



GRACE GLEANINGS 2020



Grace Lutheran Newsletter

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26th

We will have only one combined worship, due to the Annual Meeting.
10:00 a.m. Worship

A potluck/brunch will follow immediately. Please plan to bring your favorite dish to pass.
Everyone, please plan to join us!



GRACE'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Will be held on

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26th, AT 12:00 p.m.

All confirmed & adult members of
Grace Lutheran Church are voting members.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Potluck/Brunch before the meeting.



Funerals
at Grace

Frieda Magee
Astrid Waite

Baptisms
at Grace

Everleigh June
Rushing

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE

Monday, January 6th

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED
WITH THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SUPPER
served at Grace on Christmas Day**

A BIG THANKYOU to Premier Bankcard Employees
for always stepping up and
donating most of the items for
the supper!! Also, thank you to
everyone who donated food or
money; helped set up, cleanup,
prepare, serve and deliver the
meals.



Community Christmas Supper

FOUNDATION GRANT FORMS

Are available in the church office.

Office hours are Monday thru
Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



If you wish to fill a form out for a
request for funding for a
project or an organization
they are due by February 15th, 2020



Help us
take down
Christmas
Trees & Decor

Altar Guild

Monday, January 6th

Starting at 5:00 p.m. till done.

The Altar Guild will be taking down all of the dec-
orations throughout the church and would love
your help!

Please plan to take a little of your time to
come and help them with this project!



Altar
Guild

IRA Charitable Rollover

A Tax-Saving Way to help Grace Lutheran Church

If you are 70 ½ years or older, you may be interested in taking advantage of a simple way to benefit Grace Lutheran Church. The IRA (individual retirement account) Charitable Rollover may lower your income and taxes from your IRA withdrawals.

The Criteria of an IRA Charitable Rollover:

- You must be 70 ½ or older when the transfer is made.
- The transfer must go directly from your IRA administrator to the church.
- The gift counts toward your IRA RMD (required minimum distribution).
- IRA rollover gifts are limited to \$100,000 per taxpayer per year.
- The distribution is not reported as income, so there is no adverse effect on income tax.
- IRA charitable rollovers can be used to fulfill a pledge you may have made to Grace Lutheran Church.

Benefits of an IRA charitable rollover:

- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize your deductions.
- You can avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to Grace Lutheran Church.
- You can satisfy your RMD (required minimum distribution).
- Gifts can be larger than your RMD and still receive the tax saving benefits.

If you have questions about an IRA Charitable Rollover, please contact:

Cindy Vander Leest
Business Administrator
Grace Lutheran Church
202 2nd St SE
Watertown, SD 57201
605-886-5737

CAN YOU BUILD A SNOWMAN?!

Tuesday, January 14th
6:00 p.m.

Cost \$10 per person

Grace Lutheran Church (class open to anyone)

Must sign up and pay ahead of time.

Classes do fill up quickly.



Project will include:

1 piece of Aspen wood (very light weight!!) 16" high x 5-1/2" wide, stain, stuffing, buttons, nose, wire for the mouth, material for caps and scarves, 3 canning jar rings, 3 canning jar lids & white chenille material.

Hats-we only have so many—so first to sign up get the hats!

We will have glue guns and Tacky glue available.

You can always bring your own material to make the item to look as you wish.



We have some of these hats! First come to pay & sign up get one hat if they wish.

A monetary gift given to

SALVATION ARMY –Under One Roof

In honor of these Christian Care Women from Elizabeth Circle

Marilyn Arnesen, Cleo Belk, Rosalie Brekke, Annie Brenden, Lorraine Christins, Gladys Dahlgren, Edith Green, Kay Harriott, Hazel Howell, Diana Ihlen, Shirley Korth, Margie Lantgen, Vivian Larson, Reneta McFerran, BJ Schnackenberg, Mildred Tronvold & Virginia Walraven.

In memory of **Ann Ludwig, Irma Opitz & Astrid Waite**

Foundation Donations



GRACE LUTHERAN FOUNDATION DONATIONS

A gift to Foundation
from **David & Jackie Abel**



Memorial
Gifts

TO TREES

In memory of **Verna Hemmingson**
from Alan & Kathy Mathiason

Make an epic difference at Grace!! with Thrivent Choice \$\$

Thanks for sharing and choosing Grace
in 2019. We appreciate all of you who
directed your \$'s
and helped Grace out.

Please remember Grace when you direct
your 2020 Thrivent Choice Dollars.

*Thank
You!*



In memory of **Astrid Waite**
from Ed & Sharon Morrison



RADIO
Broadcast

UNDESIGNATED

In memory of **Astrid Waite**
from Linda Olson & Marie Waldow

TO GENERAL FUND

In memory of **Astrid Waite**
from Richard & Jo Ann DeBerg,
Linda Barkley & Cleo Belk



Proceeds from the Got It At
Grace Craft/Vendor Spring &
Fall Shows in 2019
were just a little
over \$4,700 to the
general fund!!!



Thank you to all
those who helped with these shows!!

**Our Spring Show will be on Saturday, March
28th!**

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION

We thank everyone who has supported Grace Lutheran
church this past year with their time, talent and financial
contributions and look forward to support from all of our
members in this new year. If you need a convenient way
to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an
additional gift, we encourage you to look into our
electronic giving option. As the pace of life speeds up,
you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to
make contributions. Contact the church office for more
information.



Are you interested or willing
to read or be an usher??
Please call the church
office. We would love to
have you volunteer!

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY



**There are many dates open on our
Radio & Altar Flower charts.** The
2020 sign-up charts are up! You
can find them on

the bulletin board in the entry way.
Please consider sponsoring a
broadcast or flowers in memory of a
loved one, in honor of someone, or
in celebration of an anniversary or
birthday. The cost is \$160 per radio
broadcast and \$30 for altar flowers.



Remember

Just a reminder that Dorcas quilters
can always use sheets, blankets,
and fabric for quilts, as well as items
for layette kits: T-shirts for diapers,
gently used hand towels, and
children's sleepers, onesies, and
jackets, sizes 6-24 months. Thank you for past
donations and your support for this ministry.

SCRIP PROGRAM A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who has supported
our scrip program! It was a huge success.
This year we were able to place \$2,300 in the
general fund.



The next Book Club will be on
Tuesday, January, 28th
"Where The Crawdads Sing"
by Delia Owens
Anyone can join us!



The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday, December 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with Denise Biller presiding. Also, present were, LeRoy Bullis, Kris DeWitt, James Goble, Dylan Jordan, Larry Little, Brady Lundy, Harley Petersen, Roger Rust, Tod Sprouse and Cindy Vander Leest. Absent were Rick Brownell, Rhonda Lorenz, Gary Rukstad, Sherry Starr and Gena Urevig.

Denise Biller led the Council in the opening litany before the meeting began.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by LeRoy Bullis and second by James Goble. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for November 14, 2019 meeting was made by Kris DeWitt and second by Roger Rust. Motion carried.

ITEMS:

Financial Report: Cindy Vander Leest reported the monthly income to the general fund was \$26,263. The weekly average giving was \$6,566. The weekly worship attendance was 169. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Roger Rust and second by James Goble. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Denise Biller reported and thanked Jerod for continuing to be our emergency contact, lead our funerals and baptisms.

OLD BUSINESS:

Call Committee updates: Kris DeWitt stated unfortunately our December 1st worship service and special meeting was canceled due to weather. We have rescheduled the Special Congregation meeting to vote on the recommended Pastor to December 22nd following the 8:30 service. She reminded everyone that the majority vote rules, and we need at least 50 members to be present. She also stated the Executive and Finance committees met with the recommended Pastor to discuss salary and vacation pay.

December worship schedule: Cindy stated Jerod continues to lead our 8:30 worship. He will also lead the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. The December 15th 11:00 a.m. worship will be led by Art Jelsma (Divine Providence). The Christmas Eve services at 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. will be led by Pastor Bob Waite. The December 29th 11:00 a.m. service will be led by Nancy McClanahan.

Draft/Proposed 2020 Mission Plan: Larry Little recommended the Council approve the 2020 S.D. Synod compensation and guidelines that were reviewed and approved with the recommended Pastor if the members vote to extend the Call on December 22nd. The guidelines recommend a salary for her years of experience, large church increase, housing allowance, social security offset, pension and medical. A motion was made to approve the recommended compensation package by Brady Lundy and second by Harley Petersen. Motion carried. A motion to have a 3% increase of salaries for the current employees was made by Larry Little and second by Kris DeWitt. A motion to table the increase and approve the budget was made by James Goble and second by Brady Lundy. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee update: Cindy reported Darcy Raethz and Ann Murfield have confirmed Rick Brownell, Larry Little and Tod Sprouse are willing to renew for another 3 years on council and Mark Briley will join them on the ballot. They are still looking for one or more candidate(s).

Annual Committee reports by Jan 6th: Cindy reminded the committees their annual reports are due by January 6th and she will be emailing them a copy of their last years report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Items for January 26, 2020 Annual Meeting: A motion to have one service at 10:00 a.m. with a potluck following the service and the Annual Meeting to start at 12:00 p.m. was made by Roger Rust and second by James Goble.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Education, Youth & Family: Dylan Jordan reported the 5th & 6th grade Christmas Program practice was tonight and the 3yr old thru 6th grade program was tomorrow night starting at 6:00 p.m.

Foundation: Brady Lundy reminded everyone the Foundation fiscal year is ending and Foundation Grant forms will be available in the office in January, with a deadline to hand in by February 15th.

James Goble would like to see one of the Council's Goal to work on for next year be "How do we get people involved in Grace"

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Vander Leest

Income	Budget	YTD	Debts:	Original amt	Balance
Offerings		\$ 241,182.18	Term Debt	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,406.00	Line of Credit	\$ 20,000	\$ 0.00
Foundation Grants		\$ 2,675.90			
Scrip Proceeds		\$ 2,000.00			
Member donation		\$ 774.78			
GLCW Donation for bsmt&banq		\$ 2,052.70			
GLCW Donation for General		\$ 1,000.00			
Thrivent Choice \$\$		\$ 3,293.00			
Missions		\$ 1,551.90			
Misc.		\$ 1,869.00			
Fundraiser for General Acct		\$ 4,767.04			
LOAN ADVANCE		\$ 00.00			
Memorial Gift		\$ 75.00			
Trans from Boiler -J Control		\$ 253.37			
Trans from Sp Sav-Praise Team		\$ 17.47			
Preschool xfer for air conditioner		\$ 637.94			
Total Income for General Fund		\$ 263,556.28			
Expenses					
ELCA & SD Synod Projects	\$ 2,479.17	\$ 2,043.36			
Staff					
Senior Pastor - Salary & Benefits	\$ 100,365.10	\$ 12,805.19			
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 104.40			
Pastor during Call process		\$ 3,050.00			
Call process mileage & travel exp		\$ 2,096.40			
Youth & Family Director	\$ 18,947.89	\$ 17,369.00			
Business Adm Salary & Benefits	\$ 45,773.59	\$ 41,959.06			
Parish Education Assistant	\$ 2,597.08	\$ 2,275.56			
Office Asst & Custodians	\$ 54,709.21	\$ 50,150.10			
Payroll taxes	\$ 10,561.77	\$ 9,269.91			
Pastoral Materials	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00			
Total Staff	\$ 236,604.64	\$ 139,229.62			
Program Expenses			Other Outlays		
Office Expenses	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 10,680.19	Trans to Sp Sav-floor funds		\$ 0.00
Worship & Music	\$ 17,100.00	\$ 11,721.71	Designated Gifts		\$ 1,406.00
Altar Guild	\$ 750.00	\$ 413.39	GLCW & Foundation Basement repair		\$ 1,552.70
Youth Ministry	\$ 125.00	\$ 131.60	Preschool xfer air cond		\$ 637.94
Fellowship	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	Hail damage (insured)		\$ 0.00
Mission	\$ 325.00	\$ 0.00	Misc		\$ 0.00
Outreach & Care Ministry	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,909.39	Fundraiser for General		\$ 67.26
Stewardship Ministry	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,624.29	Foundation Grant exp		\$ 2,756.39
Debt Service	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 00.00	Stewardship- Mission		\$ 1,550.00
Insurance	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 12,532.89	Designated Donations		\$ 794.37
Utilities	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 23,788.45	Total Other Outlays		\$ 8,764.66
Synod Assembly Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 300.00			
PC Conference Dues	\$ 350.00	\$ 288.60	Total Expenses & Outlays		\$221,545.59
Contingency	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,052.67			
Property Ministry	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 7,064.77	General Fund - 1/1/2019		\$ 1,291.34
Program Expenses	\$ 109,100.00	\$ 71,507.95	Plus Income		\$263,556.28
Total Expenses	\$ 348,183.18	\$ 212,780.93	Less Expenses & Outlays		\$221,545.59
			Loan Advances		\$.00
			General Fund - 11/30/19		\$ 43,302.03

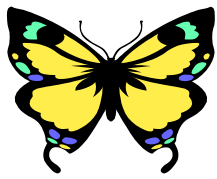


DOLLAR\$&CENTS



YOUR 2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR YOU TO PICK UP. PLEASE DO SO WHEN YOU COME TO WORSHIP.





Grace Lutheran Preschool

DONATIONS TO PRESCHOOL

In memory of Duane Mahnke and Irene Anderson
from LaVerne & Louise McPeck

In memory of Duane Mahnke, Verna Hemmingson,
Irene Anderson, Herb Mischke, Astrid Waite,
Harold Stoltenburg, Merle Kolden & Gene Kluck
from Fran Schaefer



A HUGE thank you to everyone who
participated In our t-shirt fundraiser!!!

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 3rd—school resumes



Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. I am so excited to get back into the classroom and start the second half of our school year, it is flying by!

I'd like to thank everyone for the continuous love and support of our preschool, we couldn't do it without you. As we get back into the schedule of school, we will pick up where we left off on all of our academic work and continue working on our kindness and social emotional unit. We jump right back into our bible study too! Grace kids are always busy! 2019 brought so many blessings and I cannot wait to experience what God has planned for 2020!

Miss Kalli



Doug & Kathy Gary



Wendy Lohr

Thank you to all who helped the
office staff decorate the church for
Christmas!!

We are so thankful for you and
your talents!

Not pictured:

Jo Ann DeBerg
Kristi Herting

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WORSHIP & EDUCATION SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45 a.m. COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP

9:45 a.m. ADULT BIBLE STUDY

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Holy Communion on the 2nd and 4th
Sundays at all services

7th Grade Confirmation

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
In the Conference Room

Wednesday School

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

8th Grade Confirmation

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
In the Conference Room

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