

June 2026

Grace Through Faith Ministries

Growing Together in God's Love to Serve Others

Campus Locations:

Grace Lutheran

PO Box 7

Brandon, MN 56315

www.gracethroughfaithministries.com

Faith Lutheran

526 State Street

Evansville, MN 56326

www.gracethroughfaithministries.com

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.

Pastor

Pastor Bradley Pearson

Hours:

9 am to noon Mon/Tues/Thurs - Faith

Noon - 2 pm Mon/Thurs - Grace

9 am to 2 pm Wed - Grace

Phone: 320-834-5179

Email: pastorbrad@gctel.net

Office-Grace

Kelli Wendel

Hours: 8:30 am - 4 pm T-TH

Phone: 320-524-2262

Email: grace@gctel.com

Office-Faith

Hours: Contact Pastor Brad

Phone: 218-948-2574

Email: faithlc@gctel.com

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

June 3	Parsonage
June 10	Parsonage
June 17	None
June 24	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!

Parish Council President

Lon Burgess

Phone: 320-266-8407

Grace Council President

Steffen Morical

Phone: 320-808-5828

Faith Council President

Bob Anderson

Phone: 701-260-4302

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



Cleaning Help Needed for June, July & August

Grace's custodian, Sharon Hermanson has resigned her position as of the beginning of June, as she and her husband Dan are making plans for their retirement - **THANK YOU, SHARON for your service to Grace!**

We are looking for a few people who would be willing to assist with light cleaning (bathrooms, vacuuming, kitchen) during the slower summer months as we look to find a replacement for Sharon. If you can help with a few hours each week (or once a month), let Kelli know. Thanks!



Summerfest: Something new ... serving 9-10:30 am, Saturday, August 1 (before the parade at 11), blueberry pancakes, blueberry wild rice sausage, coffee and orange juice. Freewill offering. More info to come - contact John Anderson with questions.



Mark Your Calendars:

**August 2-4
5:30 to 8 pm**

at Grace Lutheran

June 2026 Faith Worship Assistants

	June 7 10:30 AM -Faith Communion	June 14 10:30 AM -Faith	June 21 10:30 AM - Faith	June 28 10:30 AM - Faith Communion
Sound/Video	Heidi Johnson	Larry Carlson	Sandy Alvstad	Brad Anderson
Reader	Kelly Smith	Karen Howell	Heidi Johnson	Vicki Carlson
Ushers	Brad Anderson	Roger Bukkila	Elise LeMay Family	Dennis Week
Communion Servers	Vicki Carlson			Jenell Week

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Acolyte	Ashlyn Elmer	Aubree Swiontek	Brooklyn Daniels	Lilibelle Hokanson
Reader	Brenda Trisko	Jean Nelson	Don Bakken	Shannon Wendel
Ushers	Brenda Trisko John & Kay Black Craig Johanson	Steve & Jean Nelson	Larry Russell Renee Thompson	Craig & Sue Johanson Mike & Kellie Daniels
Communion Servers	Brenda Trisko Sue Johanson			Chelsea & Tom Gasser
Coffee/ Fellowship	John & Kay Black	Steve & Jean Nelson	Renee Thompson	Mike & Kellie Daniels Choir Nieland
Musicians	Annette Helder Tom Helder	Rebecca Heyn Heyn Family	Karen Erickson Kathy Fynboh	Marcus Decker Dan Olson

Altar Guild - Chris Pizel and Brenda Hintermeister

At the end of a meeting, I was asked to pray. I laughed because the ask was prefaced by, "Since you're a pastor ...".

Pastor I am, but I relish when someone else prays – just like having the opportunity to be chauffeured instead of driving all the time.

Not being familiar with most around the table, I invited prayer requests. A few offered simple petitions. One person caught everyone off-guard by naming someone and then said, "I don't know if you know this, but ...".

Reading the room, I could tell most were clueless.

Because of the personal information shared, I jumped into prayer with a quick, "Amen!" and bid everyone a good afternoon.

I don't believe the person intended to hurt anyone with their reveal about the individual – I think it came from a place of concern.

When it comes to prayer requests, it's important to ask ourselves if we're being a reporter or a compassionate guardian of our neighbors.

God is so much bigger than we can ever imagine – He knows, understands and is fully aware of everything long before we see it ourselves.

The invitation to pray, isn't for God's benefit, it's for ours. We come to a place of surrender and honesty – we can't fix, heal, decide, forgive and love on our own. Prayer connects us to the One who can and does fix, heal, discerns, forgives, loves and marvelously resurrects!

Naming our concerns and the people we care about, doesn't need the "I don't know if you know this" explanations. Nor does it need inquiring minds asking why we're praying.

It's enough for us to take the names and concerns to God who is already being the God we need Him to be.

The more time spent with God, we find it's we who are being changed. We are calmed; we are strengthened; we become more hopeful.

Welcome to Summer!
See you in Worship!

Pastor Brad

Pastoral Care

If you, a family member or friend of yours is sick, hospitalized, having or going to be having surgery or have any other concerns needing pastoral care - please call the Church Office: Faith at 218-948-2574 or Grace at 320-524-2262 and the Parish Assistant will contact Pr. Bradley. After hours, Pastor can be reached at the parsonage 320-834-5179.

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June Birthdays

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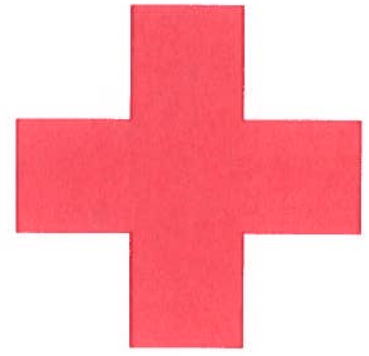
Robin Johnson	3
Diane Bukkila	5
Robbie Henrichs, Jr.	11
Kevin Johnson	19
Peter Mounts	20
Sawyer LeMay	23
Kooper Shores	23
Jackie Elmer	28
Dennis Shores	28
Roland Kronberg	29
Chloe Henrichs	30

Grace

Noah McFarlane	2
Eva Bitzan	4
Dawn Allen	8
Adrick Magnuson	11
Renee Thompson	15
Ava Santjer	16
Grayson Elmer	19
Justin Hoidahl	19
Toni Bitzan	24
Skip Brethorst	24
Elliot Johnson	24
Josh Pikkaraine	27
Andrew Johnson	29
Reese Sayre	29
Grant Trisko	29
Rachel Swiontek	30

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
American Red Cross



Blood Drive

Faith Lutheran Church

526 State Street - Evansville

Wednesday, June 10, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Faith Lutheran Church to schedule Thank You!



Dear Grace,
Thank you for generously allowing us to use your beautiful place of worship for Colton's graduation party. We are truly grateful for your hospitality and

the welcoming space you provided for your family & friends to gather & celebrate this milestone. Your kindness helped make the day meaningful & memorable, and we appreciate it more than words can express! Love always, The Breikreutz Family

Also, thank you so much for the time you spent making my quilt - Colton

Save the Date

Faith Lutheran Church
Bake Sale!
526 State St, Evansville, MN
Saturday, July 4th 9am- Noon
Also serving...
Coffee, Lemonade, & Pastries!!
Freewill Donations Accepted



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 & 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 4/30/26:

General Fund	\$51,867.67
Building Fund	\$21,412.53
Benevolence Fund	\$8,572.53
Faith Ministries Fund	\$19,420.46
Scholarship Fund	\$5,171.72



As of 4/30/2026

General Fund Giving:	\$39,273.64
General Fund Expenses:	\$41,517.46

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Grace Lutheran Church Minutes - 5/13/26

Grace Members Present: Tom Behlke, Steffen Morical, Tina Pikkaraine, Clem Roers, Dawson Staples

Guests Present: Pastor Bradley Pearson, Kelli Wendel



Dawson called the meeting to order. Tina motioned to approve the agenda. Clem 2nd. Approved.

VISITOR REPORTS: None

PASTORAL REPORT: VBS meeting is upcoming; also planning on visiting about the school year and if there is a possibility to do some joint planning for kids/youth. Pastor plans on also having some visits with individual families. Challenge is to see what can be done to help parents commit to making Sunday School/Confirmation/faith formation activities a priority.

Pastor received information about a food packing event happening at Calvary Lutheran Church in Alexandria. He would like this to be one of the congregation service events. We will invite Grades 5 through adult to participate on Monday, June 29.

Sundaes on Wednesday will start in June (with the exception of June 17, as he has been invited to participate in a service at Anderson Funeral Home that evening).

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Clem motioned to approve minutes as presented. Tom 2nd. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kelli presented financials. We made up some ground in April with a few catch-up and special gifts. However we are still over \$8,000 under budget for giving to General Fund year-to-date. First half of year insurance premium was paid in April, which was a significant expense. Tina motioned to approve. Dawson 2nd. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Joint Outdoor Worship: Steffen will pull together a group of 5-8 people to assist with grilling and serving the meal. He will report back on this at June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

City of Brandon Request: The City has asked if Grace would act as the emergency backup location for Special and General Elections. This would be used only if there is something major that would render the Auditorium unusable. Tom made a motion to support the use of Grace as a backup location; Tina 2nd. Approved.

Parsonage Sanitary Sewer Lines: Parsonage sanitary sewer lines caused backup into the basement. Trustees and Terrill Morical coordinated repair project to take care of this, which additionally will put us into compliance with the City project. Cost was just over \$12,000 for the work. There was some shared responsibility with a neighboring property running into the same lines. Clem will visit with the neighbor to see if they will cover the portion of the billing tied to their usage. Pastor will call ServPro to have them come in and sanitize the basement of the parsonage now that the work is complete.

Church Water Usage: Kelli shared that there continues to be a problem with water usage at the church. Each month's billing has continued to see higher usage even though a number of small issues have been addressed. Brainstormed ideas on what is driving this, took place. Trustees will continue looking into a solution.

Parking (front of church): Kelli shared with Council that there continues to be a number of instances where people are getting precariously close to the church building when parking in front of the church. She took photos of several occasions and forwarded to the City to see if there is any recourse through the sewer project contractors since they did not replace the curb as it originally was before the project. The City said they would look into the issue and get back to us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DEACON'S REPORT: None

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Sunday School and Confirmation are done for the school year.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: No Additional items.

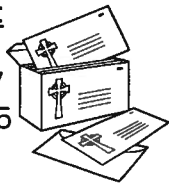
NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, June 10, 7:30 pm

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

Submitted by: Kelli Wendel, Parish Assistant

Fund Balances as of 4/30/26:

General Fund	\$76,148.43
Building Fund	\$44,517.77
Christian Ed Fund	\$36,954.15
Mission Fund	\$15,141.01
Scholarship Fund	\$3,488.15



Grace Giving at a Glance

General Fund:

Giving April 26	\$4,369.00
Giving May 3	\$3,615.00
Giving May 10	\$6,637.95
Giving May 17	\$1,241.00
Giving May 24	\$5,379.00
Giving May 31	TBD

Coffee	\$156.00
Building Giving	\$200.00
Mission Giving	\$232.00
Noisy Offering- Habitat	\$439.73
Noisy Offering - Barnyard	\$555.87
World Hunger	\$310.00
Camperships	\$4,006.00

Weekly General Fund Giving needed to meet the budget = \$3,000.00

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June's Noisy Offering - BE School Backpack Attack



There are currently about 30 Students in the BE School District who need help with food. Through the backpack attack program, the school sends a pack filled with food home with these students on Friday to ensure they have enough food to cover the weekend.

Each pack costs about \$6.25. United Way Lakes and Prairie, in partnership with Gardonville Telephone Cooperative is looking to raise \$6,750 to put together 30 bags weekly for 36 weeks. Our June Noisy Offering will go to support these efforts.

Later in the summer, we will participate in a packing event - be on the lookout in the newsletter and bulletins for the date and time and make plans to help if you can!

Thank you for supporting these students/families!

Join Us at Luther Crest for Women's Day Monday, June 22

Carpool from Grace at 8:15 am - ALL are welcome!

Sign up by June 8 on the table outside the office.

NEW***Fill Out the Registration Form

Cost \$25 to Grace Office

Go to luthercrest.org for more information

Contact Annette Helder for any questions

The day starts with worship in the Chapel at 9:15 and continues until 4 pm. This day option includes morning coffee, lunch, morning sessions with our special guests, morning + afternoon mini-sessions, and the afternoon presenter. How fun!

There is an overnight, Women's Week option June 22-25. Day care, children's camp, pre-school kids free. Come back for each day or see the summer musical in the Chapel at 7 pm each Thursday!

The Trailblazing Women of Scripture - Who They Are & How They Changed Our World Speaker: Tera Elness

Tera is an Author & Speaker from Southwest MN who is passionate about sharing the truth of who God is in the most real and down-to-earth ways. Her first published book "Sitting With Jesus", a 365-Day Devotional, came out April 2025 and is designed to encourage its reader to make space each morning to sit with Jesus in the pages of the Word. Tera also serves as the Director of Children, Youth, & Camp; Family Ministries at her home church, American Lutheran in Windom.

Grace Beyond Our Doors Meeting Notes May 17, 2026



Next meeting is June 14, 2026. All are welcome.

Grace Beyond Our Doors wants to thank Grace members for their generous giving to the mission fund. We are always looking for new missions to support. Let us know if you have something to recommend.

Upcoming Noisy Offerings:

June: BE School Backpack Attack

July: Douglas County Food Shelf

August/September: Lutheran World Relief Health & School Kits

October: International Health Partners, Tanzania

November: Veterans

December: TBD

Attending: Kathy Fynboh, Pat Freese, Annette Helder, Terrill Morical and Diane Olson.



THANK YOU

I am so grateful for the thoughts, prayers and gifts of kindness shown in so many ways to Clem and I the past weeks following my kidney donation. Healing is coming along and I feel better every week. Thank you again to the communities of Grace and Faith! It is truly appreciated.

Kristi Roers



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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 pm Bible Study—Faith	2 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	3 6-7:30 pm Sundaes on Wednesday—Parsonage	4 9:30 am Prayer & Share—Faith 1 pm Pastor at Brandon Assisted Living	5	6
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Faith's Bake Sale: Saturday, July 4, 9 am to 12 noon, lots of delicious baked goods. Coffee, lemonade and pastries – freewill donations.

Outdoor Worship: Sunday, July 19, we will enjoy worship with the Gloryland Band at Long Lake Lodge, 10:30 am followed by hamburgers and bratwursts on the grill.

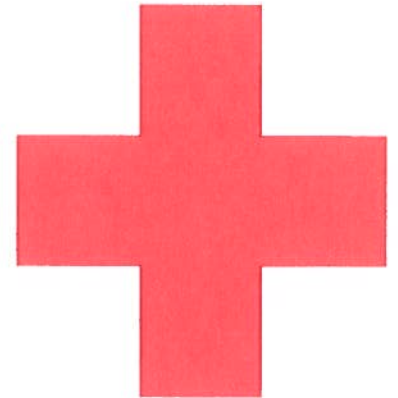
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Vacation Bible School: A fun, cooperative ministry between Chippewa Lutheran, Faith and Grace Lutheran will be August 2-4 (Sunday through Tuesday), 5:30-8 pm. A simple meal will be served. More information in the July newsletter and on Facebook.

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Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Faith Lutheran Church to schedule an appointment.



Come to give blood 6/1-28 for a \$15 e-gift card + chance to win a \$75K prize! See rcblood.org/June.

