



# GRACE GLEANINGS

Grace Lutheran Newsletter

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## ~ We Thank God for Our Volunteers ~

### Grace Council Installed during service

Members of Grace Lutheran Church Council were installed during the 11 am worship service March 7th. Members volunteer to serve for a three year term and can be reelected. Pictured left to right are: Rick Brownell, Vice President, Kelly Evjen, LeRoy Buller, Paul Henrichs, Kayla Mohling, and Adam Wientjes. Not present were: James Goble President, Denise Biller, Secretary, Mark Briley, Sherry Jongeling, Geri Mohror, Ted Frost, Rhonda Lorenz, Harley Petersen, and Gena Urevig.

As members, council also serves on committees but members of the congregations can be on committees. If you would like to volunteer in service for the mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran, the committees include: Education, Finance and Stewardship, Property, Preschool, Memorial, Mission, Fellowship and Outreach, Youth and Family, Worship and Music, Staff Support, Nominating, and the Raising the Roof Fund Raising Committee. If you can serve on any of these committees, you can call the office or let the council know.

The council meets on the second Thursday of every month at 6 pm. We thank you all for your service to Grace Lutheran. Most committees meet as need requires. *"Many hands make work light."* Your service to Grace is appreciated.



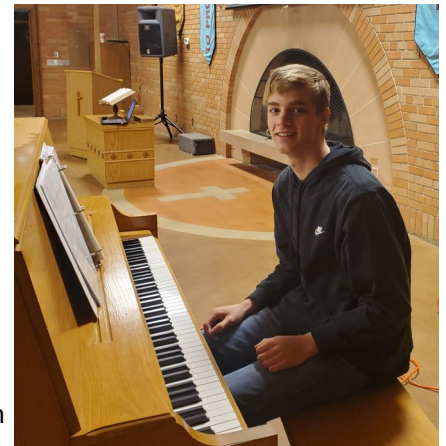
Becky Sprouse responds to her calling as part-time Youth and Family Director with, "I will and I ask God to help me."

### Youth and Family Director Installed at Grace

The installation of Becky Sprouse, as a Lay Profession Youth and Family Director for Grace Lutheran Church, was held during worship service on March 7th. As the director, Becky works to oversee the Wednesday and Sunday school program, VBS, and meets regularly with the Youth of 7th through 12th grade. Becky was hired in November to serve in this part-time position at Grace Lutheran.

The youth group meets every Wednesday evening in the Youth Room at 7:30 for a short Bible Study and fun activities. Friday evening, March 19th, a Youth Fun night was held and a Lock-in is planned for Friday night, March 5th from 7 pm until Saturday morning at 7 pm.

Youth are welcome to bring their friends to all events.



Jason Mohr is a volunteers for the Wednesday school singers each week. Thank you for your service. We love and appreciate all our volunteers.



*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

It has been a year since things closed up because of the COVID 19 pandemic. I'm sure you are so very tired of it just as I am. Trying to decide what we can do and what we should not do. How to have service and how to make it meaningful in a new and different way.

I think we all need to look back at all the positive things we've been able to do and accomplish even during this unexpected difficult time. We've been able to have worship service every week this past year. There was not a week we missed having worship "Out There" for you to hear the proclamation in some form or another whether it was radio, Facebook or YouTube.

We've grown in our digital format from only audio radio broadcast to a media broadcast on YouTube and Facebook to having a video. We've been blessed by an increase the number of technical people who are there to help us each week and a plethora of volunteers every Sunday to have drive-up worship services in the parking lot last summer.

We've had musicians and pianist for our services sharing their musical talents in parking lots and through social distancing making our services quite lovely.

Faith formation has continued for Wednesday and Sunday school classes, confirmation, adult Bible studies and through a constant daily devotion connection to everyone through Facebook. Our youth program is seeing great results and activities for the youth to be in Fellowship.

We were thrifty and kept within our budget knowing full well there would be shortages of resources while expenses would continue AND we cut expenses where we could.

For the past year, we've been the church.

Paul writes <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ **Jesus** himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in **the** LORD. <sup>22</sup>And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." (*Ephesians 2:20-22*)

Grace has been built on a solid foundation, joined together over the years through families, fellowship and faithfulness. It has been built together to be a dwelling place where God's Spirit has lived, continues to live, and will continue to live in the future.

Grace is a beautiful church, a hidden gem in the middle of Watertown.

No one, especially me, likes to ask for money or donations or do the work it takes to raise the funds necessary to replace the "way past it's lifetime" roof. But we all will have to do that. There are already lots of ideas and a need for several fund raisers. Ideas are wonderful and welcome, but we need workers. We need YOU to step up now to plan and oversee various parts of the hard work it will take to reach the goal. I'm asking you now, what part will you take to help. It's not someone else's work. It takes all of you. Every single member. You are not too young, too old and retire, inexperienced, or past working on it so it's someone else's turn.

It's everyone's turn. And there are things everyone can help with.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>"Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give. <sup>3</sup>These are the offerings you are to receive from them: ... <sup>8</sup>"Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. <sup>9</sup>Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you. (*Exodus 25:1-3 & 8-9*)

Together, we can make this happen working together for the glory of Christ.

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

### **Minutes of the special Grace Lutheran Council meeting on Sunday, January 24, 2021**

The Grace Lutheran Church Council met for a special meeting on Sunday, January 24, 2021 immediately following the annual meeting with President James Goble presiding. Also, present were Denise Biller, Mark Briley, Rick Brownell, LeRoy Bullis, Paul Henrichs, Sherry Jongeling, Kayla Mohling, Geri Mohror, Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett and Cindy Vander Leest. Absent members were Kelly Evjen, Ted Frost, Rhonda Lorenz, Harley Petersen, Gena Urevig and Adam Wientjes.

President James Goble led the Council in electing new council officers for the year 2021.

A motion was made by Geri Mohror and second by Denise Biller to elect James Goble as President for the 2021 Grace Lutheran Church Council. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Briley to elect Rick Brownell as Vice President for the 2021 Grace Lutheran Church Council and second by Denise Biller. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rick Brownell and second by Geri Mohror to elect Denise Biller as Secretary/Treasurer for the 2021 Grace Lutheran Church Council. Motion carried.

All council members excepted their elected positions. The 2021 elected officers are President – James Goble, Vice President – Rick Brownell and Secretary/Treasurer – Denise Biller. The monthly Council meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 12, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Vander Leest

### **Minutes of the March 11, 2021 Grace Lutheran Council meeting**

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

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

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Rhonda Lorenz and second by Mark Briley. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for the January 21, 2021 meeting was made by Geri Mohror and second by Paul Henrichs. Motion carried.

#### **Items:**

**1.Financial Report**— Cindy Vander Leest reported the monthly income to the general fund was \$23,602, the weekly average giving was \$4,497 and the weekly worship attendance was 265 (includes drive-in service, views on Facebook and Youtube). A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Harley Petersen and second by LeRoy Bullis. Motion carried.

**2.Pastor's Report** – Pastor Cheryl reported she continues to meet with the Confirmation students, along with leading worship services, baptisms and funerals. She has been busy putting together the Gleanings, bulletins, attending Zoom meetings, leading a bible study, and does a Daily Reading w/Martin Luther video along with write/create a daily Meditation on Facebook. March 17th is Ash Wednesday and Lent begins. The Lenten services will be at 6:00 each week. Easter Sunday is on April 4th and Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism Sunday will be April 25th.

**Old Business:**

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## COUNCIL MINUTES

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**Committee Report on updating Grace Lutheran Church Constitution** - Mark Briley reported James had sent an email setting a meeting for Tuesday, March 16th at 5:30.

#### **New Business:**

1. **Eagle Scout project - fire pit in the courtyard** - Gena Urevig's son, Jesse Urevig would like to build a masonry fire pit in the church courtyard for his Eagle Scout project. Cindy will verify with the church insurance and Adam Wientjes will contact the Fire Dept. inspector for safety procedures.
2. **Fundraiser Committee** - Denise Biller offered to put together a Fundraiser Committee to help raise funds for our roof project. A motion to have a Fundraiser Committee was made by Geri Mohror and second by Rhonda Lorenz. Motion carried.
3. **Council 2 year term** - Cindy explained there are 15 members on the Church Council. This year with Tod Sprouse stepping down because Becky was hired as the Youth and Family Director, allows one of the 7 new members joining Council to serve as a 2 year term instead of 3 years.
4. **Sidewalk proposal** - Will Morlock, a guest at the Council meeting, explained an option to replace the boulevard sidewalk. The City currently has a cost-participation program to assist property owners in paying for the replacement of a public sidewalk in residential areas. The City will reimburse \$4.00 per square foot to replace a boulevard sidewalk, providing rules are met. Will Morlock would like to request a Foundation Grant and continue researching and working with the Property Committee for final decisions. A motion to have Will Morlock and the Property Committee continue working on the sidewalk project was made by Mark Briley and second by Geri Mohror. Motion carried.
5. **Date of celebration** - A motion to celebrate the 100th year of the Cornerstone of GLC on July 18, 2021 was made by Denise Biller and second by Adam Wientjes. Motion carried. Pastor was very excited to announce Roberta Bartel and Marian Raml have already volunteered to start putting together past history information and hope others will join in the fun.
6. **Committee Assignments** - New Council members are asked to join a GLC committee and other members can switch committees. These committees help Grace get things done throughout the year and provide a contact person for other members to join these committees. Adam Wientjes will be joining the Education, Youth and Family committee and Kelly Evjen will be joining the Preschool committee.
7. **Line of Credit matures on 4/1/21** - A motion to renew the Line of Credit Loan for \$20,000 and continue to have it secured by our Time Certificate at Dacotah Bank was made by Geri Mohror and second by Gena Urevig. Motion carried.
8. **Website update (Subsplash)** - Paul Henrichs and Pastor Cheryl are working with Subsplash and wanted
9. to inform the Council that they will be updating our website to a more user friendly dashboard for others to keep current in their areas within the church.
9. **Conference Assembly** - Pastor Cheryl reminded the Council the Conference Assembly will be by Zoom on March 7th. All members are invited and they should let her know if they would like to participate by Zoom.

#### **Committee Reports:**


Rick Brownell stated the Blessing of the Motorcycle Sunday had been set for Sunday, June 6th, the weekend after Memorial Day. The American Legion asked if we could hold it on Saturday, June 5th. Pastor explained the Synod of Assembly is that weekend and she would not be available on Saturday. A motion to keep the Blessing of the Motorcycle Sunday on Sunday, June 6, 2021 was made by Rhonda Lorenz and second by Adam Wientjes. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Denise Biller and second by Adam Wientjes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Cindy Vander Leest**

**Palm Sunday is March 28th - plans are to have the children sing with a processional of palms.**  
**Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be held at 6 pm.**  
**Easter Services are schedule for 8:30 am and 10 am. There is NO Sunday school on Easter Sunday.**

# Financial Report

Income	Budget	YTD		Debts:	Original amt	Balance
Offerings		\$ 21,606.67		Term Debt	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Gifts		\$ 150.00		Line of Credit	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
PPP Cares Act forgivable loan		\$ -		<div> <p>The next Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting will be at 6 pm Thursday, March 11th in the Fellowship Hall.</p>  <p>You are always welcome to come in to the office or call to review or discuss our church budget.</p> <p>Thank you, Cindy 605-886-5737</p> </div>		
Scrip Proceeds		\$ -				
Member donation		\$ 630.00				
Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 1,115.00				
GLCW & Fndtn Sanctuary lights		\$ -				
Foundation Grants		\$ -				
Thrivent Choice \$\$		\$ 100.00				
Missions		\$ -				
Misc.		\$ -				
Xfer Ed Jones/Grinnell ins ROOF		\$ -				
Designated donations		\$ -				
<b>Total Income for General Fund</b>		<b>\$ 23,601.67</b>				
<b>Expenses</b>						
ELCA & SD Synod Projects	\$ 2,614.93	\$ 197.08				
<b>Staff</b>						
Senior Pastor - Salary & Benefits	\$ 88,997.80	\$ 7,379.32				
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -				
Call process mileage & travel exp		\$ -				
Youth & Family Director	\$ 13,842.40	\$ 1,153.54				
Business Adm Salary & Benefits	\$ 48,561.20	\$ 4,046.76				
Parish Education Assistant	\$ -	\$ -				
Office Asst & Custodians	\$ 42,703.15	\$ 2,266.50				
Payroll taxes	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 543.74				
Pastoral Materials	\$ 150.00	\$ -				
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>\$ 205,254.55</b>	<b>\$ 15,389.86</b>				
				<b>Other Outlays</b>		
<b>Program Expenses</b>				Designated Gifts		\$ 150.00
Office Expenses	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 1,077.84		GLCW & Foundation		
Worship & Music	\$ 15,700.00	\$ 750.00		Basemt & Conf room		\$ -
Altar Guild	\$ 950.00	\$ 334.70		Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 1,177.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 150.00	\$ -		Missions		\$ 680.00
Fellowship	\$ 100.00	\$ -		Misc		\$ -
Mission	\$ 325.00	\$ -		Fundraiser for General		\$ -
Outreach & Care Ministry	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 165.13		Foundation Grant exp		\$ -
Stewardship Ministry	\$ 800.00	\$ -		Hallway&FH floors		\$ -
Debt Service	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -		Designated Donations		\$ -
Insurance	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 641.07		<b>Total Other Outlays</b>		<b>\$ 2,007.00</b>
Utilities	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 2,321.38				
Synod Assembly Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -		<b>Total Expenses &amp; Outlays</b>		<b>\$ 24,297.13</b>
PC Conference Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 280.40				
	\$ -			<b>General Fund - 1/1/2021</b>		<b>\$ 114,806.89</b>
Contingency	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 83.25		Plus Income		\$ 23,601.67
Property Ministry	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 1,049.42		Less Expenses & Outlays		\$ 24,297.13
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 117,425.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,703.19</b>		Loan Advances		\$ -
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 325,294.48</b>	<b>\$ 22,290.13</b>		<b>General Fund - 1/31/21</b>		<b>\$ 114,111.43</b>



## Sunday / Wednesday School

(Preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Sunday School - Sunday's at 9:45 am

Wednesday School – Wednesday at 6:00 pm



Kids will be singing March 28<sup>th</sup> / Palm Sunday / 11:00 am Service

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

Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup> – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL / Easter Sunday



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

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

### Upcoming Events:

March 5<sup>th</sup> – Lock-in 7 pm – 7 am

Parent volunteers needed, if interested call the  
office or text the number below. Can volunteer in shifts  
throughout the lock-in.

**Join Youth Group Remind by  
texting 34c2a7 to 81010.**

Announcements will be coming out  
through this as needed.



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# Country Gospel Jamboree

## April 18

As a fund raiser for the "Raise the Roof" project, a Country Gospel Jamboree will be held on April 18th in the Fellowship Hall of Grace Lutheran Church. The featured musician and band will be Leland Harding III and Family Tradition.

Leland's "I Learned So Much From You" was the number 1 hit on the Airplay Express Top 20 Gospel chart on the December 6, 2020 chart. His first Christian album "You got to have faith" received the Gospel CD of the year award from the South Dakota country music hall of fame in 2018. His new Album is "You are my everything." Both albums were co-written with Anton Mack of Watertown and have various Nashville musicians playing on them. In May, Leland will be going on tour around the Midwest.

The band, Family Tradition, includes Leland's Dad Skip and Mom Rita, who are also in the South Dakota country music hall of fame from 2015 along with drummer is Dominic Weber. Joining the band will be Dave Finstad and his wife Carol of God's Country. As with the format of jamborees, area musicians and singers are encourage to come join with the band and share their talents with a country gospel song or two. To sign up, contact Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501.

The gospel jamboree will be held from 2 to 4 pm on Sunday, April 18th. A fund raiser dinner will begin at noon until 2 pm that day with eat-in or carry-out available. Items will be on display for a silent auction during the day as well. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help with all three fund raising activities for that day. Please contact Pastor Cheryl or the Committee Communications Coordinators Darcy Raethz or Denise Biller.

### How can you help with the Country Gospel Jamboree—Meal – and Silent Auction?

A Meal Committee is needed to organized/head up the meal:

Worker(s) are needed to prepare for, cook and serve meal (including takeout) and Clean up

The meal will be served from Noon to 2 pm on April 18th.

Jamboree Workers are needed to attend to the admission at the door and direct people to their seats. Before the jamboree, some one is needed to help set up musicians and band, to register musicians and put them in order for the show.

Silent Auction – Volunteers are need to Solicit gift baskets and items to be on the sale prior to the day. During the auction, to e oversee the numbering, bidding and collecting.

### PCC Conference Assembly March 7

The Prairie Coteau Conference will hold their Assembly on Sunday, March 7th at 3 pm. The conference will be by ZOOM but also will be available to participate in-person at Grace Lutheran Church.

Each year, the seven conferences in the South Dakota Synod hold their individual assemblies to elect committee members to serve on Synod Committees from their conference. They prepare a budget and hear reports from across the synod. If any resolutions are to come before the Synod Assembly in June, they are lifted up from the conference assemblies. You are encouraged to attend. To receive a Zoom link, contact Pastor Cheryl.

### New Website being developed

A new website is in development with Supbsplash, an online website platform serving churches and ministries of all sizes. The platform allows users to connect with live-streaming for website, mobile, tv apps, YouTube, and Facebook Live in one broadcast. The platform provides space for a media library with a digital giving solution all in a single place to connect with users. A dashboard creates a space for easy access to allow for more administrators to add data. Paul Henrichs in overseeing the project and hopes to have it up this spring.

*A Daily Devotions is written by Pastor Cheryl and on the Grace Lutheran Church Facebook page or Instagram each morning. Check it out!*

### ~ First Communion ~

For those who are in 2nd grade or above and have not taken their First Communion classes.

**Classes will be held  
at 4:30 pm  
March 10th & 17th  
Contact Pastor  
to Register**

### ALTAR FLOWERS

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

**The cost is \$30.**

## Mission of the Month

### Neighbors in Solidarity - Neighbors in Solidarity –

#### Lutheran Campus Ministries: A ministry to young adults on campuses.

The Mission of the Month, Lutheran Campus Ministry is both faithful to a rich theological tradition and driven by the challenges of the contemporary university.

Drawing on the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, Campus Ministry bears witness to God's amazing grace within the context of higher education. Sensitive to the pastoral needs of those on campus and engaged in the intellectual discourse of the university, Campus Ministry strives to communicate the Gospel in fresh ways.

Through worship, study, fellowship, and service, members of the academic community taste the fullness of God's grace. As expansive as Christ's love, Campus Ministry reaches out to all who teach and learn, inviting them to experience the challenge of following Jesus on the Way.

If you have a student, or know a student who attends one of the five South Dakota Universities, please refer them. More information can be found on the Synod Website.

#### Northern State University Lutheran Campus Ministry

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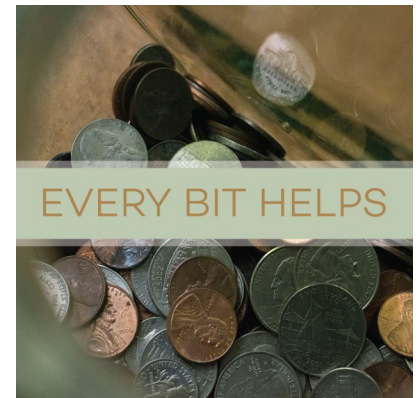
Website: [www.bhsu.edu/lcm](http://www.bhsu.edu/lcm)

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March

**Hello and Happy March –**

Our classroom has been BUSY – Kindergarten screening is upon us and we have been working so hard to master all our skills. Many have started reading and spelling out sight words, completing their names and letters without assistance, and remembering phonics and sign language skills. These kids always impress me – I am so proud of all the things they have accomplished so far!

The frigid winter temps have kept us inside for quite a few weeks forcing us to come up with some creative energy outlets throughout the day. I've watched the kids come up with so many games, make believe scenarios and I think we have laughed 10 times more than usual.

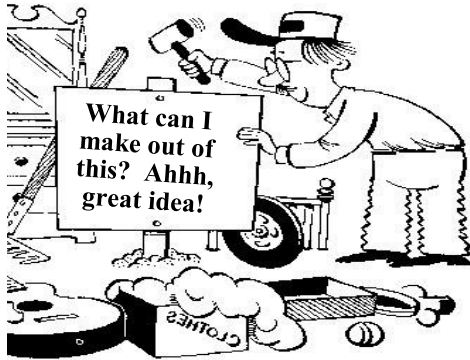
Reminder: Enrollment for the 2021 -2022 school year is OPEN. Classes are starting to fill up, so spread the word and help me fill up my classroom again!

Important Dates:

SPRING BREAK – March 18<sup>th</sup> + 19<sup>th</sup>

Thanks  
Miss Kalli





## CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

Saturday, March 13th, 2021

In the Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**HELP!** We need yummy homemade baked goods: like bars, cookies and caramel or cinnamon rolls. Also, hamburger, pop and water.

Please sign up NOW to help with the concession stand for 2 hour increments or for the donations you can offer. Sign up forms are in the church office!!!

**The Spring & Fall Craft/Vendor show proceeds in 2021 will go to help the "Raise the Roof" funds!**

Your help helps to support the church! Please sign up Today, so we know we have enough food and help.



## CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

**There will be over 30 booths**  
at our Craft/Vendor Fair on Saturday March 13th!!!



Please pick up your friends and bring them to check out all of the items these people have for sale. Also, come try some of the delicious food and just to visit!!

We have several new booths that we have not had in the past. It should be fun to come and see what these people have worked so hard on.

Spring is on its way!! This is the perfect time for you to come see many new items!



## **QUILT RAFFLE**

We have a **beautiful** quilt for raffle. It is embroidered with butterflies and teal and black colors. The quilt is 71"wide x 91" long. We will have it on display and sell tickets until April 18th. The drawing will be held after the Gospel Jamboree.

Please come see it and purchase tickets. You may be the lucky winner!



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

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

Present: Bonnie Oletzke, Larry Picht, Will Morlock, Rich Dunn, Becky Knadle, Joy Nelson and Jerri 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 January 4, 2021 meeting, made by Geri Mohr, seconded by Rich Dunn, motion passed.

A motion to approve the treasurer report for the month ending December 31, 2020 was made by Joy Nelson, Seconded by Becky Knadle, motion passed.

Rental Property:

Joy, Becky, Bonnie and Larry met concerning selling the property located at 312-314 2 Ave SE to Kolt Ruesink for \$195,000. Larry and Kolt Ruesink spoke about the asking price. Mr Ruesink will get back to Larry.

Grant requests: Will said that there are currently six requests.

Election of Officers:

President: Will Morlock

Vice President: Joy Nelson

Treasure: Larry Picht

Secretary: Bonnie Oletzke

Motion to approve the election of officers was made by Rich Dunn, seconded by Larry Picht, motion passed.

Church new and updates: We are having issues concerning the elevator.

There were no other items.

Our next meetings will be March 8, 2021 to discuss and distribute grants.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rich Dunn, seconded by Geri Mohr motion passed.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.



### Your Help Is Needed

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



## Spring Craft/Vendor Fair set for March 13th



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

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



# Grace Lutheran Youth Lock-in

We've planned a **FUN FILLED TIME OF FELLOWSHIP** for Youth 7th thru 12th

**On March 5th—from 7 pm to 7 am March 6th**

**What? Beginning at 7 pm there will be FOOD!** Tacos and all the fix'ns to make walking taco or fill a soft shell.

Followed by games, bowling tournament, checkers tournament, worship and an inspirational speaker.

There will be movies available, music videos, all night munchies and BREAKFAST!

**Why? To Gather together in fellowship with your friends. To hear the an inspiring story** of a young person who face his own challenges as a teen ager and young adult struggling with addiction and how a relationship with God changed his life.

**Where? Grace Lutheran Fellowship Hall** 202 2nd St, SE, Watertown, SD

**Who? Youth grade 7 through 12** and bring your friends

**When? From 7 pm on Friday, March 5th to 7 am Saturday March 6th**

**9 pm will be worship with a Speaker and communion**

**About the speaker:** Levi Waddell, Youth Director at Central Church, Milbank, faced huge struggles with addiction in his young life and is a story of peer pressure and wanting to fit in that you can relate to. Facing his own challenge drew him closer in a relationship with God. His story will inspire you to take your faith seriously and know that God loves you no matter what.

**Other—Yes you may bring a sleeping bag—but we hope you do not have to use it!**

**Food Donations are needed** for the tacos and munchies, cookies, candies, sweets or beverages, or any other food you would like to keep the youth going for the entire night. Please do NOT bring energy drinks. To sign-up for the food Youth Director Becky Sprouse, Pastor Cheryl, or the office.

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT IS NEEDED:** Please consider taking a shift to help chaperons or come early to bring breakfast. Contact Pastor Cheryl



Wednesday night Family Worship services ended with the onset of Ash Wednesday and Lent. Helping with the services were Wednesday school youth and the confirmation students.

**Above left, (l to r) Abigail Reeves and Grace Wickherst act out a skit on love and obedience in "The Gift Horse Power." Above right, (l to r) Daniel Henrichs, Kaydence DeHaan, and Chloe Bauman present "Saul is Paul Is Scary," for the final service.**

***Lenten services are in the Sanctuary each Wednesday evening at 6 pm.***

## 2nd Session for First Communion planned

Youngsters who have not yet received their first communion can sign up for classes to be held at 4:30 pm on Wednesday evenings March 10 & 17. Students from 2nd grade on up will need to complete these two classes to receive communion.

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

Parents are to contact Pastor Cheryl as soon as possible to registered their child. First Communion is tentatively scheduled to be held during Maundy Thursday services on April 1. To register email your name and theirs, with a cell number(s) to Pastor: [cherylgrace@midconetwork.com](mailto:cherylgrace@midconetwork.com) or Text 605-237-1501 or stop at the office with the information.

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

## Memorials and Gifts

**TO RADIO FUND:** From Janie Stianson and family in loving memory of Amanda Bauman; From the Belk family in honor of Cleo Belk's 100th Birthday; in loving memory of Lenard & Lucille Brekke from their children. By Darrell Brekke; and in loving memory of Roy and Doris Schmeling from the Schmeling Radio Fund.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF SUPPORT FOR THE RADIO BROADCAST and the FLOWER FUND**  
(Please consider supporting these funds.)

**TO FLOWER FUND:** From The Belk family for the 100th Birthday of Cleo Belk; from Cal & Nyra Brown in memory of Marlene, a Happy Birthday in heaven; from Denis & Ryan Biller & Darcy Raethz in loving memory of their father Dave Johnson; and from Sharlee Kjellson in loving memory of Ron Kjellsen celebrating his "85" birthday in heaven.

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

It is time to direct your Choice DOLLARS's

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

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



## SCHOOL REMINDERS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grace Lutheran uses a "remind" app for our school reminders.  
To sign up for text announcements, text the message:

Wednesday school reminders: **@gracewed to 81010**

Sunday school reminders: **@9aeb84 to 81010**

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

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

You will then receive an acceptance to the group.

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

### Pastor John Sandstrom Note:

A message was received from Brad and Diane Griep saying: "Pastor John Sandstrom now living in Yuma, AZ, served as Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church during the early 1990's. He suffered a stroke last fall and is working hard to get back to where he was.

We would like to request prayers, well wishes and cards be sent to him on his 76<sup>th</sup> birthday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. His address is:

Pastor John Sandstrom, 11417 E 36<sup>th</sup> Place, Yuma, AZ 85367."

## Remembering Christopher Andrews February 26



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. We meet Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00. Please feel free to join us as your time allows. The fellowship is wonderful and the snacks delicious!!

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





## “Raise the Roof” Fund Raising events planned —Committee volunteers needed

A fund raising effort has begun to raise the needed estimated \$140,000 dollars to replace several of the roofs over the Fellowship Hall, Education Wing, Kitchen, Office, Classrooms, and Bell Tower.

Several attended the first meeting on Wednesday night, February 17 following worship services to discuss ideas for fund raising events to be held through out the coming year.

Plan are already underway for the Spring Craft and Vendor Fair where Grace hold the concessions during the Fair. Tickets will be sold for two drawings of chance during the day for a quilt and an antique rocking horse (pictured below).

A second fund raising event, a Gospel Jamboree will be held on April 18th from 2 to 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A dinner will be held from noon to 2 pm to eat in or take out in conjunction with the jamboree. A white elephant sale will also be available during the day to raise funds as well.

Plans are being made to incorporate a large-item drawing of chance as has been done in recent years to sell tickets during the several months of the “Raise

the Roof” campaign. More information will be available when an item has been secured.

This summer, Grace will celebrate the laying of the cornerstone 100 years ago and the dedication of the Sanctuary on July 18th. A dinner and other activities are being discussed for the celebration. Bishop Constanze Hagmaier of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA is already scheduled to attend this event. Writings and presentations are being put together for the occasion as well.

Other fund raising ideas presented were a fishing tournament, bake sales, Christmas Cantata and a carnival.

All these activities take work and volunteers are needed to help on committees or to head up an activity. Denise Biller and Darcy Raethz will oversee the projects as communicators for the fund raising events so as not to overlap or duplicate events.

If you can hold a small or large fund raising, please be in communication with them and be sure Pastor Cheryl is notified to get the event information in the newsletter and online.



An antique rocking horse and this **beautiful** quilt will be for raffle during the Spring Craft and Vendor Fair. The quilt It is embroidered with butterflies and teal and black colors and is 71”wide x 91” long. It will be on display and tickets sold until April 18th when the drawing will be held in conjunction with the Gospel Jamboree.



## Please consider donating money for our palms for Palm Sunday and flowers and plants for the Easter service.

This is a wonderful opportunity to give a monetary gift in honor or memory of someone special. This money will help defray the cost of palms for Palm Sunday and flowers and green plants that will be used for Easter worship services. A list of all the contributors will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletins. The suggested donation is \$10, but you may give as much as you wish. Please be aware that you are donating money for these plants as they will be delivered to Grace's Christian Care Members. You can fill out this form and mail it in, or bring it to the church office. Forms will also be available in the Sunday bulletins beginning Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Additional forms can be picked up in the Narthex or the church office. In order for your name to be on the list of donors, your form(s) must be turned into the office by Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

PLEASE PRINT (please, use one form for each person being remembered). (You may write just one check)

I/We \_\_\_\_\_

I/We are Donating: ☐ \$10 or \$\_\_\_\_\_ towards the cost of palms, Easter flowers and green plants ☐ check ☐ cash

My/Our gift is: ☐ in memory of ☐ in honor of ☐ to the Glory of God \_\_\_\_\_ check number

Please check the correct line below.

☐ my wife; ☐ my husband; ☐ my mother; ☐ my father; ☐ my grandfather; ☐ my grandmother; ☐ my grandson;  
☐ my granddaughter ☐ my son; ☐ my daughter; ☐ our mother; ☐ our father; ☐ our grandfather; ☐ our grandmother;  
☐ our grandson; ☐ our granddaughter ☐ our son; ☐ our daughter; ☐ our parents; ☐ our grandparents; ☐ other;

\_\_\_\_\_ whose mother; \_\_\_\_\_ whose father;

Person or Persons name on this line.

## IRA Charitable Rollover

### A Tax-Saving Way to help Grace Lutheran Church

If you are 70 ½ years or older, you may be interested in taking advantage of a simple way to benefit Grace Lutheran Church. The IRA (individual retirement account) Charitable Rollover may lower your income and taxes from your IRA withdrawals.

#### The Criteria of an IRA Charitable Rollover:

- You must be 70 ½ or older when the transfer is made.
- The transfer must go directly from your IRA administrator to the church.
- The gift counts toward your IRA RMD (required minimum distribution).
- IRA rollover gifts are limited to \$100,000 per taxpayer per year.
- The distribution is not reported as income, so there is no adverse effect on income tax.
- IRA charitable rollovers can be used to fulfill a pledge you may have made to Grace Lutheran Church.

#### Benefits of an IRA charitable rollover:

- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize your deductions.
- You can avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to Grace Lutheran Church.
- You can satisfy your RMD (required minimum distribution).
- Gifts can be larger than your RMD and still receive the tax saving benefits.

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

Cindy Vander Leest  
605-886-5737

# Grace Lutheran Church

Phone: (605) 886-5737

## March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>7</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday school 10:00 am Baptism of Scarlet Sarpella 11:00 am Worship w/ Council 3:00 pm Prairie Coteau Conference ASSEMBLY at Grace & ZOOM	<b>8</b> 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET 5:30 pm Foundation Meeting	<b>9</b> 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 7:00 pm Bible Study begins	<b>10</b> 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 4:30 pm First Communion Class 6:00 pm Wednesday school 6:00 pm Lenten Service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	<b>11</b> 10 am Dean's Conference Call by Zoom Setup for Spring Craft/Vendor Show 6:00 pm Grace Council meets	<b>12</b> OFFICE CLOSED Setup for Spring Craft/Vendor Show	<b>13</b> SPRING CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR 9 AM TO 3 PM
<b>14 DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS</b> 8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion	<b>15</b> 5 pm BANQUET	<b>16</b> 1:00 pm Prairie Coteau Conference Pastors meet 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 7:00 pm Bible Study	<b>17</b> 11:00 TOPS/Choir Rm 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 4:30 pm First Communion Class 6:00 pm Wednesday school 6:00 pm Lenten Service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	<b>18</b> 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle meets in Conf Rm. 10 am Dean's Conference Call by Zoom	<b>19</b> OFFICE CLOSED 6 – 9 pm Youth Fun Night	<b>20</b> SNOW DATE FOR SPRING CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR
<b>21</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship	<b>22</b> 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET	<b>23</b> 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 7:00 pm Bible Study	<b>24</b> 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 6:00 pm Wednesday school 6:00 pm Lenten Service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	<b>25</b> 10 am Dean's Conference Call by Zoom	<b>26</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>27</b>
<b>28 PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:45 am Sunday school am Worship w/ Holy Communion	<b>29</b> Start of Holy Week	<b>30</b> 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 7:00 pm Bible Study	<b>31</b> 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	<div> <b>Pastor Cheryl</b>            Generally at the office Tuesday – Thursday            You can contact Pastor Cheryl anytime            By cell or text at 605-237-1501 or            by E-mail: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com         </div>		



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## Grace Lutheran Church Invites You!

*March 13 is the Spring Craft/Vendor Fair 9 am to 3 pm*



### Important Dates on the Calendar

March 7	10 am—Baptism of Scarlet Sarpella 3 pm— <u>Prairie Coteau Conference Assembly</u>
March 8	5:30 pm—Grace Foundation Meeting
March 13	Spring Craft/Vendor Show 9 am to 3 pm
March 28	Psalm Sunday

Tuesdays at 7 pm - *The Invisible War* Bible Study starts  
Wednesday at 6 pm—Lenten Services

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

**Wear your mask—Seating in every other pew—No singing**

**Communion packets and bulletins are in the pews when you come.**

**Sundays -** Both Worship Services are now held in the Sanctuary

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

Bulletin are online or can be picked up inside.

**Wednesday night Lenten services at broadcast at 7 pm on KWAT 950 am radio.**



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