

February 9, 2025

Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes



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.

American Red Cross Blood Drive at Grace!

Grace will be hosting a Blood Drive 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!



Upcoming Meals for Open Door:
Feb 12: Valentine’s Day Spaghetti
Feb 19: Brinner (Breakfast for Dinner)



**Readings for Sunday, February 9: First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8,
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11**



High School Senior Baccalaureate

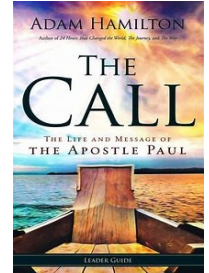
... will be on Sunday, March 30th at the 10:45am worship service. A save the date card was recently mailed out to all families. If you did not receive this mailing, please contact the church office at 507-238-4418 to let us know. We look forward to celebrating with our seniors!

Adult Education:



The
**DIFFICULT
WORDS** of
JESUS
A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO HIS MOST PERPLEXING TEACHINGS

Invite a friend, grab your coffee and donut holes, and come to adult Sunday School between the worship services. We meet at 9:35am for a variety of topics throughout the program year. 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!

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!

Communion Preparers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to join our Communion Preparer teams for both worship services. Volunteers are especially needed for 8:30am worship. This important team prepares the communion elements for worship. Please sign up on volunteer board in the gathering area or contact the office for more information.

Thank you!



OUTREACH

2025 Stewardship Stats	
\$507,770	2025 Annual Budget
\$49,714	Year to Date Income, P&L report: Jan. 1- Feb. 3
\$6,930	Collected Jan. 28 - Feb. 3
\$9,543	Needed Weekly to meet 2025 budget

Please only FAIRMONT receipts



\$80,400 #46



\$73,400 on #14

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

The Week of February 9, 2025

Sunday, February 9th

8:30AM Traditional Worship Service
9:40AM Adult Ed: Lounge
10:45AM Contemporary Worship Service
4:00PM Silverlake 4H

Monday, February 10th

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

Tuesday, February 11th

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

Wednesday, February 12th

9:00AM Women's CBS
10:00AM Goldfinch Memory Care 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, February 13th

9:00AM Women of the Cloth Sewing
4:00PM Aktion Club Theatre
6:00PM Boy Scouts

Friday, February 14th

Saturday, February 15th

Ways of Grace Submission Deadline

Sunday, February 16th

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, 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, Loren Dunham.

Sympathy for the family and friends of: Bernice Sandberg, Chris Maland, 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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