

December 14, 2025

Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes

Let Us Walk to the Manger Together!

The season of Advent will be upon us, and there is a place for you here at Grace! Each Wednesday in Advent, we will be offering Holden Evening Prayer at Noon and Joyous Light at 6:30PM. Come for supper from 4:30-6:00pm and then enjoy a time of peaceful worship in the sanctuary. Confirmation students are asked to invite their mentor to join them for worship, with discussion to follow, ending at 7:15PM. This replaces our regular weekly class. Parents are asked to drop off and pick up their students at the parking lot entrance and pick them up at 7:15PM. The Staff at Grace wish you and yours a blessed Advent season!



The Sock Tree Returns



You are invited to bring **NEW** socks for all ages! Good quality new socks are needed which will be given locally to our schools for children needing socks, Options Pregnancy Center for women and children, the Salvation Army, and Grace Care Bags for our guests this winter. Decorate the

tree in the Gathering Space with new socks as Grace Lutheran prepares for Christ's coming at Christmas!

A Service of Lessons and Carols

On Sunday, December 28, we will have once worship service at 9:30AM. Come for a special service of readings, singing, and prayer. Hope to see you there!



Friendly Year End Reminder!

A reminder to please have any year end givings into the church office prior to 12PM on Monday, December 29th. Thank you!



Readings for Sunday, December 14: First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10, Second Reading: James 5:7-10, Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11

Christmas Eve Worship: December 24

11:00am

Cocoa and Carols

3:00pm Contemporary
Worship

8:00pm Traditional
Worship



Upcoming Meals for Open Door:

Dec 17: Loaded Baked
Potato

Dec 24:
NO
MEAL



The Gift of Final Wishes

During this time of giving, one of the most helpful gifts we can give our loved ones is to have our final wishes written down. Join the pastors on Sunday, January 4 between the services and talk about what questions are typically asked when planning a funeral. What are your chosen scripture readings, hymns, organ or piano, special music, military honors, favorite memories, and so much more. The best gift we can give our loved ones is to take the stress away in planning our funeral worship service. Come to learn more, walk through Grace's funeral planning guide, and take it home to make selections and talk with your family. For more information, please see Pastor Allison.

Annual Pre-Budget Meeting

A pre-budget meeting will be held on Sunday, January 11 between the services to answer questions and discuss the financial picture of Grace. We need a quorum for this meeting so please plan to attend!



Mark Your Calendars: Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting at Grace is on Sunday, January 18 between the services. We will meet in the fellowship hall for discussion, and over donuts and coffee, talk about the wonderful ways God is at work at Grace through our ministries. This is a great opportunity to discern together about where the Spirit is leading us in the new year!



Office Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers for the office from 12-2pm, Monday through Wednesday. During that time, volunteers would greet guests and answer phones. Volunteers can knit, read, or spend their time in an activity of their choosing while covering the phones. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer. 507-238-4418 | office@gracelutheranchurch.org



Sunday, December 14th
8:30AM Traditional Worship
9:35AM Adult Ed
10:45AM Contemporary Worship,
BLAST Christmas Program

Monday, December 15th
Annual Report Submission Deadline
9:00AM Staff Meeting
6:00PM Evening CBS
6:00PM Martin County 4-H

Tuesday, December 16th
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, December 17th
9:00AM Women’s CBS
4:30PM Open Door Community Meal
5:15PM Chancel Choir Practice
5:30PM BLAST
6:30PM WOW - Worship on Wednesday
6:30PM Confirmation
7:00PM High School Class

Thursday, December 18th
9:00AM Women of the Cloth Sewing

Friday, December 19th

Saturday, December 20th

Sunday, December 21st
8:30AM Traditional Worship - Baptism
9:35AM Adult Ed
10:45AM Contemporary Worship- Baptism

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, Velma Vickerman, Loren Dunham, Leroy Sandberg, Amber Elliot, Adeline, Hailee Greeley, Kaitlyn, Rhonda Redenius, Maynard Johnson, Sue Langford, Melissa Carlson, Wilma Bird-Swanson, Mark Brown.

Sympathy for the family and friends of: Reily Junkermeier, Jared Donnelly

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

2025 Stewardship Stats	
\$507,770	2025 Annual Budget
\$401,429	YTD Income, P&L report: Jan 1- Dec 1
\$8,303	Collected Nov 25 - Dec 1
\$19,608	Needed Weekly to meet 2025 budget

FAIRMONT receipts only.


\$66,000 #48


\$67,000 on #15

Ministry Assistants for December- 8:30AM Traditional Service

	Sunday, Dec. 7	Sunday, Dec. 14	Sunday, Dec. 21	Christmas Eve Dec. 24, 8:00 PM	Sunday, Dec. 28
Communion Preparer	Sharon Elliot, Jennifer Moore	Kirsten Bressler Nancy Backer	Joyce Eisenmenger Peggy Jones	Jane Reiman	Peggy Jones Kris Head
Communion Server	Kirsten Bressler Nancy Backer	Mary Kotewa Marian Holland	Peggy Jones Joyce Eisenmenger	Jane Reiman	Ben Jordan Kris Head
Lector	Amber DeClerq	DeeAnne Helfritz	Ben Jordan		Allen Struck
Sound Tech	Mark Vogelsang	Justin Schmidt	Jolene Rosol	Justin Schmidt	Darlon Widener
Ushers	Dan Kehrberg, Roger Voss, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist	Dan Kehrberg, Roger Voss, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist	Dan Kehrberg, Roger Voss, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist	Jane Reiman Arv Soma	Dan Kehrberg, Roger Voss, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist

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!

Ministry Assistants for December- 10:45AM Contemporary Service

	Sunday, Dec. 7	Sunday, Dec. 14	Sunday, Dec. 21	Christmas Eve Dec. 24, 3:00 PM	Sunday, Dec. 28
Communion Preparer	Deb & Brian Roggow	Bruce & Connie Donnelly	Abby Ehlert Colleen Ehlert	Abby Ehlert Jane Reiman	Del Prescott Jane Reiman
Communion Server	Connie Donnelly Joice Forster	Carolyn Bird Rochelle Bremer	Elayne Baumgart Abby Ehlert	Abby Ehlert Joice Forster Jane Reiman Enos Breitbarth	Del Prescott Jane Reiman
Lector	Brian Roggow	Debbie Morris	Abby Ehlert		Joice Forster
Sound Tech	Louise Hen- dricks	Amber Hansen	Enos Breitbarth	Blake Potthoff	Pam Krill
Slide Tech	Enos Breitbarth	Louise Hen- dricks	Corey Klanderud	Amber Hansen	Corey Klanderud
Ushers	Darrel Krahler, Jane Reiman Paul Seibert Josh Ensrud	Darrel Krahler, Jane Reiman Paul Seibert Josh Ensrud	Darrel Krahler, Jane Reiman Paul Seibert Josh Ensrud	Bruce Ehlert Jane Reiman Paul Seibert Brad & Eli Anderson	Darrel Krahler, Jane Reiman Paul Seibert Josh Ensrud

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