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November 29, 2026

Ministry Minutes

Let Us Walk to the Manger Together!



The season of Advent will soon be upon us, and there is a place for you here at Grace! Each Wednesday in Advent, we will be offering Joyous Light at 6:30PM. Come for supper from 4:30-6:00pm and then enjoy a time of peaceful worship in the sanctuary. Confirmation students are asked to invite their mentor to join them for worship, with discussion to follow, ending at 7:15PM. This replaces our regular weekly class. Parents are asked to drop off and pick up their students at the parking lot entrance and pick them up at 7:15PM. The Staff at Grace wish you and yours a blessed Advent season!



Youth Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

On Sunday, December 6th in the fellowship hall, everyone is invited to bring gifts to worship in the morning (marked with name and phone number) and pick them up later in the day all wrapped. Please also invite your family members, friends, etc. to bring gifts to be wrapped. This fundraiser will support Bible camp opportunities, mission trips, national youth gatherings, etc. I am looking for youth and adults that can help. Great way to get service hours for confirmation and school. The two shifts available are morning group 8:00am-10:30am and group noon to 4pm. Wrapping supplies will all be provided and pizza will be served around noon. Please contact Pastor Cole with any questions.

The Sock Tree Returns



You are invited to bring ***NEW*** socks for all ages! Good quality new socks are needed which will be given locally to our schools for children needing socks. Options Pregnancy Center for women and children, the Salvation Army, and Grace Care Bags for our guests this winter. Decorate the tree in the Gathering Space with new socks as Grace Lutheran prepares for Christ's coming at Christmas!

Next Week's Scripture Readings: First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11, Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8



Christmas Star Tree

Each year Grace has a Star Tree in the gathering area where our members can take a star to purchase gifts for those less fortunate in our community. Each Star lists the gender, age, and gift request and whether your package should be wrapped or unwrapped. Gifts should be returned on or before December 9. Please be sure to sign out your Star with your name and phone number. If you know of someone that you would like to add to our giving list or if you have any questions or if you would like to help but shopping is inconvenient for you, monetary donations are accepted. Please contact Cindy Wohlhuter 507-236-4403 with questions. Thank you!

GLC Missions Christmas Tree Sales:



Many volunteers are still needed to cover shifts at the Christmas tree lot! Please sign up using the Sign-up Genius link below or contact the office. Lot hours are Saturdays: 9am-6pm, Sundays: Noon-6pm, M-F: 11am- 7pm. On Wednesday, Nov. 25 hours will be 10am- 4pm. Tree sales will go until all trees are gone! Thank You!

Sign-up Genius Link for Christmas Tree Volunteers: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4DA9AA28A6F94-66887852-2026

Blue Christmas



The holidays can be difficult for many. If you have experienced the death of a loved one, a divorce, loss of health or job, or are dealing with any sort of challenge in life, come and gather with others Sunday, December 6, who are struggling and hungering for a glimpse of hope. *The light of Christ shines in the darkness. Come and see.*

You are invited to:
"The True Christmas Story" Presented by Grace Lutheran BLAST Children



When: Sunday, Dec. 13, 2026 at 10:45 a.m.
Where: Grace Lutheran Church Sanctuary
Why: To experience the true Christmas Story hrough the children of Grace Lutheran Church. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Open Door Meal



December 2: Pasta
December 9: Creamed Chicken/Biscuit



THIS WEEK AT GRACE November 29, 2026

Sunday, November 29th
8:30AM Traditional Worship
9:40AM Adult Education
10:45AM Contemporary Worship

Monday, November 30th
9:00AM Staff Meeting
6:00PM Evening CBS
6:30PM Shalom Circle

Tuesday, December 1st
9:00AM Sewing Circle
11:00AM Ways of Grace Assembly
12:00PM Cup of Hope Grief Group
1:00PM Weekly Prayer Meeting
1:00PM Prayer Meeting
1:30PM Women's Bible Study
2:00PM Worship Service Aired

Wednesday, December 2nd
8:30AM Women's CBS
12:00PM Women's CBS Luncheon
4:30PM Open Door Community Meal
5:30PM BLAST
5:30PM Baby Bible Class
5:30PM Paraments Team Meeting
6:30PM Confirmation
WOW: Worship on Wednesday
7:00PM Senior High Class

Thursday, December 3rd
9:00AM Sarah's Circle
9:00AM Women of the Cloth Sewing

Friday, December 4th

Saturday, December 5th

Sunday, December 6th
8:30AM Traditional Blue Christmas Worship
9:40AM Adult Education
10:45AM Contemporary Blue Christmas Worship

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, Leroy Sandberg, Karen, Jon VonBank, Leah Edward, Loren Dunham, Amber Elliot, Adeline, Kaitlyn, Melissa Carlson, Mark Brown, Carolyn Bird, Julie Andrews, Brian N, Kim Boston, Dennis Trushenski, Kristen, Chery Brumbaugh.

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 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.

2026 Stewardship Stats	
$526,496	2026 Annual Budget
$414,055	YTD Income, P& L Report: Jan 1 - Nov 23
$15,404	Collected November 17 - November 23
$18,740	Needed Weekly to Meet 2026 Budget

HyVee
$111,000 on # 50

FAREWAY
$83,500 on #16

8:30AM Traditional Service					
	Sunday, Nov. 1	**Sunday, Nov. 8**	**Sunday, Nov. 15**	**Sunday, Nov. 22 9:30am Worship**	**Sunday, Nov. 29**
Communion Preparer	Jennifer Moore Sharon Elliot	Nancy Backer Kirsten Bressler	Joyce Eisenmanger Peggy Jones	Nancy Backer Kirsten Bressler	Jennifer Moore Sharon Elliot
Communion Server	Allen & Karen Struck	Nancy Backer Ben Jordan	Joyce Eisenmanger Peggy Jones	Allen & Karen Struck	Marian Holland Ben Jordan
Lector	Ben Jordan	Allen Struck	Scott Drever	Debbie Morris	Neal Becker
Sound Tech	Justin Schmidt	Mark Vogelsang	Jolene Rosol	Mark Vogelsang Blake Potthoff	Justin Schmidt
Ushers	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler Harry Brumbaugh Mark Paskey Joel Tesky Mark Morris	Curtis & Kirsten Bressler

10:45AM Contemporary Service					
	Sunday, Nov. 1	**Sunday, Nov. 8**	**Sunday, Nov. 15**		**Sunday, Nov. 29**
Communion Preparer	Becky & Dave Johnson	Connie & Bruce Donnelly	Brenda & Randy Lubenow		Elayne Baumgart Ardel Prescott
Communion Server	Connie Donnelly Becky Johnson	Brian & Deb Roggow	Enos Breitbarth Becky Johnson		Elayne Baumgart Ardel Prescott
Lector	Connie Donelly	Amber Hansen	Brian Roggow		Debbie Morris
Sound Tech	Louise Hendricks	Enos Breitbarth	**Need Volunteer**		Amber Hansen
Slide Tech	Enos Breitbarth	Louise Hendricks	Amber Hansen		Corey Klanderud
Ushers	Harry Brumbaugh Mark Paskey Joel Tesky Mark Morris	Harry Brumbaugh Mark Paskey Joel Tesky Mark Morris	Harry Brumbaugh Mark Paskey Joel Tesky Mark Morris		Harry Brumbaugh Mark Paskey Joel Tesky Mark Morris

If you are unable to serve on your day, please find a replacement and ask them to let the head usher know when they arrive. If you can't find a replacement, please email Brian at bhuebert_ford@yahoo.com for 8:30am worship and Bruce at bruce.ehlert53@gmail.com for 10:45am worship. Thank you!