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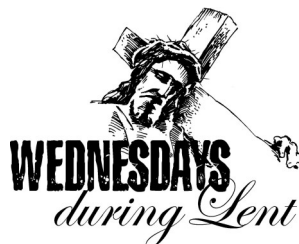
GRACE GLEANINGS 2020



Grace Lutheran Newsletter



DON'T FORGET!!!
Change your clocks before
you go to bed on
Saturday, March 7th



7:00 p.m.
Every Wednesday
March 4th through
April 1st

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.

NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES DURING LENT

ALL the confirmation students are
expected to attend worship. You will
need to sign up to help with worship
with Pastor Cheryl.



WELCOME

New Members

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

If anyone would like to become a member of Grace Lutheran Church, please contact Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501

We will be receiving new members on March 22nd

At 8:30 and 11:00 worship services.

There will be treats between worship services to celebrate our new members.

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



**How
can I
make it?**

If these times do not work
for you to attend the First
Communion Classes
please contact Pastor
Cheryl to work out times
that will work for you and
your family.



Notes from Pastor Cheryl...

It's been just one month since I began my call with Grace. I still love the sound of that – "Called to Grace!" reminding me each time I hear those words of the love and forgiveness Christ has for each of us. It's such a beautiful name, just as your church is, truly beautiful.

I've moved into an apartment in Watertown so I don't have to worry so much about weather on Sunday morning. In general, I try to be at the office Tuesday through Thursday but there are other times during the week I'm there depending on activities and always by appointment.

I've had lots to learn in the past month and there will be many more things in the next as I get settled in and more comfortable with everything. But during the transition, I have been blessed with so many people coming around me, teaching me, sharing with me, and encouraging me in this shared mission and ministry of your congregation. I am blessed by all of you.

I am reminded of the words of Romans 12: 4-5: *"⁴ Each of us has one body with many parts. And the parts do not all have the same purpose. ⁵ So also we are many persons. But in Christ we are one body. And each part of the body belongs to all the other parts."*

There are so many people who have faithfully stepped up this past year to fulfill the combined mission of Grace Lutheran and continue to do so in this transition period. You have been the face of Christ to the community of faith and I want to say thank-you for the special blessing you have been. It is a joy and an inspiration to me to come among you and serve Christ with you.

In March our Wednesday Lenten services will be a time of reflection and healing using Psalm 103 as a theme of contemplation. It is a hymn of praise that reaches out and touches a variety of human emotions such as awe, regret, shame, hope, and gratitude.

Reading through it each week during Lent will give time for thought on so many spiritual issues of the life of faith we all experience: sin and forgiveness, sickness and health, oppression and vindication, God's election and gift of law, God's mercy and goodness, human mortality and the benefits of knowing Christ.

Each week there will be time for silence to reflect. If you are new to silence, it may feel somewhat awkward at first. But a time of quiet gives space for healing and restoration from difficult experiences in life that have scarred our emotions or separated you from God's love.

During our Lenten service, you will be asked to offer written prayers for healing and forgiveness to be prayed over (they will not be read aloud and kept sealed). Bring them in a sealed envelope. Then as we end our reflection on Good Friday, we will hang those prayers on the cross – leaving them there for good to allow healing to enter in, freeing us to rejoice on Easter morning from the freedom we receive in the risen Lord.

My hope is to inspire you to know how merciful and gracious our Lord is and the abundant love He has for you, His children. My prayer is to stir up the love you have for Christ and one another as we work together in one body for the mission and ministry of Grace.

"²⁴ Let us consider how we can stir up one another to love. Let us help one another to do good works. ²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together. Some are in the habit of doing this. Instead, let us cheer each other up with words of hope. Let us do it all the more as you see the day coming when Christ will return." Hebrews 10:24-25

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You! ~ Pastor Cheryl

If you would like to contact
Pastor Cheryl Rondeau Bassett
Cell 605-237-1501
cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com



Stetson Ray Schimmel
Son of Trevor & Caitlin (Weber) Schimmel

Grady David Kuchac
Son of John &
Samantha (Sargent) Kuchac

Adlin Jane Peiker
Daughter of Colt & Chrissy (Bauman) Peiker



Margie Lantgen



Please consider donating money for our palms for Palm Sunday and flowers and plants for the Easter service.

This is a wonderful opportunity to give a monetary gift in honor or memory of someone special. This money will help defray the cost of palms for Palm Sunday and flowers and green plants that will be used for Easter worship services. A list of all the contributors will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletins. The suggested donation is \$10, but you may give as much as you wish. Please be aware that you are donating money for these plants as they will be delivered to Grace's Christian Care Members. You can fill out this form and mail it in, or bring it to the church office. Forms will also be available in the Sunday bulletins beginning Sunday, March 15th. Additional forms can be picked up in the Narthex or the church office. In order for your name to be on the list of donors, your form(s) must be turned into the office by Sunday, April 5th.

PLEASE PRINT (please, use one form for each person being remembered). (You may write just one check)

I/We _____

I/We are Donating: ☐ \$10 or \$_____ towards the cost of palms, Easter flowers and green plants ☐ check ☐ cash

My/Our gift is: ☐ in memory of ☐ in honor of ☐ to the Glory of God _____ check number

Please check the correct line below.

☐ my wife; ☐ my husband; ☐ my mother; ☐ my father; ☐ my grandfather; ☐ my grandmother; ☐ my grandson; ☐ my granddaughter
☐ my son; ☐ my daughter; ☐ our mother; ☐ our father; ☐ our grandfather; ☐ our grandmother; ☐ our grandson; ☐ our granddaughter
☐ our son; ☐ our daughter; ☐ our parents; ☐ our grandparents; _____ whose mother; _____ whose father;

Person or Persons name on this line.



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 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.



TO GENERAL FUND

In memory of Astrid Waite
from memorials received



REMINDER: Thrivent Choice dollars
need to be directed before March 31st,
2020.

Thank you for your support!!!

FOUNDATION

A gift from Allen & Karen Kasperon.

*"You can't go back and
change the beginning,
but you can start
where you are and
change the ending."
C.S. Lewis*



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCK IN

Friday, March 6th
Ages 3rd to 6th graders
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK IN

Friday, March 13th
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



YOUTH STUDY

Every Wednesday Following Lenten Worship
In the Upper Room
for High School Students
We will study C. S. Lewis "Mere Christianity"

**ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT JEROD JORDAN
605-237-9565**



COOKIES NEEDED!

Do you enjoy baking?
"The Sandwich Ministry" or "Hunger Free Codington County"
is looking for people to help make cookies
for their weekly lunch distribution.
They go through approximately 1,000 cookies per week.

You may bring your baked cookies to the Grace Lutheran Church office.
Or, you may place them in the white freezer with a label on them "Sandwich Ministry".

Please feel free to do this as often as you would like. (Once a week, bi-weekly, monthly or just once).

Any help is greatly appreciated.





The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with James Goble presiding. Also, present were, Denise Biller, Mark Briley, Rick Brownell, LeRoy Bullis, Paul Henrichs, Dylan Jordan, Rhonda Lorenz, Geri Mohror, Gary Rukstad, Roger Rust, Sherry Starr, Tod Sprouse and Cindy Vander Leest. Absent were Harley Petersen and Gena Urevig.

Pastor Cheryl led the Council in devotions and prayer before the meeting began.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by LeRoy Bullis and second by Denise Biller. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for January 9, 2020 meeting was made by Sherry Starr and second by Rick Brownell. Motion carried.

ITEMS:

Financial Report: Cindy Vander Leest reported the monthly income to the general fund was \$25,024 the weekly average giving was \$5,116 and the weekly worship attendance was 107. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Rick Brownell and second by Rhonda Lorenz. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett reported she has made phone calls to members; made hospital visits; attended the Annual meeting and January Foundation meeting; attended the Watertown Ministerial meeting, the Support to Ministry at the Synod office in Sioux Falls; met with the Altar Guild members; communed with Art and Marcia Jelsma during monthly visits to nursing homes and home bounds; had a baptism and is planning another baptism; and met with a couple for wedding planning. She also met with Jerod and attended the Confirmation classes and Wednesday school classes. She plans on attending the February lock-ins and preparing materials for acolyte training. She would like the Staff Support to meet with her and Jerod to review, revise and update Jerod's job description. It was decided the Executive Committee along with the Staff Support, Pastor Cheryl and Jerod would meet to review the job description and bring it back to Council for approval. It was also discussed that other job descriptions should be looked at.

OLD BUSINESS:

Appreciation Sunday/Gifts-Bonus: James Goble reported that he met with Darlene Bresson and the Executive Committee, and after hours of discussion, the Executive Committee is recommending to the Council to give a one-time bonus to Jerod Jordan and Marcia (Art) Jelsma for their services during the 10 months without a Pastor. A motion was made by LeRoy Bullis to give a one-time bonus with IRS tax deductions to Jerod Jordan and Marcia (Art) Jelsma to show appreciation for their volunteer services during Grace's time without a Pastor and seconded by Geri Mohror. Motion carried.

Council Meeting elected new officers: President: James Goble, Vice President: Rick Brownell, and Secretary/Treasurer: Sherry Starr.

NEW BUSINESS:

Staff Support: A motion to add Kris DeWitt and Becky Reeves to the Staff Support was made by Rick Brownell and second by Sherry Starr. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments: The new Council members agreed to be on committees as assigned. Geri Mohror will be on Foundation, Mark Briley will be on Finance and Stewardship Committee and Paul Henrichs will join the Mission Committee.

Renewal of the Line of Credit Loan: A motion was made by Denise Biller to renew the Line of Credit Loan at Dacotah Bank for \$20,000 and secured by the CD and seconded by Sherry Starr. Motion carried.

Craft/Vendor Fair: Cindy Vander Leest just wanted to remind everyone of the upcoming fundraiser. March 26th will start to set up for the Craft/Vendor Fair "Got it at Grace" that will be held on March 28th.

Easter schedule: Pastor Cheryl, after discussion, stated Easter sunrise service would be at 7:30 and second service would be at 9:30.

Wed. night worship after Easter along with Summer worship time: Pastor Cheryl along with Jerod would like to have a family contemporary worship service on Wednesday evenings.

Confirmation Sunday: Pastor Cheryl stated she would like to have Confirmation on April 26th and Senior Recognition Sunday on May 3rd.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Education, Youth & Family: Dylan reported the Sunday/Wednesday kids would be singing on Palm Sunday.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Vander Leest

CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

Saturday, March 28th, 2020

In the Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

HELP! We need yummy homemade baked goods: like bars, cookies and caramel or cinnamon rolls. Also, hamburger, pop and water.

Please plan on signing up to help with the concession stand for 2 hour increments. Sign up forms are in the church office!!!



LOOK

Our last Spring & Fall show proceeds in 2019 were just a little over \$4,700 to the general fund!!!

See what your help does to help support the church? Please plan on signing up ahead of time, so we know we have enough food and help.

CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

There will be over 30 booths
at our Craft/Vendor Fair on Saturday March 28th!!!



Please pick up your friends and bring them to check out all of the items these people have for sale. Also, come try some of the delicious food and just to visit!!

We have several new booths that we have not had in the past. It should be fun to come and see what these people have worked so hard on.

Spring is on its way!! This is the perfect time for you to come see many new items!



QUILT RAFFLE

We have a **beautiful** quilt for raffle. It is embroidered with butterflies and teal and black colors. We will have it on display and sell tickets until Mach 28th. The drawing will be held after our Craft/Vendor Fair. The quilt is 71"wide x 91" long. Please come see it and purchase tickets. You may be the lucky winner!



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

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.



The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board of Directors met on February 3, 2020, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

Present: Bonnie Oletzke, Larry Picht, Will Morlock, Rich Dunn, Jim Goble, and Joann DeBerg. Also present was, Pastor Cheryl, Cindy VanderLeest and Peggy Hulscher.

Will Morlock called the meeting to order.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2020 meeting, made by Jim Goble, seconded by Rich Dunn, motion passed. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2020 annual meeting by Larry Picht, seconded by Joann DeBerg, motion passed.

A motion to approve the treasurer report for the month ending December 31, 2019 was made by Rich Dunn, seconded by Jim Goble, motion passed.

Grant requests update: Will said that some applications have been submitted.

Larry Picht gave a report on the rental property: We have one vacancy. The lower level of the duplex located at 525 2nd St SE.

Cindy reported on what is happening at Grace Lutheran Church. The basement walls have been repaired and will be painted in the near future. The fellowship hall windows have been replaced.

Motion to adjourn was made Jim Goble, seconded by Joann DeBerg, motion passed.

Our next meeting will be March 9, 2020 meeting will be at Joy Ranch.

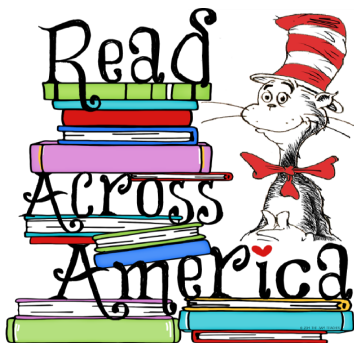
We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.



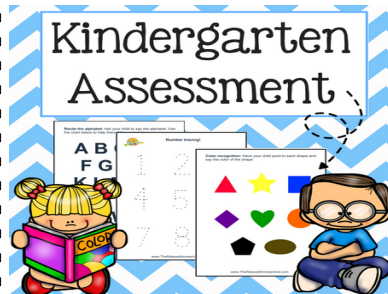
Grace Lutheran Preschool



March 2nd:



March 12th & 13th:
Kindergarten Screening



March 18th thru March 20th



DONATIONS TO PRESCHOOL

A gift from GLCW

In memory of Ruberta Reiter
from Carol Schutt

In memory of Betty Stoltenburg, Shari Spurrell, Ruth Roe, Ronald Olson Larry Meseberg
from Fran Schaefer



The Little's have been working hard on all of their kindergarten readiness skills! They are becoming masters at everything from handwriting and sight word reading to math and science. Monday, March 2nd is Read Across America Day. We will be honoring the great Dr. Seuss that entire week with the silliest stories and wacky activities. The kiddos deserve a much needed Spring Break (March 18th, 19th & 20th). When they return, we will jump right back in! We are also preparing for a student teacher to join us in April. We cannot wait!

Miss Kalli

REMINDER: ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!!

CRAFT OF THE MONTH (Our last one until fall)



BURLAP TRUCK/WALL DOOR HANGING

17" Wide x 10" High

Tuesday, March 10th, 2020

at 6:00 p.m.

In the Fellowship Hall

Cost \$10

Must be signed up and paid by February 27th in the church office.
Kathy will lead you through the steps to create this cute burlap truck.

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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

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Wednesday School

Confirmation students will be expected
to attend worship

7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

Grace Lutheran Church: God's