

**January 19, 2025**

## **Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes**

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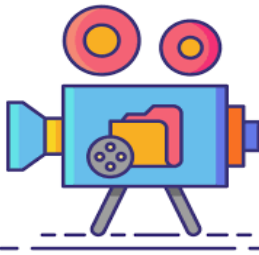
### **Annual Meeting TODAY!**

The Annual Meeting at Grace is today, 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.



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### ***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!

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**Readings for Sunday, January 19: First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5,  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11**



**Upcoming Meals for Open Door:**  
Jan 22: Chicken Fried Steak  
Jan 29: Chicken Breasts and Nuggets



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## Camp Sunday



Nate Johnson from Good Earth Village Bible Camp will be coming on Sunday, January 26th at both worship services. Come and hear about the many exciting programs that they have to offer for all ages. We will have additional time between services in the fellowship hall at 9:45am for families and people of all ages with goodies and an interactive activity.

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## Men's Breakfast

Next Men's Breakfast is Monday, February 3. Join the guys at Grace for a devotion and breakfast at the Ranch, 7AM, 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!**



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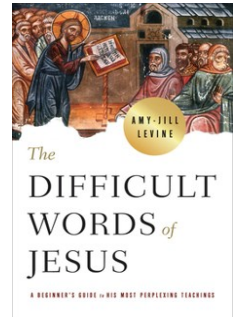
## First Communion Class on February 23!

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.



## 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.



## High School Senior Baccalaureate



We have started to make plans for our high school senior baccalaureate worship services. A google form has been emailed to high school senior families requesting some information. Please contact our church office at 507-238-4418 if you did not receive this email and would like to be included. More details will also be coming.

## Into Communications?

Grace 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!



## Lector 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!

## 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



\$50,000 #46



\$65,000 on #14

# THIS WEEK AT GRACE

## The Week of January 19, 2025

### Sunday, January 19th

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

5:15PM Chancel Choir Practice  
5:30PM BLAST  
6:30PM Confirmation  
6:30PM WOW -Worship on Wednesday

### Monday, January 20th

11:00AM Kenneth Scott Funeral  
6:00PM Evening CBS  
6:00PM Silverlake 4H

### Thursday, January 23rd

4:00PM Aktion Club Theatre

### Friday, January 24th

1:00PM Worship Service Aired

### Tuesday, January 21st

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

### Saturday, January 25th

### Sunday, January 26th

8:30AM Traditional Worship Service  
9:40AM Adult Ed: Lounge  
9:40AM Tech Training: Balcony  
9:40AM Good Earth Village: Fellowship Hall  
10:45AM Contemporary Worship Service

### Wednesday, January 22nd

9:00AM Women's CBS  
4:45PM Open Door Community Meal

## 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, Velma Vickerman.

**Sympathy for the family and friends of:** Ken Carlson, Ken Scott

**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.