

February 8, 2026

Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18!

The season of Lent begins on 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.



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.



Cup of Hope, Monthly Grief Support Meets This Tuesday!

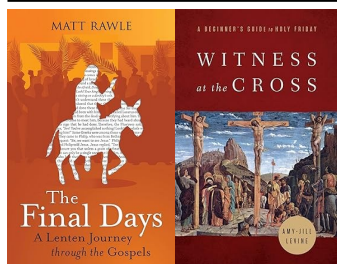
You are welcome to bring a lunch to Grace as we share in this walk together and hear God's words of love and comfort along the way. We meet this week, on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Noon, in the lounge. All are Welcome!



Readings for Sunday, February 8: First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a, Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

ELCA World Hunger Grant

We have recently received a \$500 daily bread grant through the ELCA hunger program. It will be used for our weekly Wednesday night open door community meal that continues to serve people of all ages. We give thanks that this ministry continues to be supported through donations, Thrivent action team cards, and our annual budget.



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 Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday*. Invite a friend and come for a time of faith formation together. Hope to see you there!

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 11: Pasta Night
February 18: Soup/Chili (Ash Wednesday)



Sunday, February 8th

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

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

Monday, February 9th

10:00AM Lakeview Memory Care Worship
6:00PM Evening CBS
6:30PM Shalom Circle

Thursday, February 12th

4:30PM Aktion Club Theatre
6:00PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 10th

9:00AM Sewing Circle
12:00PM Cup of Hope Grief Group
1:00PM Prayer Meeting
1:30PM Women's Bible Study
2:00PM Worship Service Aired
5:30PM Outreach & Fellowship Team Meeting
5:30PM Service Team Meeting
6:30PM Stewardship Team Meeting

Friday, February 13th

Saturday, February 14th
Happy Valentine's Day!



Sunday, February 15th

Ways of Grace Deadline

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

Wednesday, February 11th

9:00AM Women's CBS
10:00AM Goldfinch Memory Care Worship

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, Harriet Danielson, Carol Madsen.

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

\$526,496	2026 Annual Budget
\$47,607	YTD Income, P&L report: Jan 1- Feb 2
\$8,626	Collected Jan 27 - Feb 2
\$9,977	Needed Weekly to meet 2026 budget

FAIRMONT receipts only.

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EMPLOYEE OWNED

\$140,000 #48

FAREWAY

\$102,000 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
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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