



# GRACE GLEANINGS

February  
2020



Grace Lutheran Newsletter



Join us for the INSTALLATION of  
Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

11:00 a.m.

**Communion at this service**

Sunday, February 2nd

Coffee & Rolls between services



Install Church  
Council  
Members

Sunday,  
February 9th

at 8:30 a.m.

and

11:00 a.m.

Worship Services



**February 26th**

NO Wednesday School  
NO Confirmation

***(Confirmation students are  
required to attend and serve  
at Lenten services).***

**7:00 p.m. Worship**

First United Methodist Church  
will host  
"The Community Lenten Services"  
at 12:05 p.m.

Wednesdays in Lent  
March 4th through April 1st



Each service will have worship and a soup  
or sandwich meal provided by the different  
churches around the community for a small  
cost.



If you would like to contact  
Pastor Cheryl Rondeau Bassett  
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**7:00 p.m.**

Every Wednesday  
March 4th through  
April 1st

**FIRST  
Communion  
Classes**



2nd thru 4th graders  
5:00-6:00 p.m.

5th grade and up  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Must attend at least 2 classes**

March 4th  
March 11th  
March 25th

## GIVING STATEMENTS

If you are preparing your 2019 taxes, you  
may want to pick up your 2019 Giving  
Statements. They are ready to be picked  
up in the office.

YOUR 2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES  
ARE READY FOR YOU TO PICK UP.  
THEY WILL BE IN THE OFFICE.





## *Notes from Pastor Cheryl...*

Hello and greetings everyone. Between snowstorms and blizzards, I have started my call to you at Grace. The weather can certainly be a factor for my commute from Wilmot, but I will be getting into an apartment mid-February which will make it much easier for both you and me.

In the meantime, I plan to be at Grace Tuesday through Thursday as much as possible. At times, I may be in and out for services and meetings that are listed on the monthly calendar. Monday is a day I work from home getting organized for the week, begin my sermon prep, and do reports or writings as needed. I may be around on other days as needed or activities arise but I'm always available by appointment and quite flexible, so don't be afraid to ask.

My passion is in Biblical studies and preaching. 2 Timothy 3: 16-17 tells us: *"<sup>16</sup> All scripture is inspired by God and is<sup>17</sup> useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work."* (NRSV)

Just like our weather lately, life can be difficult. One day it is beautiful and warm and perfect. The next, it can be a blizzard with wind blowing snow around your face so intensely you can hardly breathe. It's easy to live in the sunny days but much more difficult to understand those days that wear you down and become obstacles to you, challenging the very road you must walk.

God has given us His words to help us through those times. The words written in scripture are really useful for our lives as they tell us a story very much like our own story in life. The struggles we go through with our families, the difficulties we endure in our work and farming, and the human desires that pull us away filling us with doubt and wonder.

As Timothy says, His words are to equip you for these life events. And Jesus spoke into all those difficulties to give you hope for a reason, because of His love for You!

In the next weeks and months, I hope I can meet you and hear what your concerns are. How can I help you hear God's words to encourage and inspire your life? I want to know what you think and feel is useful.

I look forward to hearing all these things and more about your thoughts of our mission together in Christ. Thank you for your call for me to Grace!

*Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You! ~ Pastor Cheryl*



The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board of Directors met on January 6, 2020, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

Present: Bonnie Oletzke, Larry Picht, Will Morlock, Rich Dunn, Becky Knadle, Joy Nelson, and Joann DeBerg. Also present was, Cindy VanderLeest and Peggy Hulscher.

Larry Picht gave a report on the rental property. All the units are rented. Spoke with Frank Krause concerning the front deck on the duplex for next spring. Paid the insurance for all the rental properties.

Will Morloch and Becky Knadle are up for election this year. They both agreed to run for another term on the board.

Grant Requests were discussed and we agreed that all the applicants will need to fill out the form.

Cindy reported on what is happening at Grace Lutheran Church.

The basement radiators, which are funded, are in the process of being updated.

The basement wall will be repaired and is funded.

The roof on the Fellowship Hall has some problems and will need to be replaced in the future.

The parking lot will need to be repaired or replaced in the future.

The sanctuary air conditioning is very old and will need to be repaired or replaced.

Our next meeting will be February 3, 2020, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

The March 9, 2020 meeting will be at Joy Ranch.

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

### **Coming Saturday, March 7th ~ Soul Detox**

Have you ever been in a toxic relationship? Or has your life seemed to be filled with toxic influences that threaten to stunt your spiritual growth?

*Soul Detox* is a study to look at the Word of God and how it can help you in your daily life to overcome those assaults. *Soul Detox* is the ultimate spiritual intervention you may need to guide you into a life of new, pure, and focused living in a deeper relationship with God.

There are five sessions to inspire and encourage you to live a faith-filled lifestyle that will keep you free from spiritual toxins:

1. Lethal Language: Experiencing the Power of Life-Giving Words
2. Scare Pollution: Unlocking the Chokehold of Fear
3. Radioactive Relationship: Loving Unhealthy People without Getting Sick
4. Septic Thoughts: Overcoming Our False Beliefs
5. Germ Warfare: Cleansing Our lives of Cultural Toxins.

The study was written by Craig Groeschel and plans are to hold a one-day retreat format early in March. If you are interested in attending, contact Pastor Cheryl to be on the list and watch for additional information coming soon. email: [cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com](mailto:cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com) or text at 605-237-1501.

You can richly enjoy life and live it abundantly when you submit to a soul detox through the freeing words of God.

### **CRAFT CLASS**



February 11th

6:00 p.m.

Cost \$10

**HOP**

Approximately 9"

High x 12" Wide

Must be signed up & paid by  
Monday, February 3rd.

Pom Pom in the middle in place of the  
bunny

**Contact  
Larry Picht  
880-4533**

**GRACE LUTHERAN MEMBERS  
Serving Meals On Wheels  
Schedule for 2020**



**We serve the following weeks:**

January 6th thru January 10th

March 16th thru March 20th

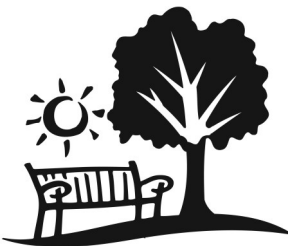
May 26th thru May 29th

August 3rd thru August 7th

October 13th thru October 16th

December 21st thru December 23rd

**We appreciate any  
help you can give.  
You do not have  
to do each week if  
it does not work  
for you.**



The boulevard on the south, west and north side of Grace contained 18 trees. All of them were Ash trees susceptible to Emerald Ash Boer. The City was willing to remove some trees in order to reduce the risk of all of the trees dying at one time. Nine of the trees were removed late last summer. The City will replace the trees with 9 new trees. Trees scheduled to be planted are two Japanese Tree Lilac; two Spring Snow Crab; two Redmond Linden and three Sienna Glen Maples. The cost of the trees has not yet been determined, but is expected to be approximately \$70-80 per tree. A tree fund has been established if anyone wishes to donate to this project.

### **Aluminum Cans for Missions**

Did you know you can bring your empty aluminum cans and help the missions of the church? There is a collection box outside near the garage. Just bring your empty cans and deposit them in the white box. The Mission Committee will take care of the rest.

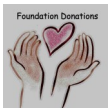




Income	Budget	YTD	Debts:	Original amt	Balance
Offerings		\$ 282,241.03	Term Debt	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,662.00	Line of Credit	\$ 20,000	\$ 0.00
Foundation Grants		\$ 2,675.90			
Scrip Proceeds		\$ 2,300.00			
Member donation		\$ 774.78			
GLCW Donation for bsmt&banq		\$ 2,052.70			
GLCW Donation for General		\$ 1,000.00			
Thrivent Choice \$\$		\$ 3,321.00			
Missions		\$ 1,551.90			
Misc.		\$ 3,402.89			
Fundraiser for General Acct		\$ 4,767.04			
Trans from Sp Sav Organ Fund		\$ 224.89			
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			
<b>Total Income for General Fund</b>		<b>\$ 306,957.91</b>			
<b>Expenses</b>					
ELCA & SD Synod Projects	\$ 2,479.17	\$ 2,479.12			
<b>Staff</b>					
Senior Pastor - Salary & Benefits	\$ 100,365.10	\$ 12,805.19			
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 104.40			
Pastor during Call process		\$ 3,550.00			
Call process mileage & travel exp		\$ 2,348.12			
Youth & Family Director	\$ 18,947.89	\$ 18,947.89			
Business Adm Salary & Benefits	\$ 45,773.59	\$ 45,773.59			
Parish Education Assistant	\$ 2,597.08	\$ 2,491.98			
Office Asst & Custodians	\$ 54,709.21	\$ 54,709.21			
Payroll taxes	\$ 10,561.77	\$ 10,125.43			
Pastoral Materials	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00			
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>\$ 236,604.64</b>	<b>\$ 151,005.81</b>			
<b>Program Expenses</b>			<b>Other Outlays</b>		
Office Expenses	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 11,872.89	Trans to Sp Sav-floor funds		\$ 0.00
Worship & Music	\$ 17,100.00	\$ 13,689.58	Designated Gifts		\$ 1,662.00
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	\$ 2,289.89	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	\$ 26,528.55	<b>Total Other Outlays</b>		<b>\$ 9,020.66</b>
Synod Assembly Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 300.00			
PC Conference Dues	\$ 350.00	\$ 288.60	<b>Total Expenses &amp; Outlays</b>		<b>\$ 203,890.82</b>
Contingency	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,119.14			
Property Ministry	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 7,557.32	<b>General Fund - 1/1/2019</b>		<b>\$ 1,291.34</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 109,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 78,348.14</b>	Plus Income		\$ 306,957.91
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 348,183.18</b>	<b>\$ 231,833.07</b>	Less Expenses & Outlays		\$ 240,853.73
			Loan Advances		\$ .00
			<b>General Fund - 12/31/19</b>		<b>\$ 67,395.52</b>



**DOLLAR\$&CENTS**



### **FOUNDATION GIFTS**

In memory of  
**Astrid Waite**  
from Marv & A.J.



### **TO GENERAL FUND UNDESIGNATED**

In memory of **Verna Hemmingson**  
from Jeff & Shari Wirkus

A gift from GLCW  
towards **conference room blinds**

A gift from GLCW  
towards **fellowship hall tables**



# Grace Lutheran Preschool



## **IMPORTANT DATES**

February 13th: 4 year olds Valentine Party  
February 14th: 3 year olds Valentine Party  
February 17th NO SCHOOL, Presidents Day

**2020-2021**

**ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN!!  
SPREAD THE WORD!**

*We started our 2020 off with a classroom resolution: "YET!" Each student told me one thing they didn't know how to do...yet. Then we brainstormed ways that we could work towards accomplishing these things. A few examples are "Ride a bike without training wheels" and "Tie my own shoes".*

*As we continue our ABC's and academic work we are already looking forward to warmer days when we can run outside. Until then, we are pretty creative on how to burn energy in the classroom. (Did you see our ninja raining week!)*

*For Valentines day we are focusing on God's love for us and the love we can give to others.*

*We continue preparing for kindergarten and the kiddos are constantly reminding me that they're "getting big and soon they will go to the big school." The next few months are jam packed with fun and I can't wait to share it all with the littles.*

*Miss Kalli*

## **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.

## **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:

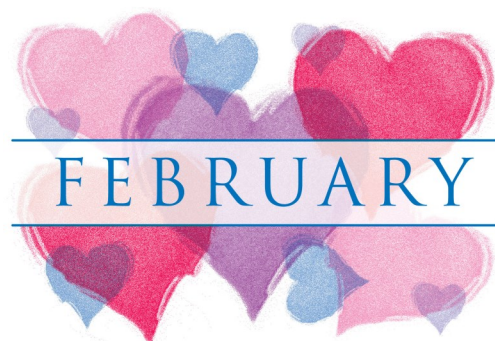
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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **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 (Conference Room )

11:00 a.m. - Worship

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

### **WEDNESDAY**

#### **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

*Grace Lutheran Church: God's Grace Experienced Daily*