

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

The Week of April 28, 2024

Sunday, April 28th

8:30AM Traditional Sunday Worship
 9:30AM Adult Education Hour
 9:30 AM Tech Training
 10:45AM Contemporary Sunday Worship

7:00PM Confirmation

Thursday, May 2nd

9:00AM Sarah's Circle
 9:00AM Women of the Cloth

Monday, April 29th

9:00AM Staff Meeting
 6:30PM Martin County 4-H

Friday, May 3rd

1:00PM Worship Service Aired
 4:00PM Bowling Banquet

Tuesday, April 30th

9:00AM Sewing Circle
 1:00PM Weekly Prayer Meeting
 1:30PM Women's Bible Study
 2:00PM Worship Service Aired
 6:30PM Celebration Choir Practice

Saturday, May 4th

Sunday, May 5th - God's Grace is Amazing Day

9:30AM God's Grace is Amazing Worship
 10:00AM Service Projects
 12:00PM Picnic Lunch
 6:00PM Boys Scouts Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, May 1st

9:00AM Women's CBS
 4:45PM Open Door Community Meal
 5:15PM Chancel Choir Practice
 5:30PM BLAST
 6:30PM WOW, Worship on Wednesday

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday:
 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



PRAYERS

Members and Loved Ones: Linda Vlieger, Jeanette Nelson, Harley Jordan (*Ben Jordan's brother*), Weston (*Lisa Fritz's great nephew*), Dawn Potthoff (*Deb DeBoer's sister*), Gladys Peterson, Carol Myhre, Carolyn Kryzer, Jayden Johnson, Pat Witty, Steph Johnson, Parker Lintelman, Karen Meier, LeRoy and Bernice Sandberg, Kay Wrucke. Brian Rosenfeldt (Patty Jones' Nephew), Ben Hamilton, Steve Thiesse, Susie, Marlene and Jim Kuperus. Evon Lyle, Mike Swanson, Eli, Phyllis Niehaus, Kathleen Ferguson, Kevin & Susan Sukalski, Ernie Nuss, Mary Ann Kehrberg.

Sympathy for the family and friends of: Rev. Jack Thorstensen

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 hiring a new Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach and the Call Committee in their tireless work, 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, 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.



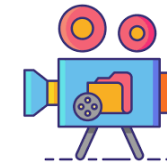
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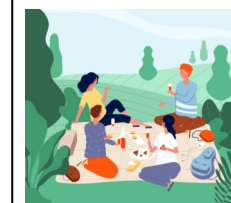
Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes

Tech Training Today, April 28!

Blake Potthoff will be offering training between the services today! Please come to learn how to run sound, camera for streaming, and slides. After training, if you would like to be part of a team to run tech on a Sunday, you will be paired with someone who has been doing it for a while. While it may look complicated, Blake loves to teach and will make it easy to learn. Thanks for considering being part of this important ministry of worship!!



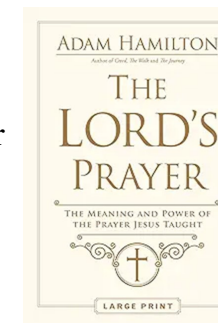
Lunch at the Lake this Tuesday, April 30!



Come join your pastors for *Lunch at the Lake!* Let's take advantage of the wonderful weather and our beautiful lakes. On the last Tuesday of the month, from April to September, bring your lunch and a lawn chair to the beach at Gomsrud Park. If there is rain, we will meet in the shelter house at the picnic table. We will meet at noon for fellowship with a brief devotion and prayer at 12:15pm. Come on your lunch hour and stay for as little or long as you can. This is a fun, casual, and informal way to stay connected as the body of Christ at Grace! For more information, please see one of the pastors.

ADULT EDUCATION HOUR

Invite a friend, grab your coffee and donut holes, and come to adult Sunday School between the worship services. We meet at 9:35am for a variety of topics throughout the program year. Our final series for the program year is by Rev. Adam Hamilton entitled *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*. We will conclude our time with a presentation organized by our Stewardship Team, May 19, by Tharan Leopald, ELCA Gift Consultant, on planned giving.



Readings for Sunday, April 28: First Reading: Acts 8:26-40, Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21, Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8



Stewardship \$5 Challenge

We are challenging the families of Grace to add \$5 per week to their offering. Special envelopes have been made for this challenge and are available in the gathering space. This challenge will run for five months from April-August. If 100 families participate with an additional \$5/week in their offering, Grace Lutheran will see an extra \$10,000 in the general fund giving! In the first few months of 2024, we have seen our giving near our budgeted amounts and are very grateful. However, in 2024 we also saw increases in several of our normal operating expenses. This challenge will provide needed additional revenue to continue to offer all the services that you as Grace members utilize and expect on a weekly basis. Thank you for your prayers and thoughtful consideration of how you can impact Grace Lutheran church and fulfil this Offering Challenge!

American Red Cross Blood Drive at Grace!

Grace will be hosting a Blood Drive Thursday, May 16 from 9AM -2PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Red Cross national blood supply has fallen by about 25% since early August. Right now, blood product distributions to hospitals are outpacing the number of blood donations coming in. We need your help!



Upcoming Meals for Open Door:

May 1: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham
May 8: Hotdish (Final Meal of Season)



DAY CAMP

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 17-20
8AM - Noon

OUTREACH

2024 Stewardship Stats	
\$507,915	2024 Annual Budget
\$141,353	Year to Date Income, P&L report: Jan 1- April 22
\$9,845	Collected April 16 - April 22
\$9,646	Needed Weekly to meet 2024 budget

Please only FAIRMONT receipts



\$157,000 #44



\$110,000 on #13

God's Grace is Amazing Day on Sunday, May 5!

This year, we will gather in our yellow shirts in the sanctuary for a brief worship service at 9:30 and then disperse to various projects.

Projects in the Fellowship Hall

- Pastor Allison and Pastor Cheryl will oversee our indoor projects.
- Decorating carrying bags for Lutheran Social Service to give to families in need.
- Attaching notes to bread and delivering to our neighbors.
- Decorating rocks to be hidden around our community for a good will gesture to surprise someone when they find it.
- Writing notes to our elders 90+ and those living in care facilities. We will include in the envelope a prayer square made lovingly by our knitters.
- Blessing notes to be written to our policeman, firemen, dispatchers, sheriff's deputies, jailers and evidence technicians...100 persons.

Outdoor projects

We will have one big outdoor park project as we clean up Sylvania Park, our location for our Wednesday Praise in the Park services and other community organizations. We will also have a craft table at the park for kids to take a break and paint rocks to brighten up our community. Please bring rakes and work gloves. Garbage bags will be provided.

Storm Drains

We will be spray painting stencils by storm drains to help with the Lakes Foundation project. We will concentrate our efforts by Lake George and Sisseton so you will be able to park in Lincoln Park or surrounding streets. We will provide latex gloves, spray paint, stencil and bag to carry everything but bring your own work gloves too. We will be spraying painting stencils telling folks not to put anything but rain down the drains. Contact person is Cindy Wohlhuter: 507-236-4403.

Picnic Lunch

Please join everyone for a picnic lunch at noon at the church. Come for a morning full of worship, service, and food! We hope you can come for a fabulous Sunday together!

