

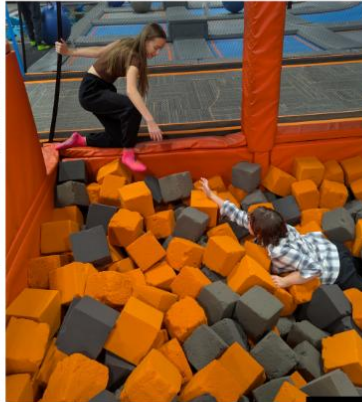


Hilltop Lights

MAKING BELIEVERS, GROWING DISCIPLES, DEVELOPING LEADERS



MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFIRMATION AT KIDS AGAINST HUNGER



YOUTH GROUP WINTER PARTY



From The Pastor

February is a hinge month. It is time when we make some transitions at Grace. We said thank you to outgoing leaders at our Annual Meeting even as we welcome new leaders. Thank you to Darrell Griggs who is stepping into the role of congregational president and Tanya Jacobson who is the new vice president. We received the news that Brian Penn is planning to retire at the end of the school year, so we will be in process of celebrating his 10-year ministry at Grace while looking for the next youth and young adult ministry director.

Even the weather and seasons are in a hinge time. We know that winter will draw to a close, the days will get longer, and spring will soon come.

In all the changes and transition of life – church life, personal life, work life, school life, any life – we can know that God is with. We began January and the Epiphany season with the promise that God is with us wherever we are and in whatever we are experiencing. God is with us to guide and lead, to protect and propel us forward. May we trust in the one who gives us life in all things and look forward with anticipation even as we celebrate from where we have come.

Blessings on your February!

Pastor Siri

**Pastoral Acts in January:
Funeral for Delores Muller
Prayer service for Nancy Hairston.**

Worship in February
Services at 9:00 am both in person
and livestreamed on Facebook.

February 2

4th Sunday after Epiphany
Setting 10
What Is Love?



February 9

5th Sunday after Epiphany
Setting 4
The Good News
**First Communion for 5th
Graders**



February 16

6th Sunday after Epiphany
Service of the Word
We Serve a Living Lord
Sunday school does not meet



February 25

7th Sunday after Epiphany
Setting 6
Bearing the Image of Christ



facebook

Facebook Live devotions occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 am and are available for later viewing on Facebook.

Upcoming Events and Small Groups



Medical Equipment Lending Library

Aging Gracefully

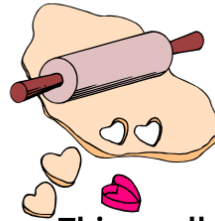
Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 6th at 9:30 am! 🎉 Mike Turner from Owen's Outfitters is swinging by to talk about their awesome mission as a medical equipment lending library. They're on a heroic quest to dish out durable and disposable medical gear for FREE to those in need, all thanks to the generous donations from our fabulous community!



Grace kids

February 5th & 19th
6:30-7:30pm

Grace Kids is our K-5th grade youth group that meets every other Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall.



Let's Bake

February 15th

9:00am



This small group is open to anyone interested in baking treats for our Sunday morning coffee hour. All necessary supplies and recipes will be provided.

NOVEL
IDEA



February 23 @ 10:30am
In the meeting room.

Harper Dupree has pinned all her hopes on a future in fashion design. But when it comes crashing down around her, she returns home to Fairhope, Alabama, and to Millie, the woman who first taught her how to sew. As Harper rethinks her own future, long-hidden secrets about Millie's past are brought to light.

In 1946, Millie Middleton--the daughter of an Italian man and a Black woman--boarded a train and left Charleston to keep half of her heritage hidden. She carried with her two heirloom buttons and the dream of owning a dress store. She never expected to meet a charming train jumper who changed her life forever . . . and led her yet again to a heartbreaking choice about which heritage would define her future.

Books are available to check out
in the office.

All are welcome to join!

Now, together, Harper and Millie return to Charleston to find the man who may hold the answers they seek . . . and a chance at the dress shop they've both dreamed of. But it's not until all appears lost that they see the unexpected ways to mend what frayed between the seams.

CONFIRMATION AND MILESTONES IN FEBRUARY

On Sunday, February 9, the **5th graders** will be receiving their First Communion.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Kaeleigh Jasmer and Calen Wagner as they commemorate this significant milestone. The class will gather to bake bread on Wednesday, February 5, at 6:30 PM.

Meanwhile, the **Middle School students** will conclude their confirmation unit on Spiritual Practices on Wednesday, February 5, at 6:30 PM.



CAMP SUNDAY ALERT!

Get ready for an epic Camp Sunday on February 23rd, right during the Sunday School hour! Calling all youth from 2nd grade to 12th grade and their awesome parents—join us in the Fellowship Hall for a fun-filled chat about our fantastic camps! Don't miss out!



SERVICE/MISSION & CARING MINISTRIES

Prayer Chain

If you have a request for the email prayer chain, or would like to be a "pray-er" on it contact Sharon Dierks
Phone: 605-759-7009 or
email: dsdierks2@gmail.com.



Grief Support Group

Tuesday, February 11th

at 10:00 am in the meeting room. This is a group for people who have experienced grief of any kind.



Foot Care Clinic

Tuesday, March 18th

Appointments start at 9:00am, if you are interested talk to Rita Blake, Parish Nurse.



There are free blood pressure and blood sugar checks on the first Sunday of the month after worship.

Hospital Visitation Note:

If you are hospitalized and do not receive a visit from Rita Blake or Pastor Siri, it means you did not come up on our visitation list. Please let us know you are in the hospital, and we will be sure to visit. Often if someone goes in through the ER, we do not get notified that you have been admitted.



FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Time for food to you on February 13th at Messiah New Hope. Volunteers can sign up online, or in the church lobby. Pasta is the food item for this distribution and will be collected in the Narthex until we serve at Food to You.



PRAY FOR THESE FAMILIES

You are invited to pray with Pastor Siri for a shepherding group of families from the congregation each week.

May God bless:

January 26-February 1: Shepherding District 15, Zone A:
Jamie & Charlie Butler, Elliot, Miles, Samuel; Gene & Sharon Hetland; Dick Neish; Don & Jan Qualseth

February 2-8: Shepherding District 15, Zone B:
Diane & Rich Andresen; Brenda Backous; Rita Blake, Josh; Don Eide; Dick Graff

February 9-15: Shepherding District 16, Zone A:
Jerry Goddard; Ardis Greenwood; Tammi Soutar, Quinn, Cora; Darold & Grace Heckenlaible; Kelsey & Shasta Weston family

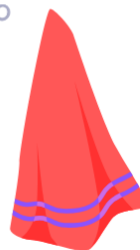
February 16-22: Shepherding District 16, Zone B:
Todd & Crystal Beckman; Ellie Beckman; Mollie Beckman; Nathan & Jen Beyer, Kai, Layton; Dianne Erdmann; Tim & Lori Hillman; Grant Hooyer; Lois Sundvold

February 23-March 1: Shepherding District 16, Zone C:
Chris Bowman, Kallie, Addison; Pam Bowman; Dave & Sharon Dierks; Dorothy Hixson; Dean Nielsen; Brandon Ree, Lofton; Jim & Elaine Tatge



February & March Hygiene Collection Items

deodorant
wash clothes
bars of soap



Thank you

Each month Grace Lutheran receives multiple thank you notes from the organizations that we support through our tithes and offerings.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the Let's Bake group for providing the cookies during Christmas, as well as to everyone who assisted in delivering them to those who are homebound. Your efforts are truly appreciated.
-Rita Blake

I sincerely appreciate all the cards, prayers, and visits following my recent illness. Your kindness means a great deal to me!
- Rita Blake



Women Of Grace News



Bible Study Meeting Times

Thursday, February 20th

Martha Bible Study @ 9:30am
Hannah Bible Study @ 2:00pm

Both groups meet in the Fellowship Hall

“Faithfulness” by Denise Rector
Session Two: Psalm 22

David testifies that God is God and worthy of praise, even as David is in despair. It’s no wonder that Jesus cried out to God during the crucifixion using these very words. In our worst times, this psalm gives us a way to contemplate God’s holiness.

LENTEN MEALS

Our service groups will be serving supper on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM during Lent. This year the free will offerings for the suppers will go to Lutheran Outdoors, Cleveland Elementary Lunch Fund, Youth, and the WOG. We would appreciate everyone's help in cleaning up before church.



Ash Wednesday, March 5
Chili Soup

Wednesday, March 12
Chili Hot Dogs and Chips

Wednesday, March 19
Ham & Cheese Sandwiches & Spring Salad

Wednesday, March 26
Spaghetti & Meatballs,
Lettuce Salad, Garlic Bread

Wednesday, April 2
Barbeques, Beans, Chips

Wednesday, April 9
Walking Tacos

Maundy Thursday Potluck,
April 17
Please bring your own dishes & utensils and a dish to pass for the potluck.

Administrative Notes



2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Envelopes are now available for those who use them. If you do not find yours, check with Becky in the office. Those who use Simply Giving or other electronic giving do not have envelopes assigned, but they are available if you would like them.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you have Choice dollars make sure to designate them to a charity by March 31st. If you direct them to Grace Lutheran, please let Becky know what you would like them designated. (HVAC, General Fund, youth, toilet paper, etc....)



RaiseRight™

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Enrollment code: GUFIT38MGTTWA

Contact Becky in the office with questions.

Remember to use RaiseRight when shopping this holiday season! Every gift card purchased through RaiseRight has a percentage that will come back to our church to be used to pay off our HVAC loan!



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Want to be the Sherlock Holmes of staying “In The Know” with all those address, phone number, and email updates? Sign up for our Instant Church Directory Online! This app is as easy to use and a lifesaver when you need to reach out to fellow church members. For more info or a helping hand getting started, just contact Becky in the church office!

Please note, you must have an email address registered with the church to be able to use our online directory.



FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00am Worship 3yr-4th graders sing 10:00am Annual Meeting 10:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30am Novel Idea	27	28 9:00am Facebook Devotions 7:00pm Hilltop Al-Anon	29 6:15pm Adult Chimes 6:30pm 5th Grade Communion Class 6:30pm Middle School Confirmation 7:00pm Celebrant Choir 7:30pm HS Youth Group	30 9:00am Facebook Devotions	31	1
2 Bread Break Sunday Groundhog Day 9:00am Worship 10:15am Student/Mentor Breakfast Meeting 10:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	3	4 9:00am Facebook Devotions 6:30pm Committee Meetings 7:00pm Hilltop Al-Anon 7:30pm Council Meeting	5 6:15pm Adult Chimes 6:30pm Grace Kids 6:30pm Middle School Confirmation 7:00pm Celebrant Choir 7:30pm 8th grade parent/student meeting 7:30pm HS Youth Group	6 9:00am Facebook Devotions 9:30am Aging Gracefully	7	8 9:00am 4H
9 9:00am Worship- 5th grade first communion & 5-8th grade chimes play 10:15am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10	11 9:00am Facebook Devotions 10:00am Grief Support 7:00pm Hilltop Al-Anon	12 6:15pm Adult Chimes 6:30pm Middle School Confirmation (make-up day if needed) 6:30pm MS Youth Group 7:00pm Celebrant Choir 7:30pm HS Youth Group	13 9:00am Facebook Devotions	14 Valentine's Day	15 9:00am Let's Bake
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February Birthdays

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| 02/01 Joe Sundvold | 02/12 Aubrey Marsh |
| 02/02 Michael Archer | 02/14 Haley Bruggeman |
| 02/02 Joan Berry | 02/14 Michelle Soutar |
| 02/03 Gary Kerska | 02/18 Jeff Eckhoff |
| 02/03 Janice Qualseth | 02/18 Patti Larsen |
| 02/03 Samantha Rains | 02/18 Paige Miller |
| 02/04 Tammi Soutar | 02/18 Presley Remien |
| 02/06 Matthew Henry | 02/19 Landon Atkinson |
| 02/06 Mary Stoterau | 02/19 Garrett Griggs |
| 02/07 Marie Nesson | 02/20 Kari Sorensen |
| 02/07 Brian Rains | 02/26 Blaine Huitt |
| 02/08 Darcie Heaton | 02/26 Bryce Huitt |
| 02/11 Wendy Bergan | 02/27 Karol Koopman |
| 02/11 Jacob Harrington | 02/28 Jordan Gough |
| 02/11 Dawn Stephens | 02/28 Megan Rovang |
| 02/12 Judy Kock | |



Treasurer's Report

All payroll taxes and all benevolence payments are up-to-date. Line of Credit (LOC) was converted to a loan in November of 2024. In addition to the loan paydowns, over \$18,000 in HVAC related bills were paid through the HVAC fund without adding to the loan.

Celebrating Gifts and Givers

- December 1: \$ 1927.00
- December 8: \$3107.00
- December 15: \$1957.00
- December 22: \$1177.00
- December 29: \$24107.75
- Simply Giving: \$14245.00

Copies of the council minutes can be found online or on the information desk

Worship Volunteer Opportunities

Each week we need 8-10 people to volunteer to help with our worship services. These opportunities include things like serving coffee, reading scripture, run our Facebook livestream, etc.... We thank those who have been volunteering, but we can always use more. Please go to our website and under SIGN UP CENTRAL you will find a link to all of our available volunteer opportunities.



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