



# GRACE GLEANINGS

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2021

## 100th Anniversary Celebration well attended



The cornerstone of the present sanctuary of Grace Lutheran church was laid 100 years ago on August 1, 1920 and the dedication of the sanctuary was July 10, 1921. On July 18th, 2021 Grace celebrated with a beautiful worship service of singing traditional hymns, witness to the word, and rededication of our sanctuary and ourselves.

Bishop Constanze Hagmaier provided the message and officiated the rededication. KWAT broadcast the service live with the 4490th consecutive broadcast.

Displays were set up around the fellowship hall and hallways with

historical memorabilia and pictures. Adults and children enjoyed several games and painting outside.

In 2023 Grace will hold a celebration for 140 years of existence. Volunteers are needed to plan the event. Marcia Jelsma has begun updating the history and additions or corrections should be sent to her.



The oldest member attending the celebration was Phyllis Jongeling and youngest was 2 month old Serenity Hanks, daughter of Sandy Reid pictured above Bishop Constanze.



*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

Our celebration in July was just a start of some amazing things happening at Grace. It brought many people together who have not attended worship since the start of the pandemic. It brought out valuable history we hold and cherish about Grace Lutheran. It helped us to start looking forward and putting the past behind.

Grace was built on a strong foundation of Lutheran beliefs to care for our neighbor and live in community. I was surprised to read as part of their mission and outreach how they had been instrumental in starting a hospital. In 1909, the idea of Luther Hospital was developed

with the opening of what was later renamed Memorial Hospital which merged with St Anne's Hospital and later became Prairie Lakes Hospital.

I thought "What could be more important for community outreach than caring for those who are ill?"

They were innovators in using radio to reach out and proclaim the gospel message outside their walls beginning with their first broadcast in 1935. In 1955 they used Melody Theater for drive-in services before COVID made it a necessity and they produced a children's television show for KDLO and broadcast over KELO-tv in 1956.

Paul writes to the Corinthians *"What should be done then, my friends? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up."* (1Co 14:26)

I found in preparing for this celebration, the leaders of Grace have been visionaries for nearly 140 years building up the congregation and the community.

They had setbacks too, like in 1916 when the crops were poor and a decision had to be made to wait before building a new church building, our present sanctuary.

But that did not stop them. They did not look at the negative aspect of things or give up. Instead, they continue to have faith and work forward until it became a reality and in 1921, the dedication of the new sanctuary was held.

We have begun what it called visioning at Grace Lutheran. As I write this, I am preparing for our first meeting. It will not be the last. Those who came before you were active in the building up of this congregation.

They were faithful to the mission and ministry that God set before them. They sponsored refugee families and missionaries. They gave generously to Augustana College and the Watertown community for the good of all people.

You have an opportunity to continue being innovative leaders of this faith community in Watertown, SD. We need you to step up and get involved like the founders of this congregation did, to trust in God's guidance, and create a new vision for Grace Lutheran for the next 100 years. Another visioning meeting will be held on Wednesday evening August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. I ask you to attend these meetings bringing new ideas, diverse people, and positive attitudes... and...

*"Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread, because it is the LORD your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you."* (Deu 31:6)

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

***Pastor Cheryl writes a Daily Devotions each morning found on Grace's Facebook and Instagram pages.***

***To see all the lovely photos in color, go to the website: [glcwn.org](http://glcwn.org) under Resources—Gleanings.***



## Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council meeting on Thursday, July 15, 2021

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Rick Brownell presiding. Also, present were Denies Biller, Mark Briley, LeRoy Bullis, Ted Frost, Paul Henrichs, Sherry Jongeling, Rhonda Lorenz, Geri Mohror, Harley Petersen, Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett and Cindy Vander Leest. Absent were Kelly Evjen, James Goble, Kayla Mohling, Gena Urevig and Adam Wientjes.

Pastor Cheryl led the Council in devotions and prayer.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Rhonda Lorenz and second by Denise Biller. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for the June 10, 2021 meeting was made by Geri Mohror and second by Harley Petersen. Motion carried.

### Items:

**1. Financial Report**— Cindy Vander Leest reported the monthly income to the general fund was \$16,184 the weekly average giving was \$4,046 and the weekly worship attendance was 182 (includes views on Facebook). A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Denise Biller and second by Ted Frost. Motion carried.

**2. Pastor's Report** – Pastor Cheryl continues to lead worship services, baptisms and funerals. She has been busy putting together the Gleanings, bulletins, and write/create a daily Meditation on Facebook. She reported that she is scheduled with all of the Care Center/Assisted Living/Senior places for a worship service and communion. She is also visiting homebound members and anyone that would like a visit should call her or the church office to schedule a visit. She rode on the Youth 4th of July float and promoted the 100th celebration with the Public Opinion and on the radio- What's Up. Next month she will be meeting with the Confirmation students and parents, a wedding is scheduled and a baptism. She could possibly be taking vacation August 24-30th and she has registered for the Fall Theological September 19-21st in Pierre.

### Old Business:

**Fundraiser Committee** - Denise Biller reminded everyone the 100th celebration is this Sunday, July 18th and they are in need of volunteers to help greet people at worship, set up games, bring cupcakes and serve and clean up in the kitchen. Please turn in your "bundle" tickets.

**Vision Plan** - Pastor Cheryl will be hosting a Vision Plan meeting on Wednesday, July 28th from 6:00 to 8:00. Everyone is welcome and bring a friend - we are looking for new ideas.

**Job description revision** - A motion to approve the Communications/Administrative Assistant job description with the adjustment of a minimum 32 hours back to a minimum of 24 hours was made by Geri Mohror and second by Rhonda Lorenz. Motion carried.

**Constitution and By-Law update** - Mark Briley is going to call the Synod to verify the rules on changing C10.04 Fifty (50) voting members shall constitute a quorum to a lesser amount.

### New Business:

**1. Funeral Policy** - A Funeral Policy was handed out for the Council to review and it will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

### Committee Reports:

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Vander Leest

### We Thank God for... Our Volunteers...



Riley Sprouse has been helping out in the office each week this summer printing the Sunday bulletins and getting them ready for mailing. Riley has helped with many bulletin boards around the church as well. Thank you for sharing your talents with us.

# Financial Report

Income	Budget	YTD		Debts:	Original amt	Balance
Offerings		\$ 119,578.75		Term Debt	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Gifts		\$ 695.00		Line of Credit	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
PPP Cares Act forgivable loan		\$ -				
Scrip Proceeds		\$ -				
Member donation		\$ -				
Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 2,254.82				
GLCW & Fndtn Sanctuary lights		\$ -				
Foundation Grants		\$ 817.24				
Thrivent Choice \$\$		\$ 1,998.00				
Missions		\$ 730.00				
Misc.		\$ 765.00				
Xfer Ed Jones/Grinnell ins ROOF		\$ -				
Designated donations		\$ 11,734.94				
<b>Total Income for General Fund</b>		<b>\$ 138,573.75</b>				
<b>Expenses</b>						
ELCA & SD Synod Projects	\$ 2,614.93	\$ 1,182.48				
<b>Staff</b>						
Senior Pastor - Salary & Benefits	\$ 88,997.80	\$ 44,461.82				
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -				
Call process mileage & travel exp		\$ -				
Youth & Family Director	\$ 13,842.40	\$ 6,921.24				
Business Adm Salary & Benefits	\$ 48,561.20	\$ 24,280.56				
Parish Education Assistant	\$ -	\$ -				
Office Asst & Custodians	\$ 42,703.15	\$ 13,599.00				
Payroll taxes	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 3,618.00				
Pastoral Materials	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00				
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>\$ 205,254.55</b>	<b>\$ 93,030.62</b>				
<b>Program Expenses</b>				<b>Other Outlays</b>		
Office Expenses	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 6,593.11		Designated Gifts		\$ 695.00
Worship & Music	\$ 15,700.00	\$ 3,890.88		Roof Fund Ed Jones		\$ 20,000.00
Altar Guild	\$ 950.00	\$ 554.15		Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 1,177.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 150.00	\$ 131.60		Missions		\$ 730.00
Fellowship	\$ 100.00	\$ -		Misc		\$ -
Mission	\$ 325.00	\$ -		Synod Grant Fund Tech		\$ 1,000.00
Outreach & Care Ministry	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,364.93		Foundation Grant exp		\$ 1,005.00
Stewardship Ministry	\$ 800.00	\$ 619.24		Hallway&FH floors		\$ -
Debt Service	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -		Designated Donations		\$ 11,008.32
Insurance	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 8,296.57		<b>Total Other Outlays</b>		<b>\$ 35,615.32</b>
Utilities	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 14,010.15				
Synod Assembly Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 450.00		<b>Total Expenses &amp; Outlays</b>		<b>\$ 172,798.23</b>
PC Conference Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 280.40				
	\$ -			<b>General Fund - 1/1/2021</b>		<b>\$ 114,806.89</b>
Contingency	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 466.25		Plus Income		\$ 138,573.75
Property Ministry	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 6,312.53		Less Expenses & Outlays		\$ 172,798.23
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 117,425.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,969.81</b>		Loan Advances		\$ -
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 325,294.48</b>	<b>\$ 137,182.91</b>		<b>General Fund - 6/30/21</b>		<b>\$ 80,582.41</b>

The next Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting will be at 6 pm Thursday, August 12th

**Please help "raise the roof"**  
 Needed funds to repair the roof \$140,000.  
**Funds available as of 7/19/21 \$90,861**



You are always welcome to come in to the office or call to review or discuss our church budget.  
 Thank you, Cindy 605-886-5737



# Fund Raising Tickets available on a Kubota Sidekick

As a fund raising project, tickets are available from members and at the office for a chance on a 2021 Kubota RTV-xG850 Sidekick. The side by side includes a grill guard, tilt steering and shock to hold up dump box without manually locking it. Plans are to sell 750 \$50 tickets with a drawing date of Feb 28th due to getting a later start than first planned. If tickets are sold before that date, the drawing will be held.

Features include:

- 851 cc 4-stroke twin cylinder full-sized g48 HP gas engine
- Tuned suspension with full or empty pay load and enhance steering geometry
- Handles 1000 lbs of cargo
- CVT-Plus Transmission
- Front & rear independent suspension
- Heavy duty steel cargo bed carries 15.2 cu ft
- a two year/1,000 hour warranty.

For more information go to New 2021 Kubota RTV-XG850 Sidekick General Purpose | Utility Vehicles in Beaver Dam WI | Kubota Orange ([powersportscompany.com](http://powersportscompany.com))



Approximately 100 people enjoyed a time of fellowship and dinner at the 100th celebration of the church Sanctuary. A meal of scalloped potatoes & ham, corn, salads, dinner roll and cake served by free will offering. Thanks goes to Darlene Bresson for heading up the dinner and overseeing the event. The beautiful cake with the picture of Grace on it will be used for our first coffee in September.





## Mission of the Month ~ “Pueblo de Dios, our “Neighbors in Solidarity”

The mission of the month is **Pueblo de Dios**, a bilingual church in central Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The South Dakota Synod responds to God’s call to share the reconciling gospel of Jesus Christ with all people, from all nations and walks of life. “Neighbors in Solidarity” gives you the opportunity to support amazing ministries throughout the South Dakota Synod.

Solidarity is a commitment with others and a way of seeing, being, and acting. Solidarity means seeing and experiencing one’s own well-being as connected to the well-being of others and the communities to which they belong. Solidarity often involves people aligning themselves with others who do not have the same experiences. The principle of solidarity compels respect for the lived experience of all our brothers and sisters. Solidarity encourages us to share in our neighbor’s suffering and to participate in their liberation.



Pueblo de Dios is a congregation of English speakers and Spanish speakers in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Each Sunday they gather to worship together as one people – the people of God. Many of our families speak Spanish at home and English at work and school, or have one parent that prefers English and one parent that prefers Spanish. Each Sunday we read, pray, and declare our beliefs together – no matter what language we speak.

The mission and vision of Pueblo de Dios: Following God; Breaking down barriers; Standing with people in need. They are located at 235 N Prairie Ave, Sioux Falls SD 57104 US

Sunday Worship Service is at 12:30 pm. There is often Sunday School for children during the sermon. Following the service, we often share a meal in the fellowship hall. More information is available at: <https://www.pueblodedios.org/> Financial support can be given through the South Dakota Synod.



Jesse Urevig pictured above carrying a sack of cement, built a firepit for the courtyard at Grace Lutheran under the guidance of his dad Paul Urevig. Building the project is part of his endeavors to an Eagle Scout Award. Good Luck Jesse. At left is a picture of the completed project. Many enjoyed coffee in the courtyard during the July 18th celebration. Pictured above left are the beautiful flowers that Fred and Gwen Peshman plant and care for each year in the courtyard.





Pictured at left is this beautiful Peace Lily sent to Grace from our daughter church, Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer for the July 18th 100th Anniversary Celebration of our beautiful Sanctuary. Thank you LCOOR!

“Fired Up About Grace” was the theme of the 4th of July Float. The float featured a campfire setting advertising the 100th celebration of Grace and the side-by-side drawing Thanks for the Youth Group for helping make the signs and decoration , Darcy Raethz and Rick Brownell for driving, Larry Picht for the use of the trailer, and to Becky Sprouse, Youth Director, Riley Sprouse, Kiesha and Kaitlynn Payne and Pastor Cheryl for braving the extreme heat to ride the float that day and all who help in any way. It was a hot one.

## Thank YOU!

Thank you to EVERYONE who has helped with all the fund-raising and events that have taken place since we started this journey back in February/March. EVERYONE has helped in some way. Without you, we wouldn't be this far. I appreciate EVERYONE on this committee!!! We have done a great job in getting this much raised in just about 5 months. We are getting closer. \$\$\$ All of our hard work is paying off.

Darcy Raethz & Denise Biller

**There are still a few Tickets available for a chance on a New Remington 3.5 MAG pump shot gun, a \$100 meat bundle or \$75 Watertown bucks. The cost is \$20. As soon as they are all sold, the drawing will be held (or on September 30th)**

## Thank you! Thank you! Thank You!

A huge thank you to all who helped with the Celebration. It was a special day for all the members past and present to recognize the beautiful sanctuary of your church and the appreciate the efforts of SO MANY over the 100 years who have taken such wonderful care of it. Thank you to Bishop Constanze Hagmaier for her encouraging words and leading us as we rededicated our sanctuary and ourselves to God's mission and ministry.

A special Thank you to Marcia Jelsma for traveling back to us and playing the organ and to Darlene Bresson for heading up and overseeing the meal and to all who volunteered of their time to prepare for and do their part to make the celebration a huge success. I have received many positive remarks and you are all appreciated for your efforts.

As we rededicate ourselves to Grace, we look forward to 2023 to celebrate the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the existence of Grace Lutheran.

Pastor Cheryl

## Do you like to Quilt? Looking for a time of fellowship? QUILTERS ARE WANTED!

The Dorcas quilters invite you to join them in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, as well as local needs. The group meets Monday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00. There are a variety of things to do from tying to cutting. Please feel free to join as your time allows. The fellowship is wonderful and the snacks delicious!!

Preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Fall Sunday / Wednesday school**

Sunday School Rally Day – September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Wednesday School Rally Day – September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

(Kids will be attending a worship service @ 7 pm on Wednesday nights as part of Wednesday school)

If you have not registered your child for Sun / Wed school please do so by August 10<sup>th</sup>.



**August 31—6 pm  
Sunday/Wednesday  
school teachers  
& Education  
Committee meeting**

Interested in helping with Sun/Wed school.  
contact Becky @ [beckygracelc@midconetwork.com](mailto:beckygracelc@midconetwork.com) or  
605-881-5733.

Teachers and helpers are always needed and appreciated.



**Grades 7-12  
5:30 pm**

Join us for a short Bible study,  
activities, games and social time.

Youth group time will go back to 7:30 pm starting September 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Friends are always welcome!!

**Join Youth Group Remind by texting 34c2a7 to 81010.**  
Announcements will be coming out through this as needed.

Becky Sprouse / 605-881-5733



Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022**

PARENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

*Please circle one* Mother Father Stepdad Stepmom Other \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TOWN \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE (REQUIRED) \_\_\_\_\_  
MEMBER? YES NO (please circle one) If not would you like to become a Member? YES NO

Email (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_ (TO SEND REPORTS TO)

PARENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

*Please circle one* Mother Father Stepdad Stepmom Other \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TOWN \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE (REQUIRED) \_\_\_\_\_  
MEMBER? YES NO (please circle one) If not would you like to become a Member? YES NO

Email (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_ (TO SEND REPORTS TO)

### **CHILDREN'S NAME(s)**

Circle one	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Grade going to be in this school year	Birth Date
M or F	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
M or F	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Was this child baptized? YES NO If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Has this child taken First Communion Instruction? YES NO If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

**My child will be attending Wednesday night at:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 4 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 6 pm  
\_\_\_\_\_ Either will work \_\_\_\_\_ NEED ZOOM CLASS  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to take summer classes

Emergency contact if we are unable to reach you.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_

If your children has a health concerns we should know about, please list them here beside their name:

**All Parents must meet with Pastor Cheryl** to review the expectations of Confirmation prior to the beginning of class. Please call for an appointment at 605-237-1501 or email [cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com](mailto:cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com).

# SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2021-22

Date \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Mother Father Stepdad Stepmom Other \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please circle one*

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TOWN \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER? YES NO  
(please circle one)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Mother Father Stepdad Stepmom Other \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please circle one*

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TOWN \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER? YES NO  
(please circle one)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHILDREN'S NAME(s)

Circle one	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Grade going to be in this school year	Birth Date
M or F	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
M or F	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
M or F	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
M or F	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
M or F	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Please check the session you want your child(ren) to attend**

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:30—10:30 a.m. on Sunday

\_\_\_\_\_ 6:00—7:30 p.m. on Wednesday

Emergency contact if we are unable to reach you.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_

If any of your children have health concerns we should know about, please list them here beside their name:



## GLCW (Glace Lutheran Church Women) preparing kits

School supplies are out in the schools and as everyone turns their attention back to school, GLCW wants to remind you of the supplies needed for the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) kits. Only supplies are needed as the book bags have been purchased.

To be included in each school kit:

- FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; 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 pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ONE 2 ½" eraser

Each year GLCW make Baby Care Kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. The items included in these kits are:

- TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®)
- TWO long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- TWO receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square
- FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ONE jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- TWO pairs of socks
- ONE hand towel, dark color recommended
- TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- TWO diaper pins or large safety pins

Items for Personal Care Kits are also put together for those in need. Items to purchase for these kits are:

- ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\*
- ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

You may drop off your items at the church anytime. Tubs have been placed in the Narthex for the items with a sample of what is needed in each.



### 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?
- Are you a snow bird that is not flying south this winter?
- Please update your information with the church office at 886-5737.
- Communication is the key to our shared mission.



*Thank you for helping us stay in touch with you!*

### SCHOOL REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grace Lutheran uses a **"remind"** app for our school reminders.

To sign up for text announcements, text the message:

Wednesday school reminders:

**@gracewed to 81010 ~**

Sunday school reminders:

**@9aeb84 to 81010 ~**

Confirmation class reminders:

**@289928 to 81010**

**Youth Group** reminders: **@34c2a7 to 81010**

You will receive an acceptance to the group.

To stop getting messages.

Text **@LEAVE** to unsubscribe.

## “Church on the Street” was a cleansing experience



Those participating in a mission trip to Church on the Street on July 10th found it to be a cleansing experience as the rain not only came down, but it poured down upon all of us. Five attended the service project to Sioux Falls where we helped to fill and distribute backpacks to 200 who came for worship in Heritage Park. Unfortunately with the downpour, worship was cancelled as there was only enough room under the two canvas covers to fit the food and the people assisting.

Pictured above at left are Youth Director Becky Sprouse and daughter Riley. At right is Kiesha Payne. Also attending were Scott Bassett and Pastor Cheryl.

The ladies of the congregation overwhelmed the church with 819 cookies. When asked for 400 cookies, they provided double and not only filled the backpacks but would be disturbed during the week as Pastor Rebel, of Church on the Street was out and about visiting those who struggle with homelessness and poverty.

**Thank you to ALL who baked cookies. They were so very much appreciated.**



## Confirmation starts September 1—registration now open

Registration is now open for confirmation for the 2021-2022 year. Confirmation is a two-year course of instruction designed for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders but in some situations, it may include students outside that range due to unforeseen circumstances.

Students memorize Luther's Small Catechism, study the Old and New Testament of the Bible, Lutheran History, and Lutheran Living during that time. Classes help students grow in faith and learn how to develop their own personal relationship with Christ.

One hour class of instruction for 2021-2022 will begin on Wednesday, September 1. With the number of students, the class will be split. Options are at 4 pm or 6 pm on Wednesdays. If these times do not work, please contact Pastor Cheryl.

This year, all students will be studying Lutheran History, the Catechism and Lutheran Living. Next year they will rotate to study the Old and New Testaments.

Students are expected to complete service project during the year as well as take worship notes. They are encouraged to participate in youth group which meets on Wednesday evenings.

All parents will meet with the pastor to review the expectation prior to the beginning of classes. Please call Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501 to schedule an appointment and return the registration form from page 9 of this newsletter.

## Memorials and Gifts

**TO RADIO FUND:** From the Belk family in loving memory of Harold Belk; From Carol Henrichs in loving memory of Ralph Perkins; From Pastor Cheryl in Thanks and Praise for this call to Grace Lutheran; From Galen Bauman in memory of Linda Bauman.

**TO FLOWER FUND:** From Cal & Nyra Brown, Happy 4th; From the Belk family in loving memory of Harold Belk; From Rich & Liz Dunn in memory of their parents Marv & Loretta Dunn and HK and Barbara Miller; From Roger & Sandra Wittrock and family in loving memory of Mabel F Johnson and in celebration of Abby Reid's 18th Birthday; From Denise & Ryan Biller and Darcy Raethz in loving memory of their mother Sharon Johnson.

**TO GRACE FOUNDATION:** As a gift from Wendy Lohr.

**TO PRESCHOOL:** From Fran Schaefer's a memorial for Hilmer Moen, Larry Howell, Miles Smith and Coleen Bailey.

**TO THE ROOF FUND:** From Allen & Karen Kasperson in memory of Hilmer Moen; From Donald & Kathy Scharn a gift; From Jim & Marie Adams and family in memory of Marie's Grandparents: Edward Louis Brekke & Mary Elsie (Stormo) Brekke.

## Visioning Exercises continues in August

The visioning exercises will continue on Wednesday evening August 18th from 6 to 8 pm to continue discussions on our vision of the mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran Church.

Visioning is an activity to engage a diverse group of people in community in dialogue to exchange ideas and dreams of the church for the next 5 years.

By bringing together community-wide voices with various backgrounds and unique contributions everyone has an opportunity to contribute. Common ground is often found where they can build on each others strengths for the good of the whole community.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in these exercises especially youth and those under 40 who will carry on the vision of Grace for years to come.

We want your voice to be heard as part of the mission and ministry planning for your future at Grace.



# Grace Lutheran Church

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## August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 am Worship 1:00 am Service at Edgewood	2 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET	3 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	4 10:30 am Service at Avantara 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 5:30 pm Youth Group Meets	5 10:00 am Service at Stonebrook 6 pm Grace Council meets	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7 Boy Scouts Event in Fellowship Hall
8 8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion	9 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET	10 11 am Prairie Coteau Conference Pastors meet/picnic Walbary 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 6 pm Altar Guild Meeting	11 10:00 – Service at Hi-Rise 11:00 TOPS/Choir Rm 5:30 pm Youth Group Meets	12 10:00 am Service at Stonebrook 6 pm Grace Council meets	13 OFFICE CLOSED 5 pm Morgan Bunde & Evan Hagen Wedding Rehearsal	14 2:30 pm Wedding of Morgan Bunde & Evan Hagen
15 8:30 am Worship	16 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET	17 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	18 10 am Service at Town View 10:30 am Service at Jenkins 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 5:30 pm Youth Group Meets 6 – 8 pm Visioning Exercise	19 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle meets in Conf Rm. 6:00 pm Grace Council meets	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21 Glacial Lakes Multi-Cultural Summer Fiesta downtown Watertown, SD 3 to 10 pm
22 8:30 am Worship W/ Holy Communion & Baptism of Maverick John Ruby Raise the Roof Fund Raising Committee meeting following Worship	23 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET	24 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	25 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 5:30 pm Youth Group Meets	26 First day of School at Watertown	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28
29 8:30 am Worship	30 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET	31 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 5:30 (Pastor) Multi Culture meeting 6 pm Sunday/Wednesday school teachers meeting	Pastor Cheryl Vacation			
<div>Pastor Cheryl Summer Office Hours</div> <div>Grace office Tuesday –Thursday; Works from Home on Monday, Friday &amp; Saturday</div> <div>You can contact Pastor Cheryl <b>directly</b> anytime!</div> <div>By cell or text at 605-237-1501 or by E-mail: cheryl@gracelc@midconetwork.com</div>						

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## Sunday/Wednesday School Registration DUE

*Confirmation Registration Form on page 9*

### Important Date to Remember

**August 31—6 pm Sunday/Wednesday school teachers & Education Committee meeting**

**September 1—Confirmation Class at 6 pm**

**September 12—Rally Sun-Day**

Sunday Worship returns to two services:  
8:30 am & 11 o'clock

**Blessing of the Back Packs Both Services**

Holy Communion the 2nd and 4th Sundays

Sunday school at 9:45 am

**September 15—Rally Wednes-Day**

Wednesday school at 6 pm

Family worship service in Sanctuary 7 pm

First Communion Sign-up will begin in September

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**October 30th**

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