



January ~ 2022

GRACE GLEANINGS

Grace Lutheran Newsletter

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Grace Volunteers provide annual Christmas dinner

Grace Lutheran volunteers serve approximately 300 meals through delivers and carry out over the noon hour on Christmas Day. Planning for the meals started several weeks ago to order food and seek volunteer sign-up.

Roasters of turkey and ham, gallons of salad; numerous pies made prior to the day, buns, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy and corn were all prepared for this special time of serving the



neighbor with approximately 20 people dishing up for numerous volunteer drivers to take out for delivery.

This has been a ministry of Grace Lutheran for a long time. If anyone knows when it started, please let Pastor Cheryl know so it can be entered in the 2023 History Book. I understand the Watertown Banquet began serving out of Grace in 2002 which also speaks into the beautiful spirit of giving Grace has and should be very proud of. Grace Lutheran will serve the January 10th meal for the Banquet. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Contact Pastor Cheryl if you can. 200 cookies are needed to give as dessert for the meal and you can sign up in the office. Additional pictures of the Christmas dinner are on page 10.

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.

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.

Tickets are on sale at the office for reserved seating (first 3 rows of chairs) for \$20 and \$15 for general admission, all in the Fellowship Hall.

Doors open at 6 pm with snacks and refreshments available for purchase. Program starts at 7 pm.

Space is limited, so get your tickets early. And don't forget to invite your friends to share a laugh or two.

We Thank God for Our Volunteers!



Jason Mohr provided special music singing during advent with Isaak Montemayor (rear) playing guitar. Both were directed by Intern Brenda Handel-Johnson and sounded wonderful.

The choir was very active during Advent with ringing and singing "Christ Be Our Light" as the Advent lead-in each week and all sounded marvelous. Thank you to all who have dedicated their time and talents to make Advent and Christmas services so very beautiful praising God through song.



December 28, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!" (Psalm 95:1)

During Advent and Christmas, a joyful noise could be heard throughout Grace as the choir, bell choir, and soloist added their songs and talents to our service. Special music is a beautiful gift to those of us who worship.

Scripture tells us, music is a way of offering our praise, thanksgiving, and prayers to our God as in Psalm 98:4, *"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises."*

Martin Luther wrote many hymns and as you read them, you find the gospel message in each. Luther believed songs were easier to memorize, making them little proclamation each time they were sung and strengthening the faith of those who memorized them. One quote by Luther I particularly enjoy is, "Now let us distress and drive away the devil by singing the Psalm."

After the Israelites crossed the sea and the waters covered Pharaoh and his army, Moses and the people sang to the Lord in praise. (Exodus 15:1)

David sang to the Lord when he had been rescued from his enemies. (2 Samuel 22)

Mary sang her praises in the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-56) that we heard in our readings during Advent.

In prison, Paul and Silas began singing about midnight (Acts 16: 25) even while they were suffering.

Music connects God's people to God, and for me, it fills my heart with joy and happiness, as it does for many people. Singing with our church family at Grace is more than just part of the worship service, we are communicating from the depth of our spirit with one another and with our Lord. (Taken from: cfdiocese.org/bishopsblog/4-purposes) and as Colossians 3:16 tells us, *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God."*

Music in worship is more than just singing some well-known songs. It helps us express to God what we feel when we are hopeful, joy filled, repentant, or sorrowful. It often lifts our emotions to a more positive place. Of course, many enjoy the well-known songs, but it's important to hear and learn new ones as well, as they are also beautiful, just unfamiliar and take time to adapt to.

Following the Christmas Eve services, I heard many complements on how beautiful it was, which I passed on to Brenda, our music director. We are blessed by her musical talents and her family for their special gifts. We Thank God for them and the many who shared with us in those lovely services. We even felt the beauty of a song through silence as Marian Raml so beautifully signed "Silent Night."

There are many talented musicians at Grace who are a light shining brightly in our darkness as we continue to adjust to COVID requirements. I encourage others to join the choir or share their musical talents as you see how it blesses and inspires all of us at Grace.

Music has always been a special gift to the people at Grace as it was in King David's time writing,

¹ *Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!*

² *Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!*

³ *Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!*

⁴ *Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!*

⁵ *Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!*

⁶ *Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! (Psalm 150)*

Let us be thankful and praise God in His sanctuary with songs, instruments, and breath!

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You! ~ Pastor Cheryl

Blessings to all of you on this New Year—in 2022

***To see the photos from Gleaning in color, go to the website:
glcwn.org under Resources—Gleanings.***

**The family of Grace Lutheran invites you
to join us for Coffee Fellowship
each Sunday morning at 9:30 am.**

Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2021

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday, December 21, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. with Rick Brownell presiding. Also, present were, Mark Briley, LeRoy Bullis, Kelly Evjen, James Goble, Paul Henrichs, Sherry Jongeling, Geri Mohror, Adam Wientjes, , Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett and Cindy Vander Leest. Absent were, Denies Biller, Ted Frost, Rhonda Lorenz, Kayla Mohling, Harley Petersen, Gena Urevig and Brenda Handel-Johnson.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Kelly Evjen and second by Sherry Jongeling. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for the November 11, 2021 meeting was made by James Goble and second by Paul Henrichs. Motion carried.

Items:

1. Financial Report— Cindy Vander Leest reported the monthly income to the general fund was \$17,088 the weekly average giving was \$4,272 and the weekly worship attendance was 165. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Sherry Jongeling and second by Kelly Evjen. Motion carried.

2. Pastor's Report – Pastor Cheryl reported the Las Pasadas was well attended and was lots of fun. She reminded everyone Dec 22nd was the Blue Christmas service @6:00, on Dec 24th services are at 4 & 7, Dec. 25th one service at 10 am followed by the Christmas Dinner that will start serving at 11 and Dec 26 one worship at 10. On January 2, 2022 there will be one service at 10:00. She is planning to take vacation December 26 – 31st and also January 13th -17th to go fishing. On January 10, 2022 Grace Lutheran Church will be serving the Monday Night Banquet. All members are welcome and needed to help.

Old Business:

Fundraiser Committee - The bake sale was a huge success. The committee is working on holding a Comedy Night on January 28th and tickets are available in the office, Dance classes are starting January 11th and they are continuing to sell Kubota tickets and will be selling them at the Farm Show. Kayla Mohling is working on a Mollie B concert for a fundraiser to be held on Friday, May13th. 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 he emailed a copy to the Synod to review and will follow up with them to see how they are doing.

Council terms ending and renewals 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. James Goble and LeRoy Bullis have agreed to rerun for another 3 year term.

Annual Committee reports will be due December 27th – The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 23rd and Committee reports will be due to Cindy by December 27th.

Draft/Proposed 2022 Mission Plan – 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. The Proposed 2022 Mission Plan has not been voted on by the Council and they will continue to discuss at the January meeting. 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. 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.

New Business:

- 1. TV for Fellowship Hall** – Paul Henrichs has been looking into replacing the Fellowship Hall projector and screen with an 80 inch TV. Most of the funds used for this project would be from Foundation Grants given for our Wholeness Programs and Bible Studies. The projector is not working properly and they feel this would be the best solution.
- 2. Home school Feb-April 2 for 6 weeks every other Friday 9:00 – 12:00 (59 families)** – Cindy explained the Home schoolers were calling around checking availability for their get togethers for 117 children. They would be using the kitchen, class rooms and fellowship hall. They would give a small donation and clean all the used areas before they leave. A motion to allow the Home schoolers to use Grace if they needed was made by Paul Henrichs and second by Adam Wientjes. Motion carried.
- 3. Annual meeting time and place (Sunday, January 23rd)** – The Annual meeting will be held at 10:45 immediately following the one worship service (at 10:00) on January 23rd in the sanctuary. Pastor Cheryl shared the children will be singing at the worship service. The Council also would like a potluck dinner to follow the Annual meeting in the fellowship hall.

Committee Reports:

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Vander Leest

Financial Report

Income	Budget	YTD		Debts:	Original amt	Balance
Offerings		\$ 212,934.87		Term Debt	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,505.00		Line of Credit	\$ -	\$ -
PPP Cares Act forgivable loan		\$ -				
Scrip Proceeds		\$ -				
Member donation		\$ -				
Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 2,254.82				
GLCW & Fndtn Sanctuary lights		\$ -				
Foundation Grants		\$ 1,770.30				
Thrivent Choice \$\$		\$ 1,998.00				
Missions		\$ 1,055.00				
Misc.		\$ 1,269.45				
Transfer from Sp Sav Floor Funds		\$ 1,000.00				
Designated donations		\$ 24,534.94				
Total Income for General Fund		\$ 248,322.38				
Expenses						
ELCA & SD Synod Projects	\$ 2,614.93	\$ 2,417.88				
Staff						
Senior Pastor - Salary & Benefits	\$ 88,997.80	\$ 81,544.32				
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -				
Intern (Word & Service)		\$ 1,200.00				
Youth & Family Director	\$ 13,842.40	\$ 12,688.94				
Business Adm Salary & Benefits	\$ 48,561.20	\$ 44,514.36				
Parish Education Assistant	\$ -	\$ -				
Office Asst & Custodians	\$ 42,703.15	\$ 27,571.50				
Payroll taxes	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,568.21				
Pastoral Materials	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00				
Total Staff	\$ 205,254.55	\$ 174,237.33				
				Other Outlays		
Program Expenses				Designated Gifts		\$ 1,505.00
Office Expenses	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 11,206.85				
Worship & Music	\$ 15,700.00	\$ 7,475.37		Roof Fund Ed Jones		\$ 20,000.00
Altar Guild	\$ 950.00	\$ 554.15		Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 1,177.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 150.00	\$ 131.60		Missions		\$ 1,005.00
Fellowship	\$ 100.00	\$ -		Misc		\$ 50.00
Mission	\$ 325.00	\$ -		Synod Grant Fund Tech		\$ 1,000.00
Outreach & Care Ministry	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,973.08		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		\$ 23,808.32
Insurance	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,180.07		Total Other Outlays		\$ 51,932.91
Utilities	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 21,676.69				
Synod Assembly Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 450.00		Total Expenses & Outlays		\$ 293,836.72
PC Conference Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 280.40				
	\$ -			General Fund - 1/1/2021		\$ 114,806.89
Contingency	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,221.07		Plus Income		\$ 248,322.38
Property Ministry	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 8,480.08		Less Expenses & Outlays		\$ 293,836.72
Program Expenses	\$ 117,425.00	\$ 65,248.60		Loan Advances		\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 325,294.48	\$ 241,903.81		General Fund - 11/30/21		\$ 69,292.55

The next Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting will be at 6 pm Thursday, January 13th

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

Funds available as of 12/20/21 \$136,000

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, December 6, 2021

The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board of Directors met on December 06, 2021, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

Present: Bonnie Oletzke, Larry Picht, Will Morlock, Rich Dunn, 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 November 1, 2021 meeting, made by Jim Goble, seconded by Geri Mohr, motion passed.

Scott Olson with Great Western Bank reported on the investments.

A motion to approve the treasurer report for the month ending October 31, 2021 was made by Larry Picht, Seconded by Rich Dunn, motion passed.

Rental Property:

Larry reported that all the units are rented. We replaced the dishwasher in 1104 W Kemp. The insurance will be due by the end of the year.

Grant requests deadline will be February 15, 2022. We will need to change the date on the form.

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 and Geri Mohr reported on the church.

There were no other items.

Our next meetings will be January 3, 2022, 5:30 pm at Grant Lutheran Church.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rich Dunn, 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.

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



No Wednesday School

January 5th

Resumes January 12th

No Sunday School

January 2nd

Resumes January 9th

Kids will be singing January 23rd @ 10:00 am service

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

NO YOUTH GROUP

January 5th

Resumes January 12th

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

The Beautiful Children of God at Grace as they Celebrate His Birth!

Many of the children from Wednesday and Sunday school joined together to present a beautiful Christmas program Sunday, December 12th proclaiming the good news of Christ birth in a manger through song and Word.

Several members of the Young Group were on hand to help with the readings.

The children and youth are under the direction of Becky Sprouse, Youth and Family Services Director.

Thank you Becky for your work with the Sunday and Wednesday school children each week and guidance for our Youth program.



**No Sunday or
Wednesday School
until January 9th &
12th.**

**No Family Worship
until January 12th**

**No youth group until
January 12th.**

**No Confirmation until
January 12th.**

Music filled the Sanctuary at Grace during Advent and Christmas

Many enjoyed the beautiful sounds of the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with special musical guest Annaeka Johnson, pictured on the left at right (daughter of Intern Brenda Handel-Johnson) who played the oboe and Karen Mari, on the right of the picture at right who played the trombone.

Brenda also serves as the Music Director at Grace and so we were privileged to have them with us.

The choirs have added to the worship ministry in the last couple of months. Additional musicians are welcome and encouraged to share their talents by singing in the choir or their musical accompaniments.

Rehearsals for Choir and Handbell choir resume in January

Singers are always welcome to join the Grace Choir. Rehearsals are on Monday, January 3
6 pm - Grace Choir in the Choir room
7 pm - Handbell rehearsal in the Sanctuary



Notes from our Intern Brenda Handle-Johnson

Hello Grace Community,

Thank you for your warm hospitality and welcome as I have made my way into the first 8 weeks of my internship here. It has been a joy to get to know you and your stories. In the past few weeks I have met with Ms Danni and her preschoolers for Chapel time and several members who have not been venturing out due to COVID, weather or health. I have been reminded of how precious and unique each person's story is here in Watertown - whether one is 4 years old or 94 years old. It is a privilege to hear each one. Thank you. I will be continuing to visit with people on the phone, in homes when it works and also at church. Please call the church if you would like a visit.

We are beginning a 4 week bible study in January on evil and suffering in the world. As Christians we have something to say when confronted with suffering because of our relationship with God. See details below. It is always good to study and learn together.

Intern Brenda



Las Posadas Celebration observed with friends at Grace

The Las Posadas Christmas journey is a traditional celebra-



Lilianna Camberos
served as translator at
the Las Posadas day
event.

tion observed in Central and Latin America during days leading up to Christmas. This year, Grace Lutheran hosted the celebration with friends from the Glacial Lakes Multicultural Center and sisters from Mother of God Monastery.

The tradition include singing and



Sister Ida gave an explanation on the Las Posada she observed in Guatemala when she served there.



walking from house to house to re-enact the journey of Mary and Joseph and was held inside due to weather concerns.

Over 40 people attended this family event with singing to a strolling guitar and walking through the halls room to room following a "stand in" Mary and Joseph. The journey finishing with a piñata, hot chocolate and treats along with fellowship and

a huge hope of continuing to hold this event each year.

Thank you everyone who came and provided treats!

~ JANUARY ADULT FAITH FORMATION ~ Join Brenda for Sunday morning Bible Study

How can we as Christians understand and speak of the evil that is against God and against the will of God—against the God we know in relationship? We will spend 4 weeks in January looking at stories from the bible, and discuss how our relationship with God provides a framework of understanding even for mind-numbing suffering. Grab your coffee or water, a treat and come join us in the Library for a 45 minute class that runs January 9-January 30 (10 am-10:45 am).

Several volunteers return each year to help with the annual Christmas Dinner. Below are Elizabeth Biller and Austin Biller who help



in the kitchen preparing and cooking the food during the morning of Christmas. Above, Becky Knadle left, and Gina Urevig oversee the delivered meals for the many volunteer drivers. They gather tickets, organize the request by apartments and area and box them up making it easier for each volunteer to deliver. This annual sharing of time and a meal is a special Christmas gift and all those who donate and participate each year deserve a huge thank-you for keeping this wonderful traditional going. It truly does show how Grace is experienced daily at Grace Lutheran in Watertown, SD. *Thank you to all who helped!*

***Thank you
to everyone who
sent cards, notes, and gave
gifts to me at Christmas.
I so enjoyed your
comments and truly
appreciate your gifts.
Pastor Cheryl***

***"Amazing, Flabbergasted,
Unbelievable, Thankful!"***
WE raised \$957.25 for the roof from our bake sale last Sunday! Incredible is another word to describe the amount of baked goods that were donated and bought! There wasn't even a crumb left over! THANK YOU! To all who baked things, those who helped, and those who bought. This is what can be accomplished when we work together. Thank you so much! Darlene



The Gnomes are coming!

Nearly 30 people attended the December craft night to paint a welcoming snowman picture. After a successful night another craft night has been scheduled for Thursday, January 20th at 6 pm. The cost of the class will be \$15.00 to create these two Valentines Gnomes to take home and enjoy or share with a friend. Sign up for the class by calling the office 605-886-5737 before January 18th Monday thru Thursday from 8 am to 5 pm.

Dance Class

Grace Lutheran Fellowship Hall

Six Weeks of Classes

January 11th thru February 15

Class are from 6:30 to 8 pm

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

*Make it a
date night!*

**\$70 per couple
\$40 per single**

Proceeds go to Raise the Roof Fund

To register call the office at 605-886-5737

Mon—Thurs 8 am to 5 pm

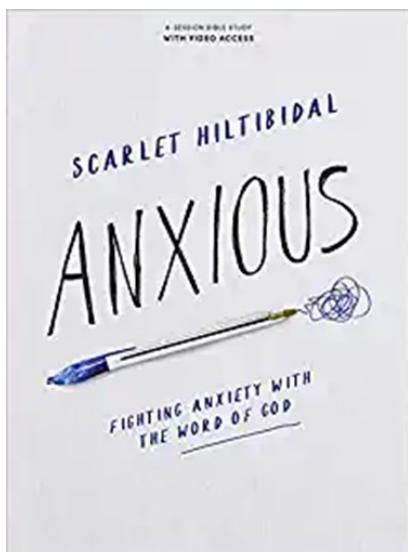
Or mail checks to 202 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD 57201



**Spring Craft Fair
2022
Set for April 2nd
Plan now for a
booth**

Anxious - Bible Study on Fighting Anxiety with the Word of God

We live in a broken, sad, scary place. We don't need to watch the natural disasters and political unrest in the news to know what our bodies already know. Our bodies get sick. Our minds are fragile. The mortality rate for humans is astonishingly high. There's plenty to worry about, and the world is full of faulty solutions for our anxieties.



But true peace comes when we learn to hold God's Word up to what worries us. There, we learn we can't fix ourselves; we can't protect ourselves. Instead, the Bible tells us we can rest, knowing that Jesus walked into the broken, sad, scary places to rescue us and love us. He is the One who fixes. His is the only protection that matters.

A Bible Study Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 22nd in an 8-session study to learn how we can practically take hold of the perfect peace that is only available through God as we dive deeply into His Word, embrace the practice of prayer, and live authentically in the support of our communities of faith. The study, written by Scarlet Hiltibidal, will include her book with video sessions to return to followed the study.

In the study, participants will benefit by

- Learning how to fight your anxiety with the Word of God so you can

take hold of the abundant life Jesus has purchased for you.

- Realizing you're not alone in your struggle with anxiety by prioritizing community and confession over isolation.
- Practicing bringing your anxieties to God and come to know prayer as a pathway to peace.

The cost of this study is \$22.25 which covers the cost of the book. Registration is due by January 12th to ensure getting a book. Lunch will be served at no cost.

Because of the longer book with 8 sessions, participants are asked to cover the first session prior to the retreat.

Memorials and Gifts

TO THE CRAFT GROUP: from Kathy Tesch,

FOUNDATION: from Wendy Lohr

SALVATION ARMY: *Under One Roof Fund.* In honor of these Christian Care Women: Marilyn Arnesen, Rosalie Brekke, Annie Brenden, Lorraine Christians, Kaye Harriott, Hazel Howell, Diana Ihlen, Shirley Korth, Remeta McFerran and Virginia Walraven. In memory of Cleo Belk, Edith Green, Gladys Dahlgren, Vivian Larson, from the Elizabeth Circle

TO RADIO FUND: from Roy & Doris Schmeling" from the Schmeling Radio Fund; from Jerald Bossen, in memory of Peter & Marjorie Bossen by their Family; from LaVern & Louise McPeck, in loving memory of parents - Galen & Gertrude Elmore, Henry & Sylvia McPeck; from Scott Bassett & Pastor Cheryl, in loving memory of Scott's mom, Shirley Bassett; from Fran Schaeffer, in memory of Donna Zirbes, Butch Kahre, Taryn Dean Sumner, Don Harrington, Vera Sunne, Jo Ann Kleven

TO FLOWER FUND: from Liz Dunn in loving memory of Liz's dad, whose birthday would have been today; from Cal and Nyra Brown; from Fred & Gwen Peshman in loving memory of Matthew Kuttner; from Ann & Doug Murfield, in loving memory of our granddaughter, Kennedy Tomsha, who's birthday would have been December 30th.

TO THE ROOF FUND: from John Sangl; from Mike, Cheri & Justin Andrews; In memory of Christopher Ryan Andrews; from John Sangl; from JoAnn DeBerg for Darlene Young; from Richard & Judy Olson, memorial for Darlene Olson; from Fred & Gwen Peshman, memorial for Darlene Young; from Fred & Gwen Peshman, memorial for Darlene Olson; from Joann DeBerg, memorial for Darlene Olson; from Toni & Darlene Bresson, memorial for Joan Goeman; from Don Seim.



WELCOME!

Bria Lovina Crain

Daughter of

Kayla and Jonathan Crain

December 19, 2021

Remembering

Don Harrington

December 11, 2021

Darlene Young

December 17, 2021

Darlene Olson

December 22, 2021



Raise the Roof Fund Raising Committee Updates

Upcoming fund raising activities were discussed at the December 12th meeting. Tickets for the 2021 Kubota RTV-xG850 Sidekick have slowed and the committee is asking ALL Grace Members if they possibly take a book of tickets to sell before the drawing. One book has 10 tickets.

Six-weeks of dance class start Tuesday, January 11th and will be taught by Don and Brenda Norton who will be teaching foxtrot, jitterbug, waltz, polka, East Coast Swing, & Texas Two-Step. Cost is \$70 per couple or \$40 single. The Norton's have taught dance classes for several years and offered to donate their time to the fund raising efforts. Please share the time and dates with others to get this event out there. All proceeds go toward the Raise the Roof Fund.

Even if you know how to dance, this makes an enjoyable evening out to dance and a great date night. You may even learn a few new moves. To register call the office from 8 am to 5 pm Monday thru Thursday or mail a check to Grace at 202 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD 57201 with your name and cell number.

Jerry Nelson will be featured for a Comedy night program on January 28th. More information is on page 1 and also page 14 of this Gleanings.

The group is considering an event in February after Valentines for a special night out but are in need of ideas and people to help. If you can, please come to our next meeting at 10 am January 9th.

Raise the Roof funds	
Foundation	\$ 20,000.00
Grace general	\$ 24,102.19
Pledges	\$ 28,024.00
Memorials	\$ 9,735.00
Donations	\$ 26,570.78
Kubota	\$ 9,469.00
Fundraisers	\$ 23,814.91
Total funds	\$ 141,715.88

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

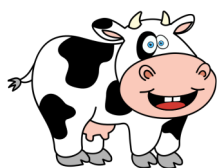
To Cold -To Stormy to Attend You can still Give online

Our website enables you to give financial gifts online, providing an opportunity to give anytime, anywhere on the Giving link at glcwtm.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 does not cost the church anything. In the memo add a note if this is in memory, in celebration, or an appreciation gift, then confirm all the information before processing.

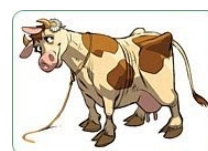
Accounts available to give to at any time are: the Roof Fund, Radio, Flowers, Youth or Memorial or General fund. Thank you for your generous offerings for the Mission and Ministry of Grace Lutheran.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS:

Humorist Jerry Nelson: Recovering Dairyman



Nationally
acclaimed author
of
Dear County
Agent Guy



Syndicated
columnist, enjoyed
by 250,000 people

"It's entirely possible that my ancestors used mastodons to pull their plows," writes Jerry Nelson in his book *Dear County Agent Guy*. His "sturdy Norwegian pioneer" relatives settled in barren, treeless, pre-statehood South Dakota, and said, "Yeah, we can live here."

Friday, Jan. 28th

Also:

7:00 pm at Grace Lutheran

Featuring:
**All of our local talent that
has gone undiscovered until
Now!**



Tickets:
\$20 Reserve Seating
\$15 General Admission

Tickets can be purchased at Grace Lutheran, 202 2nd St SE, Watertown
Refreshments will be available for purchase.

605-886-5737
Proceeds go to Raise the Roof project

Grace Lutheran Church

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

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:00 am Worship NO Coffee Fellowship NO Sunday school 1:00 am Service at Edgewood	3 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET 6-7 pm Choir Practice 7-8 pm Bells Choir Practice 5:30 pm Foundation Meeting	4 4:30 Tops/Choir Room Watertown Ministerial meeting Noon at HyVee 6:30 - 8 pm Dance Classes	5 10:30 am Service at Avantara 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room NO Confirmation Class NO Wednesday School NO Family Worship NO Youth Group Meets	6 2 pm SD Rostered Pastor Meet by Zoom	7 OFFICE CLOSED	1 New Year's Day Annual meeting Reports DUE 8
9 8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday school 10 am Raise the Roof meeting 10 am Bible Study in Library Focusing on "God, evil and suffering in the world" 11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion	10 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET Grace Lutheran Serves Volunteers Needed Cookies appreciated 6-7 pm Choir Practice 7-8 pm Bells Choir Practice	11 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 6:30 - 8 pm Dance Classes	12 10:00 – Service at Hi-Rise 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 4 & 6 pm Confirmation Class 6 pm Wednesday School 7 pm Family Worship 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	13 10:00 am Service at Stonebrook 6 pm Grace Council meets	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15
16 8:30 am Worship NO Communion 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am Worship NO Communion Jessi Urevig -Eagle Court Celebration	17 Martin Luther King Day OFFICE CLOSED 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET 6-7 pm Choir Practice 7-8 pm Bells Choir Practice	18 Prairie Coteau Conference Pastors meeting 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 6:30 - 8 pm Dance Classes	19 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	20 6 pm Craft Class	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22 BIBLE STUDY RETREAT "Anxious" 9:30 am to 4:30 pm
23 9:30 am Sunday school 10:00 am Worship Children Sing at Worship 10:45 am ANNUAL MEETING 11:45 am Potluck Dinner	24 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET 6-7 pm Choir Practice 7-8 pm Bells Choir Practice	25 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 5:30 (Pastor) Multi Culture meeting 6:30 - 8 pm Dance Classes	26 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	27	28 OFFICE CLOSED Comedy Night Doors open at 6 pm Show starts at 7 pm	29
30 8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday school 10 am Bible Study in Library 11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion	31 5 pm BANQUET	<div> <p>Pastor Cheryl In-Office Hours Tuesday –Thursday; Contact Pastor Cheryl directly anytime! 605-237-1501 or E-mail: cheryl@gracelc.com cheryl@midconetwork.com</p> <p>Intern Brenda In-Office Hours Monday and Wednesday If you are in need of visitation, leave a message with the office to arrange a time.</p> </div>				<div> <p>Please HELP by taking a book of 10 4x4 tickets to sell for the "Raise the Roof" Fund Raiser this month</p> </div>

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Annual Meeting will be held at 10:45 am ~ Sunday, January 23rd
One Worship Service will be held at 10 am.
All Members are encourage to attend to approve the Budget

**Bible Study begins at 10 am
on January 9th**

**Intern Brenda will begin a 4-
week bible study focusing on
God, evil and suffering in the
world in the Library.**



Sunday, January 23rd 11:30 am

Upcoming Events

January

- 2 One Service at 10 am
- 5 NO Wednesday school, Confirmation or Family Worship.
- 11 Dance classes begin for fun and roof fund raising
- 22 Bible Study Retreat "Anxious", 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.
- 23 Children Singing at 10 am worship. ONE Service
Annual congregational meeting at 10:45 am
Followed by Potluck meal and fellowship
- 28 Comedy Night—7 pm show—Fund Raiser for Roof Fund

Blessings to all for a Happy New Year!

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| March 2 | Ash Wednesday |
| March 6 | Prairie Coteau Conference Assembly at Grace |
| April 2 | Spring Craft Fair |
| April 24 | Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation Service) |

Grace Lutheran Church: God's Grace Experienced Daily