

GOOD NEWS

FROM THE GRACE VINE

April 2026

Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendships + Growing Faith

Rite of Confirmation April 26, 2026

12 youth from Grace will take part in their **Rite of Confirmation on April 26th at the 9:00 am** service. They will be showcasing their Faith Boards after service in the Fellowship Hall. There will be food and refreshments to celebrate their special milestone. Please come and support our youth as they affirm their baptisms!

Confirmands include: Addison Beining, Hunter Brigham, Liam Fossum, Lilly Fossum, Clayton Gaedtke, Mya Loka, Michael Landyn, Charlee Lund, Savannah Reinke, Skye Scheffler, Eli Scott, Breck Stromberg.

WELCOME MARISSA SCHUMACHER GRACES NEW COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR



As the Communications Coordinator Marissa will oversee the communications of the congregation with members and the community to help carry out our values and mission of Grace Lutheran Church. She will keep our website, FaceBook page up to date, communicate to WJJQ & put our events on the Tomahawk Community Calendar.



Emily Lucas received her First Communion Milestone on Sunday, March 1. She is pictured with her family and Pastor Julie.

SAVE THE DATE!
THIS YEAR'S BACCALAUREATE:
SUNDAY, MAY 17 DURING
THE 9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE





Pastor's Pondering April 2026

What do you think it means to be healthy?

As part of our Lenten midweek service on Striving for Justice, we asked this question. We had many insightful answers such as: healthy food, safe housing, physical activity, restful sleep, healthcare, relationships with God and people, love, reading God's word, meditation/prayer. It's important that our answers include our faith for a healthy life.

After an activity from ELCA Hunger about what helps defend God's Children from disease, we asked this second question:

What are some ways that Grace helps God's children be healthy?

We had many different answers to this question such as: supporting the food pantry, Kinship, TAIV, Our Sister's House, serving meals like Christmas with Friends, donating through special offerings, School lunch fund, Blessings for Babies, Quilts, ELCA World Hunger, school kits, Pastor's Discretionary funds, and the Backpack program. Other answers for faith include worship, Grace Kids (Sunday School), GLOW & Confirmation and learning about God's Word in bible study. This list reflects that Grace is connected to many community programs and global missions that help support the wellbeing of people.

Our third question was perhaps the hardest one and will take more reflection from our faith community to answer this;

Are there other ways that we can help defend God's Children from disease, by impacting hunger and poverty?

Answers included; doing more of the above activities, more soup suppers and having a chili feed fundraiser, a coat drive, finding a way to meet transportation needs that are unmet, meeting people in person by serving meals or helping with yard work. Grace is extremely generous with supporting people in need with resources but our stewardship of time is more difficult. We need time to build relationships with people who are not able to attend worship but still long to be connected. Grace Cares team is a wonderful start for our members but what about others who long for connection? This is an area we will continue to evaluate as part of our mission of Praising God+ Serving Others+ Building Relationships+ Growing Faith.

I'd like to end with a quote from Mother Teresa of Calcutta:

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow human beings throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love, peace, and joy. Amen.

**Easter Blessings,
Pastor Julie**

Blessings for Babies

This May, our Blessings for Babies ministry is reaching a one-year anniversary since its beginning as a holy experiment. We started the Blessings for Babies ministry after a request for other Tomahawk churches to be a part of a diaper bank ministry in connection with St. Mary's Church. Thanks to our giving members of Grace, this ministry has been able to provide over 3,200 individual diapers along with other baby needs. Pastor Susan, Margaret Pullman and Darrell McCabe have been regulars working at the diaper bank every week. We are also thankful to Patti Gaedtke and many other volunteers who have donated diapers and baby products and baby clothes.

We have seen a need for these items and a thankfulness from the people that are helped with baby supplies that helps to stretch their limited budget. As we continue this ministry, we are looking for ways to support families in the community in this ministry. We applied for a synod grant called Doing A New Thing and in December, we were awarded a \$1600 grant for this ministry. This grant is to help us nurture holy imagination and inspire ministries that create meaningful connections and address community needs. We are thankful for this funding so we can find ways to share faith with families of young children. One way we will do this is to give board books for families to read together to learn about God. We are interested in your ideas about other ways we might help connect and help our families in our area.

Blessings,
Pastor Susan
Pastor Julie



Pastor Susan in the nursery with Patti Gaedtke & Margaret Pullman.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Palm Sunday 9:00am Worship Service	30 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	31 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	1 3:30pm No GLOW: Spring Break 6:30pm No Confirmation: Spring Break	2 5:00pm Last Supper Dress Rehearsal 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship	3 12:30pm Good Friday Worship Service 6:30pm Good Friday Worship Service	4 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm No Worship
5 Easter Worship Service 7:00am Sunrise Service 9:00am Worship Service	6 4:00pm Kinship Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	7 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	8 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters 3:30pm GLOW 6:30pm Confirmation	9	10	11 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/Communion Sanctuary
12 9:00am Worship Service	13 3:30pm Blessings For Babies Diaper Bank 4:00pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	14 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters 11:30am Joyful Noise Luncheon at Outboards	15 9:30am Prayer Shawl Meeting 3:30pm GLOW 6:30pm Confirmation	16 2:00pm OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans) Jim Torgerson financing long-term care and Thrivent presentation	17 9:15am Worship at Riverview 10:30am Worship at Tomahawk Health 1:00pm Worship at Milestone	18 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/Communion Sanctuary
19 8:45am The Last Day of Grace Kids 9:00am Worship Service	20 4:00pm Worship Planning Meeting 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	21 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	22 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters 3:30pm GLOW 6:30pm Right of Confirmation Practice	23	24	25 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/Communion Sanctuary
26 9:00am Worship Service & Rite of Confirmation 10:00am Faith Reception	27 3:30pm Blessings For Babies Diaper Bank 4:00pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:30pm 4-H Club	28 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	29 Confirmation Last Day GLOW Last Day 3:30pm GLOW 6:30pm Confirmation Faith In Action: Grace Garden Last Day of Confirmation	30	1	2 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/Communion Sanctuary - Baptism of Sawyer Zettel

DEADLINES: Newsletter-Third Monday of every month, weekly Grace Notes-Monday

Featured Event



Thank you for attending Soup Supper

The Wilderness Crew would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who came and supported the wilderness soup supper and March 4th. Your donations are appreciated to help us meet our mission as a group.

Thank you to all who participated in our Lenten soup suppers this year. We had great fellowship and helped raise money for various ministries. We especially want to thank Margie Welke for organizing this and all the volunteers who helped in any way.

Joyful Noise Luncheon

April 14 | 11:30am

Joyful Noise Luncheon at Outboards. We meet at 11:30 for lunch April 14 and everyone is welcome!

OWLS (OLDER WISER LUTHERANS)

April 16 at 2 pm

We greatly enjoyed our March presentations about travels to Scotland, London and Paris. Thank you Nancy and Sandy. If anyone else has photos to share from interesting places let us know. Next up Jim Torgerson will address our group about financing long-term care. A Trivent representative will follow Jim's talk to discuss retirement planning. This meeting will be on April 16 at 2 pm.

Remember that all are welcome to attend any of our events so come join us.

Cerney's Cards For Sale Starting

April 18 & 19

The 2026 Wilderness Group will be selling Cerney's Cards in the Gathering Area to raise funds for their trip to Glacier. They will be sold during before and after worship services and in the office during the week.

Important Youth Events

Mark Your Calendars

April 19 - The Last Day of Grace Kids

April 22 - Right of Confirmation Practice

April 26 - Rite of Confirmation and Faith Board Reception - All are welcome to attend!

April 29 - GLOW last day. Confirmation Faith in Action: Grace Garden

May 17 - Baccalaureate Services - All are welcome to attend and celebrate our Seniors!

March 19, 2026 Council Meeting Highlights

Full Council meeting minutes can be found in the Gathering Area.

Where Have We Seen God at Work?

- The weather, the snow and sun. It's all for a purpose.
- Youth offering to share talents in worship.
- Pastor Julie states she is enjoying reviewing the youth's Faith Boards and to see how their faith has blossomed.

Council Agenda Highlights
Pastor Julie is working on a potential collaboration with the Methodist Church to make rice and soy bags to go overseas.

Sherry Clements gave an update on how the disposition of surplus items is going.

The council calendar was updated.

FEBRUARY 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT

	Receipts	Spending	Difference
Monthly Receipts vs. Spending	31,911	32,709	(798)
Year to Date Receipts vs. Spending	52,637	66,706	(13,272)
Mortgage Loan Balance			121,426
Special Offering - Lutheran Disaster			823

April Special Offering: TAIV

The Tomahawk Area Interfaith Volunteers (TAIV) is the recipient of the April Special Offering. TAIV is a profit volunteer driven organization that serves Tomahawk and the surrounding area.

Our Mission and Vision:

Volunteer's putting their faith into action, building relationships, and working together to fill the gap between family and other resources for the seniors and those with disabilities in our community. To serve the Tomahawk area through our core services of companionship, chore services and transportation, empowering them to continue to live independently.

There are several ways the members of Grace can support TAIV:

*Volunteer! Companionship by doing friendly visits or phone calls, light housekeeping and chores like running errands or providing transportation to health or social appointments or events.

*Care-Recipients: Refer a person you know who could benefit from TAIV's volunteer services.

*Donations: Use the special offering envelope and mark it for January Special Offering.

If you have questions about volunteering or referring a care receiver call the TAIV office at 715-453-8200 or stop in weekdays between 1:00-2:00. Office located in the Tomahawk Senior Community Center.

AA/Alanon Meetings

Grace Lutheran

• AA and Alanon: Saturday. 9:00 am

Grace Community House

• AA: Sunday 10:10 am
• AA: Friday 7:30 pm (open)
• AA: Wednesday 12:10 pm

St. Paul's (12 E. Wisconsin Ave.)

• AA and Alanon: Monday 7:00 pm

If you have a problem with alcohol or if someone you know suffers from the disease, AA (for the alcoholic) or Alanon (for family or friend of alcoholic) could be your lifeline. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of both these groups. If you would like to speak with someone personally, the church office, 453-4066, or Pastor can put you in touch with an AA or Alanon member.

All communications will be confidential.

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