

GRACE GLEANINGS



Ash Wednesday

*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

~Ecclesiastes 3:20

Ash Wednesday is February 17

Grace Lutheran Newsletter

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~ We Thank God for Our Volunteers ~



Grace holds Annual Christmas Dinner

Members of Grace Lutheran Church provide approximately 500 meals to community residents on Christmas Day once more. Grace has been holding this annual Christmas dinner for people for over 25 years. Due to the pandemic, the dinner was move to over the noon hour which worked very well and plans to hold it at lunchtime again next year. This year, the meals were distributed to those through drive up or delivery only.

Turkey and ham, with mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, dressing, bun, salad and pie for dessert were prepared by a group of ten people who organize and plan the meal, obtain the necessary resources, order supplies, show up early to cook it and oversee the delivery. Several others arrive by 11 am to dish up the meal into the containers and others serve as delivery for the food.

To the many volunteers who help with this each year, Thank you. You are a blessing to many people on a special day and especially this year when so many were unable to be together with their families. (With so many volunteers, we are unable to name them all but they are all appreciated.)





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is a new sense of hope on the horizon with the coronavirus vaccine rolling out, even though it is coming so slowly. I received my first vaccine shot yesterday and felt a sense of relief afterwards.

It's still frustrating not knowing when others will receive it, and guilt, especially when my 93-year-old mother has not had hers. But it's good to know there is progress so she can get it soon.

It is like coming out of a dark tunnel, first you see the slightest amount of light and gradually it grows larger as you get closer to the opening, knowing the vaccine is getting closer for everyone.

We have all been through a trying time, struggling with a pandemic that swept over us so abruptly and without much warning. We were locked down and shut in. Our life changed from community orientated and social to homebound and masked. For many there has been a huge economic burden. And there has been an emotional toil on everyone, young and old.

In Lamentations 5:21, the writer cries out to the Lord, *"Restore us to You, O Lord, that we may be restored; Renew our days as of old,"*

You may have cried out to the Lord during these last months as I have, wanting life to return to what it was. We want life to be easy and to get back to what we knew as normal. But with such a great effect on our lives, what we once knew will be different than before.

There are many who have lost loved ones to this devastating virus. Those who have suffered through it, may have long lasting results. Business as usual will not be business as usual but has created new ways of doing things in the midst of old. Our way of worshiping has changed too and in many ways will not go back to the same way it was, there will continue to be online church, ZOOM Bible Studies and distance meetings.

One thing we did learn through the experience is that the church is the people. We are a community of believers – TOGETHER. We can exist together even from a distance. And that is exactly how God intended it to be. A people of faith working together, supporting each other, and encouraging one another through the good times and the bad, through times of pandemic and calamity, until we can be together once more.

"²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10: 24-25

As we open once again, how do we spur one another on towards love and good deeds in this new way of being? How do we bring people together for worship and fellowship when it's so comfortable watching church in our pj's with coffee in hand? In what way can we encourage one another to be TOGETHER as the church when we have gotten used to driving past rather than stopping there? How can we be restored? How can we be renewed? What will it take to bring you back to church?

Church is so important; the Third Commandment was given as a reminder. It is important to strengthen our faith, to hear and learn the Word of God, to partake of the sacraments as Jesus has commanded, and to encourage each other in Christian love.

I would like to know your thoughts and ideas because the church will be different. Would you take a few minutes to think about this in the next weeks, reach out and connect with me? You can stop by my office, text me (include your name), email me (is the best) or give me a call. I really do want to know how you envision the church in the coming years. Your thoughts might just be what we need for a revival of the church.

"that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself," Colossians 2:2

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You! ~ Pastor Cheryl

Minutes of the January 21, 2021 Grace Lutheran Council meeting

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Rick Brownell presiding. Also, present were Mark Briley, Rick Brownell, LeRoy Bullis, Paul Henrichs, Dylan Jordan, Rhonda Lorenz, Geri Mohror, Gary Rukstad, Roger Rust, Sherry Starr, Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett and Cindy Vander Leest. Absent were Denise Biller, James Goble, Harley Petersen, Tod Sprouse and Gina Urevig

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

A motion to approve the agenda was made by LeRoy Bullis and second by Sherry Starr. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for the December 10, 2020 meeting was made by Geri Mohror and second by Rhonda Lorenz. Motion carried.

Items:

1. Financial Report— Cindy Vander Leest reported the monthly income to the general fund was \$24,780, the weekly average giving was \$6,195 and the weekly worship attendance was 255 (includes drive-in service, views on Facebook and Youtube). A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Sherry Starr and second by Paul Henrichs. Motion carried.

2. Pastor's Report – Pastor Cheryl reported she continues to meet with the Confirmation students, along with leading worship services, baptisms and funerals. She has been busy putting together the Gleanings, bulletins, attending Zoom meetings, leading a bible study, and does a Daily Reading w/Martin Luther video along with write/create a daily Meditation on Facebook. She shared funny stories about her vacation and we all agreed she surely caught the biggest fish. She shared there was a Lay Leader training for all council members with Bishop Hagmaier and synod staff on Tuesday, February 2 at 7p.m. that we should all attend by Zoom. Pastor Cheryl stated she was called for jury duty for 6 months starting in January. Pastor Cheryl also shared the Youth Family Director, Becky Sprouse and the Youth Group served the Monday Night Banquet on January 11th. Sunday/Wednesday school continues to have opening lesson, music and classroom time. They will be doing a Valentine craft to share with the congregation. She is hoping to have the kids sing on Palm Sunday. They have started a Youth Group meeting every Wednesday, planning a Fun Night on February 19th for grades 7th - 12th and a lock-in on March 5th.

Old Business:

Committee Report on updating Grace Lutheran Church Constitution - Mark Briley reported the committee met and decided to change C13.01 which reads: The officers of this congregation, its immediate past-president and senior pastor shall constitute the Executive Committee. The committee would like to remove "past-president". New version C13.01 would read as follows: The officers of this congregation and senior pastor shall constitute the Executive Committee. A motion to vote on C10.08 - This congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically. at the annual meeting was made by Dylan Jordan and second by Paul Henrichs. Motion carried. Mark Briley also shared the church would do it's normal business on the current approved budget if our quorum of 50 members was not met at the Annual meeting.

Nominating Committee - 7 spots for Council- Nominees are: Denise Biller, Kelly Evjen, Ted Frost, Sherry Jongeling, Kayla Mohling, Gena Urevig and Adam Wientjes.

Nominating Committee - Ann Murfield and Darcy Raethz for 2021 ballot. There can be up to 6 members on this committee.

Agenda items for Annual Meeting on January 24, 2021 at 11:00 - no changes or additional items were made

Committee Annual Reports were due January 12, 2021 - all reports were turned in and completed.

Approval of Council Report for Annual meeting - A motion to approve the Council report as written was made by Paul Henrichs and second by Rhonda Lorenz. Motion carried.

New Business:

- 1. 8:30 & 11:00 worship services in the sanctuary starting January 31, 2021** - After an update and discussion given by Paul Henrichs - A motion to have both Sunday services in the sanctuary with the switching of every other pew seating was made by Dylan Jordan and second by Geri Mohror. Motion carried.
- 2. Maintenance fund/Roof fund CD held at Edward Jones** - Cindy Vander Leest reviewed the cash flow for Jan-Mar 2019 and Jan-Mar 2020 which showed an average monthly expense of \$25,000. She stated that Pastor and her had reviewed and feel comfortable with keeping at least 3 months reserve in the General and asking the Council to approve moving \$20,000 to an Edward Jones CD for the Roof Repair Fund. A motion to move \$20,000 to a Roof Repair Fund CD held at Edward Jones with the option of moving back to General if needed was made by Roger Rust and second by Mark Briley. Motion carried.
- 3. Craft/Vendor Fair/Got it at Grace (March 13, 2021)** - A motion to hold the annual spring Craft/Vendor Fair/Got it at Grace sale on March 13, 2021 was made by Geri Mohror and second by Rhonda Lorenz. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Education, Youth & Family - Dylan reported Sunday school was going well

Foundation - Geri reported the monthly meetings have resumed and will continue for Feb, Mar, and April.

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Ash Wednesday begins season of Lent

Ash Wednesday service on February 17 begins 40 days of Lent and will focus on the gospel of Mark. It invites the assembly to reflect on what it means to be in community with one another, the world, creation, and God. As Christians, we take this time to reflect on our own individual acts of "repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love." But this will also be a time for deepening our spirit of community.

Wednesday school youth and confirmation students will take part in the services by engaging the scriptures in various ways such as prayer stations, creating visual statements, and serving

others as a way to learn about creating community.

For Ash Wednesday we focus on the practice of faith. Weekly Lenten themes are:

In community with creation
In community with all the saints
In community with our neighbor
In community with those on the margins
In community with Christ

Ash Wednesday and Lenten services will be held at 6 pm in the sanctuary. You are encouraged to wear your mask.

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Finance & Stewardship - Mark reminded everyone that stimulus checks could help stimulate the roof fund or Grace general.

Mission - Gary Rukstad reported he was able to sell the aluminum cans again.

Rick Brownell thanked all of the term ending Council members for their time of serving.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Vander Leest

Registration for First Communion classes

Youngsters who have not yet received their first communion can take the classes in February and March. Class will be held at 4:30 pm on Wednesday evenings beginning February 24. Students from 2nd grade on up will need to complete two classes to receive communion.

Jesus told His disciples to do this in remembrance of His death and resurrection done for the forgiveness of our sins and eternal salvation. Communion unites us with all of God's people.

Parents are asked to contact Pastor Cheryl as soon as possible to register their child. First Communion is tentatively scheduled to be held during Maundy Thursday services on April 1. To register send you name and theirs, cell number (s) and which class schedule works best: Feb 24 & March 3 or March 10 & 17. Email to pastor: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com or Text 605-237-1501 or stop at the office with the information.

Martin Luther explains in the Small Catechism "a person who has faith in these words, "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin," is really worthy and well prepared." Any adults who have not taken communion and would like to explore that are welcome to contact Pastor Cheryl.

Hello and Happy February from the classroom at Grace!

I cannot believe how fast this year is going. I am so thankful for the time I get to spend with these kids, but I wish it would slow down!

This month we are looking forward to celebrating God's love and sharing it with others. I have planned so many special projects for this month and I cannot wait to share them with my students.

We have continued working on our academics, ABC's and phonics, and Bible study. I am proud to say that the kids have almost completed their sign language letters!! We are starting to work on more sight words, and some have even started reading short sentences. It is so fun to watch these kids grow and learn throughout the year. I am so proud of them.

Important Dates:

Thursday, February 11th – 4 year olds Valentine Party
Friday, February 12th – 3 year olds Valentine Party
Monday, February 15th – No School, Presidents Day

ENROLLMENT:

Enrollment for the 2021- 2022 school year is officially open!! Please spread the word and help me fill up my classroom again! We have spots available in our 3 year old program and our afternoon 4 year old program. Forms can be found in the Grace Lutheran Church Office or my classroom. If you have any questions you can contact me through our Facebook page or my email kalligracelc@midconetwork.com

Thanks
Miss Kalli

Financial Report

Income	Budget	YTD		Debts:	Original amt	Balance
Offerings		\$ 264,658.17		Term Debt	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,684.00		Line of Credit	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
PPP Cares Act forgivable loan		\$ 5,100.00				
Scrip Proceeds		\$ 2,000.00				
Member donation		\$ -				
Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 14,386.73				
GLCW & Fndtn Sanctuary lights		\$ 7,324.00				
Foundation Grants		\$ 1,714.61				
Thrivent Choice \$\$		\$ 2,535.00				
Missions		\$ -				
Misc.		\$ 843.23				
Xfer Ed Jones/Grinnell ins ROOF		\$ 70,482.63				
Designated donations		\$ 16,865.50				
Total Income for General Fund		\$ 387,593.87				
Expenses						
ELCA & SD Synod Projects	\$ 2,546.05	\$ 2,546.05				
Staff						
Senior Pastor - Salary & Benefits	\$ 87,070.00	\$ 79,311.29				
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -				
Call process mileage & travel exp		\$ 57.10				
Youth & Family Director	\$ 19,516.33	\$ 7,609.39				
Business Adm Salary & Benefits	\$ 47,146.80	\$ 47,147.04				
Parish Education Assistant	\$ 2,674.99	\$ 668.76				
Office Asst & Custodians	\$ 56,350.49	\$ 24,971.81				
Payroll taxes	\$ 10,878.62	\$ 7,429.82				
Pastoral Materials	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00				
Total Staff	\$ 226,787.23	\$ 167,345.21				
Program Expenses				Other Outlays		
Office Expenses	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 11,582.30		Designated Gifts		\$ 1,684.00
Worship & Music	\$ 18,350.00	\$ 8,771.22		GLCW & Foundation		
Altar Guild	\$ 750.00	\$ 523.90		Basemt & Conf room		\$ 15,269.93
Youth Ministry	\$ 150.00	\$ 131.60		Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 15,501.73
Fellowship	\$ 100.00	\$ -		Hail damage (insured)		\$ 60,489.31
Mission	\$ 325.00	\$ -		Misc		\$ 178.23
Outreach & Care Ministry	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,933.60		Fundraiser for General		\$ -
Stewardship Ministry	\$ 800.00	\$ 680.64		Foundation Grant exp		\$ 2,580.37
Debt Service	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -		Hallway&FH floors		\$ 2,200.00
Insurance	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 10,362.93		Designated Donations		\$ 6,179.68
Utilities	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 21,856.50		Total Other Outlays		\$ 104,083.25
Synod Assembly Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -				
PC Conference Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 279.00		Total Expenses & Outlays		\$ 340,182.50
One time 2020 exp for year 2019	\$ 5,000.00					
Contingency	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 898.20		General Fund - 1/1/2020		\$ 67,395.52
Property Ministry	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 9,188.10		Plus Income		\$ 387,593.87
Program Expenses	\$ 115,375.00	\$ 66,207.99		Less Expenses & Outlays		\$ 340,182.50
Total Expenses	\$ 344,708.28	\$ 236,099.25		Loan Advances		\$ -
				General Fund - 12/31/20		\$ 114,806.89

The next Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting will be at 6 pm Thursday, February 11th in the Fellowship Hall.



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

(Preschool – 6th Grade)

Wednesday School – Wednesday at 6:00 pm

There will be regular classes on all Wednesday's during the Lenten season.

For God
So loved the world
that He gave His
only
begotten
Son So
that whoever
believes
in Him shall
have everlasting
life.

John 3:16



**Youth Group @ 7:30pm
(Grades 7-12)**

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

Upcoming Events:

February 19th - Youth Fun Night 6pm-9pm

March 5th – Lock-in (more details to come)

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





Family Worship services on Wednesday evening are an informal service held following Wednesday school and Confirmation. Youth help with the service with impromptu skits

In *The Three Kings of Christmas* above, the wisemen follow the star to visit the newborn baby Jesus. Pictures (l to r) Aryanna Pahl, Abigail Reeves, Chloe Bauman, Kaydence DeHaan, Daniel Henrichs, Grace Wickherst, Tegan Gasper, and Allison Henrichs.

Helping with *The Silent Scream*, a skit about forgiveness at right were Abigail Reeves, Keisha Payne, Dominic Krauth, Chloe Bauman, and Grace Wickherst.

Students learn from these activity giving them an opportunity to participate in more than just listening to a sermon but actually providing the message.

Everyone is welcome at Wednesday night worship which is held each week at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall.



Services are now in the Sanctuary

The time of suspended worship is now over and both services on Sunday morning are being held in the Sanctuary of Grace Lutheran.

The 8:30 am more traditional service is recorded for the radio and heard at 10:05 each Sunday morning on KWAT 950 AM radio. It is also video record and can be found on our website at Grace Lutheran Church Watertown, SD: <http://glcwn.org/>

There is an Icon there to link you to Facebook or the Grace Lutheran YouTube channel

Those attending sit in the pews that are marked with decorations. Everyone is asked to wear a mask.

Pews decorations for the 11:00 am contemporary service are switched for the service so people will not sit in the same pew.

We continue with a song leader and praise team for leading the singing. The congregation at this time does not sing. Communion packets and bulletins are placed in the pew.

Both services continue to be transmitted to the parking lot.

Blue Christmas bouquet springs to life with new leaves

For those attending the Blue Christmas service in December and created the beautiful bouquet with blue carnations and twigs from the variegated dogwood you can now see the promised miracle of new life. The leaves have been popping out of the twigs and what once seemed dead has now come to life. The bouquet is in the pastors office if you'd like to stop by and see it.





Grace Lutheran Youth Group Serves the Monday Night Banquet January 11th

Ten youth and adults from the Grace Lutheran Youth served the Monday night banquet on January 11th. Sixty-three meals were given out to those in need consisting of scalloped potatoes, corn, bun, carrots & celery, apple, and potato soup with crackers. Pictured above left are Rick



Brownell with Michael Berg bagging water. Pictured above right (l to r) in the line sacking up buns, apples, vegies and utensils are Wyatt Sprouse, Krisma DeWit, Tegan Gasper, Youth Director Becky Sprouse, and Riley Sprouse. At left is Riley and Brooke Henrichs adding cake to each container. (Tod Sprouse is in the background.)

The Banquet meal is held every Monday night beginning at 5 pm to anyone who is in need of a meal. Various groups and organizations through the community take turns each week to serve the banquet. This year, due to COVID, a number of groups and organization have not been able to serve and more volunteers are needed. If you can help, contact Heidi Hoekman, Banquet Coordinator, 605-237-6987



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 2021 schedule



March 1 thru March 5
May 10 thru May 14
July 19 thru July 23
Sept 27 thru Oct 1
Dec 6 thru Dec 10

If you would like to help with Meals on Wheels...
Please contact Larry Picht.
Call the church office 886-5737 for his phone number.

GRACE LUTHERAN FOUNDATION

Grace Lutheran Church
202 2d ST. SE
Watertown, SD 57201
Phone: 886-5737

REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Requests for funding due February 15, 2021

Mail to: Will Morlock at 905 W. Kemp

or leave at the church office or scan to gracelc@midconetwork.com (both sides if written on)

1. Person(s) making request:

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

2. Funds requested for the following project or organizations: you may write on the back of this Form (Please be brief but with enough detail so the request is understood.)

3. Amount requested: \$ _____

4. Total cost of project: \$ _____

5. When will funds be needed: _____

6. The funds should be sent to Name: _____

7. Have funds for this project or organization been requested from the Grace Lutheran Foundation in recent years? If so.....

Year requested _____

Amount funded _____

8. Are you requesting funding from another organization for this project this year?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, which organization and amount funded:

_____ \$ _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board Meeting, Monday, January 4, 2021

The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board of Directors met on January 4, 2021, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

Present: Bonnie Oletzke, Larry Picht, Will Morlock, Rich Dunn, Becky Knadle and Jerri Mohr. Also present was, Cindy VanderLeest, Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett and Peggy Hulscher.

Will Morlock called the meeting to order.

Approve Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2020 meeting, made by Rich Dunn, seconded by Larry Picht, motion passed.

Scott Olson with Great Western Bank gave us report on the investments.

A motion to approve the treasurer report for the month ending November 30, 2020 was made by Rich Dunn, seconded by Larry Picht, motion passed.

I missed this in the meeting.

Rental Property: Kolt Ruesink has contacted the Foundation concerning purchasing the property located at 312-314 2 Ave SE. Mr Ruesink owns the property to the east which includes a shared garage wall between the two properties. We have a committee of Larry Picht, Bonnie Oletzke, Becky Knadle and Joy Nelson to talk about selling the property located at 312-314 2 Ave SE.

Larry Picht gave a report on the rental property.

Annual Meeting will be January 24, 2021. Two positions on the board will be up for election that are held by Larry Picht and Joy Nelson who have both agreed to be candidates for reelection to the board.

Church new and updates: Cindy reported that they will be having a fund raiser for roof repair.

Grant requests: We can accept grants from today to the end of February, 2021.

There were no other items.

Our next meetings will be February 1, 2021, March 1, 2021 and April 5, 2021.

A motion to adjourn was made by Becky Knadle, seconded by Rich Dunn motion passed.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We are in need of support for the weekly Altar flower fund. THERE ARE DATES OPEN for altar flowers each week in February and March. Please consider sponsoring them in honor of or in memory for a loved one.

The cost is \$30.

Your Help Is Needed

The present sanctuary of Grace Lutheran Church was dedicated on July 10, 1921 and plans are to celebrate this 100 year anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of Grace Lutheran this summer. Your help is needed to help up this important event and in holding fund raisers, planning this celebration, writing history, and praying for the continued mission and ministry of this beautiful structure. If you can help, contact Pastor Cheryl as soon as possible.



Spring Craft/Vendor Fair set for March 13th



We are Sooo excited to host the Spring Craft/Vendor Fair once again at Grace. It's been a long year since we postponed and then canceled the 2020 Fair and look forward to seeing you this year on Saturday, March 13th with many new and unique things! There will, once again be rolls in the morning and lunch/concessions in the afternoon. Bring your friends for a fun day out and support Grace. Proceeds go towards Grace's Roof Repairs Fund. Watch for more details on Grace's Facebook and in the March Gleanings.

To reserve a booth or signup as a vendor TEXT Janice at 868-1805.



Mission of the Month

Neighbors in Solidarity - Woyatan Lutheran

Woyatan Lutheran is a diverse congregation in Rapid City focusing on ministry by and with Lakota people. This faith community invites and welcomes everyone. In Lakota, "woyatan" means praise and thanks.

Woyatan Lutheran serves as vibrant place of worship for community members and residence of Community Alternatives of the Black Hills (CAB). After the COVID pandemic struck, the vision for a Woyatan Indian Center was revised to serve as a community center, focusing on empowering Indigenous people, responding to COVID, and battling poverty in Rapid City as a gathering place providing programming, counseling and education in support of Native individuals and families for years to come.

Financial contributions to Woyatan are made by local congregations, Thrivent, local government, and businesses. Your gifts help to reach completion of the project, so the building can be a blessing to the Woyatan, Rapid City, and the wider church.

This project is sponsored by the leadership of Vicar Jonathan Old Horse and Calvary Lutheran Church, along with the members of Woyatan Lutheran Church and Calvary Lutheran Church, Black Hills coalition of churches, the North Rapid City neighborhood. The South Dakota Synod ELCA is the fiduciary accepting the funds on behalf of the Woyatan Indian Center. Woyatan Lutheran - 522 Anamosa Street - PO Box 3003 - Rapid City, SD 57709-3003

Make an epic difference at Grace!! with Thrivent Choice \$\$

It is time to direct your Choice DOLLARS's

Thanks for sharing and choosing Grace in 2020. We appreciate all of you who directed your \$'s and helped Grace out.

Please remember Grace when you direct your 2021 Thrivent Choice Dollars.



A monetary gift given to **SALVATION ARMY –Under One Roof**

In honor of these Christian Care Women
Marilyn Arnesen, Cleo Belk, Rosalie Brekke, Annie Brenden,
Lorraine Christians, Gladys Dahlgren, Edith Green,
Kaye Harriott, Hazel Howell, Diana Ihlen, Shirley Korth,
Vivian Larson, Reneta McFerran and Virginia Walraven

In memory of Margie Lantgen, B.J. Schnackenberg
and Mildred Tronvold

From the Elizabeth Circle

~ First Communion ~

For those who are in the
2nd grade or above.

**Classes begin February 24th
Contact Pastor to Register**



Remembering

Glenn W. Johnson

January 20, 2021

Lynn Alan Johnson

January 30, 2021

Memorials and Gifts

TO RADIO FUND

From Ed & Sharon Morrison in memory
of Lori Hurkes,

**WE ARE IN NEED OF SUPPORT FOR
THE RADIO BROADCAST.**

(Please consider giving to this fund.)

TO FLOWER FUND

From Geri Mohror in loving memory of
what would have been her and Bouce's
40th Anniversary; From Scott & Cindy
Vender Leest; From James and Sharon
Goble in loving memory of their son
Gary and daughter Kimberly; From Rich
and Liz Dunn in loving memory of
Liz's dad H. K. Miller.

TO MEMORIAL FUND

From Elvira & Hilmer Moen in memory
of Lori Hurkes; From Elvira & Hilmer
Moen in memory of Pat Hurkes; From
Maxine Andree in memory of Pat
Hurkes; From Geri Mohror in memory of
Lori Hurkes;

TO PRESCHOOL

From Laverne & Louise McPeck in
memory of Aunt Marge Rowe; From
Fran Schaefer in loving memory of Dan-
iel Sherrill, Virginia Carlson, & Doris Kit-
telson Quigley,

TO ROOF FUND

From Richard & JoAnn Deberg in
memory of Leonard Splinter; From Rich-
ard and JoAnn Deberg in memory of
Virginia Carlson..

Designated Roof Fund set up to raise monies towards Multiple Roof Projects

Replacement of several roofs are needed over the Fellowship Hall, Education Wing, Kitchen, Office, Classrooms, and Bell Tower. A designated fund has been set up at Grace Lutheran to raise money for the needed project which is estimated at \$140,000.

These roofs have served their purpose for more years than are generally estimated for and it is not time to do the necessary work of replacing them with new.

The main sanctuary of Grace received a new roof this past summer following damage from a hailstorm two years ago. According to the history, the Fellowship Hall and Education wing were dedicated in 1958. The New Narthex was added in 1975. Then in 1992, major repairs were done to the roof, the sanctuary, the bell tower, the parish education unit and the addition of an elevator to access the church.

The roof project includes: removing the existing ballast and membrane, metal cap (saving it); the installation of wood fiber board over roof surface area, and Carlisle 60 mil EPDM; a Ballast Roof System Seal with the installation of walkway pads around 2 large rooftop units, reinstallation of the metal cap and new ballast.

Setting up a designated fund for the project allows members to donate monies towards the project as memorials or gifts. Fund raisers will be held as things open up following COVID. Everyone's help will be necessary to raise the funds and complete the project. Please consider ways you can help. At this time, if you receive a stimulus check and have a desire to donate it to this fund, we would very much appreciate it.

If you are thinking of giving to an organization, please consider this need of Grace Lutheran Church and give generously.

*Your Stimulus Check
can stimulate our roof fund!*
Would you Please consider
Donating It?

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**

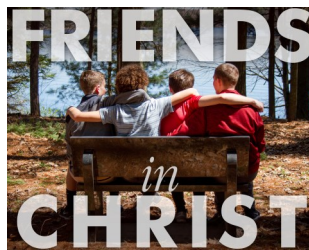
Confirmation class reminders: **@289928 to 81010**

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

You will then receive an acceptance to the group.

To stop getting messages. Text **@LEAVE** to unsubscribe.

Volunteers are sought for BeFriender program



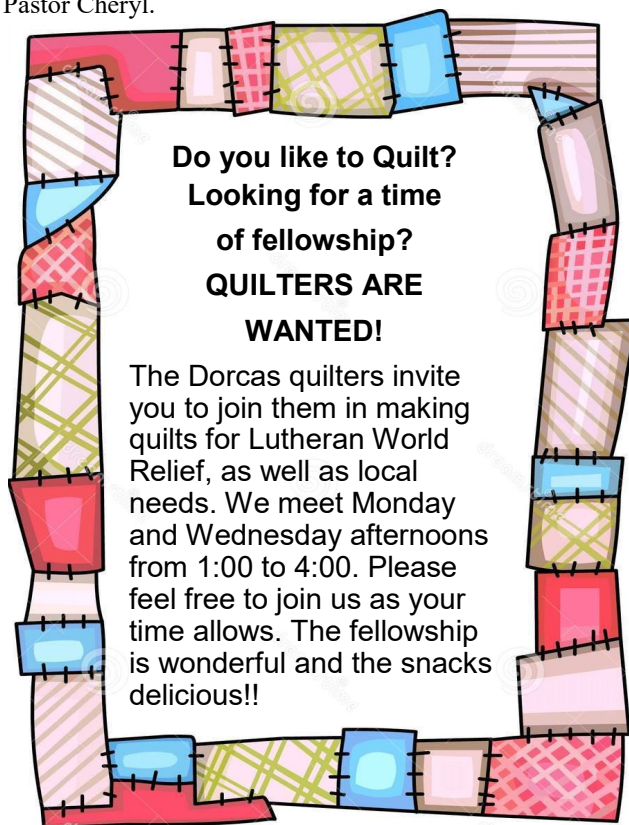
A local BeFriender program will once again be created at Grace to support women and men through a listening ministry of care.

Unlike the national BeFriender program, this program is to Be-a-friend

to members of Grace Lutheran Church with a monthly call of caring. Due to the pandemic, many have not been able to leave their homes, see their families or even leave the safety of a nursing home or assisted living facility they are in and suffer from loneliness and depression.

To help with this caring ministry you will be asked to make a phone call visit once a month and report to pastor any specific needs if they should arise.

For more information or if you can help, please contact Pastor Cheryl.



If you are unable to attend worship
To watch the Sunday 8:30 am
Worship Service go to:
Our Youtube Channel at:
<http://glcwtn.org/Youtube.htm>
OR
Facebook at: <http://glcwtn.org/Facebook.htm>

Altar Guild provide important service to Grace

Grace Lutheran Church's Altar Guild has continued to serve the church during 2020 and are continuing the service in 2021. Members can be men or women. Those presently serving on the Altar Guild include Becky Sprouse, Jackie Abel, Leigh Carstensen, Rich Dunn, Liz Dunn, Darcy Raethz, Julie Stock, Kathey Mutziger, Kristi Herting, and Krisma DeWitt. The member's families also provide assistance to the Guild.

The Guild continues to ensure the Sanctuary, and now the Fellowship Hall, is ready for worship by changing paraments for the various Church seasons and keeping the Eternity Candle lit and preparing communion items. The Guild has also assisted as requested in decorating the Church for various activities.

Over the years, many banners have been made for the Church by members and these banners are precious. Some of them however are beginning to show their age. The Guild has identified two banners that need replacing – the Communion Banner and the Baptism Banner. We would gladly accept donations for these banners and also would welcome any member that might be interested in making new banners.

The Altar Guild also would like to encourage anyone interested in serving the Church by becoming a member of the Guild to contact one of the members or the Church Office. We welcome anyone who would like to serve.

New Bible Study starts in February

A Bible Study on *The Invisible War: What Every Believer Needs to Know About Satan, Demons & Spiritual Warfare* on Tuesday, February 9th at 7 pm by ZOOM and in-person.

Chip Ingram of *Living on the Edge*, writer says: "The Bible is clear, Satan and his demons are real and they're out to 'steal, kill, and destroy.' Are you equipped for the unseen battle against the devils' schemes?" The study will help you deal with the evil forces that surround us in this world and teach you how to put on God's spiritual armor with confidence.

The eight session are:

- 1) What is the Invisible War?;
- 2) Who are We Fighting?;
- 3) Four Keys to Spiritual Victory;
- 4) How to Prepare Yourself for Spiritual Battle;
- 5) Engaging the Enemy;
- 6) Winning the War;
- 7) The Christian's Secret Weapon;
- 8) The Ministry of Deliverance.

If you are interested, let pastor know as soon as possible if you will participate by ZOOM or in-person. Text 605-237-1501 or emailing: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com. Bible Study booklets are available at the office. (Include your name.)

Volunteers are needed?

Each week there is a need for ushers and reader for each of the services. You can sign up in the Narthex or contact the office or Pastor Cheryl

If you are technically inclined, there are sound and video recordings to be made. Singers for the praise team, song leader or musicians of many kinds. Volunteers are needed for the Altar Guild, church committees, Sunday/Wednesday

schoolteachers and craft leaders, youth group adult helpers and quilting groups. If you have been gifted with a talent, please share that with our community at Grace. There are bulletin boards to decorate, phone calls to make and a variety of other activities to volunteer for. If you have other gifts not mentioned, we'd love to have you share them with us.

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

Give Online



Many have been staying home to be safe due to COVID 19 but we still need your support. We ask you to please remember the church with your giving. You can mail offerings to the church at 202 2nd St SE. Or sign up for the Electronic Giving Option with the form below. We thank everyone for their support of Grace Lutheran church this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members as we get closer to the end of this pandemic.

You may find electronic giving a most welcome tool during this time of distancing.

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 payment date <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic payment			
Last Name		First Name	
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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: _____ Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3 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.

Grace Lutheran Church

Phone: (605) 886-5737

February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET 5:30 pm Foundation Meeting	2 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 7:00 pm Synod Council Training by ZOOM	3 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 6:00 pm Wednesday school 6:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Family Worship 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	4	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6
7 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship w/ Council INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS	8 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET	9 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 7:00 pm Bible Study begins	10 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 6:00 pm Wednesday school 6:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Family Worship 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	11 6:00 pm Grace Council meets	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13
14 VALENTINES DAY 8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion Boy Scout Sunday	15 OFFICE CLOSED - PRESIDENTS DAY 5 pm BANQUET	16 1:00 pm Prairie Coteau Conference Pastors meet 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 7:00 pm Bible Study	17 - ASH WEDNESDAY 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 6:00 pm Wednesday school 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	18 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle meets in Conf Rm.	19 OFFICE CLOSED 6 – 9 pm Youth Fun Night	20
21 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship	22 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET	23 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 7:00 pm Bible Study	24 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 4:30 pm First Communion Class 6:00 pm Wednesday school 6:00 pm Lenten Service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	25	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion		<div> Plan Ahead: Youth Group Lock-In March 5th 7 pm to March 6th 7 am We Need Parents & Young Adults/College Youth to Help! </div>		<div> Pastor Cheryl Generally at the office Tuesday – Thursday You can contact Pastor Cheryl anytime By cell or text at 605-237-1501 or by E-mail: cheryl@gracecl@midconetwork.com </div>		

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Grace Lutheran Church Invites You!

Ash Wednesday Services ~ February 17—6 pm service

Important Dates on the Calendar



February 1	5:30 pm—Grace Foundation Meeting
February 2	7 pm Council Training by the Synod by ZOOM
February 7	11 am— <u>Installation of the Grace Church Council</u>
February 9	7 pm <i>The Invisible War</i> Bible Study starts
February 11	6 pm Grace Church Council meets
February 14	VALENTINES DAY
February 17	6 pm—Ash Wednesday service.
February 19	6—9 pm High School Youth Group Fun Night

We Gather for in-person Worship Each week with precautions:

Wear your mask—Seating in every other pew—No singing
Communion packets and bulletins are in the pews when you come.

Sundays - Both Worship Services are now held in the Sanctuary

Both Sunday services are transmitted to the parking lot for Drive-up worshippers.

Bulletin are online or can be picked up inside.

Grace Lutheran Church: God's Grace Experienced Daily