

May 3, 2026

Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes

God's Grace is Amazing Day: Sunday, May 17!

God's Grace is Amazing Day on Sunday, May 17th! Worship 9:30am with BLAST kids singing. Then various service projects for all ages. Please wear your yellow shirt on this day!

Projects in the Fellowship Hall

- Assembling bingo prize bags for local senior living communities
- Assembling and delivering bread to our neighbors around Grace
- Work in our community garden
- Assembling birthday kits for local pantries and blessing bags for Bravo Zulu house.
- Painting crosses

Outdoor projects

- Mulch work at Charolette Park
- Mulch and clean up at Sylvania Park
- Painting green Disabled American Veteran bins by Ace
- Bringing rakes and gloves



Picnic Lunch

Following the projects, please join everyone for a picnic lunch at noon at the church.

Bread for Our Neighbors



Pick up a recipe and stack of three mini pans then bring your 3 baked loaves, saran wrapped in the tin, to church on May 17th by 9am to bring to our neighbors. No nuts please! Thank you!

**Readings for Sunday, May 3: First Reading: Acts 7:55-60,
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10, Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14**



Upcoming Meals for Open Door:

May 6: Pasta Night
(Last Day of Open Door)



Celebration Night!

WHO: BLAST & Confirmation students, along with their parents.



DETAILS: Wednesday, May 13, BLAST 5:30pm to 6:25pm in the sanctuary, Confirmation 6:30pm to 7:45pm

WHAT TO EXPECT: Recap of the program year, registration for VBS, BLAST, and Confirmation 2026-2027, and confirmation camp.

This is the last Wednesday for BLAST and Confirmation for the school year. **Parents, please plan to attend** with your child.

BLAST KIDS WILL ALSO SING FOR GOD'S GRACE IS AMAZING DAY ON MAY 17th)



Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Everyone is invited for an outing at the Mankato Moon Dogs on Sunday, May 31st. The game time is 5:05pm. We have tickets for 30 people and each one costs \$12.00 which includes your assigned seat and a hot dog meal. Please purchase your tickets in the church office. Checks can be made out to Grace Lutheran Church with Moondogs in the memo. Please contact Pastor Cole if you are interested in carpooling with someone. We look forward to a fun night in God's creation together.

Grief Support Class is Starting at Grace!

As we look to serve the congregational care needs across all life stages at Grace, and in the broader Fairmont community, your pastors will now be offering a grief class starting in June 9. We welcome you to join our 8-week course by Julie Yarbrough entitled Beyond the Broken Heart: A Journey Through grief. Pastor Allison and Pastor Cole will lead our group which will be limited to 10 participants and open to the community. Dates are Mondays at Noon from June 9 - July 28. There is a fee of \$20 to cover the cost of participant materials. If this is a financial hardship, please see one of the pastors. To register, please contact the Grace Lutheran Church office.



Sunday, May 3rd

8:30AM Traditional Worship
 9:35AM Adult Ed.
 10:45AM Contemporary Worship: Baptism

4:30PM Final Open Door Community Meal
 5:15PM Chancel Choir Practice
 5:30PM BLAST End of Year Practice
 5:30PM Baby Bible Class
 6:30PM WOW- Worship on Wednesday
 6:30PM Confirmation
 7:00PM High School Class

Monday, May 4th

7:00AM Men's Breakfast at The Ranch
 9:00AM Staff Meeting
 10:00AM Lakeview Worship
 1:00PM Mary's Circle
 5:30PM CYF Team Meeting
 6:00PM Evening CBS
 6:30PM Worship Team Meeting

Thursday, May 7th

9:00AM BERC Conference Gathering
 9:00AM Sarah's Circle
 9:00AM Women of the Cloth Sewing

Tuesday, May 5th

9:00AM Sewing Circle
 9:00AM Common Threads
 1:00PM Prayer Meeting
 1:30PM Women's Bible Study
 2:00PM Worship Service Aired
 5-8PM Pizza Ranch Youth Fundraiser

Friday, May 8th

5:00PM ARC Bowling Banquet

Saturday, May 9th

Sunday, May 10th - Happy Mother's Day!

8:30AM Traditional Worship
 9:35AM Adult Ed.
 10:45AM Contemporary Worship

Wednesday, May 6th

9:00AM Women's CBS

PRAYERS

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, Maynard Johnson, Sue Langford, Melissa Carlson, Mark Brown, Carol Madsen, Carolyn Bird, Julie Andrews.

Sympathy for the family and friends of: Lorraine Reiter, Maynard Johnson

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 |
| \$162,192 | YTD Income, P&L report: Jan 1 - April 27 |
| \$9,289 | Collected April 21 - April 27 |
| \$10,120 | Needed Weekly to meet 2026 budget |

FAIRMONT receipts only.



\$31,000 #49



\$140,000 on #15

| Ministry Assistants for May- 8:30AM Traditional Service | | | Ministry Assistants for May- 9:30AM Summer Service | | |
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| | Sunday, May 3 | Sunday, May 10 | Sunday, May 17 | Sunday, May 24 | Sunday, May 31 |
| Communion Preparer | Kris Head Peggy Jones | Nancy Backer Kristen Bressler | Sharon Elliot Jennifer Moore | Brenda & Randy Lubenow | Becky & Dave Johnson |
| Communion Server | Marian Holland Kris Head | Kris Head Peggy Jones | Karen & Allen Struck | Nancy Backer Kristen Bressler | Deb & Brian Roggow |
| Lector | DeeAnne Helfritz | Ben Jordan | Debbie Morris | Ben Jordan | Abby Ehlert |
| Sound Tech | Justin Schmidt | Jolene Rosol | Mark Vogelsang | Enos Breitbarth | Blake Potthoff |
| Slide Tech | — | — | Louise Hendricks | Cory Klanderud | Louise Hendricks |
| Ushers | Curtis & Kristin Bressler | Curtis & Kristin Bressler | Curtis & Kristin Bressler, Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey, Joel Teskey | Curtis & Kristin Bressler, Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey, Joel Teskey | Curtis & Kristin Bressler, Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey, Joel Teskey |

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, please email Brian at bhuebert_ford@yahoo.com.

| Ministry Assistants for May - 10:45AM Contemporary Service | | | | | |
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| | Sunday, May 3 | Sunday, May 10 | | | |
| Communion Preparer | Connie & Bruce Donnelly | Becky & Dave Johnson | — | — | — |
| Communion Server | Jane Reiman Del Prescott | Enos Breitbarth Becky Johnson | — | — | — |
| Lector | Abby Ehlert | Joice Forster | — | — | — |
| Sound Tech | Amber Hansen | Louise Hendricks | — | — | — |
| Slide Tech | Cory Klanderud | Enos Breitbarth | — | — | — |
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