

July 2026

Grace Through Faith Ministries

Growing Together in God's Love to Serve Others

Campus Locations:

Grace Lutheran

PO Box 7

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www.gracethroughfaithministries.com

Faith Lutheran

526 State Street

Evansville, MN 56326

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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

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Office-Faith

Hours: Contact Pastor Brad

Phone: 218-948-2574

Email: faithlc@gctel.com

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

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 1	Parsonage
July 8	Parsonage
July 15	Faith Lawn
July 22	Faith Lawn
July 29	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.



Faith	
Olivia Shores	8
Deb Erickson	10
Randy Elmer	14
Pat Bock	15
Roger Bukkila	18
Grady Andersen	25
Irv Arnquist	28
Vicki Carlson	30

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

Grace (cont.)	
Kyle Schaffran	18
Collins Anderson	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
Ryan Swiontek	26
Kendall Elmer	27
Linda Jesnowski	27
Violet Pikkaraine	28
Terry Allen	31
Wyatt Sieling	31



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!

July 2026 Faith Worship Assistants

	July 5 10:30 AM -Faith Communion	July 12 10:30 AM -Faith	July 19 10:30 AM - Long Lake Lodge Joint Outdoor Worship	July 26 10:30 AM - Faith Communion
Sound/Video	Heidi Johnson	Larry Carlson		Brad Anderson
Reader	Deb Berry	Candi Steer		Angie Baker
Ushers	Larry Carlson	Kevin Johnson Family	Doug Alvstad	David Jante
Communion Servers	Warren or Deb Erickson			Mary Johnson

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Acolyte	Grayson Elmer	Layla Mohagen		Lane Hokanson
Reader	Kathy Boeddeker	Kristi Roers		Sadie Riedel
Ushers	Kathy Boeddeker Eric & DeAnn Satterlie	Clem & Kristi Roers	Clem & Kristi Roers Eric & DeAnn Satterlie	Emma Roers Carter & Ryan Swiontek
Communion Servers	DeAnn Satterlie			Dawn Pennie Sadie Riedel
Coffee/ Fellowship	Kathy Boeddeker Karen Wirtjes	Clem & Kristi Roers	Light Meal Following	Ryan & Stephanie Swiontek
Musicians	Annette Helder Tom Helder	Rebecca Heyn Heyn Family	Gloryland Band	Marcus Decker Dan Olson

Altar Guild - Kathy Boeddeker and Pat Freese

I'm Swedish, Norwegian, Canadian, Ukrainian – salt and peppered with a few other nationalities before becoming officially American at 18 (after having dual-citizenship).

Edith, a full-blooded German, taught me to be proud as an American; fly my flag; and never, ever take this country for granted. Her stories of air raids and bombs still ring in my ears.

Kenny, a Vietnam Vet, tenderized my heart for our military service women and men.

It was life at Lake Agassiz Elementary School where I learned how beautiful our country is and can be.

Class started every morning with the Pledge of Allegiance. We learned the National Anthem. We were taught to stand tall, take out our gum, off with caps; hand over our hearts. How many do this today? How many know the words to both?

There's a simple beauty about standing in a straight line – no pushing; don't shove; no cutting in – that teaches patience. There's no need to hurry; we're all going to get there; there's enough for everyone.

The three best "words" in any and all conversations are: "Please", "Thank You" and "I'm Sorry". Being polite never goes out of style. Many times, it's the one thing that disarms the firecracker within us.

Oh, the joy of decorating old shoe boxes for Valentine's Day – personal mailboxes scattered around the classroom. Everyone, yes! everyone, bought, signed and delivered a Valentine. No one was left out. Inclusion was never questioned.

Show and Tell ... it wasn't about the showing or telling. It was the applause afterwards. The Academy Awards without the drama. We all need doses of pep, "just because".

Time in the gym wasn't about winning – it was pure fun and laughter. Learn the rules and play fair; no cheating; there's no reason to get mad!

Mom always packed lunches but "gave in" because I told her the Lunch Ladies served "rectangle" pizza on Fridays. Can you imagine!?! Rectangle pizza! Looking back, it's the many people behind the scenes that make the world go round or square, triangle or whatever shape is needed. Lunch Ladies, custodians and so on ... how many do we notice or thank?

This is where I met my best and longest friend, Rodney. True friendships stick closer than Elmer's Glue.

This, in part, is what America means to me. What America can be. Anyone interested in a Kindergarten refresher course?

Happy July!
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.

Faith Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, June 14, 2026

Council Members Present: Bob Anderson, Diane Bukkila, Doug Alvstad, LeAnn Strand, Warren Erickson

Guests Present: Pastor Bradley Pearson

Council started the meeting with Thanksgivings.

The meeting was Called to Order by Doug Alvstad. LeAnn moved to approve the Agenda. Bob seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was presented and reviewed. Bob made a motion to approve the report. Diane seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

•Joint Outdoor Worship is Sunday, July 19, 10:30 am at Long Lake Lodge.

•Hymn Sing Sundays – Discussion and decision made to move forward with coordinating two hymn sings at Faith in the future.

Old Business

•No old business for discussion.

New Business:

•Warren made a motion for July Noisy Offering to be given to Camphill Village Minnesota. Bob seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, July 12 at 11:30 am

Pastor Brad closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting was adjourned by Doug Alvstad

Respectfully submitted: LeAnn Strand



This month we support Camphill Village Minnesota – a licensed residential community in rural Sauk Centre.

They believe every individual, regardless of ability, is an integral part of society. They welcome Minnesota-based applicants with developmental disabilities to a place where they can feel at home, be celebrated for who they are, and grow as a part of a caring and inclusive community. They learn skills in gardening, farming, weaving, pottery, baking and daily living skills.

Noisy Offering will be received on July 12.

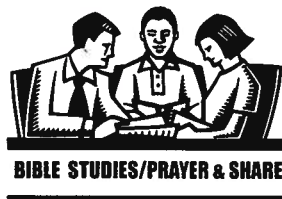
Fund Balances as of 5/31/26:

General Fund	\$46,873.26
Building Fund	\$21,766.53
Benevolence Fund	\$8,672.53
Faith Ministries Fund	\$19,271.08
Scholarship Fund	\$5,171.72



As of 5/31/2026

General Fund Giving: \$43,052.21
General Fund Expenses: \$50,344.42



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



The food pantry comes to Evansville the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 11:30 am to 1 pm at the Evansville City Hall.

How Can I Help?

•Volunteers are needed to help people register, shop, carry groceries etc.

- The pantry will accept donations of non-perishable food or garden produce. If you have something to donate, please bring it the 2nd Tuesday of the month while the mobile unit is in town.
- Pass the word on to anyone that might need these services.

Any further questions? Contact city hall or one of the volunteers.



Summerfest Blueberry Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

**Saturday,
August 1**

9 to 10:30 am

We are trying something new and exciting for this year's Summerfest Celebration! We will be serving a breakfast, serving pancakes, blueberry/maple/wild rice sausage, fresh blueberries, juice coffee and milk.

Sign-up sheets for volunteers and donations to help offset the cost of supplies are on the table outside the office.

Questions? Contact John Anderson.

Vacation Bible School

Trusting Jesus is this year's theme as we sing, play and learn about a Parable using birds and flowers; hear a story about a soldier asking for help; and challenge ourselves to "go and tell". Jesus is our "True North".

Chippewa, Faith and Grace Lutheran come together for three nights – August 2-4 (Sunday through Tuesday), 5:30-8 pm. A simple meal begins promptly at 5:30 pm.

Volunteers are needed to join the fun. Please call or email Grace's office.

**Register online by July 26 at
www.gracethroughfaithministries.com.
Everyone welcome; invite a friend!**

Grace Post Secondary Scholarship Applications



Applications for Grace post secondary scholarships were mailed on June 24. 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 21 to be considered.



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!

Bazaar Raffle Tickets are in your Grace mailbox. Please grab them and sell them to friends and family over the summer!

Fund Balances as of 5/31/26:

General Fund	\$84,096.06
Building Fund	\$33,940.60
Christian Ed Fund	\$36,937.95
Mission Fund	\$14,323.61
Scholarship Fund	\$3,488.15



Grace Giving at a Glance

General Fund:

Giving May 31	\$11,525.00
Giving June 7	\$4,809.95
Giving June 14	\$1,082.50
Giving June 21	\$3,635.00
Giving June 28	TBD

Coffee	\$96.00
Building Giving	\$110.00
Mission Giving	\$205.00
Noisy Offering	\$442.22
World Hunger	\$350.00
Bazaar	\$130.00

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

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July's Noisy Offering -
Outreach Food Shelf



The Outreach Food Shelf serves Douglas County. Every year they distribute 765,000 pounds of food which provides monthly support for approximately 1,300 of our neighbors. They are committed to providing nutritious food to our neighbors in need.

They have direct service at their location in Alexandria and also through their mobile pantry. For every \$1 we donate, 4 meals can be provided.

On Sunday, July 12, a representative from the food shelf will join us to share more about their work, including sharing information on their mobile food shelf outreach.

Your noisy offering will help families in our area - thank you!

Thanks!

Thank you for awarding me with a Grace Lutheran Church Scholarship! I am very honored. It will help cover my college!

Cover my expenses for college!

Sincerely, Bryce Froemming

My time at Grace as your cleaning lady (or as Kelli and I referred to as "my cleaning ministry") was a delight. It gave me a chance to make some wonderful friends and meet some members of your congregation. I see why Grace and Brandon is such a wonderful place to call home.

The coffee time with the quilting ladies was always met with laughter and fun conversation. Our 3 letter word game was always a fun mind challenge.

I would like to thank the quilting ladies and the personnel committee for a wonderful potluck luncheon. Steve and Jean- the halibut and salmon were delicious!!! As was the whole lunch all provided.

It is a bittersweet farewell and I will truly miss you all and being a part of Grace's staff.

Have a pleasant and safe summer and blessings to you all at Grace.

Sharon Hermanson

Grace Beyond
Our Doors



Next meeting
is, July 12, 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:

August/September: Lutheran World Relief Health & School Kits

October: International Health Partners, Tanzania

November: Veterans

December: TBD

**SCHOOL KITS AND PERSONAL CARE KITS
FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

It's almost time for our annual collection of items for LWR kits. Since school supplies may go on sale before the end of July, here's a little heads up for what we need this year for our kits. New items only!

Personal care kits-bath towels (lightweight, dark color, max size 52x27), bath-size bars of soap

School kits-notebooks (70-count, wide or college-ruled, we need LOTS of these), rulers (metric and inches), pencil sharpeners with lids (not the tiny ones), black or blue ballpoint pens, 16- or 24-count crayons



With Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to:

The family and friends of Betty Boid. Betty passed away Monday, May 25. Services were held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Jackson, MN on June 6.

The family and friends of Myron Larson. Myron passed away on June 24. Services were held at Grace Lutheran Church on Wednesday, July 1.

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 & on FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/gracethroughfaithministries

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			1 6 pm Sundaes on Wednesday—Parsonage	2	3	4 4th July Bake Sale—Faith 9 am—12 pm
5 8 30 am Worship—Grace Communion 10 30 am Worship—Faith Communion	6 7 pm Bible Study—Faith	7 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	8 6 pm Sundaes on Wednesday—Parsonage 7 30 pm Grace Council	9 9 30 am Prayer & Share—Faith 1 pm Pastor at Brandon Assisted Living 4 pm Piano Lessons—Grace	10	11
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**Outdoor
WORSHIP**

SUNDAY, JULY 19
10:30 AM
LONG LAKE LODGE,
BRANDON, MN

All are Welcome
to join us
for this special
worship service!

Bring your lawn chair.

FEATURING GLORYLAND GOSPEL BAND

PRESENTED BY
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, BRANDON
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, EVANSVILLE







Join us before the parade!

SUMMERFEST
**BLUEBERRY PANCAKE &
SAUSAGE BREAKFAST**

Freewill Offering Supports the
Missions of Grace Lutheran Church



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August | am | 205 Central Ave
Brandon, Minnesota