

February 23, 2025

Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes

Reminder: First Communion Class TODAY!

Today we have our first communion class in the fellowship hall. 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 2. **An adult must attend with each student.**



American Red Cross Blood Drive at Grace!

Grace will be hosting a Blood Drive **this Tuesday**, February 25 from 9AM -2PM in the Fellowship Hall. Donor turnout has reached the lowest levels of the year, decreasing by about 10% since August. Right now, blood product distributions to hospitals are outpacing the number of blood donations coming in. We need your help!

Hospitality Training on March 16!

On Sunday, March 16, between the worship services, all current hospitality teams are invited to the Chapel for training. If you are interested in learning more about being an usher or greeter, please plan to attend as well. Thank you in advance for being a part of this important ministry of welcome!



Summer Youth Mission Trip



Commitment forms are available for this summer's 7th through 12th mission trip to West Virginia July 18th through the 25th. Youth will have the opportunity to engage in service projects, sharing God's love, and whatever the local needs happen to be. One day will also include a cultural/recreational activity. The cost is approx. \$600 Contact Becky Kelley at rkelley1229@yahoo.com or Pastor Cole McCormick@gracelutheranchurch.org

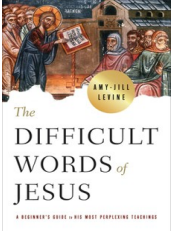
**Readings for Sunday, February 23: First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15,
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50, Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38**



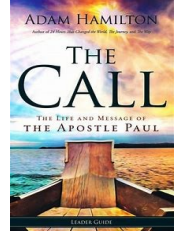
High School Senior Baccalaureate

... will be on Sunday, March 30th at the 10:45am worship service. A save the date card was recently mailed out to all families. If you did not receive this mailing, please contact the church office at 507-238-4418 to let us know. We look forward to celebrating with our seniors!

Adult Education:



Invite a friend, grab your coffee and donut holes, and come to adult Sunday School between the worship services. We meet at 9:35am. Each week will include a brief video lesson from a Bible scholar or preacher followed by discussion. Come for light-hearted conversation and faith education. We continue this month with *The Difficult Words of Jesus: A*



Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings. Then, On March 9, we will begin our six-week Lenten study by Rev. Adam Hamilton entitled *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul*. Come and study together the beatitudes as well as many other teachings of Jesus that he shared with the crowd and his disciples. Hope to see you there!



Easter Lily Order Form:

I would like to buy a Easter Lily:
IN MEMORY OF:



IN HONOR OF:

FROM:

Easter Lily: \$11.00 Quantity: _____

Please drop off order form and payment in church office. Deadline for orders is April 3th. Flowers may be picked up anytime after the 10:45 am Easter Service.

OUTREACH

2025 Stewardship Stats	
\$507,770	2025 Annual Budget
\$78,503	Year to Date Income, P&L report: Jan. 1- Feb. 17
\$9,652	Collected Feb. 11 - Feb. 17
\$9,332	Needed Weekly to meet 2025 budget

Please only FAIRMONT receipts



\$87,000 #46



\$80,000 on #14

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

The Week of February 23, 2025

Sunday, February 23rd

8:30AM Traditional Worship Service
9:40AM Adult Ed: Lounge
10:45AM Contemporary Worship Service
12:00PM First Communion Class

Monday, February 24th

9:00AM Staff Meeting
6:00PM Evening CBS

Tuesday, February 25th

9:00AM Sewing Circle
9AM-2PM American Red Cross Blood Drive
9:00AM Sewing Circle
1:00PM Prayer Meeting
1:30PM Women's Bible Study
2:00PM Worship Service Aired

Wednesday, February 26th

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, February 27th

9:00AM Women of the Cloth Sewing
12:00PM Thrivent Ministerial Luncheon
1:00PM Ways of Grace Assembly Team
4:30PM Aktion Club Theatre

Friday, February 28th

Saturday, March 1st

Ways of Grace Submission Deadline

Sunday, March 2nd

First Communion Milestone- Both Services

8:30AM Traditional Worship Service
9:40AM Adult Ed: Lounge
10:45AM Contemporary Worship Service

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, Ben Hamilton, Mike Swanson, Eli, Phyllis Niehaus, Kathleen Ferguson, Mary Ann Kehrberg, Jean Nimz, John Bisbee family, Nathan Marks, Karen, Connie Donnelly, Stan Sundberg, Jon VonBank, Leah Edward, Elayne Hested, Velma Vickerman, Loren Dunham.

Sympathy for the family and friends of: Maynard Senf

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.

Ministry Assistants for February- 8:30AM Traditional Service

	Sunday, Feb. 2	Sunday, Feb. 9	Sunday, Feb. 16	Sunday, Feb. 23
Cantor	DeeAnne Helfritz	Ben Jordan	DeeAnne Helfritz	DeeAnne Helfritz
Communion Preparer	Dawn Becker	Dawn Becker Peggy Jones	Sharon Elliot Jennifer Moore	Peggy Jones Jennifer Moore
Communion Server	Marian Holland Mona Scheerle	Peggy Jones Daw Becker	Allen & Karen Struck	Marian Holland Mary Kotewa
Greeters	Darlene Parks, Marian Holland	Wayne & Marlene Olson	Peggy Jones, Patricia Jones	Arv & Joanne Soma
Lector	Scott Drever	Ben Jordan	Ben Jordan	Neal Becker
Sound Tech	Darlon Widener	Justin Schmidt	Jolene Rosol	Mark Vogelsang
Ushers	Curtis Bressler	Curtis Bressler	Curtis Bressler	Curtis 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, please email Brian at bhuebert_ford@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Ministry Assistants for February- 10:45AM Contemporary Service

	Sunday, Feb. 2	Sunday, Feb. 9	Sunday, Feb. 16	Sunday, Feb. 23
Communion Preparer	Jane Reiman, Del Prescott	Elayne Baumgart Coleen Ehlert	Brenda & Randy Lubenow	Becky & Dave Johnson
Communion Server	Brian & Deb Roggow Elayne Baumgart	Elayne Baumgart Abby Ehlert	Brian & Deb Roggow	Becky Johnson, Enos Breitbarth
Greeters	Elayne Baumgart	Tom & Nona Larson	Becky Whitmore, Deb Roggow	Dennis & Carol Madsen
Lector	Joice Forster	Deb Morris	Deb Roggow	Brian Roggow
Sound Tech	Pam Krill	Jolene Rosol	Amber Hansen	Blake Potthoff
Slide Tech	Amber Hansen	Corey Klanderud	James Miller	Amber Hansen
Ushers	Brian Roggow Enos Breitbarth Louise Hendricks Tracy Bremer	Brian Roggow Enos Breitbarth Louise Hendricks Tracy Bremer	Brian Roggow Enos Breitbarth Louise Hendricks Tracy Bremer	Brian Roggow Enos Breitbarth Louise Hendricks Tracy Bremer

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