



GRACE GLEANINGS

Grace Lutheran Newsletter

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2021

Grace to Celebrate 100th Anniversary of Cornerstone and Sanctuary Dedication and hold Rededication

The cornerstone of the present sanctuary of Grace Lutheran church was laid 100 years ago on August 1, 1920 and the dedication of the sanctuary was held on July 10, 1921.

On Sunday, July 18th Grace will hold a special celebration and worship service with communion at 10 o'clock am and rededicate it to the glory of God. SD Bishop Constanze Hagmaier will give a special message.

Marcia Jelsma will return to provide organ music for the day and the service will be broadcast live over KWAT at the normal time of 10:05 am.

Following the service, a dinner will be held at 11:30 am in the fellowship hall by free-will offering with funds going to the Raise the Roof fund.

There will be carnival style children's games in the parking lot and fellowship hall following dinner.

Displays will be arranged throughout the fellowship hall with special historical reference and pictures. If anyone has pictures, memorabilia and/or information to put on displays, please get them to the office prior to July 15th, labeled so it can be returned to you.



The first meeting to organize a Lutheran Church in Watertown was held on Sept. 19, 1883. On Dec. 22, 1883 the First Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized in a room over the Merchants Bank of Watertown. The dedication of the first church building, which was a 30 x 40 ft structure with no basement, was held on Sept. 26, 1886. In 1917 plans were begun for a new church building. On Aug 1, 1920 the cornerstone of the present sanctuary was laid and the name was changed to Grace Lutheran Church the following May. The present brick building was dedicated on July 10, 1921.

Over the years, Grace Lutheran has been community minded in mission and outreach. In 1909, the idea of Luther Hospital was developed with the opening of what was later renamed Memorial Hospital which merged with St Anne's Hospital and later became Prairie Lakes Hospital.

In Nov 6, 1960, as the congregation was bursting at the seams, a Godspeed Service was held for 212 members, who were release to establish a daughter church. Approximately 50 families from Grace Lutheran took on the responsibility for a new start-up ministry to launched what became Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer on the north side of Watertown.

The rich heritage of Grace Lutheran included radio broadcast beginning on Dec 1, 1935, which reach it's 2000th consecutive regular broadcast over KWAT on Dec 9, 1973 and continues to this day. The first drive-in service was held on June 19, 1955 at "Melody Theater" and later East Park Drive-in. The church built additions for an education wing, new narthex and fellowship hall over the years as well as remodeling the sanctuary in 1975.

Several sons of Grace Lutheran have become pastors and nine pastors have been ordained here. Grace Lutheran will celebrate 140 years since its inception to organize a Lutheran church in Watertown in 2023.

Plan now to attend this important day of celebration as we celebrate 100 years of our sanctuary and rededicate it to the praise and worship of our Lord for the next 100 years.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There are so many exciting things happening at Grace. In July will be the 100-year celebration since the cornerstone was laid for the present sanctuary and its dedication. The special service on July 18th will include a rededication as we celebrate this important milestone.

Rededication... is to devote ourselves and our sanctuary once again to the mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran. It is to commit ourselves to God's purpose for His church.

As I look over the history and all that has been accomplished by members of Grace Lutheran, I am so proud and honored to be your pastor. Through the years you have been progressive and filled with servanthood to this community and the betterment of its people.

To think of the founding fathers as visionaries for a hospital is so impressive. Their actions were not just in words but working toward that goal. A goal that became Memorial Hospital, then merged with St Ann's which later became Prairie Lakes Hospital. As members, you should be proud of your heritage.

As Grace grew, the leadership was more about mission than selfish interest to be the biggest and best church, blessing those who were called to launch a daughter church which became Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. Praise God for their actions as the number of the faithful have grown over the years in response to their work.

In just two years, Grace will celebrate a major anniversary of 140 years. This celebration on July 18th is just the beginning of what is to come for this community of faith. This rededication serves as a turning point for the congregation, leaving all troubles behind and renewing our focus right back on the amazing visioning of these forefathers, to see what God is up to in this place and jump in to be His arms and feet doing His work through Grace.

In the past few months, holding fund raisers, people have been working together and enjoying it. The laughter and fun everyone was having the day tables were set up for the Mother Daughter Dinner filled fellowship hall with a positive Spirit that flowed through the style show. The Jamboree was a gift to bring people together for fellowship and beautiful gospel music.

Coming out of the dark days of the pandemic, these events have created a joyful encouraging atmosphere of revival you can't miss. Building on the incredible mission and ministry of the past is a gift to move us into the future as committed servants of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

For me this is an remarkable experience to be part of the process, to see what you have already done with God's help and where the Spirit will lead you in the future. I was told when I was called to Grace, this is a hidden treasure amid the community. I believe God has some amazing things waiting for this congregation and this treasure will be revealed as the blessing it truly is.

Come join us July 18th in celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the sanctuary and dedicate yourself to the future of Grace by being involved in the visioning work that begins on July 28th.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You! ~ Pastor Cheryl

Pastor Cheryl writes a Daily Devotions each morning. You can find it on the Grace Lutheran Church Facebook page, website: glcwn.org, or Instagram. Check it out!

Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council meeting on Thursday, June 10, 2021

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with James Goble presiding. Also, present were Denies Biller, Rick Brownell, LeRoy Bullis, Kelly Evjen, Ted Frost, Paul Henrichs, Sherry Jongeling, Kayla Mohling, Geri Mohror, Adam Wientjes, guest Darcy Raethz, Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett and Cindy Vander Leest. Absent were Mark Briley, Rhonda Lorenz, Harley Petersen, Gena Urevig.

Pastor Cheryl led the Council in devotions and prayer after Beacon visited VBS.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Rick Brownell and second by Adam Wientjes. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for the May 12, 2021 meeting was made by Geri Mohror and second by Rick Brownell. Motion carried.

Items:

1. Financial Report— Cindy Vander Leest reported the monthly income to the general fund was \$20,641 the weekly average giving was \$4,128 and the weekly worship attendance was 212 (includes views on Facebook). A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Denise Biller and second by Rick Brownell. Motion carried.

2. Pastor's Report – Pastor Cheryl continues to lead worship services, baptisms and funerals. She has been busy putting together the Gleanings, bulletins, attending Zoom meetings, and write/create a daily Meditation on Facebook. She reported that she attended the Synod Assembly by Zoom and cooked for the Blessing of Motorcycle meal. She was Beacon (the bird in full costume) for VBS. She will be making a salad and decorating tables for the Mother - Daughter lunch and style show on June 23rd. Pastor Cheryl also shared the results of her survey with the Council. Copies of the results are available in the office for anyone to see. She stated no one under the age of 40 filled out the survey.

Old Business:

Fundraiser Committee - Denise Biller reported Darlene Bresson is continuing to work on the Mother-Daughter dinner and style show for June 23rd at 6:00. Becky Sprouse and the Youth Group will decorate a float for the 4th of July parade but would like an idea/theme for the float. Denise Biller will look into the parade registration. The committee continues working on ideas for the 100th celebration on July 18th and would like all the volunteers they can get. They also need volunteers to write about the church history/background information and to lead the carnival for the celebration. Rick Brownell reported that Eastside Equipment has located a 4X4 Utility vehicle and it should be in Watertown next week.

Vision Plan - Pastor Cheryl and James Goble will be getting together to discuss a vision plan. Kayla Mohling will be calling Grace members and inviting them to our 100th dedication.

New Business:

- 1. Next Council meeting for July 8th rescheduled for July 15th** - A motion to move the regular scheduled July 8th Council meeting to July 15th was made by Denise Biller and second by Geri Mohror. Motion carried.
- 2. Line of Credit loan and CD renewal** - After discussing the Line of Credit loan for \$20,000 and the CD (value at \$23,905. as of 2/12/21) securing the loan, a motion was made. A motion to renew the \$20,000 LOC loan with the collateral CD renewal of \$20,000, and to move the accrued CD interest to the Roof Fund (around \$4,000) was made by LeRoy Bullis and second by Paul Henrichs. Motion carried. Cindy Vander Leest also reviewed moving \$6,000 from the General Account to the Roof Fund but the Council would like to wait until fall and review again.
- 3. Job Description revision** - Darcy Raethz, from the Staff Support Committee reviewed the changes made to better fit what Grace needs for the Office Assistant position. The Committee suggested changing it to a 32 hour per week position, which would include some Sunday Tech Support and renaming it to Communications Assistant/Administrative Assistant. Cindy Vander Leest stated she would like to see it stay at a 24 hour position to see how it works with maybe leading up to more hours. The Council will review and discuss more at the July meeting.

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Financial Report

Income	Budget	YTD		Debts:	Original amt	Balance
Offerings		\$ 103,522.75		Term Debt	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Gifts		\$ 575.00		Line of Credit	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
PPP Cares Act forgivable loan		\$ -				
Scrip Proceeds		\$ -				
Member donation		\$ -				
Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 2,254.82				
GLCW & Fndtn Sanctuary lights		\$ -				
Foundation Grants		\$ 784.24				
Thrivent Choice \$\$		\$ 1,990.00				
Missions		\$ 730.00				
Misc.		\$ 765.00				
Xfer Ed Jones/Grinnell ins ROOF		\$ -				
Designated donations		\$ 11,734.94				
Total Income for General Fund		\$ 122,356.75				
Expenses						
ELCA & SD Synod Projects	\$ 2,614.93	\$ 985.40				
Staff						
Senior Pastor - Salary & Benefits	\$ 88,997.80	\$ 37,045.32				
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -				
Call process mileage & travel exp		\$ -				
Youth & Family Director	\$ 13,842.40	\$ 5,767.70				
Business Adm Salary & Benefits	\$ 48,561.20	\$ 20,233.80				
Parish Education Assistant	\$ -	\$ -				
Office Asst & Custodians	\$ 42,703.15	\$ 11,332.50				
Payroll taxes	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 2,993.22				
Pastoral Materials	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00				
Total Staff	\$ 205,254.55	\$ 77,522.54				
Program Expenses				Other Outlays		
Office Expenses	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,731.55		Designated Gifts		\$ 575.00
Worship & Music	\$ 15,700.00	\$ 3,690.88		Roof Fund Ed Jones		\$ 20,000.00
Altar Guild	\$ 950.00	\$ 384.70		Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 1,177.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 150.00	\$ 131.60		Missions		\$ 730.00
Fellowship	\$ 100.00	\$ -		Misc		\$ -
Mission	\$ 325.00	\$ -		Synod Grant Fund Tech		\$ 1,000.00
Outreach & Care Ministry	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,003.43		Foundation Grant exp		\$ 1,005.00
Stewardship Ministry	\$ 800.00	\$ 619.24		Hallway&FH floors		\$ -
Debt Service	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -		Designated Donations		\$ 966.78
Insurance	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 8,296.57		Total Other Outlays		\$ 25,453.78
Utilities	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 12,171.35				
Synod Assembly Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 150.00		Total Expenses & Outlays		\$ 141,908.49
PC Conference Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 280.40				
	\$ -			General Fund - 1/1/2021		\$ 114,806.89
Contingency	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 390.87		Plus Income		\$ 122,356.75
Property Ministry	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 5,096.18		Less Expenses & Outlays		\$ 141,908.49
Program Expenses	\$ 117,425.00	\$ 37,946.77		Loan Advances		\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 325,294.48	\$ 116,454.71		General Fund - 5/31/21		\$ 95,255.15

The next Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting will be at 6 pm Thursday, July 15th

Please help "raise the roof"
Needed funds to repair the roof \$140,000.

Funds available 6/3/21 \$77,638



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

Fund Raising Tickets available on a Kubota Sidekick

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

Features include:

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

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



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4. **Sunday, July 4th** - The Council discussed if we should have worship on Sunday, July 4th. Paul Henrichs stated we could prerecord for radio and that would allow Pastor and other volunteers to enjoy the holiday. The Council decided to have our 8:30 worship on Sunday and be closed for the holiday on Monday, July 5th.

Committee Reports:

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Vander Leest

July 4th Parade

Grace Lutheran will have a float in the parade on July 4th. Watch for it. If you can take a picture for us for the next newsletter— please email it to Pastor Cheryl. If you can help make tickets available on the side-by-side following the parade, please come to Grace's parking lot. Your help will be appreciated.

Confirmation registration now open

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

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

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

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

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

All parents will meet with the pastor to review the expectation prior to the beginning of classes. Please call Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501 to schedule an appointment and complete the registration.

The registration form is on page 9 of this newsletter.

Participation in the July 10th service project to Church on the Street will count toward their project for the year. Worship notes can be taken during the summer as well.

Mission of the Month ~ “St Dysmas – Hope Beyond Bars”

St Dysmas is the prison ministry of the South Dakota Synod ELCA. There are two congregations located behind the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary. In Sioux Falls Pastor Wayne Gallipo serves as the Interim Pastor and Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield. We also support Sunday evening worship at the Yankton Minimum Unit in Yankton.

Recently, the prison has announced outside visitors can join worship at Hope Chapel. Masks must be worn and a temp screen is required as well as the usual background check for visitor access approval.

St. Dysmas is a congregation of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). A congregation council is elected and members serve as ushers, lectors, musicians, communion assistants and the men take pride in their congregation. An Associate council of outsiders from ELCA congregations handles financial matters. Pastor's are called by a vote of the congregation, rather than hired by the prison system. (This also means our income comes solely from individual and congregational gifts.)

Your support is crucial to sustaining our strong and dynamic ministries. We welcome you to worship with us. When you worship with us you fulfill Christ's command and will be blessed by a hospitable welcome and a vibrant worship experience.



VBS 2021 Held



Teacher and children gather the week of June 7th thru 10 to attend *Discovery on Adventure Island* for VBS this year along with Beacon, the friendly bird. Five lessons on their journey included Arise, Shine with Love, Trust, Faith, Joy, and Hope taught through Bible Stories, Music, Crafts, and Fun! The program ended with delicious cupcakes as the final night treat. Becky Sprouse, Grace Youth and Family Director was in charge of the school. A huge Thank You to all those who helped with teaching and the families who brought their children.





CHILDREN'S
Ministry
NEWS

if your child will be attending in the fall, please fill out the registration form and return to the Education office by August 9th
Forms are available in the church office

Interested in helping for Sun/Wed school.
contact Becky @ beckygracelc@midconetwork.com or
605-881-5733.

Teachers and helpers are always needed and appreciated.



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 10th – Church on the Street / Wild Water
West

Let the Church Office or Becky know if you will be attending.

Join Youth Group Remind by texting 34c2a7 to 81010.

Announcements will be coming out through this as needed.

Becky Sprouse / 605-881-5733

Families invited to join youth on a mission trip to “Church on the Street”

On July 10th our youth and families will be doing a service project at Church on the Street in Sioux Falls. This service project is not just for youth, it is for anyone at Grace Lutheran who would like to take this opportunity to service those who are struggling with homelessness and poverty. The group will meet at Grace at 8:30 am and travel to Heritage Park - 610 E 6th St, Sioux Falls, SD to help set up and participate in the 11 am worship service.

This is a church without walls, out on the street sharing the Good News of Christ to those who for whatever reason, can't come inside a church building. Those who share this experience will join with children for play time and “Sunday School”, meet and greet adults who attend, help with worship and communion and provide a meal. It is not just for the youth of Grace Lutheran, but an opportunity for all members to share the Holy Spirit with others. The youth will be going to Wild Water West following their service project.

This year, with the many churches who want to help and health regulations, we will not take a complete sack lunch. Our portion will be desserts of cookies or bars for 200 people. **We will need at least 400 cookies.** If you can donate cookies or bars, please sign up at the office and have them to Grace by Friday, July 9th to be individually sacked prior to going. For more information, contact Pastor Cheryl

Laundry with Love Box for donations: Laundry with Love is a ministry of the Church On The Street that assists anyone in need with laundry on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. It is held at The Laundromat Company at 701 N. Cliff Ave. If you would like to help with this ministry, a Laundry with Love Box is set up in the narthex for donations of quarter (for washing), dryer sheets, laundry pods, Clorox wipes (used to clean up afterwards), regular size post-it notes, sandwich or quart size baggies, and sticker name tags. The Laundry with Love Box will be taken to Church on the Street on July 10th.

Adult Confirmation scheduled for July 21

A class will be held on Wednesday evening, July 21 from 6 to 8 pm for any adults who have not taken a catechism class or would like more information about the Lutheran faith. Registration is required by contacting Pastor Cheryl to order enough materials for the class. Additional classes may be scheduled following this class depending on the group.

For those who are Lutheran but would like a brusher upper—you are welcome to attend as well. If you are thinking about membership to Grace, this would be a good first step.

Materials used will be *By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism*. There are three focuses of the course: Scripture and Tradition, (i.e. Ten Commandments as cited in Exodus 20, Apostle's Creed); Luther's explanations of the scripture and the story of Luther.



WELCOME!

Finnley James Berg

Son of Samantha Elayne Berg

& Grayson Randall Smith

June 6th, 2021

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

Thank YOU!

The Mother-Daughter Dinner & Style Show was a wonderful Success! But only because of all the people who helped! A very heart-felt thank you to All! Committee: Geri, Carol H, Jackie, Becky, Bobby, Liz, Kayla, and Cindy; the women who let us use their wedding dresses, their pictures, and details about their wedding; the Youth Group – you were Fantastic – who served the meal and then modeled the wedding gowns, the guys, Larry, Harley, Tony, and Art, as well as Liz and Bobby for helping in the kitchen while the ladies ate; Judy E and Marcia for providing music during the program; and the ladies who decorated the tables – what a spectacular display! I am humbled by the passion and hard work contributed by all. Thank you! Please forgive me if I've forgotten anyone; it was unintentional.

Darlene Bresson

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

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

Date _____

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022

PARENT NAME _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Please circle one **Mother** **Father** **Stepdad** **Stepmom** **Other** _____

ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____

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

Email (REQUIRED): _____ (TO SEND REPORTS TO)

PARENT NAME _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Please circle one **Mother** **Father** **Stepdad** **Stepmom** **Other** _____

ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____

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

Email (REQUIRED): _____ (TO SEND REPORTS TO)

CHILDREN'S NAME(s)

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

Was this child baptized? YES NO If so, where? _____

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

My child will be attending Wednesday night at:

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

Emergency contact if we are unable to reach you.

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: _____

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

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

Successful Mother-Daughter Dinner & Style Show



Approximately 150 people enjoyed an evening of fun, food and nostalgia at the Mother Daughter Dinner and Style Show June 23rd. Youth, family and friends of the dress owners modeled the twenty-seven dresses. Prior to the event, twenty-one tables were beautifully decorated for the dinner in various themes. The event was held as a fund raising activity with \$2040.00 proceeds going toward the Raise the Roof Fund.

Blessing of the 'Bike' held Sunday June 6th with a dinner and 'ride'



Over 30 attended the free-will dinner at Grace Lutheran prior to a service of blessing for motorcyclist on Sunday, June 6. An individual blessing was then given over each motorcyclist and their motorcycle. This is an annual event at Grace Lutheran each year at the beginning of the summer season. The high heat and wind did not stop the ride around Kampeska Lake following the blessing. Local law enforcement escorted the group. Proceeds from the dinner went to the Raise the Roof Fund.



PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR CHURCH RECORDS ACCURATE

- Have you recently changed your address, disconnected your land line and switched to a cell phone?
- Have you changed your email address?
- Are you a snow bird that is not flying south this winter?
- Please update your information with the church office at 886-5737.
- Communication is the key to our shared mission.



Thank you for helping us stay in touch with you!

SCHOOL REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

To sign up for text announcements, text the message:

Wednesday school reminders:

@gracewed to 81010 ~

Sunday school reminders:

@9aeb84 to 81010 ~

Confirmation class reminders:

@289928 to 81010

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

You will receive an acceptance to the group.

To stop getting messages.

Text **@LEAVE** to unsubscribe.

RESULTS OF PASTORS SURVEY

A survey from Pastor Cheryl was taken this past month. A complete copy of the survey is available at the office,

Of the 29 returned, none were under 40. Most were members for 30 years or more and nearly twice as many women responded than men.

The survey was designed to get a better understanding of the worship needs of Grace Lutheran as we come out of the pandemic and prepare for visioning and planning for our next years at Grace.

Some were: (noting those with the most responses)

Most essential in worship service

Proclamation

Communion/Lord's Supper

Word (Reading)

Confession/Forgiveness

Three things most hoping for

Spiritual renewal

Hear God's promise

Forgiveness of sin heard

To praise and thanksgiving

Three things could change to better meet your needs

Have one service

Time of day (9-9:30 start)

Style of service

Music style

More contemporary

What would make it meaningful/interesting

Modern gospel music

Youth service (done by youth)

Shared experience

Would you support a midweek family gathering

Yes—7

No—4

No—I'm here on Sunday—14

Not quite half answered the questions, What can you offer in service to Grace Lutheran with the most saying they will assist with ONE fund raiser.

Visioning Exercises set for July 28th

The church council will hold visioning exercises beginning on Wednesday evening July 28th from 6 to 8 pm to discuss our future mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran Church.

Visioning is an activity to engage the whole diverse and varied community of Grace in dialogue to exchange ideas and dreams of the church for the next 5 years.

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

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

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

Memorials and Gifts

TO RADIO FUND: From Loving Family & Friends of Cleo Belk in memory of Cleo Belk (x3); From LaVern and Louise McPeck for a Happy Father's Day

TO FLOWER FUND: From Rick Brownell for the Blessing of the Bikes; From Denis & Ryan Biller in celebration of their wedding anniversary; From James & Sharon Goble in loving memory of their son Gary; From Art and Marcia Jelsma in loving memory of Kylie Aas.

TO GRACE FOUNDATION: From JD & May Lou Astin in memory of Cleo Belk; From Bev Landon in memory of Ruth Lowery & Cleo Belk.

TO PRESCHOOL: From Fran Schaefer in loving memory of Cleo Belk, Leo Gully, Gary Madsen, Todd McGillivray and Herb Wegman.

TO THE ROOF FUND: From Elton & Darlene Bresson in memory of Cleo Belk; From Linda Olson in memory of Cleo Belk; From Friends & Family of Cleo Belk in memory of Cleo Belk; From Larry & Janet Little, Kathryn Rakness, Esther Thomas & David Schaak, Richard & Judy Evenson, Allen & Karen Kasperson, Louise Kittelson & Anna Kireby in memory of Cleo Belk; From Sara, Jill & Bill Schult in memory of Cleo Belk; From Karen & Don Christensen and Colleen & Todd Martenson in memory of Cleo Belk; From Thomas Linngren in memory of Cleo Belk;

TO NORDEFEST PLUS From Karyl Strohfus in memory of Cleo Belk.

We Thank God for...

Our Volunteers...

This past month there have been so many helpful volunteers it is hard to feature just one. There were teachers and helpers for VBS, those who made cookies and bars for that and the bike blessing, the many who volunteered of their time and dinner wear to decorate tables, the guys (Larry, Harley, Tony, and Art) who helped in the kitchen to serve the Mother-Daughter meal and the youth who help with the meal and the style show; Bobby Brown for providing her professional experience overseeing serving the banquet, just a host of people who have been selling tickets for the bundle drawing and getting the information together to the Side-by-Side drawing. We thank you all for you many works. You are a blessing to us.

Grace Lutheran Church



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July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor Cheryl Summer Office Hours <i>Generally</i> at Grace office Tuesday –Thursday Works from Home on Monday, Friday & Saturday You can contact Pastor Cheryl directly anytime! By cell or text at 605-237-1501 or by E-mail: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com						
4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Service at Edgewood 2:00 pm 4 th of July Parade (Grace will have a float)	5 OFFICE CLOSED 5 pm BANQUET	6 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	7 10:30 am Service at Avantara 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 5:30 pm Youth Group Meets	8 10:00 am Service at Stonebrook	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10 8:30 am Leave for <u>Church on the Street</u> Service Project Youth attend Wild Water West @ SF following
Glacial Lakes Multi-Culture Camp Tuesday to Saturday 5 to 7:30 pm						
11 8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion (with Brenda Handel-Johnson speaking) Following worship – Fundraising/Celebration Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall	12 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET	13 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	14 10:00 – Service at H-Rise 11:00 TOPS/Choir Rm 5:30 pm Youth Group Meets	15 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle meets in Conf Rm. 6:00 pm Grace Council meets	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17
18 CELEBRATION & REDEDICATION OF SANCTUARY 10:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 11:30 am – Dinner by Free Will Offering Games and activities in the parking lot	19 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET 7 pm Boy Scouts/Basement	20 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	21 10 am Service at Town View 10:30 am Service at Jenkins 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm Youth Group Meets 6-8 om Adult Confirmation Class	22	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24
25 8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion	26 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET	27 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 5:30 (Pastor) Multi Culture meeting	28 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm Youth Group Meets 6 – 8 pm Visioning Activity for all members to plan for Grace's future.	29	30 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 am Committal Service for Sharon & David Johnson at Sioux Falls Veterans Cemetery	31 1:00 pm Funeral Service for Chris Johnson at Grace

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Grace Lutheran Celebrates July 18th!

10 am Worship with SD ELCA Bishop Constanze Hagmaier

Grace Sanctuary cornerstone laid 100 years ago.



Sunday July 18th Grace Lutheran will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the dedication of it's sanctuary. Worship service is set for 10 o'clock with Bishop Constanze Hagmaier proclaiming the gospel. During this special celebrational service, the sanctuary will be rededicated to the mission and ministry of God.

A dinner by free-will offering will begin at 11:30 am as fund raising activities for the Roof Fund. If you can donate a salad, or help with the days activities, let the office know.

Kids and adult games will be held outside weather permitting. We also would like any history or pictures to display for the day.

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