

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - JULY, 2025

DATE ORGANIST	LOWER GREETER	USHER 1	USHER 2	ELEVATOR OPERATOR	ACOLYTE	ELDERS
JULY 6 8:30 AM TIMOTHY MARS	LYLE & SHERRIL WEGELE	JOEL FREDRICKSON	TREVOR SCHROEDER	KOREY NIPPERT	PHOENIX CHAMBERS	DENNIS MEREDITH
JULY 6 11:00 AM TIMOTHY MARS	RANDAL & MARY SUE DREES	SHEA AUSTIN	DREW ONNEN	MCKENZIE PEITZMEIER	MCKINLEY SKILES	RUSS HENNERBERG
JULY 13 8:30 AM BARB BEDLAN	KATHY STEWART & NANCY BETTIN	RON DUENSING	TREVOR STEINMEYER	JACK KOENIG	JACKSON STEINMEYER	MIKE LOFING
JULY 13 11:00 AM BARB BEDLAN	MATT & NANCY CRINER	NATE BEHREND	BOB ORTH	MADISON HADDAN	MACKENNA HADDEN	JARED WEERS
JULY 20 8:30 AM BARB BEDLAN	RYAN & AMY NIPPERT	MARC WASSERMAN	JIM SCHROEDER	KASON PFINGSTON	JADON HOFFMAN	KEN NANCE
JULY 20 11:00 AM BARB BEDLAN	ETHAN & HOPE VONDERFECHT	TOM FURROW	ETHAN VONDERFECT	DAKOTA ZIMMERMAN	KYNLEE SCHMIDT	KEVIN EBKE
JULY 27 8:30 AM BARB BEDLAN	MCKENZIE & MAGGIE LAYTON	RON KLAUS	ALAN DUX	AUBRIE HYNEK	RORIE HYNEK	MIKE GRUMMERT
JULY 27 11:00 AM BARB BEDLAN	CALEB & BROOKE VONDERFECHT	RANDY SMITH	CALEB VONDERFECHT	ALECIA BEDLAN	OWEN DILLER	GREG ROESLER

FINANCE COMMITTEE	
JULY 6	BETH TEGTMEIER
JULY 13	LINDA BALES
JULY 20	CONNIE SCHOUBOE
JULY 27	DAVE BEDLAN

ALTAR GUILD: NANCY SCHMIDT, ANN KELLEY
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IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE IN ATTENDANCE ON THE DAY YOU ARE SCHEDULED, PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE ON THE LIST OR ANYONE ELSE YOU KNOW. THANKS!!

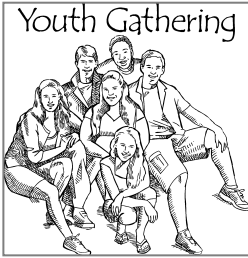


Mark July 6 on your calendar! Our guest preacher for the day is Rev. Mark Bangert, son of our congregation. Rev. Bangert will be in town for a class reunion and graciously offered to bring us the Good News at both our services.



Plan to attend our farewell celebration for Lynne on Sunday, July 6, immediately following the late service. We will gather for a wonderful meal in the fellowship hall, provided by the GMAT committee. You are welcome to bring cards and gifts for Lynne in appreciation of her 23 years of faithful service to our congregation.

The National Youth Gathering will be held in New Orleans July 18-25. 7 youth and 3 adults will be attending from our congregation. We are joined by approximately 14 more youth and 4 more adults from our circuit churches. We will all travel and stay together. We pray that the youth gathering will strengthen the faith of all who attend, and we pray that the youth from our circuit may begin to form bonds for local connections and faith building.



Looking ahead on the calendar to September, we will have our Rally Weekend September 5-7 at Crystal Springs Park – specifically the campground. If you’re a camper make a reservation and join us for the whole weekend. Most activities will be at the east end of the lower campground. You must go to the City of Fairbury website to reserve sites online. We will have our Sunday worship service at the campground at 10 am.

We welcome two new workers at Grace Lutheran Church. Kayla Wombacher joins our staff as our church secretary. She will be doing the secretarial duties, like the newsletter, church bulletins, etc. Kayla has already joined us. Stop in and say “hi.”

We also welcome Laura Barrows, daughter of Neal and Kay Onnen. Laura will handle the financial secretary/ treasurer side of things. She is in the process of moving back to Fairbury and will join our staff at the end of July.

Please mark your Calendar for Sunday, July 27, for a “Farewell” Luncheon for Leslie, at 12:-00 p.m.

The church office will be closed on the afternoon of Thursday, July 3 AND all day, Friday, July 4. Also, during the month of July, the Church Office will be open in the mornings only, Monday- Thursday, and closed every Friday.

PLEASE NOTE: ELDERS WILL MEET AT 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, and Church Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8.



The youth group will be running their food stand at the Flea Market this 4th of July. If you're enjoying the day at the park, be sure to stop by and grab a bite to eat! We'll be in the same location as last year—on the middle road, across from the shelter. All proceeds will support the youth group and their various projects and activities.

July 3rd, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

July 4th, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm



The Jefferson County Fair will be July 9-13. Grace will be sponsoring a booth this year and Nancy Bettin will be our fair booth coordinator. **Sign up sheets are now available to help set up the booth on Wednesday, man the booth during the fair and help take down the booth on Sunday.** You can sign up for one session or several sessions. They are on the table by the bulletin boards. Some of the items we need are in need of are: 3 bags of tootsie roll pops, 50 boxes of 8-count crayons, 2 cans of country time lemondade and 2 cans raspberry instant tea. If any of you have Thrivent T-shirts, **please bring them and the supplies to the church by Sunday, July 6.**

All 3rd - 8th graders are invited to attend a camping day at Lone Star on Tuesday, July 15th. It will be an all-day event, starting at 8:00 am and concluding at 8:00 pm. You are welcome to come for all or part of the day. Pastor Alex from Tobias/Daykin is organizing and planning the Bible study activities. The format of the day will reflect what was done for the confirmation retreat this past Spring for those of you who attended. There will be activity time throughout the day, along with learning sessions. The topic for the day will be parables. **Families are responsible for their transportation to and from Lone Star. Please let Leslie know if you are planning to attend by July 6th.**



Day Camp for Kids

**National Youth Gathering**



Seven youth and three adults have been preparing to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans at the end of the month. We will leave on Friday, July 18, and return home on July 25. We are traveling with 18 others from Davenport, Friedensau, Deshler, and Tobias, and we are looking forward to the opportunity to connect with other youth in our area. During our time in New Orleans, we will spend five days engaged in Bible study, service, and worship alongside thousands of other Lutheran youth and adults. The gathering is a joyful occasion that will deepen our understanding of the faith given to us in our baptism and help us learn how we are part of God's church. We will also take some time to explore the sights and sounds of New Orleans' rich cultural heritage.

Thank you for helping us make our trip to New Orleans possible! We are incredibly grateful for your commitment to the youth of Grace.

Our church will be partnering with the other churches in town during National Night out. We will be collecting gently used clothes and shoes for kids in preschool through high school. Also we will be collecting the following snacks to put in back packs: granola bars, fruit snacks, goldfish crackers (single packages), pudding cups applesauce cups, Nutri Grain bars, cheese and cracker packages. **Please bring all donated items to the church by Sunday, July 20th and place in the boxes under the coat racks in the lower Narthex.**



Progressive Dinner

A Progressive Supper will be held on Sunday, August 10 at 5:30 p.m. for all members of our Congregation. This will be a time of fun and fellowship! Hostesses will be: Ron & Tammie Duensing (Hors d'oeuvres), Bill & Pris Stelling, (Main Course), and Joel & Glenda Austin, (Desserts). Sign-up sheets are on the table in the upper Narthex by the bulletin boards.



How Can We Help?

A big THANK YOU to Kevin and Lori Barber for donating the small table in the Mother's Room.



# 2025 DISTRICT SUPPORT

\$10,785

\$30,000

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

8:30 AM & 11 AM

**HOLY COMMUNION**

1st & 2nd SUNDAY

# JULY, 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Men's Breakfast 8 AM "Bible Break" 12 Noon LWML Meeting 1:30 PM Elders Meeting 7:00 p.m.	2	3  OFFICE CLOSED AFTERNOON  Youth Food Flea	4 <i>Independence Day</i>  OFFICE CLOSED  Stand @ July 4th Market	5
6 Worship Services with Holy Communion 8:30 AM & 11 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:45 AM	7	8 "Bible Break" 12 Noon  Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM	9   Jefferson	10   County	11 OFFICE CLOSED   Fair	12   thru Sunday
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27 Worship Service 8:30 AM & 11 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:45 AM Leslie's Farewell Luncheon 12:00 noon	28	29 Men's Breakfast 8 AM "Bible Break" 12 Noon	30	31		

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 2 Corinthians 3:17