# GRACE GLEANINGS

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# Grace Lutheran Cornerstone Laid 100 Years Ago.



The Cornerstone of Grace Lutheran Church was laid on August 1, 1920. Grace has seen many changes over the years and has a rich history. A PowerPoint is being made showing the many features and beautiful stained glass windows of the church along with some history to be uploaded to the web. The actual dedication of the building was in June of 1921. This video will be just a teaser to get you remembering the events and happening over the years at Grace and to share those for a celebration next year in June. We are also asking for volunteers to work on this project and plan such an event.



## ~ We Thank God for Our Volunteers ~ Setting up the FM Transmitter

August, 2020

A huge thank you to all our volunteers each Sunday to set up the FM transmitter and audio and video recordings at the parking lot services at Grace Lutheran. This includes connecting the keyboard and all microphones. The FM transmitter allows those in the parking lot to hear the service while the recordings are made for the 10:05 radio broadcast on KWAT 950 am radio and the video is uploaded to Grace's Facebook and YouTube channels. There are several steps to the process followed by take-down each week. Pictured at right is Gary Rukstad, seated; Paul Henrichs left and Larry Picht, right, just three of those who have faithfully been learning new technology and helping since in-person worship was suspended.



Grace Lutheran Church 202 2<sup>nd</sup> St SE Watertown, SD 57201 July 28, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On August 1, 1920, the cornerstone of the present brick building of Grace Lutheran Church was laid. Established as a congregations in 1883, the building itself was dedicated on July 10, 1921 and will be 100 years old next summer.

The history of this congregation is impressive. Reading it, I found several forward thinking decisions already in 1920: only English was to be used at meetings and women were granted voting privileges. In 1924, when radio was still in its infancy, Grace held devotionals five times a week on the new local radio station KGCR. The first Sunday morning worship service was broadcast in 1935 over KWTN, the follower of KGCR and forerunner of KWAT, a blessing to our ability to proclaim God's word at this time of suspended worship and just one of their many great outreach projects.

Over the years, Grace became one of the largest Lutheran churches in South Dakota. Many pastors started here through internships associated with the Seminary in St Paul and a number of "native sons" were ordained into ministry. Stained glass windows were added in the 40's and a pipe organ.

In the 50's the first Drive-In Church Service was held near Lake Kampeska with the idea all denominations could worship together without having to dress up or even get out of their car. Grace even had its first television showing in 1956 which lasted several years.

In 1957 and 58, a Parish Education Unit and Fellowship Hall was added and in 1959 plans to form a new home mission congregation called the "Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer" began. The congregation has sponsored missionaries, seminarian students and been transformed through many remodeling projects.

There were also down times. Pearl Harbor and two world wars, set backs during years of poor crops, and the "crash" of the stock market in 1929. Isaiah 40 tells us: "<sup>31</sup> but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

At times, a project would have to wait for a year or even longer. But, through it all, Grace was innovative and future thinking. Looking ahead, yet willing to wait for God's time. The History Committee wrote in the *100 Years of Grace*: "It is fitting that in celebrating, we, in a way, become the "DARETAKEERS" for the future."

From the insight and strong belief of those first seven men who chose to do God's work, feeling the need to build a church where they could worship in their religious beliefs and teaching, since there was no Lutheran church in Water-town, they trusted in God to lead them forward.

That insight and DARETAKEER attitude gave the founders the confidence and faith in God's work to undertaken great challenges. Over 137 years since, that forward thinking confidence continued to be with Grace making all things new through faith whenever it needed, even facing this latest challenge of the COVID 19 pandemic by renewing efforts for drive-in worship and radio broadcast and finding new ways to proclaim God's word virtually.

New things are God's specialty as he declares in Isaiah 42: "<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:...<sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

As we celebrate 100 years since the cornerstone was laid and the upcoming anniversary of the church building, be forward thinking and become "the "DARETAKEERS" for the future." The people of Grace have stepped up to meet the challenges as they have faced them over the years. There have been many needs, and the people have worked together to meet those needs by inviting, volunteering, giving, and renewing their efforts all over again.

Romans 12 says: "<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

What is the will of God for Grace for the next year... or the next 63 years... or the next 137 years. In 1983 the Women of Grace Lutheran wrote "When we view the tasks the Lord has assigned us, we realize how great is our privilege and our responsibility." They understood their work was "not measured in dollars and cents, not in the number of meetings, or in the number of members, but in the work done in advancing God's kingdom in their hearts and the hearts of others.

As we look forward to a new year of Sunday/Wednesday school, confirmation, and coming back together in worship one day, lets be "DARETAKEERS" once more, transformed to forward lookers at all we can be, all we can do, and all we can become by being innovative and renew our minds to the will of God... for what this new normal will be.

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You! ~ Pastor Cheryl

#### Minutes of the July 9, 2020 Grace Lutheran Council meeting

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with James Goble presiding. Also, present were Denise Biller, Mark Briley Rick Brownell, LeRoy Bullis, Rhonda Lorenz, Geri Mohror, Gary Rukstad, Roger Rust, Tod Sprouse Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett and Cindy Vander Leest. Absents were Paul Henrichs, Dylan Jordan, Harley Petersen, Sherry Starr and Gina Urevig. Also, present was a guest from the Staff Support Committee, Darcy Raethz.

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 the June 25, 2020 meeting was made by Gary Rukstad and second by Rhonda Lorenz. Motion carried.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**Financial Report**: Cindy Vander Leest reported the monthly income to the general fund was \$19,704 the weekly average giving was \$4,926 and the weekly worship attendance was 383 (includes drive-in service, Confirmation service, views on Facebook and Youtube). A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Rick Brownell and second by Geri Mohror. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett May activities included: 3 worship services, lead the Affirmation of Baptism service (10 Confirmed), 1 hospital visit, performed on Baptism, had a wedding consultation, lead 1 funeral, wrote the Gleanings, Zoomed 3 Bible Studies, Zoomed 3 Confirmation student classes, attended 2 Council meetings, attended and lead Pastoral Zoom sessions, made 5 weekly bulletins and recorded 30 daily readings w/Martin Luther to upload on Facebook.

#### **Old Business:**

- 1. Summer Worship Services It was decided we would continue the 8:30 drive-in worship services in the parking lot for the month of July and probably all of Aug. It was discussed a Grace member was taken to the Sioux Falls hospital in critical condition to help fight the COVID virus. The recommendation was not to open due to the increase in COVID-19 cases and discuss again at the August Council meeting. A motion to start having Council meetings once a month was made by Geri Mohror and second by LeRoy Bullis. Motion carried. Next regular meeting is August 13, 2020.
- 2. Report from Staff Support on Job Descriptions Darcy Raethz reported the Staff Committee emailed all of the employees their job descriptions and asked each employee to update to their current job duties and email back to the committee. They are waiting for one more, the Youth & Family Director and then they will be completed. The committee has been emailing with the Youth & Family Director (very busy with his full time job) and is waiting for a response. The Committee has reviewed the received job descriptions and are presenting the Council a copy to review and finalize. Cindy will mail a copy to all of the Council members for their review and will put on the agenda for the August Council meeting to discuss.

#### **New Business:**

1. **TOPS meeting -** Tod Sprouse asked if the TOPS group could start holding their weekly meetings again at Grace. There are several Grace members who attend these meetings and the group does donate to Grace. There can be up to an average of fifteen people attending weekly. A motion to raise the limit of group meetings held at Grace, as long as they are following the CDC guidelines was made by Denise Biller and second by Rick Brownell. Motion carried. A motion for TOPS to be allowed to meet at Grace was made by Geri Mohror and second by Denis Biller. Motion carried.

Rick Brownell reported the Motorcycle Safety Classes discussed at the last Council meeting will not be held at Grace. The building where they have always held the meeting is open and allowing them to meet again.

James Goble stated our Constitution needed to be reviewed and updated. Pastor Cheryl shared the Synod website has a model constitutions to help with the process. They would like to see 7 people on this committee. James Goble asked the Council to think of people they would like to see on the committee and bring those names to the next Council meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Denise Biller and second by Geri Mohror. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Vander Leest

# Upcoming Events At Grace: August

- 2 8:30 am worship: 100 years since laying the Cornerstone
- 9 8:30 am worship with Senior Recognition and Sending
- 12 6:00 pm Confirmation parents and students meet
- 13 6:00 pm Grace Council meets in regular session
- 21 Blood Drive at Grace Lutheran, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- 8:30 am Blessing of the Back Packs, children, teachers, bus drivers, assistance, administrators, and all in education 10 a.m. Baptism of Brecken Dorneman in the Chapel
- 27 First day of school for Watertown School District

## September

- 2 Confirmation begins with classes at 5 and 6 p.m.
- 9 7 p.m. Sunday/Wednesday school teachers meet
- 13 Rally Sunday, Teacher Installation, Bible Presentations
- 16 6 p.m. Wednesday school begins

## Sunday/Wednesday School Opening

You are probably wondering if there will be Sunday/Wednesday school. That is a big question. Schools are planning to open in some way, whether in-person, partly on-line, or completely through virtual study. The same holds true here. I am planning inperson classes. I will also be ready virtually if need be. So the answer is YES—we will be OPEN. But it might not look the same. It might not feel the same . But it might just be so much more fun to learn. To begin, Rally Sunday will be held outside in the parking lot to kick of the year. There may be more outside classes while the weather is still warm. We'll see. So plan to attend... AND if you are able to help in this new and creative way of ministering to our children, please step up and help. We are all one community... and the children need you. Kenneth L Mohror "Bounce" July 23, 2020



#### Memorials and Gifts TO RADIO FUND

Bob and Susie Waite in memory of Astrid Waite; Cleo Belk in honor of Harold's birthday; Schmeling Radio Fund in memory of Roy and Doris Schmeling; & Michael and Bonnie Oletzke in honor of their40th Anniversay.

## TO GLC PRESCHOOL

From LaVerne & Louise McPeek in memory of Richard Lane. From Fran Schaefer, in memory of Richard Paulson, Richard Lane, Briana Vazquez, John Kranz and Marian Cordell

#### TO GENERAL

From Art and Marcia Jelsma in memory of Harriet Bevers.

### TO Nordefest Plus

From Dee Haugan in memory of Harriet Bevers.

#### TO Dorcus Quilters

From Darlene Bresson and Toni Bresson in memory of Harriet Bevers and from Wendy Lohr in memory of Harriet Bevers

### TO FLOWER FUND

Roger and Sandra Wittrock and families in honor of Mabel R Johnson birthday.



## SCHOOL REMINDERS and ANNOUNCEMENTS



Grace Lutheran is using a <u>"**remind**"</u> app to send out school reminders. If you want to sign up for text announcements, text the message:

@gracewed to the number 81010 (for Wednesday school reminders)

@9aeb84 to the number 81010 (for Sunday school reminders)

@289928 to the number 81010 (for Confirmation class reminders)

You will then receive an acceptance to the group.

If you would like to stop getting these messages. Text @LEAVE to unsubscribe.

#### All Confirmation Students and PARENTS! Informational Meeting Wednesday, August 12th 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

This meeting is for all 7th and 8th Graders and any older children who were unable to finish confirmation.

Parents must attend. Social distancing guidelines will be followed. We will discuss what will happen if the pandemic forces us to virtual classes.

At the meeting, you will receive the expectations for the year including time of classes, schedules, lesson plans, worship and project note requirements, and statement of faith materials for those being confirmed.

A registration form is in this newsletter. Please complete and return it prior to the meeting by emailing to Pastor Cheryl at: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com or mailing it to the office.

Confirmation is a two-year rotation covering the Old and New Testament, Lutheran History, Catechism, and Living. Other topics will include acolyte/ usher training and learning about the worship service. Memory work includes catechism and Bible verses.

Students are encouraged to wear mask and hand sanitizer will be available. There will be family worship following confirmation at 7 pm each week.

Volunteers Are Needed: with service projects, transportation for fun night activities, Wednesday night worship, lock-ins, and other needs to be determined. Please let Pastor Cheryl know your availability.

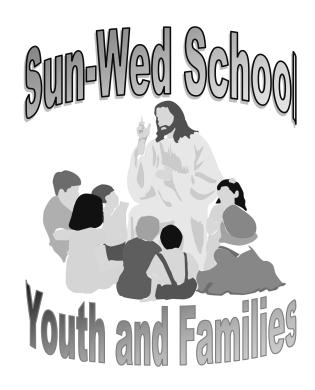
### Blessing of the Back Packs, Children, Teachers, and all in Education August 23 during worship

Each year as the children return to school, we worry how it will be, especially for the little ones who are starting their first day ever. This year will be



even more challenging with the COVID 19 pandemic. There are lots of questions for everyone involved in education. I am asking you to bring your back packs to worship to be blessed on August 23rd during the 8:30 a.m. drive-in worship. You

may place them on the hood of your car or hold it standing in front of it



## **ELCA Youth Gathering 2021**

After much prayer and consideration, the ELCA Youth Gathering Leadership Team has decided to postpone next summer's ELCA Youth Gathering to 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held July 24-28, 2022, in Minneapolis, with the two pre -events, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and the tAble, scheduled for July 21-24, 2022.

We give thanks for your prayers and patience as we have worked through the details with our partners in Minneapolis and across the country. We hope that by postponing the Gathering for a year, individuals and congregations will feel more comfortable and prepared to attend the Gathering in 2022.

For more information about the 2022 Gathering, please visit **elca.org/YouthGathering/ COVID19**. We will be updating our website and social media as more details become available.

We look forward to seeing you and experiencing the boundlessness of God in Minneapolis in 2022!

## <u>Bible Presentations for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Graders AND PK'rs just starting on Rally Day!</u> Second and Seventh graders will receive their Bibles during Worship Service on September 13<sup>th</sup>, Rally Sun-

Second and Seventh graders will receive their Bibles during Worship Service on September 13<sup>th</sup>, Rally Sunday. This year PK children starting Wednesday/Sunday school for the first time will receive a children's Bible. Installation of Wednesday and Sunday school teachers for the coming year will also be held. Plans are to have several activities for the youth on their first day back. If you can help in anyway with games and activities, please contact the office. If you are able to teach, even for a short time during the year, we would like to hear from you as well. Watch for more information in the September Gleanings about Rally Day fun and mark your calendars for this important date.

Income	Budget	YTD	Debts:	Original amt	Balance
Offerings		\$ 131,111.94	Term Debt	Term Debt <b>\$0</b>	
Designated Gifts		\$ 770.00	Line of Credit	\$20,000	\$0.0
PPP Cares Act forgiveable loan		\$ 5,100.00			
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Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 7,404.49		ouncil meeting	
GLCW Donation for General		\$-		Thursday, Aug	
Foundation Grants		\$ 1,439.61		e Fellowship Ha	
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Missions		\$ -			
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Designated donations	1	\$ 11,565.50			
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Senior Pastor - Salary & Benefits	\$87,070.00	\$ 38,619.41	40		
	\$3,000.00				
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Call process mileage & travel exp	1	\$ 57.10			
Youth & Family Director	\$19,516.33		You are alwa	ays welcome to co	ome in
Business Adm Salary & Benefits	\$47,146.80			or call to review	or
Parish Education Assistant	\$2,674.99		discuss our d	church budget.	
Office Asst & Custodians	\$56,350.49		Thank you (	Cindy 605-886-57	27
Payroll taxes	\$10,878.62			cilluy 005-880-57	57
Pastoral Materials	\$150.00				
Total Staff	\$226,787.23	\$ 90,609.67			
			Other Outlays		\$770.0
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Worship & Music	\$18,350.00		Basement repair		\$4,860.6 \$7,404.4
Altar Guild	\$750.00		Portico (Bassetts)		, r ç <del>,</del> r ç
Youth Ministry	\$150.00		Hail damage (insured)		178.2
Fellowship	\$100.00		Misc		\$0.0
Mission	\$325.00		Fundraiser for General		\$0.0
Outreach & Care Ministry	\$3,400.00		Foundation Grant exp	++	\$2,195.1
Stewardship Ministry	\$800.00		Stewardship- Mission	++	\$0.0 \$6,179.6
Debt Service	\$12,000.00		Designated Donations	+	\$6,179.6 <b>\$21,588.1</b>
Insurance	\$11,500.00		Total Other Outlays		۶ <b>۲۲,200</b> .1
Utilities	\$31,000.00				6454 CF2 2
Synod Assembly Expense	\$1,500.00		Total Expenses & Outlays		\$154,653.3
PC Conference Dues	\$300.00	\$ 279.00			
One time 2020 exp for year 2019	\$5,000.00		General Fund - 1/1/2020		\$67,395.5
Contingency	\$1,200.00	\$ 417.38	Plus Income		\$ 205,632.7
Property Ministry	\$10,500.00	\$ 6,023.18	Less Expenses & Outlays		\$154,653.3
Program Expenses	\$115,375.00	\$ 41,307.46	Loan Advances	_	\$0.0
Total Expenses	\$344,708.28	\$ 133,065.17	General Fund - 6/30/20		\$118,374.9

# Senior Recognition and Sending at worship, August 9

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, we were unable to hold a day for our graduating seniors to be recognized this past spring. As the summer past and suspended worship continued, finding a date for this special blessing was difficult to find as we continued to hope we'd be able to inside our sanctuary.

Then when it became apparent it would not happen that way, the idea became one of sending as many students have plans to go to college, technical or vocational school, military service and the like.

During the 8:30 a.m. August 9 Sunday morning worship service, seniors are asked to bring a lawn chair and sit up front near the platform remembering social distancing. It is recommended that you wear a mask, but you can remove it when it is time to stand and be recognized.

A blessing will be given over the seniors and prayers said for you as you go out into the world to pursue your dreams. A letter of invitation has been sent to all seniors with a form to be filled out of information and returned by August 1 to include the information in the bulletin for the day. The information sheet has been uploaded to Facebook and the web. You can email the information back to Pastor at: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com

If you have questions, contact Pastor Cheryl.

ANALY	SIS OF FUNDS	FIR	ST HALF OF YEAR	
April (monthly income goal \$26,516)			April (showing if paid suspended pay)	
Income	\$ 20,751.67		Income	\$ 20,751.67
Expenses	(18,758.08)	0	Expenses	(18,758.08)
Net income	1,993.59		Suspended payroll amount	(6,842.31)
			Shortage	\$ (4,848.72)

May (monthly income goal \$33,145)		0	May(showing if paid suspended pay	y)
Income	\$ 28,766.51		Income	\$ 28,766.51
Expenses	(17,335.16)		Expenses	(17,335.16)
Net income	11,431.35		Suspended payroll amount	(6,842.31)
			Net income	4,589.04
		0	COVID-19 PPP Cares Act funds	\$ 5,100.00
			Net income including COVID Cares A	ct 9,689.04

June (monthly income goal \$26,516)		0	June (showing if paid suspended	рау)
Income	\$ 19,704.43		Income	\$ 19,704.43
Expenses	(14,523.80)		Expenses	(14,523.80)
Net income	5,180.63		Suspended payroll amount	(6,842.31)
			Shortage	(1,661.68)

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First half of the year 2020	
Income (Jan June)	134,944.94
Expenses (Jan June)	(133,065.17)
First half of Year 2020 net income-	
Income vs Expenses	\$ 1,879.77

First half of year 2020	
Income	\$ 134,944.94
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Expenses	(133,065.17)
First half of year 2020 Subtotal	1,879.77
Suspended payroll amount	(20,526.93)
Shortage	(18,647.16)

## PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR CHURCH RECORDS ACCURATE



Have you recently changed your address, disconnected your land line and switched to a cell phone? Have you changed your email address? Please update your information with the church office at 886-5737. Communication is the key to our shared mission. (



#### GLCW Sends Kits to Lutheran World Relief Grace Lutheran Church Women and the Mission Committee will be assembling school kits, personal care kits and layettes for Lutheran World Relief. We are asking for congregational help in providing the supplies needed for the kits. Each School Kit needs: Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10-1/2"; no loose-leaf paper One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other One pencil sharpener One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well) Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band GLCW · Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band SCHOOL One box of 16 or 24 crayons One eraser approximately 2 1/2" long KITS Each Personal Care Kit needs: One bath-size towel (approximately 52" X 27"), dark color recommended Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping Health One sturdy comb, remove packaging One metal nail clippers, remove packaging You can provide one of each item, several of an item, or make a donation to GLCW and they will assemble the kits. Bins for each type of kit will be in the narthex for your donations. Each Layette Kit needs: Layette Kits White Soap SMALL PACKAGES Hand towels, dark color Jackets or sweaters 6 months **BIG RELIEF** to 24 months.

Grace Lutheran is in need of someone to package the Layette kits. If you feel called to oversee this ministry, please contact Pastor Cheryl or call the office.

Tubs will be available on Sunday morning in the parking lot at Drive-in Worship to receive your kit donations. Please look for the labels on the tubs.

## SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2020-21 Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check the session you want your child(ren) to attend	Emergency conta	act if we are unable to re	each you.
9:45—10:45 a.m. on Sunday	NAME:	PHC	DNE NUMBER:
6:00—7:00 p.m. on Wednesday	RELATIONSHIP T	O CHILD:	
If any of your children have health co	ncerns we should k	now about, please list th	hem here beside their name:

Are You willing to help with special fun events and/or projects for the school children during the year? YES NO Would you teach a class or craft, help with music or activities even if only for a month or two? YES NO

	<u>CONFIRM</u>	INTION REU	JINAII	ON FOR 2020-2021
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If any of your children have health concerns we should know about, please list them here beside their name:

## A message on COVID 19 Anitbody Testing from the American Red Cross Blood Services of Sioux Falls

I wanted to share some exciting news – **the American Red Cross will be testing for COVID-19 antibodies at our upcoming blood drive** on August 21 this test is being offered as an additional service on all completed blood donations.

The antibody test is authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and will indicate if the immune system has produced antibodies to the coronavirus, regardless of whether symptoms were present. This test is not to diagnose current symptoms, referred to as a diagnostic test. If you feel unwell, please postpone your donation. Results of your antibody test will be available in your Blood Donor App, or in your donor profile on RedCrossBlood.org about one week after your donation. Learn more

Your blood donation is essential to helping trauma patients, those battling diseases and others throughout this pandemic. We highly encourage you to make your appointment as soon as possible to secure your time slot.

#### Making an appointment to help save lives has never been easier!

- Use Watertown SD in the <u>Blood Donor App or at RedCrossBlood.org</u> to schedule and complete your <u>RapidPass®</u> pre-donation questionnaire.
- Enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device: schedule and receive appointment reminders.
- Call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment.

You can also **volunteer to help** on the day of the blood drive—there are lots of ways to help! Thanks for supporting patients in need. Sincerely,

Kim Jensen

P.S. For the <u>safety of the donor community</u> and in accordance with CDC guidelines, all donors are required to wear a face covering or mask. Please bring one to your donation. If you do not have one, a mask will be provided to you.

### During this time of suspented worship:

You can find Sunday worship service at the following sites: AUDIO:

Sunday service can be heard on the radio at KWAT 950 AM at 10:05 each Sunday morning or you can livestream the audio from your computer: https://www.alphamediaplayer.com/kwat950am

VIDEO:

Our website at Grace Lutheran Church Watertown, SD: http://glcwtn.org/

There is an Icon on the Grace Lutheran Church website that will link you to Facebook.

YouTube channel for Grace Lutheran Church, Watertown SD: https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCcXMBKa70pf8Xpj-ath5WXQ

OR Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/GraceLutheran8865737/?rf=111629428875890

**Bulletins:** If anyone would like a bulletin mailed to them or if you know of someone who needs them, please call the office and we'll put you on the bulletin mailing list. They are also uploaded to Facebook and YouTube each week prior to the service and you may print and share with others.

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# Wednesday and Sunday school Teachers and Helpers are needed!

# Drive In Worship—at 8:30 AM Sunday's

In Grace Lutheran Parking Lot!

# **Important Dates on the Calendar**

## August

- 9 Senior Recognition and Sending at the 8:30 am worship
- 12 Confirmation parents and students meeting to cover this years requirements at 6:00 pm All parents of 7th and 8th grade and any who are not been confirmed should attend.
- 21 Blood Drive at Grace Lutheran
- 23 Blessing of the Back Packs, children, teachers, bus drivers, assistance, administrators, and all in education during the 8:30 am worship service.

## September

- 2 Confirmation for 2020-21 years begins with classes at 5 and 6 p.m.
- 9 Sunday and Wednesday school teachers meeting at 7 p,m, We need your help!
- 13 Rally Sunday, with Teacher Installation and Bible Presentations for 2nd and 7th graders
- 16 Wednesday school begins at 6 p.m.

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