

January 12, 2025

Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes

Pizza with the Pastors TODAY!

For everyone who is new to Grace, who have recently joined the church and those who may want to join in the future, come for a fun lunch with the pastors! Join us for a time of getting to know one another learning about the ways to plug into Grace, and answering any questions you might have. We will meet at Noon in the Lounge today. Hope to see you there!



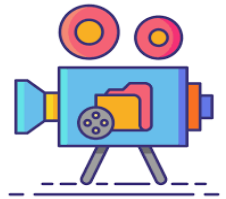
Youth Mission Trip Meeting TODAY!



Youth and parent informational meeting Sunday, today at 5:30pm in the fellowship hall for the Appalachia West Virginia mission trip coming up this summer July 18th through the 25th. The trip is for current 7th graders through 12th graders. Pizza will be served!

Tech Training January 26

Blake Potthoff will be offering training between the services on Sunday January 26! 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! All current volunteers, please plan to attend as well. Thank you!



**Readings for Sunday, January 12: First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7,
Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17, Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

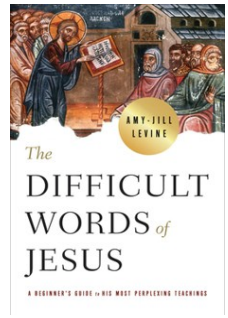


Mark Your Calendars:

The Annual Meeting at Grace is on Sunday, January 19 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. A pre-budget meeting will be held today 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!

Adult Education:

Come join the discussion on Sunday mornings about the miracles of Jesus. We begin our new adult ed series, *The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings*, on Sunday January 26 by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. We hope you will be able to join us for this time of coffee and conversation.



Into Communications?



Grace Lutheran is looking for a volunteer Newsletter Collaborator to partner with Nicole in putting together the monthly newsletter. If you are interested to volunteer in this way, and are familiar with Microsoft Word, please give the office a call. Thank you!

Men's Breakfast

Next Men's Breakfast is Monday, February 3. Join the guys at Grace for a devotion and breakfast at the Ranch, 7:00AM, and invite your friends. Come for a time of fellowship and discussion.

When: Monday February 3 at 7:00AM

Where: The Ranch Restaurant

Why: Because Jesus says that when a few are gathered in his name, he's there too!



First Communion Class on February 23!

At Grace, we commune children at whatever age parents feel it is appropriate. Jesus welcomes all to the table so if you come from a tradition where even the littlest commune, you are welcome to do so at Grace. Likewise, if you prefer your children to have taken an introductory class to communion first, that is welcome as well. There is no “right” age to commune, and no one can ever fully understand the holy mystery of Christ being present at communion. Jesus simply welcomes all! The pastors offer a class once a year geared toward ages five through twelve which offers hands on learning as we hear the promises of Jesus brought to us in this holy sacrament. Please call or email the office if you would like to enroll your child in this year’s class which will meet on Sunday, February 23, from noon to 3pm. **An adult must attend with each student.** We will start with a pizza lunch followed by lessons, a craft, tasting communion elements, and baking communion bread. Students will mark this special milestone of first communion in both worship services on Sunday, March 3.



Reader Coordinator Needed!



We are looking for a volunteer who will put together the quarterly reader schedule for our Sunday worship services. This person works with volunteers to schedule them in the service of their choice and send the final schedule to Nicole in the office for publishing. If you are willing to take on this role, please contact Nicole in the office. Thank you!

Upcoming Meals for Open Door:



Jan 15: Meatballs
Jan 22: Chicken Fried Steak



OUTREACH

2024 Stewardship Stats	
\$507,915	2024 Annual Budget
\$471,287	Year to Date Income, P&L report: Jan 1– Dec 30
\$31,021	Collected December 17 - 30
\$36,628	Needed Weekly to meet 2024 budget

Please only FAIRMONT receipts



\$48,000 #46



\$62,000 on #14

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

The Week of January 12, 2025

Sunday, January 12th

8:30AM Traditional Worship Service
9:40AM Budget Meeting
10:45AM Contemporary Worship Service
12:00PM Pizza with the Pastors
5:30PM Youth Trip Parent Meeting

Monday, January 13th

9:00AM Staff Meeting
10:00AM Lakeview Senior Worship
5:30PM CYF Team Meeting
6:00PM Evening CBS
6:30PM Shalom Circle

Tuesday, January 14th

9:00AM Sewing Circle
1:00PM Prayer Meeting
1:30PM Women's Bible Study
2:00PM Worship Service Aired
5:30PM Outreach/ Fellowship Meeting
5:30PM Service Team Meeting
6:30PM Stewardship Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 15th - WOG Deadline!

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

Thursday, January 16th

4:00PM Women of the Cloth Sewing

Friday, January 17th

1:00PM Worship Service Aired

Saturday, January 18th

Sunday, January 19th

8:30AM Traditional Worship Service
9:40AM Annual Meeting
10:45AM Contemporary Worship Service
11:45AM Council Meeting

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, Pat Witty, Steph Johnson, Parker Lintelman, Karen Meier, LeRoy and Bernice Sandberg, Ben Hamilton, Susie, Mike Swanson, Eli, Phyllis Niehaus, Kathleen Ferguson, Mary Ann Kehrberg, Jean Nimz, John Bisbee family, Nathan Marks, Karen, Connie Donnelly, Stan Sundberg, Jon VonBank, Doug Lyle, Leah Edward, Elayne Hested, Enzo.

Sympathy for the family and friends of: Marjorie Schwaeger, Pastor Will Olsen.

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.