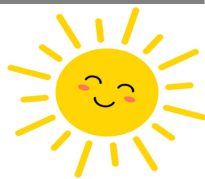


May 17, 2026

Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes

Praise in the Park!



Today we begin our single 9:30am. Sunday worship service with God's Grace Is Amazing Day, which continues through Sunday, September 13.

We will have two contemporary and two traditional services each month. Wednesday worship will move to Sylvania Park on Wednesday, May 27 at 6:30pm. Communion is a part of our outdoor worship services too. We hope you will invite a friend to worship this summer season at Grace!



Baptisms in the Park

Praise in the Park will again meet at the Sylvania Park band shell for a half an hour praise service on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Pastor Allison and Pastor Cole will be available for families who would like a summer outdoor baptism in this casual outdoor setting. For more information, please contact the church office.

Grief Support Class is Starting at Grace!

As we look to serve the congregational care needs across all life stages at Grace, and in the broader Fairmont community, your pastors will again be offering a grief class starting on June 9. We welcome you to join our 8-week course by Julie Yarbrough entitled *Beyond the Broken Heart: A Journey Through Grief*. Pastor Allison and Pastor Cole will lead our group which will be limited to 10 participants and open to the community. Dates are Tuesdays at Noon from June 9 - July 28. There is a fee of \$20 to cover the cost of participant materials. If this is a financial hardship, please see one of the pastors. To register, please contact the Grace Lutheran Church office.





Lunch at the Lake This Tuesday, May 19!

Invite your friends and bring a sack lunch for a time of fellowship at Gomsrud Park. We will meet at noon, the third Tuesday of the month, through October for a devotion and fellowship in God's beautiful creation. Hope to see you there!

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Everyone is invited for an outing at the Mankato Moon Dogs on Sunday, May 31st. The game time is 5:05pm. We have 11 tickets left and each one costs \$12.00 which includes your assigned seat and a hot dog meal. Please purchase your tickets in the church office. Checks can be made out to Grace Lutheran Church with Moondogs in the memo. Please contact Pastor Cole if you are interested in carpooling with someone. We look forward to a fun night in God's creation together!



SAVE THE DATE :
JUNE 15 – 18, 2026

LOCATION :
GRACE LUTHERAN

TIME : 8AM – NOON

OTHER DETAILS:
GLC is once again teaming up with Ingham Lake Okoboji for VBS! Children 4 years old through those entering 6th grade are welcome!

Now Hiring: Youth Choir Director

Applications for the youth choir director position will be accepted throughout the month of May. You can find them on our church website (click on employment tab) and Facebook page.



Sunday, May 17th

God's Grace Is Amazing Day!

- 9:30AM Worship
- 10AM Service Projects
- 12PM Picnic Lunch
- 12:30PM Council Meeting

Monday, May 18th - Memorial Day

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, May 19th

- 9:00AM Sewing Circle
- 9:00AM Common Threads Sewing
- 12PM Lunch at the Lake - Gomsrud Park
- 1:00PM Prayer Meeting
- 1:30PM Women's Bible Study
- 2:00PM Worship Service Aired
- 3:00PM Women's Meeting

Wednesday, May 20th

9AM-2PM American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, May 21st


9:00AM Women of the Cloth Sewing

Friday, May 22nd

Saturday, May 23rd

Sunday, May 24th

9:30AM Summer Worship



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 20,
9AM-2PM

PRAYERS

Members and Loved Ones: 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, Carol Madsen, Carolyn Bird, Julie Andrews, Cassie Lind Nielsen, Joyce Eisenmenger.

Sympathy for the family and friends of: Maynard Johnson, Mavis Anderson

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
\$176,271	YTD Income, P&L report: Jan 1 - May 11
\$5,317	Collected May 5 - May 11
\$10,301	Needed Weekly to meet 2026 budget

FAIRMONT receipts only.



\$51,100 #49



\$145,500 on #15

Ministry Assistants for May- 8:30AM Traditional Service			Ministry Assistants for May- 9:30AM Summer Service		
	Sunday, May 3	Sunday, May 10	Sunday, May 17	Sunday, May 24	Sunday, May 31
Communion Preparer	Kris Head Peggy Jones	Nancy Backer Kristen Bressler	Sharon Elliot Jennifer Moore	Brenda & Randy Lubenow	Becky & Dave Johnson
Communion Server	Marian Holland Kris Head	Kris Head Peggy Jones	Karen & Allen Struck	Nancy Backer Kristen Bressler	Deb & Brian Roggow
Lector	DeeAnne Helfritz	Ben Jordan	Debbie Morris	Ben Jordan	Abby Ehlert
Sound Tech	Justin Schmidt	Jolene Rosol	Mark Vogelsang	Enos Breitbarth	Blake Potthoff
Slide Tech	Justiss/Amber Hansen	Amber/Justiss Hansen	Louise Hendricks	—	Cory Klanderud
Ushers	Curtis & Kristin Bressler	Curtis & Kristin Bressler	Curtis & Kristin Bressler, Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey, Joel Teskey	Curtis & Kristin Bressler, Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey, Joel Teskey	Curtis & Kristin Bressler, Harry Brumbaugh, Mark Morris, Mark Paskey, Joel Teskey

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 bluebert_ford@yahoo.com.

Ministry Assistants for May - 10:45AM Contemporary Service					
	Sunday, May 3	Sunday, May 10			
Communion Preparer	Connie & Bruce Donnelly	Becky & Dave Johnson	—	—	—
Communion Server	Jane Reiman Del Prescott	Enos Breitbarth Becky Johnson	—	—	—
Lector	Abby Ehlert	Joice Forster	—	—	—
Sound Tech	Amber Hansen	Louise Hendricks	—	—	—
Slide Tech	Cory Klanderud	Enos Breitbarth	—	—	—
Ushers	Harry Brumbaugh Mark Morris Mark Paskey Joel Teskey	Harry Brumbaugh Mark Morris Mark Paskey Joel Teskey	—	—	—

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