

July 2025

Campus Locations:

Grace Lutheran

PO Box 7

Brandon, MN 56315

www.gracethroughfaithministries.com

Faith Lutheran

526 State Street

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Pastor

Pastor Bradley Pearson

Hours:

9 am to noon Mon/Tues/Thurs - Faith

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9 am to 2 pm Wed - Grace

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Grace Through Faith Ministries

Growing Together in God's Love to Serve Others

Worship Schedule

Summer



WORSHIP TIMES

Worship Times

8:30 am - Grace 10:30 am - Faith

Worship online when you can't make it in person.

Visit

www.gracethroughfaithministries.com

and click on the LIVE STREAM button to watch.

Summer hours will run Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Those without computer/internet access can watch at 8 am daily
on Gardonville TV Channel 4 and Selective TV 21.4



SUNDAES On Wednesday

It's time to "Build Your Own Ice Cream Sundae" or enjoy a Root Beer Float! Pastor Brad and Becki will host at the parsonage and on the lawn at Faith. Bring your lawn chair; come, relax and visit.

Time: 6-7:30 pm on Wednesdays

July 2	None
July 9	Parsonage
July 16	Parsonage
July 23	Faith Lawn
July 30	Faith Lawn

Offering Reminder



Thank you to all who support our ministry with your financial gifts and gifts of time. When you're out and about this summer, please don't forget your Offering to God. If you're not in worship, your envelopes are ready for mailing. Thank You!

You are encouraged to routinely check the parish web & Facebook pages to keep up to date on any changes with worship schedules and activities.

July Birthdays

Faith's Noisy Offering for July 13 supports Camphill Village, in Sauk Centre. Their mission is to create & sustain a community where people with and without disabilities live, work and care for each other to foster social, spiritual, cultural and agricultural renewal.

Faith

Simon Quinn	5
Olivia Shores	8
Deb Erickson	10
Randy Elmer	14
Pat Bock	15
Roger Bukkila	18
Kaitlin Lystrom	18
Becki Pearson	19
Sue Steffenson	22
Tim Christianson	24
Grady Andersen	25
Irv ARnquist	28
Angela Huseby	29
Vicki Carlson	30

Grace

Nick McFarlane	2
Lori Gillespie	5
Sharon Hermanson	5
Maverick Jesnowski	6
Susan Johnson	6
Gracin Klimek	6
Dick Mohagen	6
Tatum Johnson	7
Luanne Peterson	10
Annette Helder	13
Holden Riedel	13
Adelynn Anderson	14
Steven Challes	14
Jean Nelson	14
Andrew Challes	14
Bristol Sayre	16
Chris Gillespie	17

Grace (cont.)

Aidyn Meissner	17
Kyle Schaffran	18
Collins Anderson	19
Becki Pearson	19
Evan Dingwall	20
Pam Mickelson	20
Coley Wagner	20
Jax McFarlane	21
Jovi McFarlane	21
Bennett Anderson	24
Mitchell VanAlphen	24
Ryan Wagner	25
Kendall Elmer	27
Linda Jesnowski	27
Violet Pikkaraine	28
Terry Allen	31
Wyatt Sieling	31

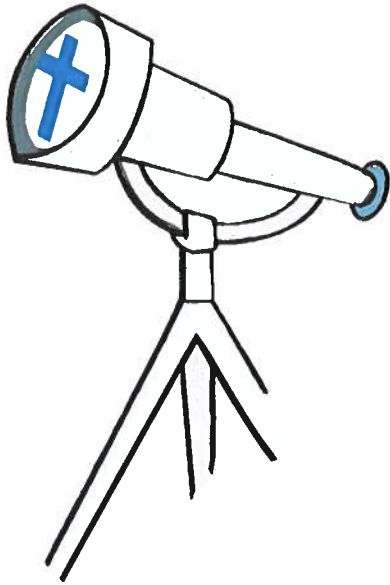
July 2025 Faith Worship Assistants

	July 6 10:30 AM - Faith Communion	July 13 10:30 AM - Faith	July 20 10:30 AM - Faith	July 27 10:30 AM - Faith Communion
Sound/Video	Sandy Alvstad	Brad Anderson	Larry Carlson	Sandy Alvstad
Reader	Rita Loftness	Angie Baker	Brad Anderson	Kelly Smith
Ushers	Roger Bukkila	Elise LeMay Family	Dennis Week	Dennis Anderson
Communion Servers	Mary Johnson			Sharon Denardo

July 2025 Grace Worship Assistants

	July 6 8:30 AM - Grace Communion	July 13 8:30 am - Grace Noisy Offering	July 20 8:30 am - Grace	July 27 8:30 am - Grace Communion
Acolyte	Faith Hokanson	Connor Schwardt	Layla Mohagen	Evan Dingwall
Reader	Don Bakken	Kathy Boeddeker	Paige Schaffran	Dianna Roers
Ushers	Eric & DeAnn Satterlie Skip & Erin Okerlund	Jan Paige Karen Wirtjes	Cheryl Lund & Paige Clem & Kristi Roers	Dianna Roers Sadie Riedel
Communion Servers	DeAnn Satterlie Jean Nelson			Dianna Roers Sadie Riedel
Coffee/ Fellowship	Eric & DeAnn Satterlie	Kathy Boeddeker Linda Jesnowski Karen Wirtjes	Clem & Kristi Roers	Deb & Tom VanAlphen
Musicians	Annette Helder Tom Helder	Rebecca Heyn Heyn Family	Joyce Engel Noah Hubbard	Marcus Decker

Altar Guild - Kathy Boeddeker & Pat Freese



The Great Global Frontier

Kids are immersed into God's Word through daily Bible Adventures that put them into the action and make the story unforgettable. Each Mission will help them grow in their faith and relationship with God—Join us!

**Please RSVP and return the form
below by July 25.**

Call/Text Tina Pikkaraine 320-223-9430 or Danielle Anderson 507-766-2235
OR Email the Grace Office at grace@gctel.com

WHAT: Vacation Bible School

A ministry partnership of Grace Lutheran Church, Chippewa Lutheran Church—Brandon & Faith Lutheran Church—Evansville

WHEN: August 3, 4 and 5 — 5:30 to 8 pm

WHERE: Grace Lutheran Church

205 Central Avenue, Brandon, Minnesota

WHO: Age 3 through Grade 5

You do not have to be a member of our congregations to attend. ALL ARE WELCOME! — we just ask that you RSVP so we have enough supplies!

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade (Yr. 25/26): _____

Parent's Name: _____ Phone Number : _____

Email Address for Updates: _____

Allergies or Health Concerns We Need to Know About?

All hands on deck! We can use adult volunteers (parents or older siblings) to help.

We can help! _____ What night(s)? _____ Who? _____

Faith Lutheran Council Meeting

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Members Present: Doug Alvstad, Jim Neuman, Warren Erickson, LeAnn Strand, and Angie Baker Guest Members: Pastor Bradley Pearson and Candi Steer

Council started the meeting with Thanksgivings.

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Doug Alvstad. LeAnn moved to approve the agenda; Jim seconded. Motion carried.

Warren moved to approve last month's minutes; Jim seconded. Motion carried.

Visitor Report: Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report: Candi went over financials. LeAnn moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; Angie seconded. Motion carried.

Pastoral Report: Pastor Brad discussed the need to get more youth to be a part of our church family. We discussed a possible fall kick-off for the church and the community. We will discuss this more at our next meeting.

Old Business:

•Update on exterior painting & staining - nothing at this time, but will be checked to see when it will be completed.

•Carpet and tile cleaning estimate - We received a bid for the carpet and tile cleaning. Warren motioned we go with the bid and use money from the carpet fund and remainder of what is left over from the Lent/Easter fund; Jim seconded. Motion carried.

•Dandelion & weed spraying estimate - Jim went over the bid from T&B Lawn Care for weed control. After some discussion, Jim motions to accept the bid for 2 applications from T&B Lawn Care for weed control; LeAnn seconded. Motion carried.

•Uneven cement around the building - We are still looking into getting bids.

•Update on cleaning light fixtures - Light fixtures have been cleaned.

New Business:

•Cleanup - back of building - This has been done already. LeAnn will be checking where the aluminum cans go.

•Check fans in Sanctuary - The fans in the Sanctuary have been making noise during worship. We will have Tyler take a look at the fans.

•July Noisy Offering - LeAnn motioned for July noisy offering for Camphill Village Minnesota; Angie seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: July 13, 2025 at 11:30 am

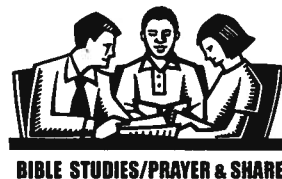
Pastor Brad closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting was adjourned by Co-President Doug Alvstad

Respectfully submitted: Angie Baker



Faith Women
BAKE SALE!!
Saturday, July 5th 9am- Noon
Watch for
Baking/Price guide will be mailed early June
★ Sign-up sheets will be in Narthex for:
★ Set-up & Decorating ★ Lunch Counter Helpers
★ Bake Sale Sellers ★ Clean-up Crew
LET'S GET READY TO BAKE!



Bible Studies:

Mondays

7:00 pm

Tuesdays

Men's: 6:30 am

Women's: 9:00 am

Prayer & Share:

Thursdays

9:30 am

Faith Lutheran
Fellowship Hall

Prayer and Share is an informal gathering of Faith members to visit, share concerns and pray. This group is open to everyone (men and women). Come for coffee, conversation and end with prayer for people within the congregation and community

Fund Balances as of 5/31/25:

General Fund	\$68,049.99
Building Fund	\$6,187.65
Christian Ed Fund	\$4,518.63
Benevolence Fund	\$5,672.77
Service Min. Fund	\$10,505.42
Scholarship Fund	\$5,107.72

As of 5/31/2025

General Fund Giving: \$44,495.32

General Fund Expenses: \$52,340.20

Grace Lutheran Church Minutes - 6/11/25

Grace Members Present: Don Bakken, Tom Behlke, Steffen Morical, Tina Pikkaraine, Clem Roers, Renee Thompson and Brenda Trisko.

Guests Present: Pastor Bradley Pearson, Kelli Wendel

Steffen called the meeting to order.

Tom motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Clem 2nd. Approved.

VISITOR REPORTS: None

PASTORAL REPORT: Pastor Brad welcomed feedback from the council as to how things were going and ways that he could improve. Council affirmed Pastor's work, highlighting his sermons and connection within the community.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Brenda motioned to approve minutes as presented. Tina 2nd. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Brenda presented financials. We continue to look good year-to-date. Expenses are quite close to budget due to increases being seen across all billings. Clem motioned to approve report. Tom 2nd. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

•Parsonage Maintenance/Repairs/AC: Mini split has been installed and is working well. Painting to begin this month.

•Insurance: Waiting to get more information back from our representative.

•Camera for church entrance/office: Tina shared some options for cameras. Discussion ensued. Don made a motion to approve purchase of cameras for the three main doors. Brenda 2nd. Approved. Tina will keep an eye on pricing and purchase when they go on sale.

•VBS: Will have another meeting upcoming.

•Joint Outdoor Worship Service: Sunday, June 22. Some help still needed. Contact Erin.

NEW BUSINESS:

•Performance Reviews: Pastor Brad shared that performance reviews have been completed and shared that he is appreciative of the work that Kelli and Sharon do. Personnel committee recommended an increase of \$.25/hour for Sharon. Don made a motion to approve increase retroactive to June 1. Tina 2nd. Approved.

•Tom Behlke: Tom asked the council's blessing to make Grace available to host a weekly AA Meeting. He indicated that there was a need and he is willing to coordinate. He will work with Pastor Brad and do some education during worship at both Grace and Faith. The council shared their support for this and thanked Tom for working toward this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DEACON'S REPORT: None

BOARD OF EDUCATION: None

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: None



NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, July 9 7:30 pm

Renee motioned to adjourn. Clem 2nd. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by: Kelli Wendel, Parish Assistant

Grace Post Secondary Scholarship Applications

Applications for Grace post secondary scholarships were mailed on June 10. If you did not receive one, please email the office at grace@gctel.com or call for a copy. Students must be confirmed and active members of Grace carrying at least 12 credits at a C average or above to qualify. Application forms and recent grade transcript are due to the office by July 22 to be considered.

Fund Balances as of 5/31/25:

General Fund	\$55,031.81
Building Fund	\$39,496.15
Christian Ed Fund	\$18,248.80
Mission Fund	\$16,312.85
Scholarship Fund	\$2,788.15



Grace Giving at a Glance

General Fund:

Giving May 25	\$ 1,060.00
Giving June 1	\$2,866.00
Giving June 8	\$2,467.00
Giving June 15	\$1,814.00
Giving June 22	\$2,725.00
Giving June 29	TBD

Coffee	\$57.75
Building Giving	\$135.00
Mission Giving	\$225.00
Noisy Offering	\$1,054.87
World Hunger	\$310.00
Camperships	\$6.00
Elevator	\$40.00
Bazaar	\$160.00

**Weekly General Fund Giving needed
to meet the budget = \$2,979.00**

memorials
& gifts

Thank you for the following
gifts in honor or memory of
loved ones:

In Memory of Lila Bergh

Steve & Jean Nelson
Nelson Bros.

Sunday School
Sunday School

In Memory of Kathy Buse

Don Buse

Undesignated

*"Thank you for letting us use your church and dining
team for Kathy's funeral." Don Buse*

CHURCH COUNCIL / FINANCE GRACE

**Grace Beyond Our Doors
Meeting Notes
June 5, 2025**



**Next meeting is Thursday, August 7 at 3:30 pm.
All are welcome.**

We met Thursday June 5 at 3:30 pm. to discuss noisy offering suggestions for the coming months.

June 15 - Karsten Nelson will present a slide show and information on the mission trip work he has been doing with the Doulos school in the Dominican Republic and missions in Tanzania. We will collect a noisy offering to purchase a motorbike "Piki Piki" to be used by the pastors as they travel from village to village. (Annette)

UPDATE: With a matching gift of \$500 from an outside source, we raised enough to purchase one Piki Piki! Thank you!

July 13 - Eagles Healing Nest - a non-profit safe space of healing for veterans in Sauk Centre, MN. (Terrill)

August 10 - donations of school and health kit supplies. More information coming. (Michelle and Pat) No noisy offering.

September - discussed date to put together our annual health and school kits for Lutheran World Relief through the ELCA. Terrill will coordinate with Sunday School/Confirmation. Take Noisy offering to mail kits.

October - Mental Health needs and education (Diane)

November - West Central Community Action fuel assistance program

December - Outreach Food Shelf (Jean)

Next meeting - August 7 at 3:30 pm; no meeting in July. All are welcome!

Present: Annette Helder, Pam Mickelson, Terrill Morical, Jean Nelson, Pat Timmerman

Office Hours Update

Kelli will be taking some vacation time this summer - please check on Facebook for office hour changes or call the office before coming in. Thanks!

July's Noisy Offering -

Eagle's Healing Nest



July's Noisy Offering will be going to support Eagle's Healing Nest (EHN).

EHN is a nonprofit organization committed to meeting the needs of our veterans and service members who suffer from the invisible wounds of war, along with their families. Their entire team is committed to meeting their needs.

EHN provides a place for them to call home, so they can decompress and focus on healing. No one is turned away based on what they can pay. EHN provides board and lodging (along with needed supplies, clothing, etc.) with special services. Programming and support groups are offered in life skills, 12-step traditions, peer support and spirituality. Out-patient treatment and therapies are available to our veterans, military members and their families. Recreational activities are planned and held to build community connections and a strong support network. EHN assists in finding all resources needed for their reintegration and recovery process.

Help us support this service and help the many Veterans in need. Your Noisy Offering gift will help to grow and expand the facilities for the Veterans who are currently on a waiting list for services. Funds raised also help to cover operating expenses so rates can be kept low for those who use their program.

For more information visit
www.eagleshealingnest.org.

**Bazaar Raffle Tickets are
in your Grace mailbox.**

Please grab them and sell them to friends and family over the summer!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6 30 am Men's Study—Faith 9 am Women's Bible Study 10 30 am Pastor at Evansville Care Campus 1 30 pm Pastor at Evansville Assisted Living	2	3	4	5 4th July Bake Sale—Faith 9 am—12 pm
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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

526 State Street, Evansville, MN

Bake Sale

Saturday, July 5th

9 am-Noon

Also serving
Coffee, Lemonade
& Treats

Free- will Donations accepted

★ *Let "Faith" do your baking for you!* ★



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