

GOOD NEWS

from the grace vine!

Grace Lutheran Church

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December 2025



Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendships + Growing Faith

Christmas Worship at Grace Lutheran

The Children's Nativity Program—December 14 9:00 am

Christmas Eve—December 24 4:00 & 7:00 pm

The 4 pm worship is a family-based worship for those who are young or young at heart.

The 7 pm worship will be a candlelight service with songs to light up the evening.

Christmas Day—December 25 10:00 am

This worship service will be filled with joyful songs to celebrate Christ's birth.

All are welcome! Invite a friend!

*Live streaming of our worship services at
www.gracelutherantomahawk.org*



Mark Your Calendars!
The Children's Nativity Program will take place on December 14th at 9am worship. Grace kids along with older youth will be singing and reading the story of God's greatest gift. Please join us on this day. All are invited!
*Program practice will be Sunday, Dec. 7 at 8:45-10:45 am.

Christmas with Friends Dinner

Christmas Day - 11am to 1pm

All are invited to the worship at 10:00 am before dinner.

Dine in, Take out & Delivery available

Call Church office at (715) 453-4066 to:

- Request a delivery (Tomahawk area only)
- Reserve a time to pick up your meal

Call Pastor Kathy Tulman to volunteer to help:
(715) 579-6780

Cookie Walk & Craft Sale

**Date: Saturday,
December 13, 2025**

**Times: Craft area
opens at 9am – 1pm**

**Cookie Walk: opens
at 9:30am.**

Many Christmas cookies to select from, as well as, candy and fudge. Come see all the hand made craft items. Fair Trade items for sale including coffee and chocolates.

All are welcome!



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To get us started, an anonymous family is donating \$200 in Trigs, Kwik Trip and Walmart gift cards, a portion of which will be available to any member who comes to the

We love because God first loved us. *1 John 4:11*

We've received a fresh batch of Fair Trade products in time for the holidays. Gift baskets are available for purchase or you can place a special order, with order forms available in the church office. We thank you for your support of this valuable ministry – a way to support farmers around the world who may not otherwise have access to fair compensation for their products. Remember, this is not a fundraiser and the products are sold at or below our cost. And Margie makes beautiful gift baskets!

Thank you to everyone involved in making this fund raiser a success especially those who coordinate, clean, and work behind the scenes. If you have questions feel free to contact the following Leaders: Lefse, Linda Halverson 715-453-4684; Crafts, Sandy Wick 920-680-1237; Cookie Walk, Margie Welke 715-966-5497 or Julie Dentler 715- 966-6123.

Pastor's Pondering – December 2025

As the season of Advent approaches, our thoughts turn to a young couple who will be expecting a baby. This pregnancy is unexpected and they are not married, so there's a lot of talk going on in their families and the community. This will not be an easy journey for this young couple to bring this baby into the world.

This Advent season beginning on November 29 & 30, we will begin an Advent theme "Labor Classes with Mary and Joseph."*

We will use this imaginative look at the Nativity story through the eyes of a young couple who have been chosen to bring the Son of God, Jesus into our world. If we could travel back in time to offer support to the couple, what would we say and do? How might we offer our support to prospective young parents bringing children into our community today? How can we offer God's unconditional love to one another and our neighbors facing unexpected difficulties?

This December, we will display our playpen once again to collect diapers, wipes and baby care necessities for families needing support in raising healthy young children in our community.

Whatever we collect that we do not have room for, we will share with the other diaper bank locations in our community that we are working with. Thank you to all who have participated in Our Blessings for Babies ministry already– you are helping each child know God's love!

Blessings,

Pastor Julie

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We are getting ready for Christmas – with Friends!

Christmas with Friends is an annual meal sponsored and staffed by volunteers at Grace Lutheran Church on Christmas Day. We could use your help as we are anticipating our biggest event to date!

Co - coordinated by Shirley Derleth and Pastor Kathy Tulman, more than 60 volunteers will be needed to advertise, prepare, serve, deliver and clean up as part of this important community event. We will also be soliciting donations for purchasing food and paper products, and more.

Things to consider:

You are invited to participate!!!

- by praying for those who join us for a meal and time together and those who will receive a meal at home

- by providing food items that will become part of our meal

- by helping in a variety of ways in advance of the event

- by helping us prepare, serve and clean up on Christmas Day

- by helping us deliver meals to area seniors, families or those working on Christmas Day

- by coming on your own or with your family and enjoying

Christmas ham, potatoes and pie. Reservations needed.

This is an especially good way to get to know others at Grace

It is a way to share in a unique ministry, caring for those in Tomahawk and the surrounding area – being the face of Jesus by loving your neighbor or working behind the scenes.

If you would like volunteer or donate items for the meal, don't hesitate to contact

Pastor Kathy at ktulman09@gmail.com or 715-579-6780 (leave a message)

Sign-ups to come to *Christmas with Friends Dinner* will be available in the church office beginning in early December. There is no cost for the meal, but you will be able to donate a thanks offering at your table.

December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Advent 1 9:00am Worship Service & Baptism of Avery Ludington	1 4:00pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	2 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	3 3:30pm GLOW 6:30pm Confirmation	4	5 8:00am Office hours	6 Worship/Communion Sanctuary & Memory Tree Lighting 9:00am AA/Alanon
7 8:45am Grace Kids Christmas Program Practice 9:00am Worship Service: Light Memory Tree 1:00pm Lefse Making	8 6:00am Lefse Making 3:30pm Blessings For Babies Diaper Bank 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	9 Pastor Julie Conference Meeting all am 6:00am Lefsa Making 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters 4:00pm Mutual Ministry Meeting	10 9:00am Four Rivers Quilters 3:30pm GLOW 6:30pm Confirmation 8:00pm Wilderness Fundraising Meeting	11 8:00am Craft Sale and Cookie Walk Set Up 6:00pm Church Council Meeting	12 8:00am Crafter & Cookie Walk Set-up 8:00am Office hours	13 8:00am Craft Sale and Cookie Walk 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/Communion Sanctuary
14 9:00am Worship Service & Children's Nativity Program Craft Sale after worship	15 Newsletter deadline 4:00pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	16 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Contemporary Choir Practice	17 9:30am Prayer Shawl Meeting 3:30pm GLOW 6:30pm Confirmation	18	19 8:00am Office hours 9:15am Worship at Riverview 10:30am Worship at Tomahawk Health 2:00pm Worship at Milestone	20 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/Communion Sanctuary
21 9:00am Worship Service-Contemporary Choir	22 3:30pm Blessings For Babies Diaper Bank 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study 5:30pm 4-H Club	23 8:00am PPP Guys	24 No GLOW or Confirmation: Christmas Break 4:00pm Family Christmas Worship Service 7:00pm Candlelight Service	25 10:00am Christmas Worship Service 11:00am Christmas with Friends Community Dinner	26 8:00am Office hours	27 9:00am AA/Alanon 1No Worship/Communion Sanctuary
28 9:00am Worship Service	29 4:00pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Knitters Group 5:00pm Men's Bible Study	30 8:00am PPP Guys 9:00am Quilters	31 No GLOW or Confirmation due to Christmas Break	1 Office closed	2 8:00am Office hours	3 9:00am AA/Alanon 5:00pm Worship/Communion Sanctuary

Share a Poinsettia

If you wish to share a poinsettia with the church, you may purchase one for \$14.25.

Plants can be taken home after the Christmas day service on a first come basis.

It may be in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Memory of _____ Honor of _____

From: _____

\$ _____ CHECKS (make out to Grace Lutheran Church)

\$ _____ CASH

(Money can be placed in the offering plate along with this form)

DECEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING – THE SEASON OF GIFT GIVING

During this joyous season of giving, we invite you to consider a gift to ELCA Good Gifts and/or Grace's Gift Catalog. ELCA Good Gifts will once again be featured with ornaments on a Christmas tree in the gathering space. You can select ornaments with specific needs and offer that amount. The items on the ornaments are real examples from projects currently supported through different church wide ministries.

The Gift Catalog includes projects for new hallway ceiling and lights, currently the ceiling outside the youth room. We pray that you will find one/some that speak to your heart and that you wish to support with your gift. Please designate where you want your gift to be directed. Any undesignated gifts will be applied to Grace's Gift Catalog. Thank you for your generosity during this season of giving!

Welcome To God's Family



On November 2, Kenew William Hilgendorf was baptized. Kenew's parents are: Katie Hilgendorf and Ivy Sayles. His sponsors are: Mike & Cheryl Brickner. He is also pictured with his siblings and Pastor Julie.



Mavis Lori Oelke's baptism was held on November 8th. Mavis' parents are Stetson and Amanda Oelke. Her Godparents are Miranda Erickson, Adam & Stephanie Lemmer. She is pictured with her siblings and Pastor Julie.

Congratulations on your retirement!



We celebrated Pastor Kathy Tulman's retirement from Visitation Pastor at Grace. We thank Pastor Kathy for her ministry and all of ways that she and her husband Jon have blessed Grace. Pastor Kathy will still be involved at Grace in the role of Pastor Emerita with Pastor Susan and Pastor Check.

Thank you Pastor Kathy!



**Memory Tree
Lighting**
During worship services on
December 6 & 7

In memory of Dotti Anderson, and to honor her years of service as an Altar Guild member, Paul Anderson donated memorial money to Grace to buy needed items in the altar area. The money was used to buy a new Advent candle stand and candles to replace the old stand which was in disrepair plus candle inserts in the needed size are no longer available. We are so thankful!



**YEARLY OFFERING: The last day for 2025 contributions is:
Tuesday, December 30 by 1:00 pm.**

November 13, 2025 Council Meeting Highlights for Newsletter

Full Council meeting minutes can be found in the binder in the gathering space.

Where Have We Seen God at Work?

The northern lights; Grace's giving table; In the recent baptisms; The staff and volunteers at Grace and seeing God work through them.

Council Agenda Highlights

The special offering for October for Our Sisters' House took in \$1,143.10

Vacation Bible School might return to Grace for the summer of 2026

Interviews will be held for the Treasurer position

Wendy Black and Mark Gaedtke have been hired for the position of Lay Minister

OCTOBER 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

	Receipts	Spending	Difference
Monthly Receipts vs. Spending	\$ 29,885	\$ 31,828	\$ (1,943)
Year-to-date Receipts vs. Spending	\$ 279,579	\$ 306,526	\$ (26,947)
Mortgage Loan Balance as of October 2025			\$ 185,224.29
October Special Offering: Our Sisters House			\$1,143.10
Other Benevolence - Salvation Army Backpack Program			\$256.00

Annual Meeting Date—January 25, 2026

The Annual Meeting of Grace Lutheran Church will take place on January 25, 2026. It will begin at approximately 10am (will follow the 9am worship service). There will be a ZOOM option for anyone who is not available in person. If you need the zoom link, let Barb or Mary know in the office 715-453-4066. Committee report deadline: January 9.

ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS

The Grace Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Committee is inviting applications for mission development and outreach ministries. **The deadline for applying is December 31, 2025** with funds to be awarded by end of April, 2026. Applications are available at the Grace Lutheran Church office, Tomahawk, Wisconsin or on our website gracelutherantomahawk.org.

APPLICATION FOR ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIP

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Applicants will be accepted only from members of Grace Lutheran Church, Tomahawk. Applicants must have at least a 2.0/C cumulative grade point average to be considered. Please include a copy of your most recent transcript when applying.

Preference may be given to first time applicants.

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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Sunday: 9:00 am

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Monday-Friday 8:00am to 1:00pm