Idea will be shared with the Stewardship Team.

✝ Thanksgiving Sunday worship – Motion approved to have one service on the Sunday before Thanksgiving; youth & adult choirs will sing that day; the children will bless food from the Fill the Altar Food drive; pumpkin bars and cider served following the service, and all will be invited for Hanging of the Greens to decorate the church for Advent.

✝ * Financial update to the congregation – Corey reported a small turnout for the June 14th meeting. He encouraged moving forward and continually communicating to the congregation the church’s costs. Cindy suggested using actual costs of the church’s obligations (ie utilities, insurance, etc) vs charts or percentages. Plans for “Gather, Grow, Give” Fall stewardship program is in the works. More stewardship announcements will be made in September during worship.



Pastor's Reports:

In addition to their written reports, Pastor Cole reported \$800 in offering was received from VBS last week. Pastor Allison also reviewed the process of "following" Grace Lutheran on Facebook to invite Facebook friends to follow Grace as well.

Other:

Focus groups discussion will be tabled until the August meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 with the Lord's Prayer.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Did you know that your generosity funds all the ministries of Grace?

\$5 or \$10 a week helps!

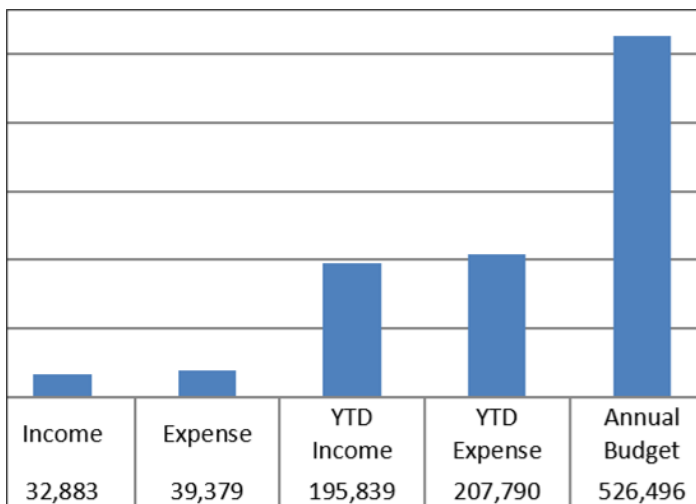
Please consider easy giving with our QR Code. Quick! Easy! Generous!

Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus through Grace!

-Grace Stewardship Team!



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FOR MAY



MEMORIALS:

Maynard Johnson Memorial

Kathy Eberle	Building-Stained Glass Windows
Bryce Fletcher	Building-Stained Glass Windows
Sarah's Circle	Music
Pierce Accounting & Tax Service	Building
Dan & Maryann Kehrberg	Building
Arvin & Joanne Soma	Building
Harry & Chery Brumbaugh	Building
Brian & Deb Roggow	Building
Matthew Spielman	Building-Stained Glass Windows
David B. Austad	Building
Darvin Bishop	Building
Robert & Deb Bonk	Building
Enos & Charlotte Breitbarth	Building
Gloria Carlson	Building
Jennelle Cuning	Building
Harriet Danielson	Building
Harlan & Larainne Gorath	Building
Linda Gurber	Building
Ronald & Elayne Hested	Building
Marian Holland	Building
Audrey Johnson	Undesignated
David & Becky Johnson	People Helping People
Suzanne Kach	Building
Kathleen Langer	Building
Geri Izen Martin	Building
Frances McNealy	Undesignated
Chris & Carol Nasby	Building
Janet Nielsen	Building
Elroy & Sandra Nuss	Youth Fund
Kevin Nyberg	Building
Rod & Diane Palmquist	Undesignated
Mark & Ilene Reiter	Undesignated
David Sager	Undesignated
Donald Lee Smith	Undesignated
Karen Smith	Undesignated
Craig Uthe	Building
Ross & Cindy Wohlhuter	Building

Lorraine Reiter Memorial

Arvin & Joanne Soma	Building
Beth Cains	Undesignated Memorial
Tabatha Casey	Undesignated Memorial

Thank you to all who gave memorial gifts this month!



Living Out Our Faith Together

- ✦ **Chancel Choir:** Practice Wednesdays at 5:15PM, Sing at 8:30AM worship services, during program year.
- ✦ **Celebration Choir:** Practice Sundays at 9:30AM, Sing at 10:45AM worship services, during program year.
- ✦ **Care Ministers:** Call, visit, and possibly share communion with a homebound member! Contact Pastor Allison for more information.
- ✦ **Service Team:** Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 5:30PM monthly to discuss budgets, assets, and more!
- ✦ **Stewardship Team:** Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30PM monthly to oversee year round stewardship of time, talents, and treasures.
- ✦ **Fellowship/Outreach Team:** Meet 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm to discuss Grace Pantry, fellowship hour, and special events such as Oktoberfest, Fill the Altar Food Drive, and service days.
- ✦ **CYF Team:** Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 5:30PM to connect about youth ministry and events.
- ✦ **Worship Team:** Meets the 1st Monday of the Month at 6:30pm to plan inclusive and welcoming worship for all ages.
- ✦ **Meal Ministry Team:** Deliver a meal to someone struggling or in need! Contact Nancy Backer at nurse_nancyb@hotmail.com to join this group.
- ✦ **Prayer Team:** Meets every Tuesday at 1pm to pray over the congregation's prayer list.



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Thrivent grant ideas:

Please sign up on the calendar by the Care Table in the Gathering Area!

Mission Phantom Tea
Prayer Shawl Yarn
Annual Meeting Treats
Communion Elements
Open Door Meal
Grace Pantry
Office Postage
Paper for Bulletins
Care Bags
Grief Packets
Council Retreat
Palm Sunday Brunch
Cleaning Supplies
Baptism Bags
God's Grace is Amazing Day Project 1
God's Grace is Amazing Day Project 2

God's Grace is Amazing Day Project 3
Meal for God's Grace is Amazing Day
BLAST/Confirmation End of Year Party
Prayer Shawl Yarn
Confirmation Camp Fees
High School Bible Camp Scholarships
Summer Outdoor Worship
Lawn Care Supplies
Altar Guild Supplies
Supplies for High School Class
Supplies for Baby Bibles Class
Grief Packets
God's Work. Our Hands Project 1

God's Work. Our Hands Project 2
God's Work. Our Hands Project 3
Apple Pie Bake
Supplies for BLAST & Confirmation
Glows Parade Candy
Oktoberfest Dinner
Mission Christmas Tree Lot
Fill the Altar Food Drive
Thanksgiving Sunday Treats
Homebound Christmas
Care Bags
Cocoa and Carols Christmas Eve
Community Carols Singalong
Sock Tree
Star Tree



ANNOUNCEMENTS



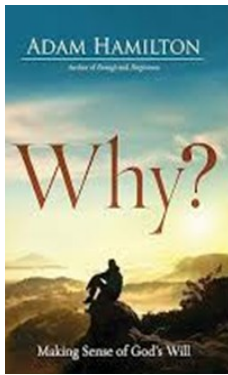
Men's Breakfast on Monday: Men of all ages are invited to a monthly breakfast at The Ranch restaurant on the first Monday of the month. Come for a devotion, fellowship, and good breakfast food.

When: Monday July 6 at 7:00AM

Where: The Ranch Restaurant

Why: Because Jesus says that when a few are gathered in his name, he's there too!

Root Beer Floats in the Park! Outreach and Fellowship team will be serving root beer floats Wednesday, July 15th after worship in Sylvania Park. You can also stay tuned for one more fellowship on a Wednesday night either this month or next. Information will be on our Facebook page and in the ministry minutes.



The Joy Collective Bible Study is a warm, encouraging space designed especially for busy women, who want to grow in faith while rediscovering joy in their everyday lives. Join us Sunday July, 19 at 2:00 pm in the Laurel Lounge for our first bible study. We will meet monthly on the 3rd Sunday of every month. This month we will study *Why? Making Sense of God's Will*. Think of it as a place where you can show up as you are- tired, busy, hopeful, or somewhere in between and leave feeling a little lighter, a little stronger, and a lot more connected to God and other women. For more info please contact Abby Ehlert.

Lunch at the Lake Tuesdays! 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!

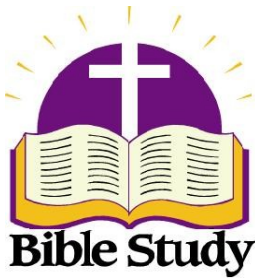


Community Garden: Community Garden Gathering on Wednesday, July 29th at 3pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you are part of our garden team, interested in learning more about this project, or just looking for something to do, please come and join us. Refreshments will be provided. If you're interested in assisting with garden maintenance throughout the season, please contact Pastor Cole or sign up using the link below. Thank you for helping us cultivate community!

Grace Lutheran Church: Grace Community Garden Maintenance Schedule

Save the Date! Guest Missionary Speaker: Our missionary Katie Larson will be visiting on Sunday, August 2nd during our 9:30am worship service and sharing a presentation at 10:30am in the lounge that same day. Katie is currently serving two congregations in Columbia, South America. We look forward to having Katie join us later this summer.





At-home Bible Study: Looking for a Bible study to grow in your faith, at your own pace, and in the comfort of your own home? The ELCA provides two lectionary based studies on their website which provide a reading, devotion, and questions. This year, we are following Lectionary Year A. The Daily Discipleship Study is focused on the gospel text and the Daily Faith Practices study pertains to the Second Lesson of the Sunday readings, often one of the Apostle Paul's letters. These can be downloaded for FREE at https://resources.elca.org/?_categories=bible-studies. And, if you have a group that would like to gather at Grace to study together, please see one of the pastors and we can help get this scheduled, provide copies of the lessons, and find a good space for you to meet.

What Does Church Membership Mean? We love welcoming everyone to Grace and look forward to meeting new people each week. Please keep inviting and welcoming friends, neighbors, co-workers, and others to check out what God's up to here at Grace! If you are a member, please be sure to let the office know if you do not receive offering envelopes. Each household is assigned a giving number which allows us to share your total giving with you at the end of the year for your taxes. If you choose to give a cash offering during worship, please use a pew envelope with your name on it so we can record that giving under your name.



Our constitution defines the membership of a member as follows:

[*C8.04.] It shall be the privilege and duty of members of this congregation to:

- a. make regular use of the means of grace, both Word and sacraments;
- b. live a Christian life in accordance with the Word of God and the teachings of the Lutheran church; and
- c. support the work of this congregation, the synod, and the churchwide organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through contributions of their time, abilities, and financial support as biblical stewards.

New membership forms are located on the Care Table in the gathering space. We welcome new members year-round and invite all new to Grace to our annual Pizza with the Pastors lunch this Fall! ***Thank you for being a part of Grace!***

New Outside Drop Box! The Service Team wants to thank you for all the ways that our Grace family connects to the ministries at church. Sometimes, however, we know it is not convenient to drop off registrations, building use forms, or weekly offering during business hours. Therefore, we have added a secure outside drop box at the main Grant Street entrance for your convenience.



Annual REALM Database Update: We love to stay connected with you! If your contact information has changed in the past year, please contact the office with your current information. Thank you!



We Promise-- the Pastors Do Not Bite! The pastors would like to invite you to sit in the front half of the sanctuary. Why? Because we really like you! And second, for those worshipping at home, it appears that we have an empty church where no one comes to worship. Where our camera is placed, those at home only see the empty front third of the church. Our online worship is an important outreach of Grace for those who are unable to worship in person. Let's help them feel connected by seeing us as we worship together. Thank You!

Are you a FOLLOWER? Did you know that the pastors and staff regularly post information on Grace's Facebook page? We would love your help getting the Word out! Please click the FOLLOW button on the Fairmont Grace Lutheran Church page. Then, tap the three dots (...) at the top of the page, scroll down to Invite Friends, and invite them to follow Grace too. This is an easy way to share our worship services and activities each week. Thank you!



Receipts Galore! Did you know that when you turn in your Hy-Vee grocery, gas, and pharmacy receipts as well as Fareway receipts, Grace receives a donation? We average \$2000-\$3000 dollars a year for ministry!!! Receipts can be dropped off in the basket across from the office. Volunteers are needed to count receipts each Wednesday at 9:15am. Please stop by the office if you would like to be part of the Receipt Team. Thank you!

Daycare Space at Grace! Do you know anyone who is interested in starting a daycare? Grace has three adjoining lower-level classrooms, overlooking the playground, ready to be rented, and approved by the County for up to 12 children. We would love to visit with you on this! Please contact the office at office@gracelutheranchurch.org or call 507-238-4418 and a member of the Stewardship Team will be in touch.



Prayer List Updates: Thank you to all who pray over our prayer list each week. We add names to the prayer list whenever someone requests us to do so, and keep that name on our list for three weeks. However, we also know that sometimes prayers are needed for much longer and keep names on for several weeks. Please review our current prayer list and contact the office if you no longer wish to have your name included. Thank you!

Members and Loved Ones: 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, Melissa Carlson, Mark Brown, Carol Madsen, Carolyn Bird, Julie Andrews, Cassie Lind Nielsen, Brian N.



Faith Night at the MoonDogs: Thank you to everyone who joined us for Faith Night with the MoonDogs! Due to weather delays, the MoonDogs have graciously offered us the opportunity to reschedule our church outing. We are in the process of rescheduling the Mankato Moondogs trip and will share information on our Facebook page and in the Ministry Minutes as soon as we have more details. Thank you!

July Ministry Assistants for 9:30AM Worship

	Sunday, July 5	Sunday, July 12	Sunday, July 19	Sunday, July 26
Communion Preparer	Sharon Elliott Jennifer Moore	Brenda & Randy Lubenow	Del Prescott Jane Reiman	Becky & Dave Johnson
Communion Server	Ben Jordan Allen Struck	Marian Holland Mary Kotewa	Kris Head, Peggy Jones	Enos Breitbarth Becky Johnson
Lector	Doug Lyle	Deb Morris	Deb Roggow	Brian Roggow
Sound Tech	Pam Krill	Enos Breitbarth	Louise Hendricks	Blake Potthoff
Slide Tech	Louise Hendricks	N/A	Enos Breitbarth	N/A
Ushers	Dan Kehrberg, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist, Roger Voss, Josh Ensrud, Darrel Krahler, Jane Reiman, Paul Seibert	Dan Kehrberg, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist, Roger Voss, Josh Ensrud, Darrel Krahler, Jane Reiman, Paul Seibert	Dan Kehrberg, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist, Roger Voss, Josh Ensrud, Darrel Krahler, Jane Reiman, Paul Seibert	Dan Kehrberg, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist, Roger Voss, Josh Ensrud, Darrel Krahler, Jane Reiman, Paul Seibert

If you are unable to serve on your day, please find a replacement and ask them to let the head ushers, Brian Huebert and Bruce Ehlert, know when they arrive. If you can't find a replacement, please email Brian at bhuebert_ford@yahoo.com and Bruce at bruce.ehlert53@gmail.com.



CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY



Thank you to everyone who made VBS an amazing success! We had 94 kids in attendance and raised \$892, along with food and personal care items that were collected, which will go toward care bags and food for community members in need! A special thank you to all the kids, camp staff, confirmation youth, and adult leaders who shared their time, energy, and enthusiasm throughout the week. Your participation helped create a fun, faith-filled experience for everyone involved.

We are grateful for each of you!



Confirmation Camp!



This summer, August 2nd (3pm to 4pm check in time) through 5th (2pm end time), we are offering a half week of confirmation Bible camp at Good Earth Village, in Spring Valley, Minnesota, for current 6th – 9th graders. Families are responsible for covering the non-refundable deposit amount of \$100 when you register (Grace Lutheran covers the rest of the amount).

Where Faith Comes to Life

Confirmation Camp at Good Earth Village takes learning beyond the classroom—into the woods, around the campfire, and beside friends who are growing in faith alongside you. This half week experience strengthens the Confirmation journey through shared adventures, outdoor ministry, and deep reflection, all in a safe and encouraging environment.

What to Expect

Campers will explore what it means to live out their faith in everyday life. Through hands-on learning, outdoor exploration, and spiritual practice, they'll experience God's grace in a new and powerful way.

Highlights of the week include:

Morning devotions and small group discussion, Evening worship around the campfire, Team building games and large group activities, Nature hikes and outdoor discovery, Canoeing (weather permitting), Campfire cookout and classic s'mores, Time for reflection, creativity, and fun! Campers stay in our Hilltop or Main Street cabins, building community in a comfortable and welcoming setting.

Program Goals

Grow in Faith & Friendship - Campers explore who they are, who they want to become, and how their faith guides that journey.

Build Strength & Resilience - Through new experiences and outdoor adventures, campers develop grit, confidence, and teamwork, skills that last far beyond camp.

Experience God in Creation - Time away from technology and immersed in nature restores minds, hearts, and souls while deepening connection with God and one another.

- Link to register for Confirmation Camp August 2-5 <https://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.aspx?idCamp=504&campCode=gev&idSession=560147>
- Sponsorship code to use is GRACELCF2026 and is not case sensitive
- Select tier 3 when registering
- Do not apply any discount codes
- After applying the sponsorship code, click continue to payment and pay the non-refundable deposit of \$100 to complete registration
- We would like to have everyone registered by **July 15th.**

Please contact Pastor Cole at 507-238-4418 or email McCormick@gracelutheranchurch.org if you have any questions.



WORDS FOR WORSHIP



Sunday, July 5 - Lectionary 14

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls. .

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, July 12 - Lectionary 15

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 19 - Lectionary 16

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 26 - Lectionary 17

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sunday, August 2 - Lectionary 18

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21



**American Red Cross
Blood Drive**

Thursday, July 9, 9AM-2PM

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30am Summer Worship	29 9:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am Mavis Anderson Funeral	30 9:00am Sewing Circle 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	1 6:30pm Praise in the Park - Sylvania Park	2 OFFICE CLOSED Observance of Independence Day 9:00am Sarah's Circle (Location Varies) 9:00am Women of the Cloth Sewing	3	4 Independence Day 
5 9:30am Summer Worship	6 7:00am Men's Breakfast - The Ranch 9:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm - 2:00pm Mary Circle 6:30pm Worship Team Meeting	7 9:00am Common Threads Sewing 9:00am Sewing Circle 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired	8 10:00am Goldfinch Memory Care Worship 6:30pm Praise in the Park - Sylvania Park	9 9:00am - 2:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive 4:30pm - 6:00pm Aktion Club Theatre	10	11
12 9:30am Summer Worship	13 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Lakeview Senior Worship	14 9:00am Sewing Circle 12:00pm Cup of Hope Grief Class 12:00pm Grief Class: Lounge 1:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Worship Service Aired 5:30pm Outreach/ Fellowship Team Meetings 5:30pm Service Team Meeting 6:30pm Stewardship Team Meeting	15 Ways of Grace Submission Deadline 6:30pm Praise in the Park - Sylvania Park	16 9:00am Women of the Cloth Sewing	17	18
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