



Grace

for the Moment



The Newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church

February 2026

Grace Lutheran's Annual Meeting and Church Council election were held on Sunday, January 18. The following members of Church Council were elected for 2026:

Deacon: Tristin Plienis
Marci Leberman
Lori Jones

Trustees: Kaylyn Andersen
Jim Johnson
Bill Leberman

Board of Ed: Chela Bolte

President: Tristin Plienis
Vice-President: Marci Leberman
Secretary: Kaylyn Andersen
Treasurer: Kristi Nogelmeier



February **Worship:**

Sundays:

9:00 am

Wednesdays:

6:30 pm

Sunday School & **Adult Education**

10:00 am

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Beloved in Christ,

The season of Lent turns our hearts again to the long road to Easter. A road marked by presence, practice, and pilgrimage, reshaping us from the inside out. This season is an invitation to pause, reflect, and return to the Lord.

Throughout our forty days of Lent, I invite you to holy re-centering by walking five miles a week, symbolic of our journey to Easter. During your walk, I encourage you to meditate on the Christ in Our Home devotional (beginning on p. 52), available in the literature holder in the church foyer. Meditating together helps re-center us as a unified community, not a fractured one.

This call to return is important to the church's life. As we live out our baptism in this world as sinners and saints, we are bound to offend and be offended. Lent teaches us to recognize our humanity and opens the door to forgiveness. It is at the core of returning to God, returning to one another, and returning to what truly matters.

As you begin your walk at the head of the trail, consider practices that re-center your life on Christ and on one another, such as prayer, meditation, and an act of kindness. Let us walk these forty days with a shared vision of re-centering our lives in the body of Christ. On Good Friday, we will walk on the trail together as a congregation. I look forward to seeing you. May this Lenten season re-center our lives, renew our purpose, and transform us in the love of Christ.

Walking together toward Easter.

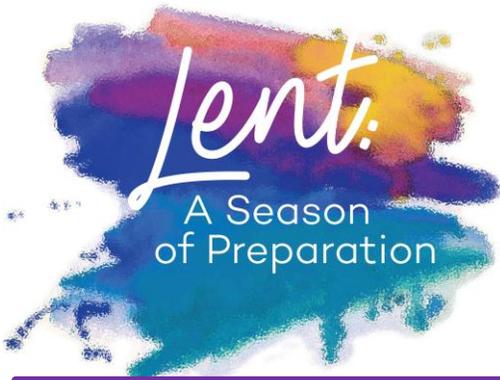
Pastor Henrique

Living Last Supper

Circle your calendar for **Monday, March 30th** for the Living Last Supper service that will be held at Grace Lutheran Church. The program that will begin at 7 p.m. depicts Jesus and the disciples at the Last Supper that they shared together before He was arrested and crucified. With this being Holy Week, it will be something that you will not want to miss.

Please watch for more details.





Ash Wednesday Worship
February 18 at 6:30 pm



During Lent join us for supper at Grace Lutheran
Serving begins at 5:30 pm.
February 25
March 4
March 11
March 18
March 25

All are welcome
and a free-will offering will be received

Parker Community Ministerial
Thursday Lenten Luncheons
Meal begins at noon

February 26 at Grace Lutheran, 490 E 1st Street
March 5 at United Methodist, 375 W 2nd Street
March 12 at First Presbyterian, 209 E 1st Street
March 19 at St. Christina's, 380 W 1st Street
March 26-Parker Senior Center, 100 E Sanborn

Living Last Supper presentation
at Grace Lutheran on
Monday, March 30 at 7 pm.



Maundy Thursday
"Washing of the Feet"
April 2 at 6:30 pm at Grace Lutheran



Parker Community Good Friday Worship
April 3 at 6:30 pm at Grace Lutheran
Sponsored by the Parker Community Ministerial

Celebrate Easter
on Sunday, April 5
9 am Worship





Happy February from your new Board of Ed Members: Chela Bolte, Shelly Paynter, and Ashlynn Wildeboer. (Council approval pending for Ashlynn and Shelly) We are excited to start working with the children here at Grace. We have a special children's sermon scheduled during the regular adult sermon on Sunday February 1st, to see if the kids prefer this form of sermon during regular worship.

We send early congratulations to the 5th graders who will be getting their first communion on February 15th. We will also be having a representative from Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp present the children's sermon on the same Sunday, February 15th. Sunday School will be doing their Service Project during class time on February 8th.

We have donated the January fishbowl offering to the Church on the Street mission in Sioux Falls. The February fishbowl donations will be going to the Feeding South Dakota program.

The Holy Playground Team is sponsoring a game of Bunco on Sunday afternoon 2/22/26 from 1-3pm. All congregation members and guests are invited to play! Bunco is a really easy, and fun, dice game with PRIZES! Please join us for fun and fellowship.



First Communion will be Sunday, February 15, 2026.

Paige Becker, Calla Creegan, Blaine Gillespie, Blake Kuchta, Hudson Nogelmeier, Everly Schulte and Emrick Wall will receive their First Communion

Happening at Grace

FIRST COMMUNION ACTIVITY Milestone Committee

First Communion is just around the corner and we are so excited to celebrate with our seven fifth graders who will be receiving first communion on February 15. Six of the seven fifth graders and their parents were able to meet together at church in January to talk about communion and read about the Last Supper in the bible. While gathered together, we prayed, decorated a chalice to use on the special day, and enjoyed one another's company as we worked to grow in faith. The kids did a fantastic job participating and are excited to share in this gift we are given when we come to the rail to receive communion.

Please continue to pray for our fifth graders: Paige, Calla, Blaine, Blake, Hudson, Everly, and Emrick.



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A few pictures from the NEW YEARS EVE PARTY on 12-31-2025
Family Feud and Karoke

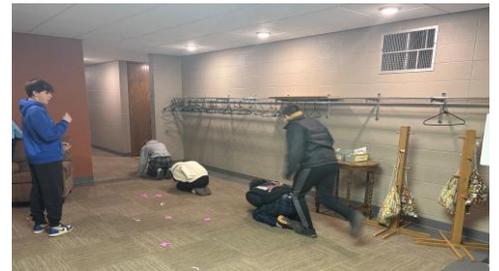


SENIOR FROGS

Senior FROGS served breakfast before the annual meeting on January 18.
The group will meet Wednesday, February 4 and Wednesday, February 18.



Senior FROGS enjoying an activity.



INFORMATION

February AV Schedule

Feb. 1	Derek		Feb. 4	Kerri
Feb. 8	Chela/Shari		Feb. 11	Chrystal
Feb. 15	Kristin		Feb. 18	Kerri
Feb. 22	Chris		Feb. 25	Chrystal

Weekly Worship Helpers:

Please use the link below to check:
<https://gracelutheranparker.com/weekly-worship-helpers>
 Thank you

Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation

Communion Assistant (Wednesday)		Acolyte	
Feb. 4	Everly	Feb. 1	Emrick
Feb. 11	Everly	Feb. 8	Everly
Feb. 18		Feb. 15	Emrick
		Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday	Emma
Feb. 25	Jillian	Feb. 22	Brenna

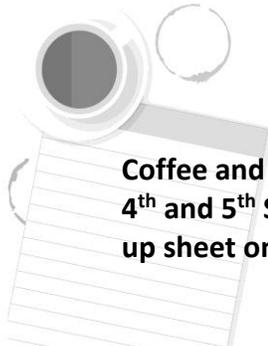
Join us for BINGO at the ROCS Nutrition Site in Parker on
Tuesday, February 24 following the meal.

The meal is served at 11:30 am.
 Call 605-297-0176 to sign up for the meal.

BINGO with prizes will follow at noon.

BINGO is open to everyone.

B I N G O				
15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72



Coffee and Fellowship for the 2nd,
 4th and 5th Sundays-there is a sign -
 up sheet on the bulletin board.

FAITH IN ACTION

SHARE THE LOVE IN FEBRUARY

Quilt Raffle

Faith in Action will be selling raffle tickets for a quilt in February. All of the proceeds will go towards New Dawn Learning Center in Liberia.. This will be our Sharing the Love project this year. Watch for the ticket sales to begin around Valentine's Day. You might be the lucky winner of this navy and cream colored quilt.



Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes

December 10, 2025

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Council Members Present

Joel Plucker, Missy Gillespie, Kristi Nogelmeier, Pastor Henrique, Marci Leberman, Tristin Plienis, Jim Johnson, Kaylyn Andersen

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Joel Plucker.

Devotion

Led by Pastor Henrique.

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Kaylyn Andersen and seconded by Kristi Nogelmeier.
Motion carried – all aye.

Treasurer's Report

- Line 203 recorded as the fair stand deposit
- Insurance has been paid

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Joel Plucker and seconded by Kaylyn Andersen.
Motion carried – all aye.

Secretary's Report

A motion to approve the Secretary's Report was made by Joel Plucker and seconded by Kristi Nogelmeier.
Motion carried – all aye.

led by Jim Johnson.

Pastor's Report

- The Bishop will visit Grace Lutheran Church on December 15, 2025
- Confirmation will resume January 7, 2026
- Bible Study will resume January 4, 2026
- Grace Lutheran will host the Good Friday service this year through the ministerial group

A motion to approve the Pastor's Report was made by Derrek and seconded by Tristin Plienis.
Motion carried – all aye.

Deacons' Report

- Hymns will need to be selected for January and February
- Children's Christmas Program scheduled for December 14, 2025
- Time and Talent Surveys planning process to start soon

Board of Education Report

- Children's Christmas Concert scheduled for December 14, 2025
- Senior Frogs will serve the meal following the concert
- Fishbowl offering will be donated to the Parker School Lunch Program

A motion to approve the report was made by Kaylyn Andersen and seconded by Missy Gillespie.
Motion carried – all aye.

Trustees' Report

- Trustees will be interviewing for an additional custodian to cover for Madison

A motion to approve the Trustees' Report was made by Tristin and seconded by Marci Leberman.
Motion carried – all aye.

Old Business

- Request for new coffee pots
- Microwave purchase determined to be unnecessary
- Holy Playground: Chela Bolte, Crystal Shulte, and Tristin Plienis will organize
- Membership Directory

New Business

- Janitor substitute
- Handicap ramp for the sanctuary
- Church cancellation policy
 - Email and Facebook communication
- Youth Gathering 2026
 - Jenn Wall is willing to take the youth
- Quiet Room
 - A room will be evaluated for use
- 2026 Proposed Budget
 - Motion made by Kristi Nogelmeier, seconded by Tristin Plienis
 - Jim Johnson and Missy Gillespie made a motion to approve the proposed budget to be presented at the annual meeting
- Fellowship Hall speaker
- Purpose Statement
 - Proposal for a sustainability mission plan

Meeting Adjourned-A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kaylyn and seconded by Derrek.
Motion carried – all aye.

- Next meeting will be held January 18, 2026.

Please note: Treasurer's Report will appear in next month's newsletter