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GRACE GLEANINGS

Grace Lutheran Newsletter

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Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent

“Open My Life, Lord” is the theme of the Lenten services for 2022 beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd. In the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of St. Matthew, Jesus commends almsgiving prayer and fasting but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show, a reminder for our journey towards Easter of what giving from the heart means as we humble ourselves before God.

During the weeks of Lent, as we open our lives to Christ teachings, we will open our eyes to view the world through the eyes of Christ; open our hands in ways to serve God by serving others; open our ears to really listen to Jesus teaching and not just hear words; open our hearts to trust as we respond in openness to God’s calling; and open our lives to Christ who lives in us.

God reminds us in Isaiah on Ash Wednesday, that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked. Sincere repentance will lead to a dramatic improvement of their condition.

Ash Wednesday service will be held at Grace Lutheran at Noon and once again at 7 pm on March 2nd with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes offered at both services. Lenten services continue at 7 pm each Wednesday evening until Holy Week, March 9 through April 6.

All are welcome.

We Thank God for Our Volunteers!



Except for a few months at the start of the COVID pandemic, several faithful members of Grace Lutheran get together every month to fold, tape, and label the Gleanings preparing it ready for mailing. The faces may change from month to month depending on who has time when I finally get it ready but all are faithful and a great blessing to Grace Lutheran in volunteering their time. Picture above starting lower left: Gwen Peshman, Elvina Johnson, Inez Chandler, Shirley Schwinger, Sharon Goble, Marlene Holzward and Geri Mohror. Not pictured is Ann Murfield.

Jamboree to feature Brian B and the Company Cowgirls

Brian B and the Company Cowgirls will be featured at the March 20th Country Gospel Jamboree at Grace Lutheran Church in Watertown, SD. The Sunday afternoon 2 to 4 pm jamboree venue invites local and area musicians, whether vocalist or instrumentalist, to share their musical talents with the featured group on a country gospel song or two.

Brian Bergeleen of Wessington Springs, leader of the group started his musical endeavors in the mid 1960’s. He has had a guitar in his hands since a very young age and with his cousin and a friend, started playing country music in dance halls and at county fairs.

Brian’s cousin Kyle Evans, began singing with the small band which became known as Kyle Evans and the Company Cowboys, playing at over 1000 Professional Rodeos around the country through the years, including singing the National Anthem at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. After Kyle’s passing in an accident in 2001, the 3 Company Cowboys continued to play for dances & rodeos.

In 2002, Brian went to Nashville to cut a gospel CD including four of his own songs and a 10-song country CD of all his originals. He was inducted into the Legends of SD Country Music Association and the Dakota Musicians Association Hall of Fame in 2006.

Brian also performs at various events with his daughters and grandchildren, who seem to be following in his footsteps. His family inspired many of the songs he has written and will share along with other favorites.

The Company Cowgirls includes his sisters and daughters singing favorites mixed with a little storytelling.

Of note, Brian B is “100% Norwegian, so please don’t hold that against him” and come enjoy his music along with the Company

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am so proud to be your pastor. Grace is a place active in love, and it shows. I see it as couples are smiling and enjoying time together at dance class. People working in the kitchen to serve the banquet. Wednesday school children jumping up with their noisy offerings. And the many volunteers who work to hold comedy programs, jamborees, craft and vendor shows, Mother and daughter banquets, donate items for silent auctions and create beautiful quilts for others, to name just some of the actions that show love is active at Grace.

We read in Psalms 85: *"⁴Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us. ⁵Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? ⁶Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you? ⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation."*

There may have been some hiccups in the long history for Grace Lutheran, but God is faithful. He will restore His people and remove the difficulties you have experienced. He will cause a revival and turn your sadness into rejoicing, as has already begun.

In faith at the annual meeting, you took a leap to include in the budget the position of a Deacon or Associate Minister. At the last council meeting, members volunteered to form a call committee and were asked to hit the ground running. This past week those forming the committee met by ZOOM with SD Synod staff to look at options and discuss our needs at Grace Lutheran.

Intern Brenda has worked on Outreach into the community organizing a Las Posadas in December. On Ash Wednesday we will once again invite our Spanish speaking friends to join us in a Spanish speaking service, something we hope to do for Easter as well. This is just the beginning of work to reach out and welcome our neighbor as Grace has done in the past sponsoring refugees in the community.

Next year, on September 16th and 17th of 2023, Grace will celebrate their 140th Anniversary. It will be a time to look back at all that you have faithfully heard God call you to do and rejoice in the faithfulness of those who have come before you. It will be a time to look ahead at the many opportunities God has given you to serve Him as you continue to show faith active in love. It will be a time of celebration for the many blessings God has granted you. It will also be a time to be humble and know that God has chosen you to fulfill His mission and ministry through Grace in numerous ways for years to come that you have yet to discover. God showing His love through you.

Second Chronicles tells us: *"¹⁴if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. ¹⁵Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. ¹⁶For now I have chosen and consecrated this house so that my name may be there forever; my eyes and my heart will be there for all time."*

There is much to do, and with prayer, I see a rebirth happening at Grace. You will never be the church that once was. You will be a different church for this different world we live in, transformed, and healed.

Jesus' teaching calls for imagination and renewed actions of love that reach out in unique ways to all people. Paul writes in Romans 12, *"²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

How will you be the church of the future? How will Grace be open and welcoming to the call of Christ Jesus to serve the neighbor, care for the oppressed, and be the face of God to others?

You may not know the answer to that question today. But through faith, with God's help and grace to discern His will, go forward hearing His voice and serving others, as He calls you to do. *"Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved."* (Psalm 80:19)

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You! ~ Pastor Cheryl

Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2022

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with Rick Brownell presiding. Also present was Mark Briley, Paul Henrichs, Geri Mohror, Kelly Evjen, Sherry Jongeling, Kayla Mohling, Adam Wientjes, LeRoy Bullis, Marian Raml, Steve Schlenner, Brenda Handel-Johnson, Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett and Cindy Vander Leest. Absent were Denise Biller, Ted Frost, Gena Urevig and Rhonda Lorenz..

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Geri Mohror and seconded by Adam Wientjes. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for the January 13, 2022 meeting was made by Adam Wientjes and seconded by Paul Henrichs. Motion carried.

Items:

1. Financial Report-- Cindy Vander Leest reported the monthly income to the general fund was \$22,352, the weekly average giving was \$4,470 and the weekly worship attendance was 113. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Mark Briley and seconded by Geri Mohror. Motion carried.

2. Pastor's Report--- Pastor Cheryl continues to visit and serve communion at our care centers and had 1 funeral. The Prairie Coteau Conference Pastors meeting will be at Grace, 9:30 thru lunch on February 15, 2022. An elementary fun night for 3-6th graders will be held on February 18th. Monthly report was given to all council members with upcoming events.

Old Business:

1. Fundraiser Committee—Committee met on February 6th. The comedy night was held on January 28th with good attendance and around \$1200 was cleared for the roof fund. Dance classess will end on Feb. 15th with a meal provided by member dancers. Update on the Kubota tickets. Some were sold at the farm show and we will also sell them at the Big Boy toy show Feb. 26-27th. The drawing will be held on February 28th at 6 pm. The Country Jamboree will be on March 20th from 2-4 pm and cost \$10.00. A freewill lunch prior to the jamboree and also a silent auction from noon to 3:30 pm. A Craft/Vendor fair is planned for April 2nd. There will be another Bake Sale on Palm Sunday, April 10th. The Mollie B Concert will be held May 13th. They are looking for sponsorships.

2. Constitution and By-Law update- We are waiting for a response from the Synod.

3. Banquet-- Discussion on Monday Night Banquet was held as they had requested some board members and treasurer position from Grace Lutheran. This was tabled until next meeting.

4. Roof Update--- An update on the Roof from LeRoy Bullis--- Materials have come in but they did not have the invoice yet when he talked with them as far as the cost, but now materials have been locked in. 40-45% of the roof cost will be materials.

New Business:

1. Committee Assignments

- a. Education, Youth, and Family- Rhonda Lorenz, Adam Wientjes, and Paul Henrichs
- b. Fellowship and Outreach- Denise Biller and Marian Raml
- c. Foundation- Geri Mohror and Gena Urevig
- d. Finances and Stewardship- Mark Briley, Ted Frost, Steve Schlenner, and Sherry Jongeling
- e. Memorial- Sherry Jongeling
- f. Mission- Paul Henrichs
- g. Preschool- Kelly Evjen and Kayla Mohling
- h. Property- Rick Brownell and LeRoy Bullis
- i. Executive- Rick Brownell, Mark Briley and Kayla Mohling
- j. Safety-- Rick Brownell
- k. Nominating Committee-- Ann Murfield, Darcy Raethz, and Edwin Williams
- l. Staff support-- Kris DeWitt, Darcy Raethz, Becky Reeves, and Dorothy Schooley.

2. Janitor/Maintenance-- A motion was made by Paul Henrichs and seconded by Marian Raml to give \$500.00 extra to Danny for the extra time he is putting in while Rich is still on sick leave. Motion carried. Each month we will assess extra money depending on the time he spends and use of his snowblower.

3. Call committee-- The call committee needs to meet soon with Geri Mohror, Marian Raml, Paul Henrichs, and Adam Wientjes to represent the council. Brenda Handel-Johnson will be done the end of April and if needed we could contract for 1 more month. Other members will be asked to be on this committee including 1 youth, 1 new member (less than a year), 1 longterm member (more than 10 years), 1 GLCW representative, 1 involved with youth and 1 involved with music.

4. 140th anniversary—A date was set for the 140th Anniversary of Grace Lutheran. September 16-17th, 2023. A motion was made by Geri Mohror and seconded by Kayla Mohling. Motion carried.

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Financial Report

Income	Budget	YTD		Debts:	Original amt	Balance
Offerings		\$ 20,427.43		Term Debt	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Gifts		\$ 125.00		Line of Credit	\$ -	\$ -
PPP Cares Act forgivable loan		\$ -				
Scrip Proceeds		\$ -				
Member donation		\$ -				
Portico (Bassetts)		\$ -				
GLCW & Fndtn Sanctuary lights		\$ -				
Foundation Grants		\$ -				
Thrivent Choice \$\$		\$ -				
Missions		\$ -				
Misc.		\$ 1,800.00				
Transfer from Sp Sav Floor Funds		\$ -				
Designated donations		\$ 33.00				
Total Income for General Fund		\$ 22,385.43				
Expenses						
ELCA & SD Synod Projects	\$ 2,735.88	\$ 202.99				
Staff						
Senior Pastor - Salary & Benefits	\$ 93,302.71	\$ 7,729.67				
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -				
Intern (Word & Service)	\$ 84,231.14	\$ 1,200.00				
Youth & Family Director	\$ 14,257.67	\$ 1,188.14				
Business Adm Salary & Benefits	\$ 47,923.28	\$ 3,993.60				
Parish Education Assistant	\$ -	\$ -				
Office Asst & Custodians	\$ 50,597.95	\$ 1,679.18				
Payroll taxes	\$ 9,270.00	\$ 993.31				
Pastoral Materials	\$ 200.00	\$ -				
Total Staff	\$ 303,782.75	\$ 16,783.90				
Program Expenses				Other Outlays		
Office Expenses	\$ 21,600.00	\$ 447.81		Designated Gifts		\$ 125.00
Worship & Music	\$ 21,950.00	\$ 980.67		Roof Fund Ed Jones		\$ -
Altar Guild	\$ 950.00	\$ 24.42		Portico (Bassetts)		\$ -
Youth Ministry	\$ 150.00	\$ -		Missions		\$ -
Fellowship	\$ 100.00	\$ -		Misc		\$ -
Mission	\$ 325.00	\$ -		FoundationWhol TV		\$ 1,756.16
Outreach & Care Ministry	\$ 3,400.00	\$ -		Foundation Grant exp		\$ -
Stewardship Ministry	\$ 800.00	\$ -		Hallway&FH floors		\$ -
Debt Service	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -		Designated Donations		\$ -
Insurance	\$ 13,000.00	\$ -		Total Other Outlays		\$ 1,881.16
Utilities	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 2,530.99				
Synod Assembly Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -		Total Expenses & Outlays		\$ 24,177.44
PC Conference Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ -				
	\$ -			General Fund - 1/1/2021		\$ 69,763.96
Contingency	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 79.94		Plus Income		\$ 22,385.43
Property Ministry	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 1,245.56		Less Expenses & Outlays		\$ 24,177.44
Program Expenses	\$ 125,075.00	\$ 5,309.39		Loan Advances		\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 431,593.63	\$ 22,296.28		General Fund - 1/31/22		\$ 67,971.95

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

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

Funds available as of 1/31/22 \$149,000

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

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5. Organ repair-- A report from Brenda Handel-Johnson explained that the organ needs repaired for the pipes to work properly. They would like to have this fixed by Easter. The motor is 50 years old but good quality. They have talked with J and F Nordlie of Sioux Falls about the repairs. Motion was made to use \$4000.00 from numerous funds that have been budgeted already to rebuild the motor by Mark Briley and seconded by Paul Henrichs. Motion carried.

6. Date A date of June 5th was selected for the blessing of the motorcycles. This was brought to the councils attention by Rick Brownell.

7. Synod Assembly- The South Dakota Synod Spring Assembly will be hosted in Watertown in 2023.

Committee Reports:

Discussion concerning a sponsorship of a youth softball team from Grace suggested by Adam Wientjes from Education Committee.

Discussion concerning Bars for the Sunday School and preschool doors for safety need to be installed. The bars are here. Safety committee.

Stewardship Committee needs to meet soon.

A motion to adjourn the Council Meeting was made by Kelly Evjen and seconded by Adam Wientjes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned with the Lords Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Jongeling

JAMBOREE

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Cowgirls (including our own Kayla Mohling).

Also performing at the jamboree will be Judy Everson, Isaak Montemayor, Becky and Riley Sprouse, the Grant County Friends of Bluegrass, and the Norwegian singing Cowboy.

To register to be in the jamboree, contact Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501 or cherygracelc@midconetwork.com

Cost of the jamboree is \$10 at the door.

Prior to the jamboree, a noon meal of beef or turkey combo or a chef salad will be available from noon to 1:30 pm by free will offering to eat in or take out. Many items will be on a silent auction from noon to 3:30 pm as well.

The Country Gospel Jamboree, meal and silent auction, are fund-raising events for the Raise the Roof project at Grace Lutheran Church, 202 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD.

Grief Support Group Meetings Continue on March 24TH

Everyone is welcome to participate in the grief support group to meet again on Thursday, March 24 at 6 pm in the Grace Library. It is designed to help people understand and adjust to a recent loss of a friend or family member, or even life as it once was, with topics on the grief responses, myths and facts, sharing qualities of lost ones, spirituality and meaning making, coping strategies, building resilience and more. The group is team lead by Pastor Cheryl and Intern Brenda.



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.

Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board Meeting, Monday, February 7, 2022

The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board of Directors met on February 7, 2022, at 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

Present: Will Morlock, Joy Nelson, Rich Dunn, Becky Knadle, and Geri Mohror. 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 3, 2022 meeting was made by Geri Mohror, seconded by Becky Knadle, motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report for the month ending December 31, 2021 by Joy Nelson, seconded by Becky Knadle, motion passed.

Will Morlock presented an annual report at the annual meeting in January, 2022. Rich Dunn and Bonnie Oletzke were re-elected to the Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board.

Rich Dunn made a motion to retain the entire slate of officers currently serving on the Board of Directors for Grace Lutheran Church Foundation, seconded by Geri Mohror, motion passed.

Larry Picht was not in attendance so there was no rental report this month.

Geri Mohror gave a report from the council that they are doing a fund raiser for the Jamboree and having a silent auction. The Church Council will be naming a new liaison for the open position on the board.

There were no other items.

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 7, 2022, at 5:30 pm at Joy Ranch. Joy Nelson arranged to have dinner served to the board members at a cost of \$21.50 per person.

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

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

To Cold -To Stormy Go Out ~ You can still Give online

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

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

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

The screenshot shows a web form for online giving. At the top, there is a large '\$ 0' display. Below it, a 'FUND' dropdown menu is set to 'Roof Fund'. Underneath, a 'FREQUENCY' section has four buttons: 'One-Time' (which is highlighted with a blue border), 'Weekly', 'Monthly', and 'Every Two Weeks'. Below the frequency buttons is a text input field with the placeholder 'Enter a dollar amount to make a gift.' At the bottom of the form is a large blue button labeled 'Next'.

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

From the desk of Intern Brenda Handel-Johnson

It is a cold, snowy day today yet as I write this I am reminded that spring is coming soon because the days keep getting longer. I have been looking for spring but the earth seems to need more time to sleep and to truly stay dormant for a little while longer. Like the soil in winter, It is good to have times to be quiet. Those times give us a chance to remember to shut off all of the noise and distractions of the world and be quiet. "Be still and know that I am God" from Psalm 46 continues to remind me of who and whose I am in these long, cold winter days. What helps you remember who and whose you are? Know that you are part of a Beloved community at Grace Lutheran church in Watertown SD. It is a privilege to share this time with you.

Brenda

PS: Bring your ideas and experiences in how you know you are a child of God to Adult Sunday school in the Library in March. We learn from each other, and find that we belong to a community of people living and serving and helping each other - A Beloved Community.

Adult Sunday School - Adult Faith Formation (Sunday School) resumes Sunday, March 6 at 10 am in the Library. 6 week topic: **Lent: a time of listening and learning.** Each week we will look at Jesus' words from the gospel texts that we hear in worship and discuss Jesus' teaching and our identity as Beloved children of God. We will use artwork, silence, meditation and learn about strategies to remove the distractions and obstacles in our lives that prevent us from living into our core identity as "God's Beloved". Bring your coffee and join any Sunday morning.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS RECEIVED

for December through March designated for Grace Lutheran Church General Fund were \$747. Thank you to the following people who have directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars: Harold Lavern Klucas, Julianne Rae Klucas, and Reneta McFerran

If you have a Thrivent life insurance account you can director your Choice Dollars to Grace Lutheran. Ask your agent for more information.

Memorials and Gifts

TO THE ROOF FUND: from John Sangl; from James and Sharon Goble in memory of Darlene Olsen; from JoAnn DeBerg

TO THE RADIO FUND: from the Schmeling Radio Fund in loving memory of Roy and Doris Schmeling.

TO THE ALTAR FLOWERS: from the Belk Family in loving memory of Cleo Belk; from JoAnn Spartz in honor of Sandra Wittrock's birthday on February 7th; from Darcy Rae-thz in loving memory of her dad, Dave Johnson; from Marlene Holzwarth in memory of her son Gary.

Grace Grief Support - This group (open to members within or outside of the Grace community) continues on Thursday, March 24 at 6 pm in the Library. Any person who is experiencing the loss of a person, friend of family member or is finding themselves coping with grief overload is welcome to join this discussion and support group. Walking together is a way that we support each other and share each other's sorrows and joys.

Ash Wednesday - This year we welcome Spanish speakers to Grace for the imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at 8 pm on Wednesday, March 2. Students and friends of the Glacial Lakes Multicultural Center will assist Pastor Cheryl with readings and translation at this special worship service for anyone who wants to attend worship in Spanish. All are welcome - come experience worship in another language! Or... come be part of the hospitality that our Spanish speaking neighbors are coming to know at Grace.

March Movie: "Jesus Christ Superstar" Looking for God at the movies continues on Sunday, March 27 at 1:30 pm in the Youth Room. This 1973 American rock opera was written by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. Yes - this is the old movie that portrays Jesus' humanity so fully and completely through all of those great tunes like "Jesus Christ, Superstar" and "Take this cup" along with the well known "I don't know how to love him". Come ready to sing along and then discuss how this movie portrays Jesus, Judas, the disciples and how Jesus did not fulfill the hopes and expectations of many of his supporters.



WELCOME!

*Lane Michael Krause
Son of Brenna & Tony Krause
February 13, 2022*

Remembering

*Myrtle Swenson
February 18, 2022*

Funerals

Raise the Roof Fund Raising Committee Updates

2-6-22 Committee Meeting Notes:

2-9-22 thru 2-12-22, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Farm Show: We will be promoting and selling tickets for the Kubota Side by Side. There is a sign up sheet in the office for times to come sit at the booth. Denise and Ryan have graciously allowed us to sit at their booth to sell our tickets at no cost to us. We will have a tablet there with the power point on it to show people, along with the book and other information sheets about the Kubota. Please remember to turn in your tickets to the office so we know what we have to sell yet. Rick said he is also going to be at the Eastside Dealers booth for the Big Boy Toy Show on Feb. 26th and 27th to work on

sell the remaining tickets, if we have any left. 😊

2-28-22 Kubota Drawing: We will need to meet at GLC in the library about 5:00 pm to make sure we have all the tickets counted for, and will plan on drawing at 6:00 pm. Doing a LIVE FaceBook drawing like we did with the Shot Gun/Bundle Drawing. We also need to get the 2nd prize items. If anyone wants to donate for the contents, please bring them to the next meeting or that day. I have been watching for a nice cooler at a good price. If anyone has seen any others or knows of others, please let me know. I will wait to purchase it closer to the drawing. We are planning to meet 2-20-22 after 1st service to organize the tickets best we can, then it shouldn't take long on the 28th before the drawing.

3-20-22 Gospel Jamboree: *Brian B and the Company Cowgirls* is our Feature Band. Admission is \$10, which will run from 2:00-4:00 pm. The meal will be from noon to 1:30 pm, it will be Beef or Turkey Combo, or a Chef Salad, water, coffee, lemonade, bar/cookie, we would like to ask for bar/cookie donations from the congregation, and if anyone else wants to donate items for the meal, that would be wonderful. Denise and Darcy are going to furnish the turkey. Last year we planned for 200, so will do that again. The meal will be a free will donation. The **Silent Auction** will be from noon to 3:30 pm. We will plan to set up for the Silent Auction Friday/Saturday. There will be a "Guessing Table" again this year. It was a fun table for all ages. Kelly's 2 daughters have agreed to run that table again this year. Pastor Cheryl has printed some flyers, which are in the office. She can also email them if you want to print some out. Denise is in charge of the meal, Darlene is in charge of the silent auction.

4-2-22 Spring Vendor Fair/Craft Show: We will be selling the caramel rolls in the morning and a lunch again. The lunch menu has not been decided on yet. Will need help preparing and serving for both of these.

4-10-22 Bake Sale: This will be Palm Sunday. The last one before Christmas was a big success, so we are hoping for the same.

5-13-22 Mollie B Concert: Pastor Cheryl has made up a poster, Denise is going to print some out for us to hang. The tickets will be \$30 each, and we can sell up to 300 total. We need to get as many "Big Sponsorships" as possible. Would like to have them donate \$500, but we will accept what they can offer. There will be a letter made up to present to the sponsors when asking for donations. Sponsors will be able to have their sign up for advertising that evening, and will have an evening meal with Mollie B before the show that evening. We will be selling 50/50 tickets as people check in that evening. Darlene also mentioned that we should do pre-sale 2-3 weeks before. Some different prices for the 50/50 tickets were brought up, \$5 each or \$5 for 6. We can decide that when it gets closer.

Next Meeting will be 2-20-22 after 1st service in the conference room, this will mostly be to finish up what we can for the Kubota drawing and anything else pending that we need to complete that day.
Then we will **meet 3-6-22 after 1st service in the conference room** to get the final details for the Jamboree.

We are getting closer to our goal for the roof!! Hang in there, everyone is doing a great job!!

Thanks,
Darcy

Have you MOVED?

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR CHURCH RECORDS ACCURATE

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

Give us a call at 605-886-5737 or drop us an email to gracelc@midconetwork.com with your new address. Please give us a cell number and email so we can keep in touch with you.

Thank you for helping us stay in touch with you!

Country Gospel Jamboree

Sunday – March 20 - 2 to 4 pm

Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall



~ Featuring ~

Brian B and the Company Cowgirls



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

Jamboree Cost - \$10

202 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD

NOON Meal

Noon to 1:30 pm

Beef or turkey combo

OR Chef salad

Eat in or take out meal.

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

Silent Auction
from noon to
3:30 pm

Fundraiser for the Raise the Roof at Grace Lutheran Church

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 / Music / Communion



Ash Wednesday Service March 9th @ 7pm

No Wednesday School – March 16th – Spring Break

No Sunday School – March 20th – Spring Break

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!!

No Youth Group – March 2nd – Ash Wednesday

No Youth Group – March 16th – Spring Break

Lock-In Coming TBA

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

Grace Lutheran Preschool

HELLO, and welcome!

The kids are excited that the new year has started out with a bang! We are learning so many new things within the classroom from last names to the alphabet bet in sign language. We are working counting because we need more practice!

The kids still enjoy show and share and playing with their friends! We got new toys in the classroom, so the kiddos are on cloud nine they get to play with so many new things. They love getting to have mini dance parties on a weekly basis along with the volunteers that come to classroom to read to them! The littles get to worship God every day, but the most special time is chapel time!

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

Thank you for the love and support that has been given to the Preschool. I am so thankful for all the donations and prayers.

Important dates:

February 21st- no school Presidents' Day

March 16th through the 18th- NO SCHOOL Spring Break!!



GRACE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

ENROLLMENT FOR 2022-23 School year!!

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

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

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

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

Here at Grace, we:

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

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

Mollie B and The SqueezeBox Band to perform in Watertown

Coming for the first time to Watertown, SD is Mollie B and the SqueezeBox Band on May 13, 2022.

Mollie B is a multi-instrumentalist and award-winning vocalist, host of the Mollie B Polka Party TV show, and has been performing music all her life. Mollie started her career performing with the Jim Busta Band when she was only a child and due to her hard work and dedication, Mollie B now performs nation-wide -- live performances, as well as on TV and the movie screen, has over 40 recordings, shared her many God-given talents with fans in over 30 states and eleven countries and continues to inspire young musicians with her love for music.

Growing up in a musical family in small-town Minnesota she began singing in her father's band at age three, playing piano with

the band when eight, and played several instruments in school bands and choirs.

As a music major, she obtained a BA from Luther College, Decorah, IA and Master of Art from St Mary's University of Minnesota, Winona, MN.

Mollie was the creative director and co-producer of the Mollie B Polka Party on RFD-TV, host of the Wisconsin Public Television documentary "POKLA!" and appeared with her band in the 2018 Warner Brothers movie, "The Mule" directed and starring Clint Eastwood. Additionally, Mollie & husband Ted Lange co-wrote the song they performed, which was pre-approved by Clint Eastwood. Mollie wrote the instrumental part, and the chorus & Ted wrote the verse.

Some of the Numerous awards and honors she has received are:

2021 - Minnesota Music Hall of Fame

2021 - Luther College Sperati Award: recognition of Outstanding Achievement in the field of Instrumental Music

Several years as the - International Polka Association - Favorite International Band and Female Vocalist AND Hall of Fame.

2016 - Polka Lovers Club in Texas (La Grange) Wall of Fame

2015 - Iowa Polka Hall of Fame - Promoter Category

2013 - Polka America Corporation - Best Variety Polka CD of the Year: "2012 Mollie B Christmas Special"

2013 - Wisconsin State Polka Hall of Fame - Promoter Category

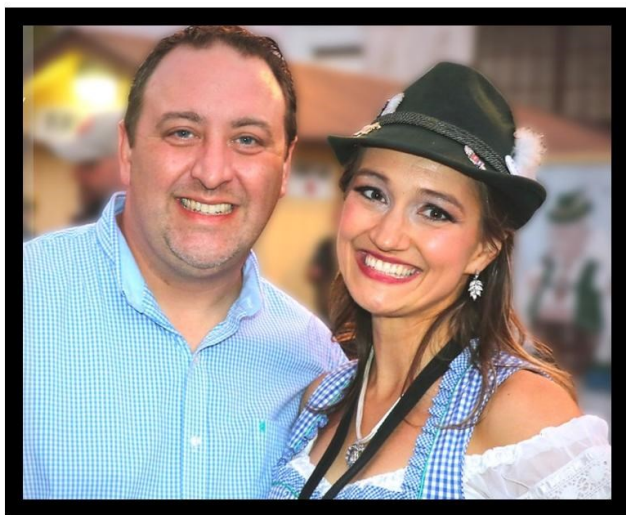
2013 - International Polka Association - Favorite Female Vocalist

Much more information can be found on her website: Mollie B at www.mollieB.com

Mollie B will perform beginning at 7:30 pm Friday, May 13th at Cloud 9, Watertown, SD. A limited number of tickets are available and cost \$30. Proceeds from the performance go to the Raise the Roof Project of Grace Lutheran Church of Watertown, SD. Tickets can be purchased through Grace Lutheran Church Office Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 5 pm, 605-886-5737.

Sponsorship is available for this event including an evening meal for two with Mollie B and the Squeezebox Band prior to the show. For more details call Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501.

COMING FOR THE FIRST TIME TO WATERTOWN, SD



MOLLIE B AND THE SQUEEZEBOX BAND

MAY 13, 2022

To Purchase tickets contact: Grace Lutheran Church: gracelc@midconetwork.com

Stop at the Office or mail to 202 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD

Purchased tickets must be presented at the door.

Cloud 9 Bar and Casino

625 20th Ave SE

Watertown, SD 57201

Tickets \$30.00/person

Children 5 and under, free

Tickets are limited, so order now!

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Show time starts at 7:30

Attention: Sponsorship is available for this event.

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

For more details, contact Grace Lutheran Church Office

605 886-5737 Monday-Thursday from 8 am - 5 pm

Or Pastor Cheryl at: cherylgracelc@midconet.com or call/text 605-237-1501

All proceeds from this event go toward

the Grace Lutheran Church "Raise the Roof" Fund.

Grace Lutheran Church will celebrate their 140th anniversary in 2023!

First Communion classes March 9th

First Communion classes will be held at 5 pm on Wednesday evenings March 9th and 16th. Students from 2nd grade on up who have not yet taken classes are urged to register their child as soon as possible for the classes.

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.

To register, parents may contact Pastor Cheryl by sending your name and theirs with cell number(s) to 605-237-1501, Email pastor: cheryl-gracelc@midconetwork.com or stop at the office with the information.

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

"Anxious" - Bible Study Retreat 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, political unrest and threats of war 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.

A Bible Study Retreat on "Anxiety" will be held on Saturday, March 26th from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. In the study you will:

- Learning how to fight anxiety with the Word of God
- Realizing you're not alone in your struggle
- Practicing bringing your anxieties to God and come to know prayer as a pathway to peace.

There is no cost for the retreat. Registration is due by March 15th 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. Contact Pastor Cheryl to Register.



Seventeen couples and three singles enjoying six weeks of dance class in Fellowship Hall of Grace Lutheran. Couples came from as far away as Wheaton, MN. Classes on foxtrot, jitterbug, waltz, polka, East Coast Swing and Texas two step were taught by Don and Brenda Norton, who generously donated their time and talents as instructors to the Raise the Roof project. For the last night of classes, a potluck was held with many having time to visit and get to know one another. Classes were fun and informal. It is hoped another class can be held in the fall.



Elementary Fun Night

Only one elementary child attended the Elementary Fun Night on February 18th. Director Becky Sprouse had games and snacks ready. Pictured at left were helpers Aspen Brown, Riley Sprouse, and Ethan Archele-Bohley along with Brooklyn Brown, center, and Leader Becky. Not pictured was Hannah Kennedy.

Grace Lutheran Church

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Office Phone: (605) 886-5737

March 2022

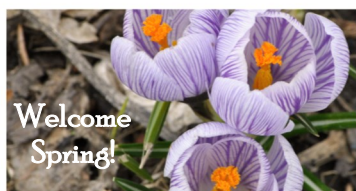
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<p>27 8:30 am Worship/ Holy Communion 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday school 10 am Adult Sunday school 11:00 am Worship/ Holy Communion 1:30 pm Movie Day</p>	<p>28 5 pm BANQUET</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 6 pm Wednesday School 7 pm Lenten Worship 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets</p>	<p>Pastor Cheryl In-Office Hours Tuesday –Thursday; Contact directly anytime! 605-237-1501 or E-mail: cheryl@gracelc@midconetwork.com Intern Brenda In-Office Hours Monday and Wednesday Leave a message with the office to arrange a time.</p>		

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

**First Communion
Classes**

will be held at 5 pm on
Wednesdays March 9th
and 16th with First
Communion
at the Maundy Thursday
service April 14

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

Important Upcoming Dates

March 2	Ash Wednesday with services at Noon and 7 pm
March 6	Prairie Coteau Conference Assembly at 1:30 pm
March 13	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS
March 20	Country Gospel Jamboree 2—4 pm with Noon meal 12 to 1:30 pm Silent Auction from Noon to 3:30 pm
March 26	Bible Study Retreat 9:30 am to 4:30 pm
April 2	Spring Vendor/Craft Fair
April 10	Palm Sunday/Easter Bake Sale
April 17	Easter
April 24	Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation Service)
May 15	Senior Recognition

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

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