

**March 23, 2025**

## Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes

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### Lenten Mid-Week Worship



The season of Lent began March 5. Lent is a season of repentance and self-examination where we see what is not life-giving, ask for God's forgiveness, and turn our lives back around to God. In the sanctuary, you will find a black box which is our Baggage Box. During this season, you are invited to write down any burden, sin, shame, or fear that is weighing you down and holding you back in your life and relationship with God and one another. On Easter morning, we will burn this box as a symbol of the refining fire of the Holy Spirit, lighting the Christ Candle from these flames. Confirmation students and their mentors are asked to worship together on Wednesdays in Lent as we sing *Unfailing Light* together with a time for discussion, ending at 7:15PM. We will also offer *Holden Evening Prayer* Wednesdays at noon in the chapel. We hope you will come for a time of mid-week reflection, to take a breath, and acknowledge the presence of Christ in our midst.

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### *Youth Bowling Night at Bowlmor!*

Grace 6th through 12th graders invited to participate with area youth for a fun night of fellowship and fun here in Fairmont on Saturday, March 29th. The cost is \$20 per youth for Pizza Ranch and bowling.

7:00 -- Arrive at The Pizza Ranch in Fairmont

8:00 -- Arrive at Bowlmor Lanes in Fairmont

8:00-9:30 -- Cosmic Bowling with some friendly competitions!



### 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!

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### *Missions Phantom Tea*

Watch your mail for the Phantom Tea letter. Enjoy a cup of tea from the Missions Team while you review our annual budget. Please consider giving a donation to help support the various local, regional, and international organizations listed. If you would like to learn more about these organizations, there is a 3-ring binder on the Mission Table in the gathering area that has information.



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**Readings for Sunday, March 23: First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9,  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1-9**

## Summer Youth Mission Trip

7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Graders: You still have time to turn in commitment forms for this summers mission trip to West Virginia July 18<sup>th</sup> through July 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact Becky Kelley rkelley1229@yahoo.com or Pastor Cole mccormick@gracelutheranchurch.org with any questions.



### Directory Notice:

We will soon be publishing our church directory. If you do not want your contact information printed in the directory for privacy or other reasons, please let the church office know by April 1. We will be printing name, address, and phone number of all members and friends including those who did not have their picture taken. Please contact Nicole in the office at (507) 238-4418 or office@gracelutheranchurch.org.

### Baby Bible Class

A newborn through age 2 Bible class will be starting on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:40am in the primary 2 classroom downstairs. Come for a Bible story, song, craft, snack, etc. This class will continue to meet at this time on the first Sunday of each month.



## Easter Lily Order Form:

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



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IN HONOR OF:

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FROM:

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Easter Lily: \$11.00    Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## OUTREACH

2025 Stewardship Stats	
\$507,770	2025 Annual Budget
\$112,071	Year to Date Income, P&L report: Jan. 1– Mar. 17
\$8,620	Collected March 11 - March 17
\$9,421	Needed Weekly to meet 2025 budget

Please only FAIRMONT receipts



\$103,000 #46



\$85,000 on #14

# THIS WEEK AT GRACE

## The Week of March 23, 2025

### Sunday, March 23rd

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

### Monday, March 24th

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

### Tuesday, March 25th

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

### Wednesday, March 26th

9:00AM Women's CBS  
12:00PM Lenten Worship  
4:45PM Open Door Community Meal  
5:15PM Chancel Choir Practice  
5:30PM BLAST

6:30PM Confirmation  
6:30PM WOW -Worship on Wednesday

### Thursday, March 27th

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

### Friday, March 28th

### Saturday, March 29th

7:00PM Youth Pizza Ranch  
8:00PM Youth Bowling at Bowlmor

### Sunday, March 30th

8:30AM Traditional Worship Service  
9:40AM Adult Ed.  
10:45AM Contemporary Worship Service:  
Baccalaureate Sunday

## 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, Steph Johnson, Karen Meier, Parker Lintelman, Ben Hamilton, Mike Swanson, Eli, 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, Leroy Sandberg.

**Sympathy for the family and friends of:** Luella Fisher.

**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 March- 8:30AM Traditional Service

	Sunday, Mar 2	Sunday, Mar 9	Sunday, Mar 16	Sunday, Mar 23	Sunday, Mar 30
<b>Organist/ Pianist</b>	Sandy Ettesvold	Carol Madsen	Sandy Ettesvold	Sandy Ettesvold	Sandy Ettesvold
<b>Communion Preparer</b>	Sharon Elliot, Jennifer Moore	Kris Head, Dawn Becker	Kris Head, Peggy Jones	Sharon Elliot, Jennifer Moore	Peggy Jones, Kris Head
<b>Communion Server</b>	Dawn Becker, Karen & Allen Struck	Ben Jordan, Marian Holland	Dawn Becker, Mary Kotewa	Marian Holland, Peggy Jones	Marian Hollan, Karen & Allen Struck
<b>Greeters</b>	Darlene Parks	Marian Holland	Patricia Jones	Darlene Parks	Marlene Olson
<b>Lector</b>	Amber DeClerq	Ben Jordan	Allen Struck	Scott Drever	Amber DeClerq
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Justin Schmidt	Darlon Widener	Darlon Widener	Kris Head	Mark Vogelsang
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Kehrberg, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist	Dan Kehrberg, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist	Dan Kehrberg, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist	Dan Kehrberg, Wayne Olson, Rod Palmquist	Dan Kehrberg, 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](mailto:bhuebert_ford@yahoo.com). Thank you!***

### Ministry Assistants for March- 10:45AM Contemporary Service

	Sunday, Mar 2	Sunday, Mar 9	Sunday, Mar 16	Sunday, Mar 23	Sunday, Mar 30
<b>Musicians</b>	Molly Bless	Molly Bless	Jen Kahler & Praise Band	Molly Bless	Molly Bless
<b>Communion Preparer</b>	Elayne Baumgart, Coleen Ehlert	Del Prescott, Jane Reiman	Brenda & Randy Lubenow	Elayne Baumgart, Coleen Ehlert	Del Prescott, Abby Ehlert
<b>Communion Server</b>	Carolyn Bird, Rochelle Bremer	Joice Forster, Elayne Baumgart	Becky Johnson, Enos Breitbarth	Brian & Deb Roggow, Joice Forster	Del Prescott, Jane Reiman
<b>Greeters</b>	Elayne Baumgart	Rebecca Whitmore	Deb Roggow	Elayne Baumgart	Tom, Nona Larson
<b>Lector</b>	Debbie Morris	Abby Ehlert	Joice Forster	Caroyn Bird	Brian Roggow
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Enos Breitbarth	Pam Krill	Amber Hansen	Louise Hendricks	Blake Potthoff
<b>Slide Tech</b>	Louise Hendricks	Enos Breitbarth	Corey Klanderud	James Miller	Louise Hendricks
<b>Ushers</b>	Jane Reiman, Josh Ensrud, Darrel Kraher, Paul Seibert	Jane Reiman, Josh Ensrud, Darrel Kraher, Paul Seibert	Jane Reiman, Josh Ensrud, Darrel Kraher, Paul Seibert	Jane Reiman, Josh Ensrud, Darrel Kraher, Paul Seibert	Jane Reiman, Josh Ensrud, Darrel Kraher, Paul Seibert

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