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# GRACE GLEANINGS

Grace Lutheran Newsletter

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## Nordefest Plus and Fall Craft Vendor Fair success

The annual Nordefest Plus and the Fall Vendor Fair were once again held at Grace Lutheran and both were a huge success. Both had to be cancelled last year due to COVID but returned the last Saturday of October and the first Saturday of November with a renewed effort and excitement.

### NORDEFEST PLUS Wrap Up

INCOME	
LEFSE	\$2,112.00
LEFSE ON SITE	\$354.00
DONUTS	\$591.00
ETHNIC DELICACIES	\$766.00
BAKERY	\$614.62
GIFT SHOP	\$1,435.00
JEWELRY ANEW	\$574.30
GRANDMA'S ATTIC	\$1,129.25
COFFEE BAR	\$749.00
LUNCH	\$1,204.50
COOK BOOKS	\$70.00
GRANDMA'S TOY BOX	\$230.00
SUPPLIES SALE	\$8.00
DONATIONS	\$296.00
2020 DONATIONS	\$260.00
THRIVENT ACTION TEAM CARD	\$250.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$10,643.67</b>
EXPENSES	
COUNTY FAIR	\$260.47
COLE PAPERS	\$233.08
DELORES HAUGAN	\$148.44
JUDY EVERSON	\$73.23
KAREN KASPERSON	\$285.23
ADVERTISING	\$160.00
RICH DUNN/DANNY BREKKE	\$75.00
JOYCE RUESINK (music)	\$150.00
THRIVENT ACTION TEAM CARD	\$250.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,635.45</b>
<b>NET PROFIT</b>	<b>\$9,008.22</b>

Lefsa sold out in the first half hour and 33 plus booths provided something for everyone at the Vendor Fair.

Dee Haugan and JoAnn DeBerg, who have co-chaired the annual Nordefest Plus for many years are stepping down. Next year the event will be chaired by Geri Mohror and Krisma DeWitt.

The Vendor Fair was overseen by Darlene Bresson and Janice Lindner. The spring Vendor/Craft Fair is scheduled for April 2nd.

A report from each events are included on this page.

### We Thank God for Our Volunteers!



The number of volunteers it takes to put on Nordefest Plus before and during the event is countless. During the day, they dress with red vest especially designed for the event. Several are shown above. We thank God for all those who helped in every way to make it a success.

Fall Craft Vendor Fair 11/6/2021	
Booth fees	\$ 1,040.00
Gma's Attic	\$ 433.06
Jewelry Room	\$ 304.87
GLC Craft Room	\$ 407.50
Food & Bakery Stand	\$ 930.00
Donation for Rolls	\$ 100.00
<b>Total proceeds went to the Roof</b>	<b>\$ 3,215.43</b>

THANK YOU, AGAIN,  
FOR A SUCCESSFUL NORDEFEST PLUS!



November 29, 2021

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

Nordefest Plus has come and gone and the Fall Vendor Fair complete. There was a huge sigh of relief and tiredness when it was over. A couple of days of unfavorable weather afterwards gave everyone a little time to relax and rest before Thanksgiving came upon us with families gathering for traditional celebrates and activities. We have been blessed at Grace Lutheran with these successful events, a new Intern, choir groups singing and ringing, joyful noisy Wednesday night worship, and in so many ways.

David writes in Psalm 34: "1I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. 3O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together." David had been hiding from Saul and acted in madness in front of Abimelech to escape to safety, then offers praise and thanks to the Lord for His protection and goodness.

Much like David, we have been blessed by God. Living through a pandemic has been difficult for every church, business, and person. The one thing I keep noticing and giving thanks for at Grace Lutheran is the sense of family.

Like families, there are little riffs and disagreements. But like family, when it's time to work, have fun together, or someone is in need, they come together. I've often observed this as your pastor, from at first all helping to set up parking-lot worship to the many fund-raising projects, the people of Grace congregation are family. It is a joy to see the fun and laughter of many hands at work.

As children of God, baptized into Christ, the begotten Son of God, we are Jesus adopted brothers and sisters and heirs of heaven, receiving peace beyond all understanding in our trust of the promise given through the actions of our Savior. In peace and thankfulness, we live for Him who saved us, the grace we experience. That is truly what happens daily in the family at Grace Lutheran.

As we begin Advent, and a new church year, we prepare for the coming of Christ born in a manger as well as His second coming. It's important to reflect on the gifts we received even as we reflect on the importance of our gifts for family and friends. During Hanging of the Greens, we reflect on symbols that remember what God has done for us. The red of the Poinsettias reminding us of the blood shed on the cross for our salvation. The green of evergreens symbolizes renewal, new life, and the everlasting love of God. The wreath is a symbol of eternity, our never-ending heavenly home we will one day inherit.

During your preparation and planning time with family, remember your family in Christ Jesus and how God wants you to love all people, especially the vulnerable and those in need.

During the month of December, there are several ways your church family is preparing for this important time and giving back in thanks and praise. One is with the Las Posadas Christmas journey on Sunday, December 19 1 -3 pm. Friends from the Glacial Lakes Multicultural Center who have known the Central American tradition of singing and walking from house to house to re-enact the journey of Mary and Joseph have been invited to come share this tradition with us. This is a time you can welcome our neighbors from another land and show the love we have for others by coming to share in their tradition and enjoy the piñata, hot chocolate and treats.

Another is the annual tradition of giving a Christmas dinner. It takes many to help with the dinner and especially deliver the meals around town. It is a wonderful service of love to give some of your special Christmas celebration to serving others and it is a wonderful experience for families with young people to demonstrate the real meaning of giving at Christmas.

On Wednesday evening, December 22nd, a Blue Christmas will be held for those who have lost a loved one, endured a broken relationship, loss a job or even struggled with the loss of a life's dream. The service is to share that grief and sorrow with others and renew our spirit of hope in God's blessings to come. Like a Spiritual hug, it is a night to bring your friends or family who are struggling or continue to mourn to help them through these difficult days.

God has blessed Grace Lutheran with this wonderful church family. During this time of Advent, as you prepare for the coming of the Lord, take time to give thanks for the precious gift of His Son for our sake by taking time to welcome, love and share with those He values... the people of God.

*And Blessing to all of you at Christmas!*

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

# Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council meeting on Thursday, November 11, 2021

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Rick Brownell presiding. Also, present were, Denise Biller, Mark Briley, LeRoy Bullis, Kelly Evjen, James Goble, Paul Henrichs, Sherry Jongeling, Kayla Mohling, Geri Mohror, , Gena Urevig, Adam Wientjes, visitor, Heidi Hoekman, Brenda Handel-Johnson, Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett and Cindy Vander Leest. Absent were, Ted Frost, Rhonda Lorenz and Harley Petersen.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by James Goble and second by Denise Biller. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for the October 14, 2021 meeting was made by Geri Mohror and second by Kelly Evjen. Motion carried.

## Items:

**1. Financial Report**— Cindy Vander Leest reported the monthly income to the general fund was \$18,645 the weekly average giving was \$3,729 and the weekly worship attendance was 169. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Denise Biller and second by James Goble. Motion carried.

**2. Pastor's Report** – Pastor Cheryl reminded everyone the Soup Supper Fundraiser is following the Thanksgiving worship Sunday, November 21, with worship at 5:00 and soup at 6:00. Everyone is invited to help set up Christmas trees before or after the soup supper. Also all are welcome to help decorate the trees Monday after 5:00 or Friday starting at 1:00. She will be helping the Confirmation students prepare and serve the Monday Night Banquet on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. After the banquet, she and the Confirmation students will help decorate the trees. It has been a busy month with attending Pastor's meetings, helping with fundraisers, lead 2 funerals, 3 baptisms and served communion at the Care Centers. On November 14<sup>th</sup> she lead the installation of Intern, Brenda Handel-Johnson. Brenda reported she had her first Internship meeting and has started setting up visitation times with members. She will be here to help with grief support and Bible studies. She is working on the reenactment event of Mary and Joseph (Las Pasadas) which will be held at Grace on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Old Business:

**Fundraiser Committee** - Denise Biller reported the Craft/Vendor Fair fundraiser on November 6<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. The next fundraiser is the Soup Supper on November 21<sup>st</sup> followed by the Bake Sale on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. The committee is working on holding a Comedy Night, Dance classes, Valentine Dinner and selling Kubota tickets at the Farm Show. Kayla Mohling is working on a Mollie B concert for a fundraiser to be held on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for at least 10 sponsors to help pay for the event. Volunteers are wanted and needed to help with all upcoming events.

**Constitution and By-Law update** - Mark Briley reported the committee would like to leave the number "50" for a quorum on the Constitution and By-Laws. This concludes the committee recommendations to the Council. The Committee would like to get together for their final proof reading before presenting it to the congregation at the Annual meeting to be held on January 23, 2022.

**Roof update** – LeRoy Bullis reported the Property Committee agreed to sign the contract with Hub City Roofing from Aberdeen, S.D. He also reported weather permitting the job should start in August 2022.

**Monday Night Banquet** – Rick Brownell introduced Heidi Hoekman from the Monday Night Banquet. Heidi serves on the Banquet Board and schedules the food providers. She explained there are Board members stepping down and they would like Grace Lutheran Church to consider being more involved as Board members, writing Grants and the bookkeeping. It was decided the Council Executive Committee and Geri Mohror would meet with the Monday Night Banquet bookkeeper.

**Funeral Policy additions** – Cindy reported that she and Pastor have not had time to review and update for the Council. It was decided to table it until February.

## New Business:

- 1. Council terms ending and renewals** – Cindy just reminded the Council terms ending January 2022 for LeRoy Bullis, James Goble, Rhonda Lorenz and Harley Petersen and would all be eligible for another 3 year term. The Nominating Committee would be contacting them for their consideration in rerunning.
- 2. Draft/Proposed 2022 Mission Plan** – Mark Briley shared the committee has been reviewing and some items they would like to increase are the worship and music areas along with following the Synod guidelines for the Pastor's review.
- 3. Annual Committee reports will be due December 27<sup>th</sup>** – The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> and Committee reports will be due to Cindy by December 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 4. Christmas worship services** – Pastor Cheryl shared the Children's Christmas program is December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00, Blue Christmas service is Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00, Christmas Eve services are at 4:00 and 7:00 with communion, Christmas Day is at 10:00 with communion and December 26<sup>th</sup> there will be ONE service at 10:00. On January 2<sup>nd</sup>

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## Financial Report

Income	Budget	YTD		Debts:	Original amt	Balance
Offerings		\$ 196,147.17		Term Debt	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,205.00		Line of Credit	\$ -	\$ -
PPP Cares Act forgivable loan		\$ -				
Scrip Proceeds		\$ -				
Member donation		\$ -				
Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 2,254.82				
GLCW & Fndtn Sanctuary lights		\$ -				
Foundation Grants		\$ 1,064.05				
Thrivent Choice \$\$		\$ 1,998.00				
Missions		\$ 1,055.00				
Misc.		\$ 1,269.45				
Xfer Ed Jones/Grinnell ins ROOF		\$ -				
Designated donations		\$ 24,534.94				
<b>Total Income for General Fund</b>		<b>\$ 229,528.43</b>				
<b>Expenses</b>						
ELCA & SD Synod Projects	\$ 2,614.93	\$ 1,970.80				
<b>Staff</b>						
Senior Pastor - Salary & Benefits	\$ 88,997.80	\$ 74,127.82				
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -				
Call process mileage & travel exp		\$ -				
Youth & Family Director	\$ 13,842.40	\$ 11,535.40				
Business Adm Salary & Benefits	\$ 48,561.20	\$ 40,467.60				
Parish Education Assistant	\$ -	\$ -				
Office Asst & Custodians	\$ 42,703.15	\$ 24,425.00				
Payroll taxes	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,929.65				
Pastoral Materials	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00				
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>\$ 205,254.55</b>	<b>\$ 156,635.47</b>				
<b>Program Expenses</b>				<b>Other Outlays</b>		
Office Expenses	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,175.30		Designated Gifts		\$ 1,180.00
Worship & Music	\$ 15,700.00	\$ 6,624.16				
Altar Guild	\$ 950.00	\$ 554.15		Roof Fund Ed Jones		\$ 20,000.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 150.00	\$ 131.60		Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 1,177.00
Fellowship	\$ 100.00	\$ -		Missions		\$ 980.00
Mission	\$ 325.00	\$ -		Misc		\$ 50.00
Outreach & Care Ministry	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,940.58		Synod Grant Fund Tech		\$ 1,000.00
Stewardship Ministry	\$ 800.00	\$ 619.24		Foundation Grant exp		\$ 1,714.34
Debt Service	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -		Hallway&FH floors		\$ 1,000.00
Insurance	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,180.07		Designated Donations		\$ 23,808.32
Utilities	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 20,700.13		<b>Total Other Outlays</b>		<b>\$ 50,909.66</b>
Synod Assembly Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 450.00				
PC Conference Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 280.40		<b>Total Expenses &amp; Outlays</b>		<b>\$ 271,665.49</b>
	\$ -					
Contingency	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,062.72		<b>General Fund - 1/1/2021</b>		<b>\$ 114,806.89</b>
Property Ministry	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 8,431.21		Plus Income		\$ 229,528.43
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 117,425.00</b>	<b>\$ 62,149.56</b>		Less Expenses & Outlays		\$ 271,665.49
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 325,294.48</b>	<b>\$ 220,755.83</b>		Loan Advances		\$ -
				<b>General Fund - 10/31/21</b>		<b>\$ 72,669.83</b>

The next Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting will be at 6 pm Thursday, December 9th

**Please help "raise the roof"**

Needed funds to repair the roof \$171,000.

**Funds available as of 11/15/21 \$128,000**



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

## Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board Meeting, Monday, November 1, 2021

The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board of Directors met on November 1, 2021, 5:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

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

Will Morlock called the meeting to order.

Approve Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2021 meeting was made by Gerri Mohr, seconded by Jim Goble, motion passed.

A motion to approve the treasurer report for the month ending September 30, 2021 was made by Jim Goble, seconded by Joy Nelson, motion passed.

Will Morlock reported on Redfield Energy. We received a letter from Redfield Energy stating that we will get a dividend check for \$3,000 sometime in November, 2021. (\$.05 per share X 60,000 shares = \$3,000). Redfield Energy will have their annual meeting on December 2, 2021 and anyone on the board is invited.



**The Grace Lutheran Foundation hosted a coffee on Foundation Sunday, November 14th. Bonnie Oletzke pictured above served coffee.**

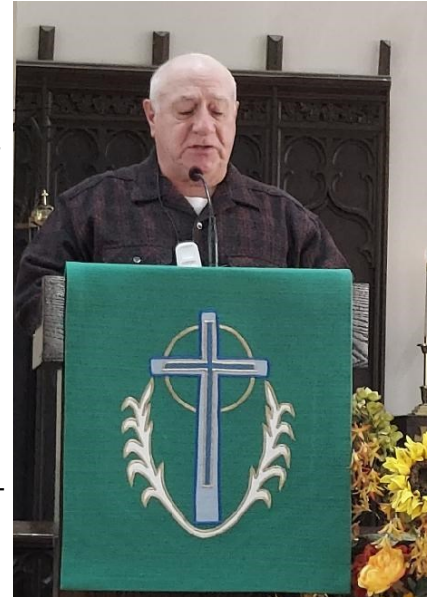
### Rental Property:

A new boiler was installed at 214/216 2 Ave SE. It was discussed that we pay for the new boiler out of the Capital Improvement Fund. Larry Picht also reported that the tenant in the lower unit at 525 2 St SE was evicted.

Foundation Sunday will be November 14, 2021. We will serve coffee and cookies between services. Will Morlock will make a presentation concerning the Grace Lutheran Church Foundation at both services on November 14, 2021.

Church update: Will Morlock reported that the trees in the corner of the parking lot will be removed sometime this week or next and the bid was for \$400. Cindy reported on the roof. The original contractor cannot "lock down" a bid because of the cost and availability of materials unless we pay for the materials now. The church also got a bid from Hub City in Aberdeen which was about \$20,000 less than the original contractor.

There were no other items.



**Will Morlock, pictured above, presented the Grace Lutheran Foundation report during worship on Foundation Sunday, November 14th**

### Council Minutes

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there will only be ONE service at 10:00 and will be live streamed to the radio.

5. **Audit GLC books** – A motion to have Darlene Bresson, Geri Mohror and Bev Morrison do the 2021 annual audit was made by Paul Henrichs and second by Adam Wientjes. Motion carried.

### Committee Reports:

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Vander Leest

Our next meetings will be Tuesday, December 6, 2021, 5:30 pm at Grant Lutheran Church. We are going to invite Scott Olson for a financial update. A motion to adjourn was made by Gerri Mohr, seconded by Rich Dunn, motion passed Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

### Can you sell 4x4 Tickets?

**We are asking EVERYONE to take a book of 10 tickets for the Kubota Side-by-Side to sell this month. Please consider taking just one book to get the remaining tickets sold.**

## Grace Lutheran Preschool

Welcome to OUR crazy classroom! We are so excited that you get to experience the little things with us! We are fast at learning our birthdays to spelling our names on paper and out loud! WE love having volunteers come in the classroom from Ms. Brenda that does chapel time with the littles to Ms. Sarah or Ms. Deb that comes each month from the library! We are blessed to have them all.

We get to have two students this coming week in the classroom from LATC. We love spreading God's word through the students and the love for education!

Thank you for the love and support that has been given to the Preschool. I am so thankful for all the donations and prayers. We've had a great start to our school year.

### Important dates:

December 22<sup>nd</sup> to the  
31<sup>st</sup> – Christmas Break



Preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Sunday School - 9:30 am - 10:30 am  
Wednesday School – 6pm – 7:30 pm  
Join us for Family Worship on Wednesday Nights at 7:00 pm  
Noisy Offering / Skits / Music / Communion



Christmas Program Practice – December 11<sup>th</sup> / 9am-11am



**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**  
December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm

**No Wednesday School**  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>  
January 5<sup>th</sup>

**No Sunday School**  
December 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
January 2<sup>nd</sup>

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



**Grades 7-12**  
**7:30-9:00 pm**

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

Friends are always welcome!!

**UPCOMING EVENT:**

2022 ELCA Youth Gathering  
July 24-28, 2022  
Minneapolis, MN  
If interested in attending  
please notify Becky or Pastor Cheryl

**NO YOUTH GROUP**  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> / January 5<sup>th</sup>  
Have a great Christmas Break!!

Parent Volunteers are always needed.

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

Becky Sprouse / 605-881-5733 / [beckygracelc@midconetwork.com](mailto:beckygracelc@midconetwork.com)

## Several attend Youth Retreat November 19th

Ted Berckes was the speaker during worship at the Youth Retreat on Friday November 19th. The Retreat had been postponed a week due to weather but eighteen young people from Canby, Strandburg and Watertown, attended the night of fun, food and fellowship ending with watching an episode of "The Chosen" about the life of Jesus.

## Grace Youth busy with several activities



Confirmation students served the Banquet on Monday, November 23rd. This is an annual service project of the Confirmation students each year. Pictured above l to r are Keisha Payne, Grace Wickherst, Kaydence DeHaan, Adriene Schulz, Abigail Reeves, Aryanna Pahl, Chloe Bauman, Dominic Krauth, Sam Anderson, and Tigh Koistinen.



Confirmation students served at Nordefest Plus and some helped lead the chicken dance above. Pictured at right are Ashlynn Andrews and Adriene Schulz serving coffee.

## WINTER WEATHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ON REMIND!

Grace Lutheran uses a "remind" app on your cell phone for 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.

## First Communion

Three young people received first communion on All Saints day, November 7th: Charlize Clausen, daughter of Chad & Christen Kettering; Rorrie Edwards, daughter of Robbi & Taylor Edwards, and Quinn Mohling, daughter of Kollin Mohling.

Pictured at left are Trick or Treater from Preschoolers who stopped by the office prior to Halloween for a few treats accompanied by their teacher Dani Dobberpuhl.



## Notes from Intern Brenda Handle-Johnson

Greetings Grace Lutheran members,

My name is Brenda Handel-Johnson, your newly installed intern who will be working and learning beside you. I just graduated from Luther Seminary in St Paul in June with a Master's Degree in Christian Ministry, completed a summer intensive unit in Clinical Pastoral Education at the Sioux Falls VA hospital and am now completing my required six month internship. Whew! It has been a whirlwind! I have served as a church musician in the past, but my goal is to deepen my skills in caring conversations and hospice and grief care so I will be asking many of you to visit with me so I can learn your stories.



**Brenda Handel-Johnson was installed as an Intern at Grace in November**

and Joseph and finishing with a piñata, hot chocolate and treats. Invite your friends and family to come to Grace to experience a beautiful tradition.

*All are welcome!*

Since I am a candidate for Word and Service in the ELCA it means I will be practicing ways to serve the church and the world. (I think the church's future lies in how it learns to be agile and serve the broader community.) My role is to serve as a conduit between both places so I am splitting my time between Grace and the Glacial Lakes Multicultural Center. While I am at Grace I will be doing lots of listening and visiting, so stop in to see me when I am at the office on Mondays and Wednesdays. On Sundays, you will see me in worship preaching and presiding and also conducting the choirs, playing piano and organ. I will also be organizing adult classes and events.

One of those events is the Las Posadas Christmas journey we will be hosting on Sunday, December 19 1 -3 pm. Friends from the Glacial Lakes Multicultural Center who have known the Central American tradition of singing and walking from house to house to re-enact the journey of Mary and Joseph will come to share this tradition with us. This will be a family event during which we will be singing, walking from place to place following our own Mary



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### ~ DECEMBER ADULT FAITH FORMATION ~

#### **Join Brenda for Christmas Traditions (and music) around the World**

Grab your coffee and a treat and join Intern Brenda for a presentation on Christmas traditions from several different countries (Including Germany, Norway, Mexico and more) around the world. The 45 minute class will include music and hymns that are sung so bring your friends and singing voices. It is sure to get you into the Christmas Spirit! There are two opportunities to hear and participate in this mini-event:

Sunday, December 5 at 9:45 am-10:30 am or Wednesday, December 8 at 6:15 pm-6:55 pm

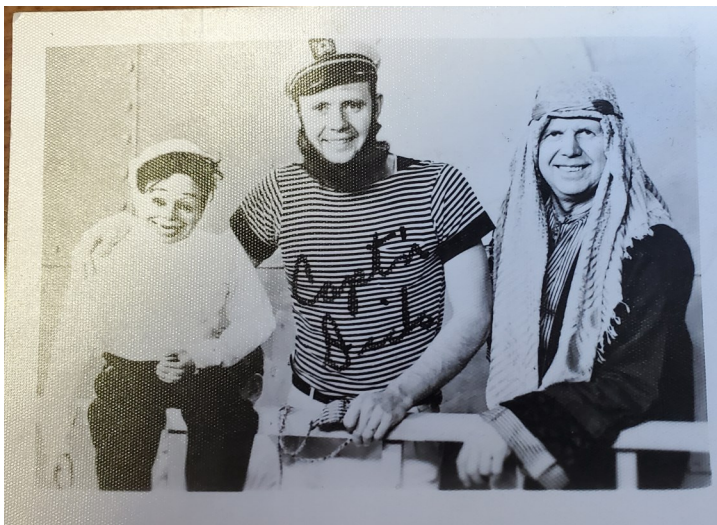
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#### **Choirs busy practicing and playing for worship**

The choirs have been singing and ringing during worship services. The bell choir has grown from 4 ringers to over 10 and now practice at 7 pm on Monday evening. Bells (at right) rang for Reformation Sunday.

The Grace Choir sang on All Saints Sunday and will sing for the Hanging of the Greens. More musicians are always welcome to join. Practice is at 6 pm on Monday's





Recently, Marilyn Randell brought this picture in of Captain Dicko, (Pastor Richard Borrud) a regular on the Grace TV show, "Through the Porthole" a children's television show first produced on Jan. 20, 1956 over KDLO and later added to broadcast by KELO-TV in October 1956. If you have any additional information about this show, we would welcome hearing about this television broadcast.

Martin Luther at right, preached on Righteousness for Reformation Sunday based on Romans 3:28... <sup>28</sup>*For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.*" It was the heart of Luther's preaching as well as other reformation leaders. For Lutherans, that is what makes you free, this exchange of our sins for God's righteousness and Christ's faithfulness to deliver to you the promise of eternal life through the preached word of God.



## LEAVING FOR THE WINTER?

### *Stay in touch*

If you are going away this winter want to continue receiving the Gleanings and other mailings, please let the office know your address and how long you expect to be gone. Or let us know if you just want the newsletter stopped while you are gone. You can continue to worship with us online at: [glcwn.org](http://glcwn.org)

## THANK YOU FROM VENDOR FAIR & NORDEFEST

A big "Thank You" to all who made and donated items to the Gift Shop for Nordefest. We had so many beautiful items that we had to move our booth to a Sunday School room so we'd have enough space to display all of it! We very much appreciate the time spent in making these gifts, and we had good sales. Another big shout out to all who donated food for the Vendor Fair, as well as those who helped with it. Your time is valuable, and we want to give you our heartfelt thanks for your willingness to help. And for both events, thank you to Rich & Danny for helping to set up and clean up afterwards! God Bless all of you! - Darlene Bresson

## *Thank you*

*to everyone who sent cards & notes and to the family of Grace Lutheran for the lovely plant in the loss of my Mother-in-law Shirley Bassett*

*Pastor Cheryl*

## Spring Craft Fair 2022

**Set for April 2nd**

**Plan now for a booth**



## Dance Class

Grace Lutheran Fellowship Hall

### Six Weeks of Classes

January 11th thru February 15

Learn Foxtrot, Jitterbug, Waltz, Polka, East Coast Swing & Texas Two Step

**\$70 per couple**

**\$40 per single**

*Make it a date night!*

*Proceeds go to Raise the Roof Fund*

*To register call the office at 605-886-5737*

*Mon—Thurs 8 am to 5 pm*

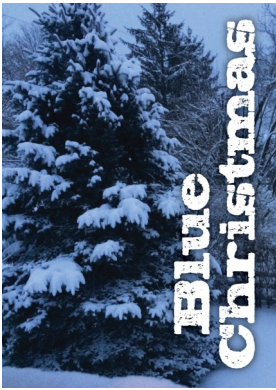
*Or mail checks to 202 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD 57201*

Makes a **GREAT Christmas Present**



## Blue Christmas Service December 22nd

A special Blue Christmas service will be held at 6 pm on Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are grieving someone



you shared past Christmases with cause intense feelings of loss, loneliness and sadness. It can be a very painful time of year for those who suffer due to death, divorce, health issues, unemployment, business loss, broken relationship, life altering operations, family trauma or any type of loss. It is even more traumatic as COVID-19 seems to rear it's ugly head once more.

A Blue Christmas service creates a safe place for those who struggle with loss or mourn a loved one. It is a time

to join together with others burdened by grief for emotional encouragement and receive spiritual support.

Any who have suffered this past year or continue to suffer from years gone by are welcome to come to this nondenominational service and hear God's word of hope and healing shine through the darkness calling you forward to the bright shining light of spring when new life returns.

## Comedy Night features Jerry Nelson

Humorist Jerry Nelson will highlight Grace Lutheran's Comedy Night on Jan 28th. Nationally published author of Dear County Agent Guy, he provides slap-your-knee, laugh-out-loud musings. With "sturdy Norwegian pioneer" ancestors, Jerry will be interesting and entertaining to our community of "sturdy Norwegian pioneer" descendants.

*Ha Ha Ha  
Ha Ha Ha Ha*

We will also have local, home-grown comedy, so if you are a comedian - or just like to make people laugh with skits or humorous songs - join us in this entertainment fundraiser to Raise the Roof. Contact Darlene Bresson with your acts.

Space will be limited, so get your tickets early, starting after January 1st. Watch for more details.

## HELP WANTED

### WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Roberta Bartel has been doing our Sunday worship PowerPoints for several years as a volunteer. Life changes and she no longer is able to continue giving this gift to Grace Lutheran. We are now in need of someone to take on this gift of their time and talent to create the PowerPoint for the services each year. It is something you can do from home during the week and an opportunity to service Grace.

Our custodian, Rich Dunn will have back surgery and off for a few months beginning right after Christmas. We are looking for someone to fill that part-time position, approximately 20 hours per week, for 3 to 6 months. If you can serve Grace in this way for a short time, contact the office.

**WELCOME!**

**Kaydence Grace  
DeHaan  
Ollyver Jackson  
DeHaan**



*Children of*

*Anthony & Krystle DeHaan*

*and Crue Taylor Edwards*

*Son of*

*Taylor & Robbi Edwards*

**November 20, 2021**

## Remembering

**Dolores (Dee) Messer**

**November 9,  
2021**



## Memorials and Gifts

**TO RADIO FUND:** In loving memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling" from the Schmeling Radio Fund; from Kay Ward in loving memory of her brother Scott Schooley's birthday in heaven.

**TO FLOWER FUND:** From Dick & Judy Everson in celebration of their wedding anniversary; from Denise & Ryan Biller and Darcy Raethz in memory of their Dad's birthday, Dave Johnson; from Fred & Gwen Peshman in loving memory of Matthew Kuttner; from Cal and Nyra Brown.

**TO THE CRAFT VENDOR FAIR:** from Tera Raml.

**TO THE ROOF FUND:** From John Sangl; from John Sangl; a memorial for Joan Goeman from Ed & Linda Williams; a memorial for Roger York from Herman & Denise Otterbacker; from John Sangl; a memorial for Scott Scholley from Scott Schooley's family' a memorial for Mark Ward from Kay Ward; in memory of Ruth Griffin, Leona Fahey, Cara Cutler Christians, Roland Hernandez, Beverly Owen, Margaret Chandler, & Robert Boadwine from Fran Schaefer; from John Sangl; from John Sangl.



## Mission of the Month ~ Grace Lutheran Christmas Dinner

This month's Mission of the Month is the annual Grace Lutheran Christmas Dinner. Last year (pictured above, there were approximately 500 meals served through delivery and carry out over the noon hour on Christmas Day. The meals start with planning the food and volunteer sign-up. Volunteers are needed for cooking: to prepare dishes prior to the day and cook on Christmas, about 10 people are needed for cooking that day. There were 8 roasters of turkey and ham (4 of each) 15 gallons of salad; numerous pies made prior to the day, buns, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy and corn. Volunteer Delivery drivers are needed to take the meals out to the people beginning at 11 am until done. The more drivers there are the less time and trips it takes for the delivery. So it takes a LOT of drivers. Volunteers are needed to dish up the food into take-out containers. Each take-out consists of meat, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy and corn plus a container of salad, a bun, and a container with pie. All are put into a bag and delivered to the people whether it is drive up or delivered. Clean up afterwards. Those who start cooking early in the morning appreciate fresh help to clean up after the hours of getting the meals out. If you are unable to help with these activities, you can always donate to the Christmas dinner as supplies are needed such as to-go containers and food. This is a wonderful Christmas tradition put on by Grace Lutheran each year and a special service to those who are alone at Christmas, have no family, or can no longer cook a traditional meal. It truly shows how grace is experienced here daily through the Mission and Ministry of Grace Lutheran. Worship service is at 10 am and serving begins at 11 am. Please consider giving this gift of your time to this very important work. Sign up sheet is on page 15.

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

**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!!

## 4x4 Tickets

*make a great Stocking Stuffers  
for Christmas!*

*AND a fun way to support  
the Raise the Roof Fund Raising  
Project at Grace Lutheran*

**The tickets are \$50 each for a chance to win a  
2021 Kubota RTV-xG850 Sidekick.**

Includes a grill guard, tilt steering & shock to hold up dump box without manually locking it, 851 cc 4-stroke twin cylinder full-sized g48 HP gas engine; Tuned suspension with full or empty payload 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; and a two year/1,000 hour warranty

# Raise the Roof Fund Raising Committee Report

## 11-14-21 at 10:00 am Raise the Roof Committee Meeting:

The **Vendor Fair on 11-6-21** was a huge success!! Thank you Darlene for Chairing the event and to everyone who helped out with donations and/or volunteering that day. We were able to donate to the Roof Fund **\$3,266.43!!** Great work everyone!! **The next Vendor Fair is scheduled for 4-2-22.**

**11-21-21 Soup Supper.** We will have the Soup Supper at **6:00 pm**, following the 5:00 pm service for Thanksgiving. We will be serving Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Beef soups and Chili, with saltine and oyster crackers, sour cream and cheese. Tanya will be making the chx noodle and veg beef soups (4 gallons each) and bringing the saltines, Kayla, Kelly, Darlene and Darcy will make Chili (1 gallon each), Sharon will bring the oyster crackers (4 bags), Geri will bring sour cream, and we already have the cheese. We will have napkins, water, coffee, cups and spoons on the tables. Tanya will be coming in that day about 3:00 pm to start up the soups. We will serve them from the big roasters, as to keep them hot. We have covered the expenses with a Thrivent Card. This will be a free will donation for the meal. We are trying to keep the meal simple. Everyone is welcome to come. If we end up with left overs, they will either be used the next evening at the Monday night Banquet, which the confirmation kids are serving or be donated to the Beacon Center.

**12-12-21 Bake Sale.** The children's Christmas Program is this day. We thought this would be a great service for our members to have a bake sale to help with the holiday rush. We will be making caramel rolls and ready to start selling between services, Darlene will be coming in about 7:00 am that morning to start the rolls if anyone wants to come and help out. We will have these in to-go containers also. We will set up the baked goods in the Narthex to sell between services, after 11:00 am service and around the Program (unless we sell out). If we have too much to keep all in the Narthex, we will set up the overflow in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a sign-up sheet for people to donate to the bake sale if they like. We would like items to be brought to the church by Saturday, so we can get everything set up for Sunday. This does not have to be only Holiday goodies, it can be anything!! We will be asking Joann and Bev if they will help us with pricing, as they do this for Nordfest. Please let us know if you have any questions or other suggestions.

## After the New Year:

**January 21, 2022:** Comedy Night. Darlene is going to talk with Jerry Nelson and Pastor Cheryl will be talking with the Bishop. We would like the show to last about 90 minutes. We will provide concessions, Popcorn, Candy, Pop/Water, etc. The price per ticket is undecided at this time. Once we know who the entertainment is, we will get everything finalized.

**January 2022:** We will be offering Dance Classes. This will be provided by Don and Brenda Norton. They will be on Tuesday evenings. This will be for couples/singles. Please watch for the details on the start date/time. The cost is \$70 per person for a 6 week course. There will also be Line Dancing Classes, which will be for 4 weeks, but the cost is unknown at this time.

**February 9-12, 2022:** If we still have tickets to sell for the Kobota, we will be selling them at the Farm Show. Denise and Ryan will be having a booth there, and they are ok with us selling tickets at their booth. Otherwise, if Eastside Equipment will be out there, we may ask if we could sell tickets at their booth also. Not sure if we will have room to bring the Kobota out there, depending on where the booths are located. If there is anyone interested in sitting out there during these times, please let us know. We will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers to sit at the booth and help sell tickets. The drawing for the Kobota is on **February 28, 2022**, unless we sell all the tickets prior. Last report we had 448 tickets to sell yet.

We are undecided about a Valentine's Dinner for February. We will discuss at next meeting.

**May 13, 2022:** This is the new date for the Mollie B Concert at Cloud 9. Kayla will be working on getting a sheet together with all the information that we would need, then we can use this as we are talking to spon-

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## Raise the Roof Committee Report (Continued from page 13)

sors. This could also work as a receipt to them for their records. Our goal is to have at least 10 sponsors at about \$500 each. We certainly won't turn away anyone that wants to sponsor, but can't quite do the \$500, we will be grateful for any sponsor donations. We talked about doing a "Meet and Greet" dinner for the sponsors with Mollie B for a little extra Thank You for sponsoring. Cloud 9 will be able to hang up the sponsor's banner in the concert hall we will be at. This will hold 300 people. They would like to also set up some tables outside if possible. The cost per ticket is TBD. If any questions, please contact Kayla.

**Our Next Meeting will be on 12-12-21 at 10:00 am in the basement.** Hope everyone can make it.

**The family of Grace Lutheran invites you to join us for Coffee Fellowship each Sunday morning at 9:30 am.** If you are able to serve coffee, signup sheet is in the Narthex or call the office.



Raise the Roof funds	
Foundation	\$ 20,000.00
Grace general	\$ 24,102.19
Pledges	\$ 28,024.00
Memorials/Donations	\$ 30,488.52
Kubota	\$ 3,499.00
Fundraisers	\$ 22,073.66
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>\$ 128,187.37</b>

## 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.

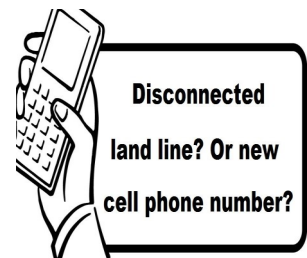
If you have questions about an IRA Charitable Rollover, please contact:

Cindy Vander Leest  
605-886-5737

## Have you MOVED?

### 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.



Give us a call at 605-886-5737 or drop us an email to [gracelc@midconetwork.com](mailto:gracelc@midconetwork.com) with your new address. Please give us a cell number and email so we can keep in touch with you.

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



Grace Lutheran Church's  
**Annual Community Christmas Lunch**  
can be picked up on Christmas Day  
between 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.  
 in our south parking lot.

We will be doing delivery to shut ins between 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

We are anticipating serving 500-600 meals this year/served between shut-ins, pickups, and the volunteers. We need your wonderful donations of food and WORKERS to make this a successful event.

**Below is what we still need.**

(Please fill in the quantity you will provide)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pies** (75 needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Butter** (15# needed for potatoes, buns, dressing, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Money donations** (are needed and appreciated)



*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Work Christmas day (Please see times below)** I will be here to help \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Deliver meals to Shut-ins** I can be here for delivery at \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

**9:00 a.m. Meal Prep** -10 people needed

Includes: Make mashed potatoes, stuffing, dish up salads, cut pies, prepare delivery meals, etc.

**10:00 a.m. Christmas Worship** w/communion in the sanctuary.

**10:45 a.m. Deliveries will start** - 20 to 30 cars needed (get instructions and route ready)

**11:00 a.m. Servers ready to dish up** (20 people to fill to-go containers)  
**Ready to serve** (carry out for curbside pickup)

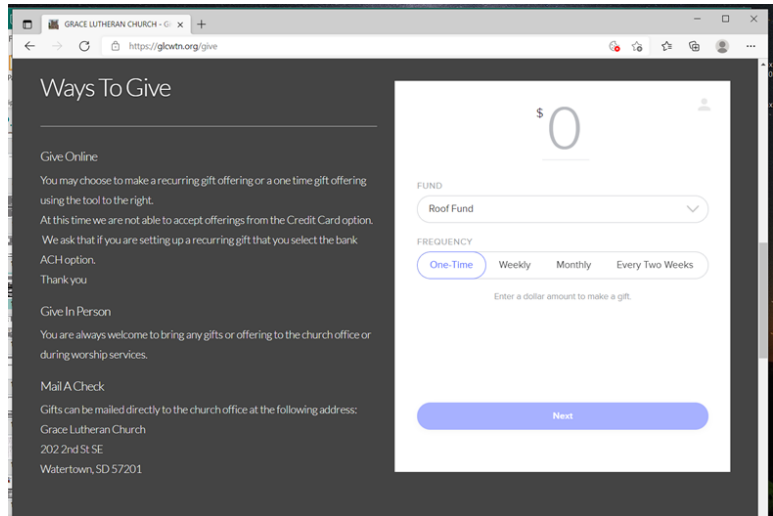
**1:00 Cleanup** (Fresh volunteers for dishes, delivery room, pie cutting room, etc.)

**If you would like a meal delivered, Please call the office @ 886-5737  
 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Monday through Thursday.**

# Give online OR by Automatic Debit

Our new website enables you to give financial gifts online to Grace. The online giving provides an opportunity to give anytime, anywhere when you go to the Giving at [glcwtm.org](https://glcwtm.org). You chose the account and enter the amount you want to give. The next window will give you options to log in with an email, Facebook page, or as a guest. The gift details are on the next page which shows the account you have chosen, AND the processing fee. You can add this fee to the gift so it does not cost the church funds. In the memo area you can note information if this is in memory of someone, in celebration, or an appreciation gift. You will confirm all of this before it is processed.

Accounts available to give to at any time are: the Roof Fund, Radio, Flowers, Youth or Memorial as well as the General fund. Thank you for your generous offerings for the Mission and Ministry of Grace Lutheran.



## AUTHORIZATION FORM

## SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Id #		DATE	
Effective date of authorization: ____/____/____			
Type of authorization: <input type="checkbox"/> New authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change payment amount <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Change payment date <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic payment			
Last Name		First Name	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Email Address			
Payment Frequency: ? one-time ? Recurring (select one)- ? Weekly ? Monthly ? Annual ? Other _____ Date of one time payment: ____/____/____ Amount : \$ _____ Date of first payment: ____/____/____ Amount of recurring payment: \$ _____			
CHECKING / SAVINGS	Please debit payment from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (staple a voided check below)		Routing Number: _____ <b>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</b> Account Number: _____ 
	I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization. Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____		

**If using a checking account, please attach a voided check over the credit card section.**

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# Grace Lutheran Church

Phone: (605) 886-5737

## December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Pastor Cheryl In-Office Hours</b> Tuesday –Thursday; Contact Pastor Cheryl <b>directly</b> anytime! 605-237-1501 or E-mail: <a href="mailto:cheryl@gracelc@midconetwork.com">cheryl@gracelc@midconetwork.com</a> <b>Intern Brenda In-Office Hours</b> Monday and Wednesday						
5 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday school 9:45 am Christmas Traditions Music around the World 11:00 am Worship 1:00 am Service at Edgewood	6 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET 6-7 pm Choir Practice 7-8 pm Bells Choir Practice 5:30 pm Foundation Meeting	7 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 6 pm Craft Night	8 10:00 – Service at H-Rise 11:00 TOPS/Choir Rm 4 & 6 pm Confirmation Class 6 pm Wednesday School 7 pm Family Worship 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	9 10:00 am Service at Stonebrook 6 pm Grace Council meets	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11
12 8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:30 Caramel Rolls & Bake Sale 10 am Raise the Roof meeting 11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 2 pm – Children's Christmas Program	13 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET 6-7 pm Choir Practice 7-8 pm Bells Choir Practice	14 Watertown Ministerial meeting Noon at HyVee 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	15 10 am Service at Town View 10:30 am Service at Jenkins 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 4 & 6 pm Confirmation Class 6 pm Wednesday School 7 pm Family Worship in Sanctuary 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	16	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18
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26 10 am Worship Service NO Communion	27 5 pm BANQUET	28 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 5:30 (Pastor) Multit Culture meeting	29 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room NO Confirmation Class NO Wednesday School NO Family Worship NO Youth Group Meets	30	31	
Pastor Cheryl Vacation Dec 26 - 31						

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## Christmas Eve services at 4 pm & 7 pm; Christmas Day at 10 am

### Upcoming Events

#### December

- 5 9:45 am Adult Formation Christmas around the World
- 8 6:45 pm Adult Formation Christmas around the World
- 11 Wed/Sun School Christmas Program Practice 9—11 am
- 12 Bake Sale fund raiser for the Roof  
Wednesday/Sunday School Christmas Program at 2 pm
- 15 7 pm Family Worship w/Holy Communion
- 19 Las Posadas Celebration begins at 1 pm
- 22 Blue Christmas Service 6 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Worship w/communion at 4 & 7 pm
- 25 Christmas Day Worship w/communion at 10 am
- 25 Annual Christmas Dinner— take-out starts at 11 am
- 26 ONE Service at 10 am (No communion)

#### January

- 2 One Service at 10 am.
- 11 Dance classes begin for fun and roof fund raising
- 23 Annual congregational meeting
- 28 Comedy Night—Fund Raiser program for Roof Fund

***Merry Christmas and Blessings for the New Year!***



*O Come*  
**Let Us**  
**Adore Him**

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