

April 6, 2025

Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes



Lenten Mid-Week Worship

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.

Congregational Care Coffee on Sunday, April 27

At Grace, our homebound visitation and communion ministries, and new care caller ministry, provide important pieces of congregational care. Let's visit on these ministries, how they are going, and ideas for growing this outreach within our congregation. All current volunteers and those interested in learning more are welcome! We will meet on Sunday, April 27, in the chapel between the worship services. For more information, please see Pastor Allison.



Altar Guild Appreciation Meeting!



On Sunday, May 4 between the services, all communion preparers and servers are invited to the chapel for our annual appreciation meeting.

We thank you for your service in setting the Lord's table and serving this special Holy Meal. We would love to get your thoughts on how the year went and any recommendations for the future. Please see Del Prescott with any questions. Many thanks!

**Readings for Sunday, April 6: First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21,
Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14, Gospel Reading: John 12:1-8**

Upcoming Meals for Open Door:

April 9: Chicken breast on rice or Chicken Nuggets
 April 16: NO MEAL - Holy Week



Men's Breakfast Tomorrow!



Next Men's Breakfast is tomorrow, Monday, April 7. 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 April 7 at 7:00AM

Where: The Ranch Restaurant

Why: Because Jesus says that when a few are gathered in his name, he's there too!

Baby Bible Class



A newborn through age 2 Bible class will be starting on Sunday, April 6th 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.

Hummus Demonstration

Named Jordan's Musical Ambassadors, Jordanian virtuoso Farah Siraj will be with us here at Grace on Wednesday, May 7th in the evening. She will be leading two hummus demonstrations and talking about historical Christian sites in Jordan. (5:30pm and 6pm) in the fellowship hall. All ages are welcome. BLAST kids will be attending during their class lesson time and doing music at regular time. We hope you can join us for one of these sessions.



Summer Youth Mission Trip



7th through 12th Graders: You still have time to turn in commitment forms for this summer's mission trip to West Virginia July 18th through July 25th. Contact Becky Kelley rkelly1229@yahoo.com or Pastor Cole mccormick@gracelutheranchurch.org with any questions.

OUTREACH

2025 Stewardship Stats	
\$507,770	2025 Annual Budget
\$124,145	Year to Date Income, P&L report: Jan. 1– Mar. 31
\$6,070	Collected March 25 - March 31
\$9,591	Needed Weekly to meet 2025 budget

Please only FAIRMONT receipts



\$123,600 #46



\$101,300 on #14

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

The Week of April 6, 2025

Sunday, April 6th

- 8:30AM Traditional Worship Service
- 9:40AM Adult Ed.
- 10:45AM Contemporary Worship Service:
Baptism
- 11:45AM Council Meeting

Monday, April 7th

- 7:00AM Men's Breakfast at The Ranch
- 9:00AM Staff Meeting
- 1:00PM Mary's Circle
- 5:30PM CYF Team Meeting
- 6:00PM Evening CBS
- 6:30PM Worship Team Meeting

Tuesday, April 8th

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

Wednesday, April 9th

- 9:00AM Women's CBS
- 10:00AM Goldfinch Memory Care Worship
- 12:00PM Holden Evening Lenten Worship
- 4:45PM Open Door Community Meal
- 5:15PM Chancel Choir Practice
- 5:30PM BLAST
- 6:30PM Confirmation
- 6:30PM Unfailing Light Lenten Worship

Thursday, April 10th

- 4:00PM Aktion Club Theatre
- 6:00PM Boy Scouts

Friday, April 11th

Saturday, April 12th

Sunday, April 6th - Palm Sunday

- 8:30AM Traditional Worship Service
- 9:40AM Youth Palm Sunday Brunch
- 10:45AM Contemporary Worship Service:
Baptism

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.

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 April - 8:30AM Traditional Service

	Sunday, April 6	Sunday, Apr 13	Thurs, Ap. 17 6:30p	Fri, Apr 18 6:30p	Sunday, April 20	Sunday, April 27
Organist/ Pianist	Sandy Ettesvold	Sandy Ettesvold	Carol Madsen	Sandy Ettesvold	Sandy Ettesvold	Carol Madsen
Communion Preparer	Sharon Elliot, Jennifer Moore	Kris Head, Dawn Becker	Sharon Elliot, Peggy Jones		Kris Head, Del Prescott 7:00 Dawn Becker 8:30	Sharon Elliot, Jennifer Moore
Communion Server	Mary Kotewa, Ben Jordan	Dawn Becker, Marian Holland	Ben Jordan, Peggy Jones		Kris Head, & Del Prescott 7:00 Mary Kotewa & Ben Jordan 8:30	Dawn Becker, Peggy Jones
Greeters	Patricia Jones, Marian Holland	Peggy Jones	Joanne Soma	Darlene Parks Marian Holland	Patricia Jones 7:00 Wayne & Marlene Olson 8:30	Peggy Jones
Lector	Ben Jordan	Allen Struck			Scott Drever	Aber Declercq
Sound Tech	Justin Schmidt	Darlon Widener	Mark Vogelsang	Justin Schmidt	Darlon Widener 7:00 Jolene Rosol 8:30	Mark Vogelsang
Ushers	Ernie Nuss, Arv Soma, Allen Struck	Ernie Nuss, Arv Soma, Allen Struck	Paul Seibert		Ernie Nuss, Arv Soma, Allen Struck	Ernie Nuss, Arv Soma, Allen Struck

Ministry Assistants for April - 10:45AM Contemporary Service

	Sunday, April 6	Sunday, April 13	Thursday, April 17	Friday, April 18	Sunday, April 20	Sunday, April 27
Communion Preparer	Brenda & Randy Lubenow	Becky & Dave Johnson			Elayne Baumgart, Abby Ehlert	Becky & Dave Johnson
Communion Server	Carolyn Bird, Rochelle Bremer	Joice Forster, Elayne Baumgart			Becky Johnson, Enos Breitbarth	Brian & Deb Roggow, Joice Forster
Greeters	Rebecca Whitmore	Dennis & Carol Madsen			Tom & Nona Larson	Bob & Barb Duffey
Lector	Brian Roggow	Amber Hansen			Deb Morris	Abby Ehlert
Sound Tech	Amber Hansen	Enos Breitbarth			Amber Hansen	Louise Hendricks
Slide Tech	Corey Klanderud	Louise Hendricks			James Miller	Enos Breitbarth
Ushers	Harry Brumbaugh Mark Morris Mark Paskey Joel Teskey	Harry Brumbaugh Mark Morris Mark Paskey Joel Teskey			Harry Brumbaugh Mark Morris Mark Paskey Joel Teskey	Harry Brumbaugh Mark Morris Mark Paskey Joel Teskey