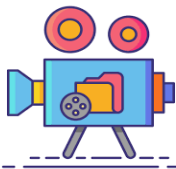


February 1, 2026

Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes



Tech Training Today and This Wednesday!

All current sound and video tech volunteers, and all interested in learning more, are invited to our 2026 tech training. Blake will share how to work our new TV's for slides, run the camera, and has significantly simplified the sound board to make things easier than ever. Even if you have run tech for years, please plan to attend one of two training sessions: Sunday, February 1 at 9:40am OR Wednesday, February 4 at 5:30pm. Both sessions meet in the sanctuary balcony. Thank you to everyone interested in this important outreach ministry. You bring worship to hundreds of people in their homes each week!

Men's Breakfast Tomorrow!

Next Men's Breakfast is tomorrow, Monday, February 2. Join the guys at Grace for a devotion and breakfast at the Ranch in Fairmont, 7AM, and invite your friends. Come for a time of fellowship and discussion!



Lent Begins Ash Wednesday, February 18!



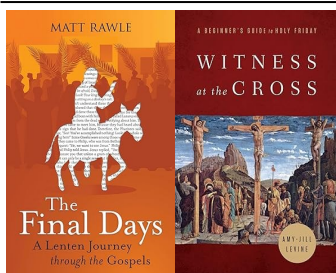
The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18, with Ash Wednesday where **we will be joining with our ecumenical partners for a community Noon service held at First Congregational United Church of Christ as well**

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.

**Readings for Sunday, February 1: First Reading: Micah 6:1-8,
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12**

Now Hiring: Youth Coordinator

We're excited to share that we are now accepting applications for a 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.



Adult Education

Come join the discussion on Sunday mornings about the ministry of Jesus. On Sunday, January 25, we begin our new adult ed. series *The Final Days: A Lenten Journey Through the Gospels* by Rev. Matt Rawle. On Sunday, March 8, we 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!

Thrivent Grant Sign-Up:

Are you a Thrivent member and have Action Team Grants to use? On the Gathering Space bulletin board, by the elevator, please find a calendar of ministry items that could use a grant. Please sign up and we will contact you and help you apply. Thank you!



THRIVENT
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Cup of Hope: Monthly Grief Support



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!

Upcoming Meals for Open Door:

February 4: Meatballs
February 11: Pasta Night



Sunday, February 1st

8:30AM Traditional Worship
9:35AM Adult Ed.
9:40AM Tech Training
10:45AM Contemporary Worship

Monday, February 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 Leader Mtg.
6:30PM Worship Team Meeting

Tuesday, February 3rd

9:00AM Sewing Circle
9:00AM Common Threads Sewing
1:00PM Prayer Meeting
1:30PM Women's Bible Study
2:00PM Worship Service Aired

Wednesday, February 4th

9:00AM Women's CBS
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

Thursday, February 5th

9:00AM Sarah's Circle (Location Varies)
9:00AM Women of the Cloth Sewing

Friday, February 6th

Saturday, February 7th
Council retreat

Sunday, February 8th

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

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| \$526,496 | 2026 Annual Budget |
| \$38,980 | YTD Income, P&L report: Jan 1- Jan 26 |
| \$16,239 | Collected Jan 20- Jan 26 |
| \$9,949 | Needed Weekly to meet 2026 budget |

FAIRMONT receipts only.

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EMPLOYEE OWNED

\$136,000 #48

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\$99,600 on #15

Ministry Assistants for February- 8:30AM Traditional Service

| | Sunday, Feb. 1 | Sunday, Feb. 8 | Sunday, Feb. 15 | Sunday, Feb. 22 |
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| 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 | Allen & Karen Struck | Marian Holland Ben Jordan |
| Lector | Scott Drever | DeeAnne Helfritz | Ben Jordan | Allen Struck |
| Sound Tech | Justin Schmidt | Replacement Needed! | 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 |
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| 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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