

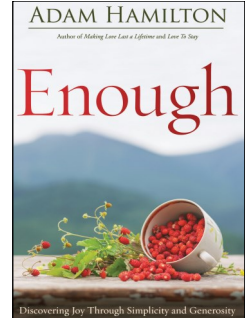
November 24, 2024

Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes

Enough.

Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

Please return your commitment cards in the offering plate or to the office. All commitment cards will be kept confidential. If you prefer to email in your pledge card, please take a picture with your phone, or scan the card and email it to office@gracelutheranchurch.org. Thank you!



Hanging of the Greens TODAY!



You are invited to deck the halls of the church as we prepare for Advent. Today at 12:00pm, we will meet in the Gathering Space to decorate. Many hands are needed to get the trees up in the sanctuary and Gathering Space, the manger by the altar, change the flags and paraments to blue, and put out the Advent wreath. With your help, we hope to have this accomplished in an hour or two. Come for as long as you are able as we prepare God's house in anticipation of Jesus coming at Christmas.

Adult Education:

Come join the discussion on Sunday mornings about the miracles of Jesus. Between our Thanksgiving worship Services today, bring your pumpkin bar and cider to the Lounge as we begin our five-week Advent study. This year, we will be talking about *Christmas Gifts That Won't Break* by Rev. Jacob Armstrong and Rev. James Moore. These gifts are hope, love, joy, peace, and Christ. Invite a friend and come for a time of faith formation together. Hope to see you there!



**Readings for Sunday, November 24: First Reading: Psalm 100,
Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9, Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25-33**

Care Bag Assembly can use You!



A new church year begins on Sunday, Dec. 1st. We will be assembling care bags between worship services. All items will be laid out in the chapel, so pick up items to add to the bag as you walk through, cinch up the bag, and place it on the shelf in the hallway. We will be assembling approximately 50 bags. Total Time: 2 minutes. Doing God's Work: **Amazing!**

Grace Mission Team Christmas Tree Sale!

Tree sales begin Wednesday, November 27 until all are gone, in the Fairmont Fleet & Farm Parking lot!



MANY volunteers are still needed to cover shifts at the lot.

Please follow the link provided to sign up today! Thank you! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4DA9AA28A6F94-52467495-2024>



You are invited to:
"The True Christmas Story"
Presented By Grace Lutheran BLAST Children

When: Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 10:45 a.m.

Where: Grace Lutheran Church Sanctuary

Why: To experience the true Christmas Story through the children of Grace Lutheran Church.

Refreshments will be served following the program.

Christmas Star Tree

Each year Grace has a Star Tree in the gathering area where our members can take a star to purchase gifts for those less fortunate in our community. Each Star lists the gender, age, and gift request and whether your package should be wrapped or unwrapped. Gifts should be returned on or before December 8. Please be sure to sign out your Star with your name and phone number. If you know of someone that you would like added to our giving list or if you have any questions or if you would like to pick a star but shopping is inconvenient for you, please contact Cindy Wohlhuter 507-236-4403. Thank you!



Homes for Homeless Snowmen Sale

Last adoption day is **TODAY!**

Adopt one of these snowy figures with a donation and give it a place in your home or office this winter to remind you of the help you provided for area homeless and others in need! Donations will go to programs which serve the homeless. **Thank You!**



The Sock Tree Returns



You are invited to bring **NEW** socks for all ages to keep the feet of God's beloved warm and toasty. 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 bare trees in the Gathering Space with new socks as Grace Lutheran prepares for Christ's coming at Christmas!

Men's Breakfast

Next Men's Breakfast is Monday, Dec 2. 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.



Open Door Meals:

Nov 27: Thanksgiving, **NO MEAL**
Dec 4: Soup/ Chili



OUTREACH

2024 Stewardship Stats	
\$507,915	2024 Annual Budget
\$391,703	Year to Date Income, P&L report: Jan 1– Nov 18
\$14,770	Collected November 12 - November 18
\$16,602	Needed Weekly to meet 2024 budget

Please only FAIRMONT receipts



\$200,000 #45



\$52,600 on #14

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

The Week of November 24, 2024

Sunday, November 24th

- 8:30AM Traditional Thanksgiving Worship
- 9:45AM Adult Education
- 10:45AM Contemporary Thanksgiving Worship
- 12:00PM Hanging of the Greens

Monday, November 25th

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

Tuesday, November 26th

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

Wednesday, November 27th

No Women's CBS, Open Door, or Wednesday Activities.

Thursday, November 28th Grace Closed

We are so thankful for all of you! *Happy Thanksgiving!*

Friday, November 29th

1:00PM Worship Service Aired

Saturday, November 30th

Sunday, December 1st - Advent Begins

- 8:30AM Traditional Worship
- 9:45AM Adult Education
- 10:45AM Contemporary Worship

Church Office Hours

Monday -Thursday:
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



***Grace will be closed Nov. 28th for Thanksgiving!**

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.

Sympathy for the family and friends of: Karen Hertzke

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.