

February Acts of Kindness

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Many Enjoyed Humorist Jerry Nelson at Comedy Night



Jerry Nelson, pictured above and Judy Everson below provided slap-stick comedy for the Friday night Comedy Show at Grace Lutheran.



Humorist Jerry Nelson highlighted Grace Lutheran's Comedy Night on January 28th. Jerry is a nationally published author of Dear County Agent Guy. He provided interesting stories about farming intertwined with Norwegian musings to provide bouts of laughter from the audience.

Several member of Grace entertained with skits and comedic readings.

The homegrown talent included a chicken dance led by an inhouse full sized chicken (alias Adriene Schulz); good memories of hilarious songs by DJ Dylan Jordan of Jordan River Entertainment; a reading on Senior Moments by Judy Everson; the joy of Snow, Snow, Snow by Larry Little and an experiment with a Tazer by Ed Williams.

Other skits included an advertisement for Lutren Air; Forest Gump at St Peter's gate; Following the Shepherd, a skit at the Doctor's office, and how an elderly lady at the bank outsmarted the banking system requirements to obtain what she wanted.

The event was well attended and proceeds went to the Raise the Roof Fund raising project. The Youth Group provided concessions for the evening.

Many thanks go out to Darlene Bresson, who organized and directed the evening of fun entertainment and fellowship. *You did a great job Darlene! Thank You!*



Denise Biller swings the chicken in the chicken dance while MC Darlene Bresson looks on.

We Thank God for Our Volunteers! Grace Lutheran turned out in full force to serve just over 100 at the Banquet January 10th. Many volunteers made work light and a fun time together with church family. Thanks to those who made 200 cookies and all who came to help prepare and serve the meal.





January 31, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I had such a great time on my Lake of the Woods fishing trip . Some of my boys and one grandson were able to make it back this year. It's an annual trip they fly for in from Texas and Utah and drive up from the Twin Cities to spend a long weekend fishing together.

And that's exactly what it was – fishing. We did a little catching too, but the fish were small, and I sent a LOT of them home to bring back their big brothers. (They didn't listen to me.) One good thing, I didn't loose a fishing pole down the hole this year although someone's cell phone fell in. (You probably know this already but... fish don't answer cell phones – no fingers to push the buttons.)

At one point, I thought maybe I should text back to add into the prayers of the day to catch fish, but I refrained as prayer is not about selfish reasons but God's will. That reminds me of God questioning Job in 41:7 about catching a whale asking, *"Can you fill its skin with harpoons, or its head with fishing spears."*

God alone created these huge powerful creatures of the sea and without God's help, Job could not fill a whales head with fish-spears enough to destroy it on his own. It took centuries before God gave humankind that knowledge.

Psalms 8: 5 tells us, *"Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor"* on how we are given this special place above all creature, including the fish of the sea, yet all are under Christ command. And in Matthew 17: 27 Jesus instructs Peter to go fetch money from the fish's mouth to pay the tax required of fishermen showing His omnipotent power and knowledge.

Fishing is a great time to think about how the fish know when it's time to bite. It's dark down there. How can they even see? Do they smell? Why are there times when fish bite and others when they don't. Who controls the thoughts of a fish or a whale for that matter?

That's the point those verses are making. Our all-powerful God controls the universe and everything in it. God creates and continues to create to this day through His people.

The story in John 21 describes this as the disciples are gathered after Jesus' death and resurrection. They decide to go fish but catch nothing. When a man on the shores (Jesus) yells out to put their net down on the other side of the boat. When they do, their net is filled. How can fish not be there one minute and the next, their nets are full?

God is the creator of the universe and continues to create and be in control today using humankind in many and wonderful ways to fulfill His purpose.

Another fish story you may be more familiar with of course is Matthew 4: 18 as Jesus walks along the Sea of Galilee and invites two brothers, Simon (Peter) and Andrew, to follow Him and fish for people. They left their nets immediately and followed Jesus.

Fishing for people is a lot like my experience fishing on the Lake of the Woods last year and this. Last year we caught so many nice big fish. It was exciting and inspiring. This year was not at all like that. We threw many back to grow up and even some we kept were small.

Fishing for people is sharing the gospel message with others and sometimes it's so exciting and inspiring to see people come to Christ and receive the promise. Other times fishing is not so successful and there seems to be little caught.

Catching is always a lot more fun. But just like fishing, you can't catch if you don't go fishing. And you won't find people coming to know Christ if you aren't sharing that message.

There will be inspiring times when your words will enter their hearts and the Spirit will fill them with faith. There will also be times when your words will go unnoticed, and nothing happens.

But remember, God is in control, and He gives His gift of faith at the perfect time. Faith comes from hearing so don't be afraid to share the gospel message with others each and every time you can.

Sometimes when you are fishing, you catch, and sometimes you don't. But we are asked to fish for people by sharing the message of grace with them, the catching is up to God.

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You! ~ Pastor Cheryl

Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2022

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday, January 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Rick Brownell presiding. Also, present were, Mark Briley, Denise Biller, Paul Henrichs, Sherry Jongeling, Rhonda Lorenz, Geri Mohror, Kayla Mohling, Harley Petersen, Gena Urevig, Adam Wientjes, Brenda Handel-Johnson, and Cindy Vander Leest. Absent were, LeRoy Bullis, Kelly Evjen, James Goble, Ted Frost and Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Denise Biller and second by Rhonda Lorenz. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for the December 21, 2021 meeting was made by Geri Mohror and second by Kayla Mohling. Motion carried.

Items:

1. Financial Report— Cindy Vander Leest reported the monthly income to the general fund was \$24,795 the weekly average giving was \$,6,199 and the weekly worship attendance was 285. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Denise Biller and second by Sherry Jongeling. Motion carried.

2. Pastor's Report – Pastor Cheryl was on vacation, ice fishing but gave us her monthly report to review. She has been busy visiting and serving communion at our care centers, had 1 baptism and 3 funerals. There will be a “Lay Leader Night” on Tuesday, February 1st at 7 p.m. hosted by Zoom that will be beneficial to all elected lay leaders (new or returning). She asked for volunteer help putting up the stage for the comedy program after the Annual meeting.

Old Business:

Fundraiser Committee - Denise Biller reported the committee met last Sunday. The committee is working on holding a Comedy Night on January 28th and tickets are available in the office, Dance classes have started on January 11th, they are continuing to sell Kubota tickets and will be selling them at the Farm Show. They are looking into hosting another Jamboree on March 20th and also the Craft/Vendor Fair on April 2nd. There will be another Bake Sale on Palm Sunday, April 10th. Kayla Mohling is working on a Mollie B concert for a fundraiser to be held on Friday, May 13th. 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 stated he will follow up with the Synod to see how they are doing.

Council nominees for 2022 - 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. LeRoy Bullis, James Goble and Rhonda Lorenz have agreed to rerun for another 3 year term. New nominees running are Rebekah Brasel-Anderson, Marian Raml and Steve Schlenner. There are 4, 2022 available council positions open. All members are encouraged to serve on committees at Grace.

Annual Committee reports – The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 23rd following the one worship service 10:45 in the sanctuary. A motion to approve the Council Annual report was made by Geri Mohror and seconded by Denise Biller. Motion carried.

Draft/Proposed 2022 Mission Plan – Cindy reviewed the proposed 2022 Mission Plan that would increase our weekly deposit needed to \$8,156 to meet the 2022 budget. The average weekly deposit for 2021 is \$4,579 and to meet our 2021 Mission Plan budget our weekly deposit should be \$6,256. The Council reviewed the 2022 Mission Plan. They would like the 2022 Mission Plan to include a Word and Service position to our staff and budget plan. This position would be a called position and would be on the Synod Guideline salary. A motion to approve the Proposed 2022 Mission Plan and present it at the Annual meeting showing a 3% raise for the staff employees was made by Adam Wientjes and seconded by Paul Henrichs. Motion carried. A motion to approve the Proposed 2022 Mission Plan to include a Word and Service/Deacon position, which is a Called position and present it at the Annual meeting was made by Paul Henrichs and seconded by Rhonda Lorenz. Motion carried. The Council agreed Adam Wientjes would speak on behalf of the Council decisions on the Proposed 2022 Mission Plan. It is very important for all members to be part of the decision and be at the Annual meeting to hear how it could help Grace.

New Business:

Nomination Committee nominees (up to 6 members) Cindy reported that Darcy Raethz and Ann Murfield
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Financial Report

Income	Budget	YTD		Debts:	Original amt	Balance
Offerings		\$ 235,455.22		Term Debt	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,580.00		Line of Credit	\$ -	\$ -
PPP Cares Act forgivable loan		\$ -				
Scrip Proceeds		\$ 2,000.00				
Member donation		\$ -				
Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 2,254.82				
GLCW & Fndtn Sanctuary lights		\$ -				
Foundation Grants		\$ 1,803.30				
Thrivent Choice \$\$		\$ 1,998.00				
Missions		\$ 1,055.00				
Misc.		\$ 1,469.45				
Transfer from Sp Sav Floor Funds		\$ 1,000.00				
Designated donations		\$ 24,534.94				
Total Income for General Fund		\$ 273,150.73				
Expenses						
ELCA & SD Synod Projects	\$ 2,614.93	\$ 2,614.93				
Staff						
Senior Pastor - Salary & Benefits	\$ 88,997.80	\$ 88,960.62				
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -				
Intern (Word & Service)		\$ 2,400.00				
Youth & Family Director	\$ 13,842.40	\$ 13,842.40				
Business Adm Salary & Benefits	\$ 48,561.20	\$ 48,561.20				
Parish Education Assistant	\$ -	\$ -				
Office Asst & Custodians	\$ 42,703.15	\$ 30,674.01				
Payroll taxes	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,340.18				
Pastoral Materials	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00				
Total Staff	\$ 205,254.55	\$ 191,928.41				
				Other Outlays		
Program Expenses				Designated Gifts		\$ 1,580.00
Office Expenses	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 12,381.14				
Worship & Music	\$ 15,700.00	\$ 8,778.36		Roof Fund Ed Jones		\$ 20,000.00
Altar Guild	\$ 950.00	\$ 680.95		Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 1,177.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 150.00	\$ 131.60		Missions		\$ 1,055.00
Fellowship	\$ 100.00	\$ -		Misc		\$ 50.00
Mission	\$ 325.00	\$ -		Synod Grant Fund Tech		\$ 1,000.00
Outreach & Care Ministry	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 2,392.58		Foundation Grant exp		\$ 2,387.59
Stewardship Ministry	\$ 800.00	\$ 619.24		Hallway&FH floors		\$ 1,000.00
Debt Service	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -		Designated Donations		\$ 24,039.32
Insurance	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,180.07		Total Other Outlays		\$ 52,288.91
Utilities	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 23,992.16				
Synod Assembly Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 450.00		Total Expenses & Outlays		\$ 318,193.66
PC Conference Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 280.40				
	\$ -			General Fund - 1/1/2021		\$ 114,806.89
Contingency	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,364.38		Plus Income		\$ 273,150.73
Property Ministry	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 9,110.53		Less Expenses & Outlays		\$ 318,193.66
Program Expenses	\$ 117,425.00	\$ 71,361.41		Loan Advances		\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 325,294.48	\$ 265,904.75		General Fund - 12/31/21		\$ 69,763.96

The next Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting will be at 6 pm Thursday, February 10th

Please help "raise the roof"
Needed funds to repair the roof \$171,000.

Funds available as of 12/31/21 \$141,000

Thank you for your Financial Support for the Mission and Ministry of Grace Lutheran Church since 1883!



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, January 3, 2022

The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board of Directors met on January 3, 2022, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

Present: Bonnie Oletzke, Larry Picht, Will Morlock, Joy Nelson, JoAnn DeBerg, Jim Goble and Geri Mohr. 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 December 6, 2021 meeting, made by Larry Picht, seconded by Jim Goble, motion passed.

A motion to approve the treasurer report for the month ending November 30, 2021 and the year ending summary overview for the fiscal year 12/01/2020 to 11/30/2021 was made by Joy Nelson, seconded by Geri Mohr, motion passed.

Rental Property:

Larry reported that there is nothing new and the insurance has been paid.

A motion was made by Bonnie Oletzke to put 10% of rental income each month to bring the capital improvement fund back to \$43,940.32, seconded by Larry Picht, motion passed.

Grant requests deadline will be February 15, 2022. The form has been updated.

The Annual Church meeting will be January 23, 2022. The members up for election are Bonnie Oletzke and Rich Dunn. We both agreed to run for re-election.

Cindy VanderLeest reported on the church and all is the same.

Joy Nelson reported on the transition for Joy Ranch with Lutheran Outdoors to Joy Ranch of South Dakota.

Our next meetings will be February 7, 2022, 5:30 pm at Grant Lutheran Church.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Goble, seconded by JoAnn DeBerg motion passed.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.



QUILTERS ARE WANTED!

The Dorcas quilters invite you to join them in making quilts and fellowship on Monday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Quilt are given to Lutheran World Relief and for local needs.

If you don't sew, there are a variety of things to help with from tying to cutting to just time together. Please feel free to join in this important ministry of Grace Lutheran.

(They have delicious snacks too.)

Quilting—Where Grace is experienced daily.

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.

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have agreed to rerun on the Nominating Committee for 2023.

2. **Items for January 23, 2022 – 2021 Annual meeting** – Adam Wientjes would be added.

3. **Pastor's increase vacation Sundays from 5 to 6** – Pastor Cheryl shared (written notes) she had some family weekend celebrations this year and would like to increase her vacation Sundays. She also shared (written notes) she would not abuse taking Sundays if she didn't need to. A motion to increase Pastor Cheryl's vacation Sundays from 5 Sundays to 6 Sundays a year was made by Mark Briley and seconded by Adam Wientjes. Motion carried.

Raise the Roof funds	
Foundation	\$ 20,000.00
GLCW	\$ 2,250.00
Grace general	\$ 24,102.19
Pledges	\$ 28,124.00
Memorials	\$ 10,055.00
Donations	\$ 26,880.78
Kubota	\$ 11,439.00
Fundraisers	\$ 26,451.91
Bank interest	\$ 24.92
100th celebration	\$ (413.14)
Total funds	\$ 148,914.66

Committee Reports:

A motion to adjourn the Council meeting was made by Denise Biller and seconded by Rhonda Lorenz. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

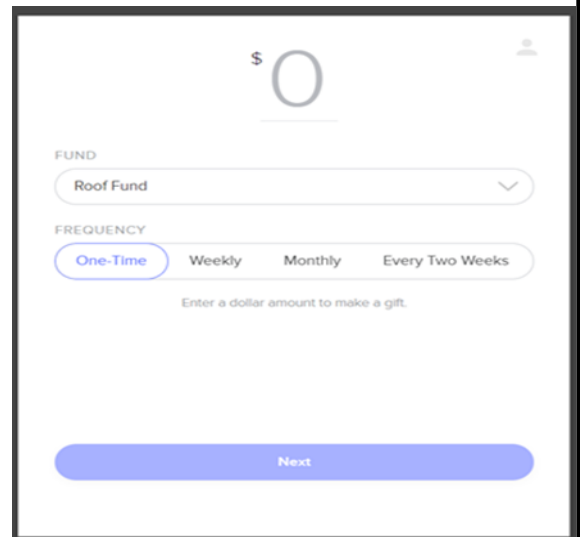
Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Vander Leest

To Cold -To Stormy to Attend ~ You can still Give online

You may choose to make a recurring or a one time gift offering using our website tool as pictured to the right. At this time we are not able to accept offering from Credit Cards.

Our website enables you to give financial gifts online, anytime, anywhere from the Giving link at glcwn.org. On the Giving page, you can choose an account, enter the amount and give to the option you want. You can also provide gift details. It will display the account and amount you have chosen, AND the processing fee which you can add to the gift so it is not charged to the church. In the memo add a note if this is in memory, in celebration, or an appreciation gift. You will be asked to confirm all the information before processing.

Accounts available to give to at any time are: the Roof Fund, Radio, Flowers, Youth or Memorial or General fund. Thank you for your generous offerings for nearly 140 years for the Mission and Ministry of Grace Lutheran.



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 at 605-886-5737

Preschool – 6th 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



FUN NIGHT

Grades 3rd-6th

7pm – 9pm

Games / Art & crafts / Snacks / Movie?
Friends are welcome!!

Interested in helping with Sun/Wed school.

contact Becky @ 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

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



Children of Grace Sang

The Wednesday and Sunday school children sang for the worship service on Sunday, January 23rd. There was only one service for the day to allow everyone to attend this year's annual meeting. The music is under the direction of Becky Sprouse, Youth and Family Director.



Several couples and singles have been enjoying Tuesday night dance class in Fellowship Hall of Grace Lutheran. The classes are taught by Don and Brenda Norton, who teach foxtrot, jitterbug, waltz, polka, East Coast Swing and Texas two step. Many Thanks go out to Don and Brenda have generously given of their time and talents donating their instructor fee to the Raise the Roof project.



The January craft class making sweet Gnomes was well attended and enjoyed thanks to Cindy Vander Leest and Liz Dunn for organizing and teaching. The next craft class will be in March. Watch for more details.

Notes from our Intern Brenda Handle-Johnson

What brings you life in these cold months? That was a question someone asked me recently in a meeting I attended online. I have found being with others to be energizing and lifegiving. When I am with others - in person or online - I have been reminded that God has gifted us with community. The people around me give me new ways to think, help me think about how to proceed with problems or concerns, minister to me through words or music or humor. God's gift of community is one that I need - every day.

Thank you Grace Lutheran Church for being part of my community! Many times, I have heard exactly what I needed to hear in moments of uncertainty. I was just reading how people of faith need communities where they can ask big questions, maybe not always receiving answers they are expecting, but leaning into the people around them where they are held in prayer and care. That is happening here at Grace. That brings me life in these cold, winter months.

It is a privilege to journey with you into the new year. Thank you for your continued prayers and willingness to share your lives with me.

Brenda Handel-Johnson
Intern
Word and Service



Adult faith formation: Evil and Suffering in the World continues in February

The Sunday class on Evil and Suffering in the world continues into February. Bring your coffee/morning beverage and come to the Library from 10 am-10:45 am on Sunday mornings.

February 6 - Discussion will center around natural disasters and destruction - is God there?

February 13 - What happens when God is silent?

Coming soon: Grief Support group
Sunday at the movies - Seeing God in the movies

“Attention crafters, needle-workers, woodworkers, etc.

We will be having a silent auction on March 20th, so we'll need items for sale. If you would like to make something for the auction, we would very much appreciate it!

Items should be brought to the church by Thursday, March 17th. Thanks!”

Grace Lutheran Foundation Grants are due at the office on February 15th. You can pick up a grant form at the office or email a request to have one sent to you.

A heartfelt THANK YOU

to all who helped with the Comedy Night. We had a great crew who performed extremely well and I hope – had a good time doing it.

A special thank you to Dylan and Jordan River Entertainment for providing the music for us. We've received a lot of positive comments about our Comedy Night, so maybe this will become an annual event. God Bless everyone for helping! Darlene Bresson

Last Change to Purchase Tickets

In 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.

Drawing is set for February 28th or before if all tickets are sold.

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 pay load and enhance steering geometry; Handles 1000 lbs of cargo; CVT-Plus Transmission; Front & rear independent suspension; Heavy duty steel cargo bed carries 15.2 cu ft; and a two year/1,000 hour warranty ~ Can be seen at Eastside Equipment.

Tickets available at the office or you can



Spring Craft Fair 2022 Set for April 2nd

**Plan now
for a booth**

**"Attention crafters,
needleworkers, woodworkers, etc.**
We will be having a silent auction on
March 20th, so we'll need items for
sale. If you would like to make some-
thing for the auction, we would very
much appreciate it! Items should be
brought to the church by Thursday,
March 17th. Thanks! - Darlene B."

Remembering

Amber Engel

January 2, 2022



COMING FOR THE FIRST TIME TO WATERTOWN, SD



MOLLIE B AND THE SQUEEZEBOX BAND MAY 13, 2022

Cloud 9 Bar and Casino

625 20th Ave SE
Watertown, SD 57201

Tickets \$30.00/person
Children 5 and under, free
Tickets are limited, so order now!
Doors open at 6:00 PM
Show time starts at 7:30

To Purchase tickets contact: Grace Lutheran Church: gracelc@midconetnetwork.com
Stop at the Office or mail to 202 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD
Purchased tickets must be presented at the door.

Attention: Sponsorship is available for this event.

Sponsorship will include an evening meal for two with Mollie B and the Squeezebox Band
prior to the show; display area for a banner at the event;
and pre-advertisement listing of sponsors of this event.

For more details, contact Grace Lutheran Church Office
605 886-5737 Monday–Thursday from 8 am – 5 pm
Or Pastor Cheryl at: cherylgracelc@midconet.com or call/text 605-237-1501

*All proceeds from this event go toward
the Grace Lutheran Church "Raise the Roof" Fund.
Grace Lutheran Church will celebrate their 140th anniversary in 2023!*

Memorials and Gifts

TO THE ROOF FUND: From Jerry
Bossen, in loving memory of Peter and
Marjorie Bossen; From Darlene & To-
ny Bresson, in memory of Darlene
Young & Darlene Olson; From Marlene
Holzwarth, in memory of Darlene Ol-
son; From Dee Haugan in memory of
Darlene Olson & Darlene Young; From
GLCW (Grace Lutheran Church Wom-
en) NORDEFEST +; From Fran
Schaefer in memory of Darlene Young,
Carlos Abraham, Mary Lou Barlow,
Rolla Stoltenberg, Larry Posner, Patty
Yetter, and Du Wayne Mack; From
Louise & Laverne McPeck 80th birth-
day & s Grace member for 80 years;
From John Sangle.

TO DOCRUS QUILTING: From GLCW
(Grace Lutheran Church Women)
NORDEFEST +

TO THE CHOIR LIGHTING: From
GLCW (Grace Lutheran Church Wom-
en) NORDEFEST +

TO THE PRESCHOOL: From GLCW
(Grace Lutheran Church Women)
NORDEFEST +

TO THE RADIO FUND: From the
Schmeling radio fund in loving memory
of Roy and Doris Schmeling

TO THE ALTAR FLOWERS From Don-
na Johnson in loving memory of her
husband Lynn Johnson; Scott & Cindy
VanderLeest – Happy New Year!;
From Geri Mohror as a Happy 41st
Anniversary together for Bounce and
Geri.

TO GRACE FOUNDATION: From Har-
ley and Marilyn Petersen

Raise the Roof Fund Raising Committee Updates

1-9-2022 Meeting Notes:

Dance Classes are starting this week 1-11-22, and currently there are 10 couples and 2 singles signed up. A huge Thank You to Don and Brenda Norton for teaching this fun event.

Comedy Night 1-28-22: Doors open at 6:00 pm, show starts at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 for reserved seating, \$15 regular admission. Tickets can be purchased at GLC office Monday – Thursday or at the door the evening of the event. Pastor is going to check to see if the youth want to sell Concessions: popcorn, candy, pop, water... Darlene has set up a great program with lots of laughter!! She may be in contact with some of you to ask for participation. We are going to do a run through on 1-23-22 after the Annual Meeting. Denise is going to get this on the community calendar, Geri is going to check on the Electronic Ad Signs. Would like to get a couple of hay bales to set up on the stage for some “props” since our main entertainment is the County Agent Guy. If you are available to help with set up, please let Darlene or the office know.

Farm Show/Kubota Feb. 9-12th: Tickets for the Kubota Side by Side are still available. We are coming to the end of getting the tickets sold for this. Denise and Ryan will be having a booth at the Farm Show Feb. 9-12 and said we could put our poster at their booth and sell tickets. The Kubota dealer may also sell tickets for us, we need to check with them for sure. Please let us know if you can volunteer to sit at the booth to sell tickets. Currently, there is 140 unsold tickets at the office. Those who have checked out tickets to sell, please turn in what you have sold, and work on getting the rest of them sold. Remember the **drawing will be 2-28-22**, and we would like to have all the tickets sold. I have been watching for the “2nd Prize” of a cooler filled with items, and will have that available for the drawing.

Gospel Jamboree 3-20-22: We will be holding another Jamboree with a lunch and silent auction this year. The one we held last year had a great turnout. Pastor Cheryl is going to head up the program with Entertainment, Darlene is going to oversee the Silent Auction and Denise will oversee the Lunch. There will be a charge for admissions and lunch this year, amounts have not been decided. Will need to work on getting items for the silent auction. Updates will be on the email chain as we continue to work on this and at our next meeting.

Spring Craft/Vendor Fair: 4-2-22: The Spring Craft and Vendor Fair will be on Saturday 4-2-22. Please visit with Darlene or Geri for any details. This will be similar to our previous fair. We will have booths for vendors and serve a lunch, possibly rolls in the morning. More details to come.

Bake Sale 4-10-22: The Bake Sale before Christmas was such a great success, we thought we should do it again before Easter. The Bake Sale will be on Palm Sunday 4-10-22. More details to come.

Mollie B Concert 5-13-22: The Mollie B Concert will be out at Cloud 9 on Friday May 13th. We will need to find sponsors for this event. Will be selling 50/50 tickets during the event that evening. More of the details for this will be discussed at our next meeting. Please let Kayla know if you would like to help with this event also.

Next meeting is February 6th at 10:00 am in the conference room.

Thanks, Darcy

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 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!

Country Gospel Jamboree

Sunday – March 20 - 2 to 4 pm

Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall



~ Featuring ~

Brian B and the Company Cowgirls



Area musicians and singers are encouraged to come join with the band and share your musical talents on a country gospel song or two.
To sign up, contact Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501.

Jamboree Cost - \$10

202 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD

NOON Meal

Noon to 1:30 pm

Beef or turkey combo

OR Chef salad

Eat in or take out meal.

**MEAL is by
Free Will Offering
in Fellowship Hall**

Silent Auction
from noon to
3:30 pm

Fundraiser for the Raise the Roof at Grace Lutheran Church

Grace Lutheran Preschool

We here at Grace Preschool strive to be safe and kind! Here's a glimpse into the crazy classroom!



Important
dates:

No January
dates

February
21st- no
school
Presidents'
Day



We are growing in our classroom and in our hearts. Grace welcomed their 23rd student in January. We have been learning so many new things like our last names! We have mastered first names and birthdays, know onto bigger and better things. We are almost done with the entire alphabet and numbers 1 to 20.

If you are interested in subbing, please let the church office know! We don't have a sub list and it would be appreciated if we had some people to call, just in case.

Thank you for the love and support that has been given to the Preschool. I am so thankful for all the donations and prayers. A special thanks to all that bought a T- shirt for our Grace preschool fundraiser.

GRACE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

ENROLLMENT FOR 2022-23 School year!!

(Looking for children who will be turning 4 by August 1, 2022, for our 4-year-old program, or 3 by August 1, 2022 for our 3 year old program).

At Grace we offer both 3- and 4-year-old programs

Our school offers a Monday-Wednesday-Thursday 8:30-11:30 (Morning group) then 12:30 to 3:30 (Afternoon group) Pre-kindergarten program for our fours.

We also offer a Tuesday and Friday 9:00 to 11:00 group for our threes. If we get enough threes, we will open an afternoon class!

Here at Grace, we:

- ✓ Introduce letters, numbers, first/last names, shapes, and colors.
- ✓ We socialize and play.
- ✓ We talk about the weather daily!
- ✓ We learn the days of the week and the months of the year.
- ✓ We read lots of books and sing songs
- ✓ We have many other learning activities.
- ✓ We have an All About Me binder that gets filled with your child's activities and other milestones that your little has within the school year!
- ✓ We make a binder that is filled with their precious little handprints that go along with the alphabet.
- ✓ The students also learn about God's love, hear, and learn stories and songs about Jesus. We have Chapel once a month with Pastor.

We would love to have your littles be apart Grace Lutheran! We strive to be happy, healthy, and kind! We believe that every little one that walks through our doors is showered in love and wisdom! If you have any questions, please contact Grace Lutheran church at (605) 886-5737 and leave your information and Miss Danni will contact you right away or message the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/GracelutheranPreschoolWatertownSD> to get in contact with Miss Danni personally!

Grace Lutheran Church

Pastor Cheryl: (605) 236-1501
Office Phone: (605) 886-5737

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6 GRACE COUNCIL INSTALLATION</p> <p>8:30 am Worship w/Communion</p> <p>9:30 am Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday school</p> <p>10 am Bible Study in Library on "Evil and suffering"</p> <p>10 am Raise the Roof Committee Meeting</p> <p>11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion</p> <p>1:00 am Service at Edgewood</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters</p> <p>5:30 pm Foundation Meeting</p> <p>6-7 pm Choir Practice</p> <p>7-8 pm Bells Choir Practice</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:30 - 8 pm Dance Classes</p> <p>7 pm Lay Leadership Synod Training by ZOOM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30 am Service at Avantara</p> <p>11:00 TOPS/Choir Room</p> <p>4 & 6 pm Confirmation Class</p> <p>6 pm Wednesday School</p> <p>7 pm Family Worship (2s)</p> <p>7:30 pm Youth Group Meets</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2 pm SD Rostered Pastor Meet by Zoom</p>	<p>4</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>13</p> <p>8:30 am Worship / Holy Communion</p> <p>9:30 am Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>11:00 am Worship / Holy Communion & Baptism of Layne Michael Krause</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters</p> <p>5 pm BANQUET</p> <p>6-7 pm Choir Practice</p> <p>7-8 pm Bells Choir Practice</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Foundation Grants Due</p> <p>9:30 am to noon Prairie Coteau Conference Pastors meeting at Grace</p> <p>4:30 Tops/Choir Room</p> <p>6:30 - 8 pm Dance Classes</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10 am Service at Town View</p> <p>10:30 am Service at Jenkins</p> <p>11:00 TOPS/Choir Room</p> <p>4 & 6 pm Confirmation Class</p> <p>6 pm Wednesday School</p> <p>7 pm Family Worship in Sanctuary</p> <p>7:30 pm Youth Group Meets</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Cindy on Vacation February 11-19</p>	<p>18</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>Elementary Fun Night 7- 9 pm</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>8:30 am Worship</p> <p>9:30 am Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday school</p> <p>11:00 am Worship</p> <p>2 pm Movie Day</p>	<p>21</p> <p>President's Day</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters</p> <p>5 pm BANQUET</p> <p>6-7 pm Choir Practice</p> <p>7-8 pm Bells Choir Practice</p>	<p>22</p> <p>4:30 Tops/Choir Room</p> <p>5:30 (Pastor) Multi Culture meeting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11:00 TOPS/Choir Room</p> <p>4 & 6 pm Confirmation Class</p> <p>6 pm Wednesday School</p> <p>7 pm Family Worship in Sanctuary</p> <p>7:30 pm Youth Group Meets</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Grief Support – 6 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>8:30 am Worship / Holy Communion</p> <p>9:30 am Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday school</p> <p>11:00 am Worship/ Holy Communion</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5 pm BANQUET</p>	<p>Pastor Cheryl In-Office Hours Tuesday –Thursday:</p> <p>Contact Pastor Cheryl directly anytime! 605-237-1501 or E-mail: cheryl@gracelc@midconetwork.com</p> <p>Intern Brenda In-Office Hours Monday and Wednesday</p> <p>If you are in need of visitation, leave a message with the office to arrange a time.</p>				
						<p>Last Change for 4x4 tickets for the "Raise the Roof" Fund Raiser. Drawing this month</p>

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**Ash Wednesday Service at Grace Lutheran
March 2nd at Noon and 7 pm
Lenten Services will be held at 7 pm each week.**

**First Communion
Classes**

will be held at 5 pm on
Wednesdays in March
with First Communion
at Maundy Thursday
service April 14

If your child, 2nd grade or
older, has not completed
First Communion class
and you would like them to
participate, contact
Pastor Cheryl
to get them signed up.

Important Upcoming Dates

February 6	Installation of Grace Council during worship
February 15	Foundation Grants Due
February 18	Elementary Fun Night 7 to 9 pm
February 20	Movie Day at 2 pm
March 2	Ash Wednesday with services at Noon and 7 pm
March 6	Prairie Coteau Conference Assembly at Grace
March 20	Country Gospel Jamboree 2—4 pm with Noon meal and Silent Auction from Noon to 3:30 pm
April 2	Spring Vendor/Craft Fair
April 10	Palm Sunday/Easter Bake Sale
April 17	Easter
April 24	Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation Service)
May 13	Mollie B and the Squeezebox Band 7:30 to 9:30 pm
May 15	Senior Recognition during Worship service

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