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November 1, 2026

Ministry Minutes

Fill the Altar Food Drive!

It is that time of year when we thank God for the bounty of the harvest and give to those who are hungry. Fill the altar food drive will be happening throughout November. Microwave meals, SPAM, canned tuna/meat, canned pasta, canned soup, protein bars, toilet paper, easy mac, ramen shelf stable milk, salt and pepper, can openers, small sized laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning supplies, deodorant, small hand sanitizer are all welcome. Much will be dispersed through our pantry and 10% will be shared with Heaven's Table.

National Youth Gathering

There is still time to register for the National Youth Gathering will be June 28 through July 2 in Minneapolis. "Imagine More" is the theme and all youth in 8th through 12th grade are eligible to attend! The registration deadline is November 11 at noon.

GLC Missions Christmas Tree Sales:

Lot set up will be November 7 or 14 depending on the weather. Volunteers will be needed on November 21 to unload, unwrap, stage, and tag the trees. Many hands make light work. We are hoping to get 12-16 people to assist with this project as we will be opening the lot the next day.

Instead of opening the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, we will be opening the Sunday before. We also are shifting our hours to open an hour sooner and also close an hour earlier. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, usually raising between $7-9K. We appreciate those that can help with set-up and sales during this fundraiser.
Sign-up Genius Link for Christmas Tree Volunteers:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4DA9AA28A6F94-66887852-2026

Next Week's Scripture Readings: First Reading: Amos 5:18-24, Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

Open Door Meal

Nov. 4: Meatballs
Nov. 11: Scalloped Potatoes and Ham

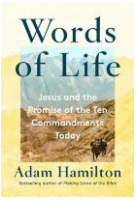
Cup of Hope Welcomes You on November 3 at Noon!

Anyone experiencing grief, whether new or old, is welcome to Grace's monthly *Cup of Hope* grief coffee on the first Tuesday of each month. This gathering will include a brief devotion on grief and time for coffee and conversation. As the Apostle Paul tells the early church, through Jesus, we have hope in the promise of new life to come where we will be reunited with those we love.

Baby Bible Class

Baby Bible class for newborn through age 2 will meet on November 4th from 5:30pm to 6:15pm in room 107 on the lower level. Parents are all welcome!

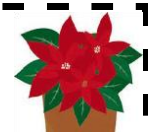
Adult Education



Grab your coffee and donut holes and head to the Lounge for casual conversation and faith formation at 9:40am in the Louge. We continue with a series entitled *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today.* Hope you will come and invite a friend!

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form:

I would like to buy a Poinsettia:



IN MEMORY/ HONOR OF:

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FROM:

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_____ **6" Red $12.00**

One the line beside the size, please write in the amount you would like to purchase. Please drop off this order form and payment in church office. Deadline for orders is November 9th.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE — November 1, 2026

Sunday, November 1st
8:30AM Traditional All Saints Day Worship
9:40AM Adult Education
10:45AM Contemporary All Saints Day Worship

Monday, November 2nd
7:00AM Men's Breakfast: The Ranch
9:00AM Staff Meeting
1:00PM Mary's Circle
5:30PM CYF Team Meeting
6:00PM Evening CBS
6:30PM Girl Scouts Meeting
6:30PM Worship Team Meeting

Tuesday, November 3rd
9:00AM Sewing Circle
9:00AM Common Threads Sewing
12:00PM Cup of Hope Grief Group
1:00PM Prayer Meeting
1:30PM Women's Bible Study
2:00PM Worship Service Aired

Wednesday, November 4th
8:30AM Women's CBS
4:30PM Open Door Community Meal
5:30PM Baby Bible Class
5:30PM BLAST
6:30PM Confirmation
6:30PM WOW: Worship on Wednesday
7:00PM Senior High Class

Thursday, November 5th
9:00AM Sarah's Circle
9:00AM Women of the Cloth Sewing

Friday, November 6th

Saturday, November 7th

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

OUTREACH

2026 Stewardship Stats	
$526,496	2026 Annual Budget
$375,002	YTD Income, P & L Report: Jan 1 - Oct 26
$10,202	Collected October 20 - October 26
$15,149	Needed Weekly to Meet 2026 Budget

FAIRMONT receipts only.

HyVee EMPLOYEE OWNED

$68,000 #50

FAREWAY

$61,000 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	Ben Jordan
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	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, please email Brian at bhuebert_ford@yahoo.com. Thank you!

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	See Ministry Minutes	See Ministry Minutes	Enos Breitbarth Becky Johnson		Elayne Baumgart Ardel Prescott
Lector	Connie Donelly	Amber Hansen	Brian Roggow		**Need Volunteer**
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

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