



GRACE GLEANINGS

Grace Lutheran Newsletter

202 2nd St SE ~ Watertown, SD 57201

Phone: (605) 886-5737 ~ E-mail: gracelc@midconetwork.com

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m Monday—Thursday

Website: www.glcwtn.org

~ Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor

Email: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com Cell: 605-237-1501

May, 2021

Congregational Vote 10 am Sunday, May 9th

A congregational vote is schedule for 10 am on Sunday, May 9th for the purpose of securing a Kubota 4WD Side-by-Side gasoline utility vehicle RTV-X850 from Eastside Equipment similar to the one pictured. This will part of the "Raise the Roof" fund raising currently being conducted. This requires a vote of the congregation because the value is more than \$5000 and Grace will be entering into an agreement. Tickets for this drawing of chance will be sold for \$50 each. The value of the side-by-side is \$14,700. The number of tickets will be decide with an expected drawing date at the end of the year unless all tickets are sold prior to that date.

Please plan to attend this important meeting to vote.

Tickets are currently being sold for a new Remington 3.5 Mag pump shot gun (donated by Cal Brown) in combination with a \$100 beef bundle and \$75 Watertown bucks. The tickets are \$20 each for a chance on one of three items in this drawing to be held on September 30.



Vote is on a 4WD Side-by-Side gasoline utility vehicle RTV-X850 for the Raise the Roof Fund Raising Efforts.



Pictured above is Judy Evenson singing, Alene Fisher at the keyboard and Kayla Mohling accompanying her.

Fun fund raising event with Gospel Jamboree

It was nearly a full house for the Sunday afternoon gospel jamboree to raise money for the roof project. Many enjoyed the great music provided by area musicians. Leland Harding III was the main performer along with Skip and Rita Harding of Family Traditions and Dave and Carol Finstad of God's Country. Also singing were Justin and Codi Hanson, Kayla Mohling and Alene Fisher, Judy Evenson, Rhona Lorenz, and Tok. All took time to share their musical talents for a worthy cause. The fund raiser made approximately \$5000 on the meal, silent auction and jamboree for the roof project.

Additional pictures are on page 13.

We Thank God for... Our Volunteer Sound/Video Team



Grace depends on our Tech Team to run sound for the various services including microphones, keyboard, videos, the PowerPoint, make recording for radio and online. Lately, they have added some new equipment and a new more user friendly web page that can stream to your cell phone or tablet. **Pictured above are Larry Picht left and Paul Hendrick right. More website information is on page 14.**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Slowly but surely we seem to be getting back to normal. What a great feeling to have our shots and be able to get back together. As I look over the month of April I feel like rejoicing and praising God for His goodness.

Easter was a special day with First Communion and people finally coming forward for communion. It felt so good to share our Lord's Holy meal in this way once more and bless each child that came.

Maundy Thursday having the confirmation students gathered for the footwashing is always an emotional experience for me. I feel their uncomfortableness and know they are experiencing something that will stay with them for many years. Each time they think of Good Friday and Easter, they will remember that moment and an understanding of what Jesus did for them will grow. Having unleavened bread was treat as I enjoy making it. Hopefully we will get to a time when we can have that for our regular Communion services.

The children sang so beautifully on Palm Sunday and to have them all there for a Children's' Sermon was wonderful to see. I will continue to have a children's sermon each week at the 11 o'clock service with a lolly-pop for all those who come up (even moms or dads if they need to bring a little one up.)

This month I've been able to return to the senior living centers, assisted living, and care facilities to hold services. So many people I was not able to visit and had only met once before the lock-down. It's good to be back and get to know people and they are very happy to be able to participate in Holy Communion as well.

And the jamboree! Wow – that was just a huge success and so much fun. Everyone was ready to be together and it reminded us all of how much we have missed that time of sharing good music, great messages and fellowship with other Christians.

Paul writes in Romans 15:13, ¹³ *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

This verse is a benediction by Paul whose purpose is of Christian responsibility to the neighbor, uniting all people on their mutual welcoming of one another because of God's forgiving love. As Jesus came and fulfilled the prophecies, we are assured of the truthfulness of God's word and trust in His promises.

We come together in trust and hope through Christ by grace. We are to be inclusive and welcoming of all people as we support and strengthen each other in love.

All these times together, seeing each other, and feeling joy are important because that is what God has wanted for us. Paul continues in 14 with ²⁶ *What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up.*

We build up the church as we build up each other. What were the things you missed most while we could not gather? What were the things essential for your faith when worshiping together was not an option?

Gathering was one of those things so many missed and hearing the word in person was essential to live in hope. So let us rejoice and come together often to worship our Lord, not forgetting to make it a priority as God Commanded.

¹ *Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.* ² *Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.* ³ *For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.* (Psalm 95)

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 or Instagram and soon to be on our new website. Check it out!

Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council meeting on Thursday, April 8, 2021

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with James Goble presiding. Also, present were Denies Biller, Mark Briley, Rick Brownell, LeRoy Bullis, Kelly Evjen, Ted Frost, Paul Henrichs, Sherry Jongeling, Rhonda Lorenz, Kayla Mohling, Geri Mohror, Gena Urevig, Adam Wientjes, Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett and Cindy Vander Leest. Absent was Harley Petersen.

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

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Rick Brownell and second by Rhonda Lorenz. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for the March 11, 2021 meeting was made by Rick Brownell and second by Geri Mohror. Motion carried.

Items:

1. Financial Report— Cindy Vander Leest reported the monthly income to the general fund was \$21,066, the weekly average giving was \$4,971 and the weekly worship attendance was 345 (includes drive-in service, views on Facebook and Youtube). A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Denise Biller and second by Kayla Mohling. Motion carried.

2. Pastor's Report – Pastor Cheryl reported the Confirmation students are continuing to meet and Affirmation of Baptism is Sunday, April 25th at the 11:00 service. She 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. Bible Study sessions have been completed and there were about 20 who participated. Two students completed their First Communion classes. She will start doing visitations and communion at the Assisted Living and Care Centers. She will be on vacation Memorial weekend, May 26 thru June 1st and she has lined up Cathy Zubke to do the worship services on May 30th. She also will be on vacation October 8th thru October 10th for her granddaughters wedding and she will be officiating.

Old Business:

Committee Report on updating Grace Lutheran Church Constitution - James Goble reported they have a meeting scheduled for April 22nd.

Fundraiser Committee - Denise Biller reported the Jamboree is April 18th and they need volunteers to hang posters around town and to help the day of the event. They will be setting up for the Jamboree on Saturday, April 17th. Rick Brownell and James Goble found a Side by Side at Eastside Equipment for \$12,340. Denise stated the committee would like to sell 500 tickets at \$50.00 each and promote it at the 4th of July parade. They also talked about advertising on the Stein electronic signs. A Remington pump shotgun has been donated to the church and the committee would like to have a \$20.00 ticket for a chance to win one of the 3 items listed, a gun, or a \$100.00 meat bundle or a \$75.00 gift card. A motion to hold a Special Congregational meeting on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9, 2021 in between worship services, at 10:00 to discuss and vote on having a drawing for the big ticketed item, a Side by Side was made by Geri Mohror and second by Kelly Evjen. Motion carried.

Pastor also reminded everyone that July 18th is our 100 year old building celebration and we will want to promote and raise money at that time.

Sound (curtains) for Fellowship Hall - Rick Brownell reported the material is in and they thought they could deliver them on Tuesday, April 13th. It was decided Rick would rent a lift for Thursday, April 15th at 5:00 and Ted Frost and Paul Henrichs volunteered to help hang them.

New Business:

1. Summer worship services (one/two and time/Memorial weekend Sunday is May 30th) - It was decided to hold one worship service at 8:30 starting Memorial weekend, Sunday, May 30th until Labor Day weekend, Sunday, September 5th. Pastor Cheryl asked for volunteers or if they knew of any volunteers to help with sound and computers during our worship services and other events. We have wonderful volunteers now but can always use more.

2. First Responder's meal - Denise Biller reported they would be hosting a meal for the First Responders' on May 21st from 11:00 - 1:00.

Committee Reports:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Henrichs and second by Kelly Evjen. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Vander Leest

Financial Report

Income	Budget	YTD		Debts:	Original amt	Balance
Offerings		\$ 59,785.61		Term Debt	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Gifts		\$ 325.00		Line of Credit	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
PPP Cares Act forgivable loan		\$ -				
Scrip Proceeds		\$ -				
Member donation		\$ 630.00				
Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 2,254.82				
GLCW & Fndtn Sanctuary lights		\$ -				
Foundation Grants		\$ 234.24				
Thrivent Choice \$\$		\$ 919.00				
Missions		\$ 705.00				
Misc.		\$ -				
Xfer Ed Jones/Grinnell ins ROOF		\$ -				
Designated donations		\$ -				
Total Income for General Fund		\$ 64,853.67				
Expenses						
ELCA & SD Synod Projects	\$ 2,614.93	\$ 591.24				
Staff						
Senior Pastor - Salary & Benefits	\$ 88,997.80	\$ 22,212.32				
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -				
Call process mileage & travel exp		\$ -				
Youth & Family Director	\$ 13,842.40	\$ 3,460.62				
Business Adm Salary & Benefits	\$ 48,561.20	\$ 12,140.28				
Parish Education Assistant	\$ -	\$ -				
Office Asst & Custodians	\$ 42,703.15	\$ 6,799.50				
Payroll taxes	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 1,762.79				
Pastoral Materials	\$ 150.00	\$ -				
Total Staff	\$ 205,254.55	\$ 46,375.51				
Program Expenses				Other Outlays		
Office Expenses	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 3,555.53		Designated Gifts		\$ 325.00
Worship & Music	\$ 15,700.00	\$ 1,899.00				
Altar Guild	\$ 950.00	\$ 334.70		Roof Fund Ed Jones		\$ 20,000.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 150.00	\$ 131.60		Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 1,177.00
Fellowship	\$ 100.00	\$		Missions		\$ 680.00
Mission	\$ 325.00	\$ -		Misc		\$ -
Outreach & Care Ministry	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 642.93		Fundraiser for General		\$ -
Stewardship Ministry	\$ 800.00	\$ 619.24		Foundation Grant exp		\$ 779.59
Debt Service	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -		Hallway&FH floors		\$ -
Insurance	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 8,296.57		Designated Donations		\$ -
Utilities	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 8,305.64		Total Other Outlays		\$ 22,961.59
Synod Assembly Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -				
PC Conference Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 280.40		Total Expenses & Outlays		\$ 96,562.69
	\$ -					
Contingency	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 233.16		General Fund - 1/1/2021		\$ 114,806.89
Property Ministry	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 2,335.58		Plus Income		\$ 64,853.67
Program Expenses	\$ 117,425.00	\$ 26,634.35		Less Expenses & Outlays		\$ 96,562.69
Total Expenses	\$ 325,294.48	\$ 73,601.10		Loan Advances		\$ -
				General Fund - 3/31/21		\$ 83,097.87

The next Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting will be at 6 pm Thursday, May 13th in the Fellowship Hall.



EVERY BIT HELPS



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



Four Confirmed at Grace April 25th

Left to right, Carter Lee Ellsworth Volkart, Son of Joshua & Lindsey Volkart; Michael Robert Berg, Son of Jason and Tanizha Berg; and Kaytlynne Ruby Holida, Daughter of Brian Holida and Renita Harrington, and Pastor Cheryl. Not pictured because of COVID, Nathan Ryan Briggs, Son of Ryan and Stacey Briggs.



WELCOME!
Madden Dean Egerstrom
April 17th

Traylen Tru Pahl
April 18th

BAPTISM

First Communion held for two young people on Easter Sunday



Hollyn Lindner, pictured at right above with Pastor Cheryl, daughter of Nolan and Heidi Lindner and Trayce Pahl, right, son of Alyssa and Tony Pahl received their First Communion on Easter Sunday. Student grade second on up are welcome to take First Communion classes and participate in the Lord's Supper upon completion at Grace Lutheran. The next class will be held in the fall.



5th & 6th Youth FUN NIGHT

Fifteen 5th and 6th graders attended the Youth Fun Night at Grace playing games, eating pizza and doing crafts. A



favorite was throwing soft frisbees, beach balls, and a whole lot of running games. Above, a group painting sun-catchers to hang in their windows. Another youth fun night will be



planned for the fall. VBS is scheduled for evenings June 7th through 11th. Registration for VBS and next years Wednesday and Sunday school are included in this Gleanings. Please complete the forms and return to Grace as soon as possible for planning purposes. Watch for more VBS details to follow.

Mission of the Month ~ “Raise the Roof” Efforts

Grace Lutheran Fellowship Hall and Education wing were dedicated in 1958. The New Narthex was added in 1975. Then in 1992, major repairs were done to the roof, the sanctuary, the bell tower, the parish education unit with the addition of an elevator to access the church sanctuary.

These roofs have served their purpose for more years than are generally estimated and it is now time to do the necessary work of replacing them with a new roof over the Fellowship Hall, Education Wing, Kitchen, Office, Classrooms, and Bell Tower.

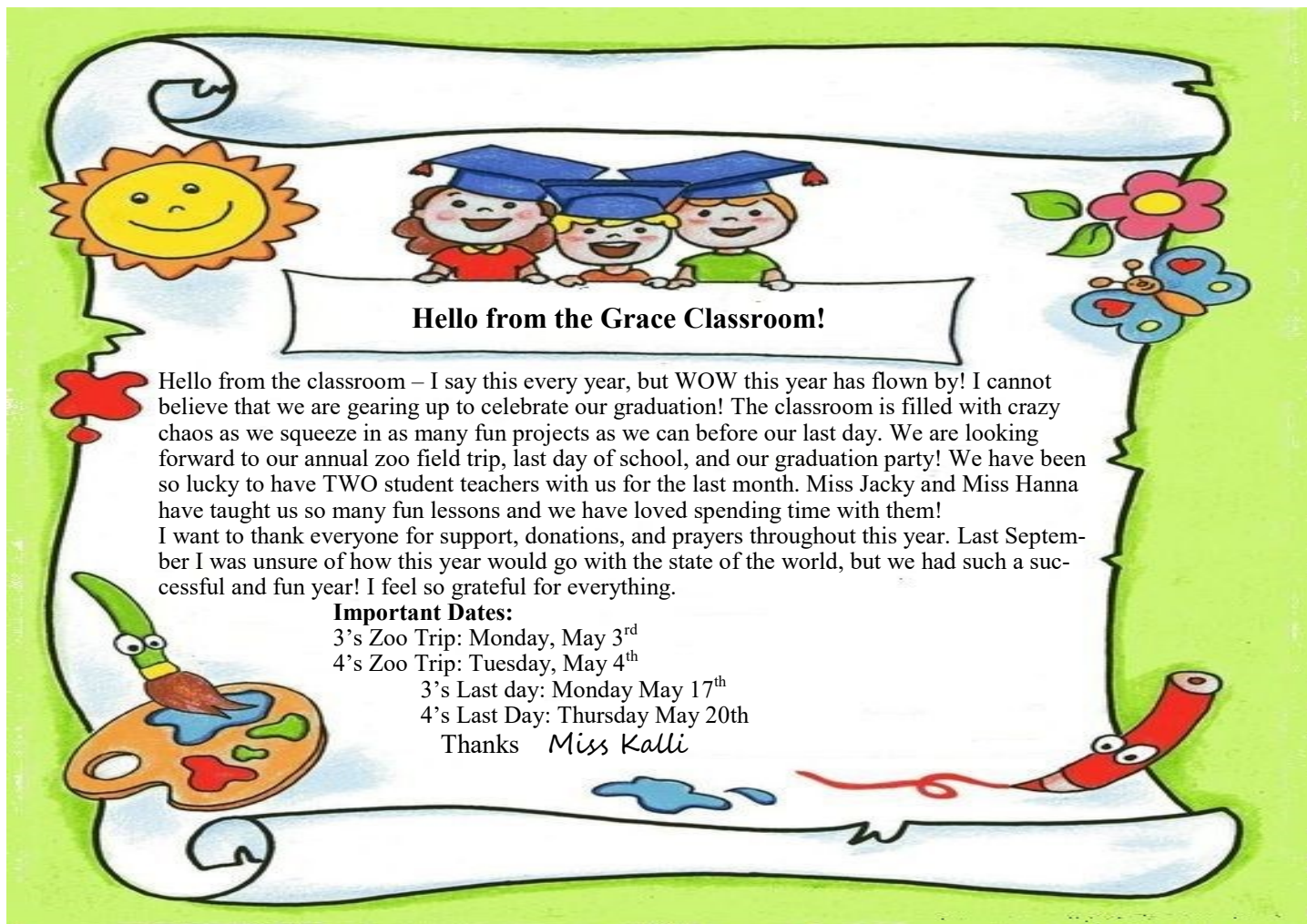
The estimated cost of \$140,000 will include: removing the existing ballast and membrane, metal cap (saving it); the installation of h" wood fiber board over roof surface area, and Carlisle 60 mil EPDM; a Ballast Roof System Seal with the installation of walkway pads around 2 large rooftop units, reinstallation of the metal cap and new ballast. To do all the work at one time would actually save money for the cost of equipment that has to be brought in to remove the old roof before building the new.

Grace Lutheran Church has a long history, founded after seven men met to organize a Lutheran Church in Watertown, SD on September 19, 1883. The First Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Watertown, Dakota Territory, was organized in a room of the Merchants Bank on Dec. 22, 1883. The first church, a 30 by 40-foot basement less building, was dedicated by Professor Sven Oftedal. The cost of that building was \$2,200.00.

The Cornerstone of the current church building was laid on August 1, 1920 and the name was changed to Grace Lutheran Church on May 9, 1921. The present brick church building (sanctuary) was dedicated on July 10, 1921 by Dr. H. G. Stub. The cost of the church was \$82,068.38.

The Parish Education Annex was dedicated on April 20, 1960. On Sept 28, 1975, the cornerstone as laid for the New Narthex and dedicated on Nov. 30, 1975 along with the rededication of the remodeled Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

Grace Lutheran Church is our Mission of the Month and our project for the year to reach the goal of \$140,000 by the summer of 2022 and continue it's long history for years to come.



Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board Meeting, Monday, April 5, 2021

The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board of Directors met on April 5, 2021, 5:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church. Present: Bonnie Oletzke, Larry Picht, Will Morlock, Rich Dunn, Joann DeBerg, Joy Nelson, Jim Goble 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 March 8, 2021 meeting with a correction, was made by Jim Goble, seconded by Jerri Mohr, motion passed.

A motion to approve the treasurer report for the month ending March 31, 2021 was made by Joy Nelson, seconded by Jim Goble, motion passed.

Rental Property:

1104 West Kemp is rented and is getting \$925 per month for rent. There is one vacant unit in the 5-plex. The boiler will need to be replaced.

Church update: Cindy said that they are working on the roof fund. Will reported that he is working on a price to replace the sidewalks. Jim said that they are working on the floor and the sound in the fellowship hall.

There were no other items.

Our next meetings will be May 3, 2021, 5:30 pm at Grant Lutheran Church.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rich Dunn, seconded by Jim Goble, motion passed.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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!!

Remembering

Jeffrey Spitzer

April 16, 2021

Joyce Raastad

April 19, 2021



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 for 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.



Thank You to EVERYONE who helped with the Jamboree

A HUGE Thank you to everyone who helped with the Gospel Jamboree, the pulled pork sandwich meal and the magnificent silent auction.

To all who donated—worked—planned and prepared

To all who provided music and to the many who attended and made it such a huge success—Thank you—Your efforts are so very appreciated.

The committee wants to say

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THIS IN EVERY WAY!!
THIS WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!!**

We had a wonderful turnout of people for the whole event. Everyone enjoyed it and complemented us on having this event and how well it went and a fun time for all.

THANK YOU ALL!

Thank you, Thank you!

*I would like to give a huge thank you to all
Sunday / Wednesday School Teachers and Helpers
Could not do what we do without you!!!*

Hope to see you all in the fall!

If you are interested in teaching again, please let me know!!!



**Join Us for VBS
June 7-11
6pm – 8pm**

Join Beacon on a 5 night journey
as we learn to Arise, Shine with
Love, Trust, Faith, Joy, and Hope.

Bible Stories, Music, Crafts, Fun

Please fill out enclosed form and return to the Education office by May 19th

I ♥ VBS

SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2021-22

Date _____

PARENT NAME _____			
LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	
Mother	Father	Stepdad	Stepmom
Other _____			
<i>Please circle one</i>			
ADDRESS _____		TOWN _____	
HOME PHONE _____	CELL PHONE _____	MEMBER? YES NO	
		(please circle one)	
Email: _____			

PARENT NAME _____			
LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	
Mother	Father	Stepdad	Stepmom
Other _____			
<i>Please circle one</i>			
ADDRESS _____		TOWN _____	
HOME PHONE _____	CELL PHONE _____	MEMBER? YES NO	
		(please circle one)	
Email: _____			

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	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
M or F	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
M or F	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
M or F	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please check the session you want your child(ren) to attend

_____ 9:30—10:30 a.m. on Sunday

_____ 6:00—7:30 p.m. on Wednesday

Emergency contact if we are unable to reach you.

NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: _____

If any of your children have health concerns we should know about, please list them here beside their name:

2021 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

June 7th – 11th 6pm – 8pm

PARENT NAME _____				
LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE		
Mother	Father	Stepdad	Stepmom	Other _____
<i>Please circle one</i>				
ADDRESS _____			TOWN _____	
HOME PHONE _____		CELL PHONE _____		MEMBER? YES NO (please circle one)
Email: _____				

PARENT NAME _____				
LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE		
Mother	Father	Stepdad	Stepmom	Other _____
<i>Please circle one</i>				
ADDRESS _____			TOWN _____	
HOME PHONE _____		CELL PHONE _____		MEMBER? YES NO (please circle one)
Email: _____				

CHILDREN'S NAME(s)				
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Grade going to be in this school year	Birth Date
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Any health concerns:

Sunday School - Sunday's at 9:45 am
Wednesday School – Wednesday at 6:00 pm



CHILDREN'S
Ministry
NEWS

VBS June 7th-11th / 6pm-8pm - Please fill out enclosed form and return to the Education office by May 19th.

Fall Sunday / Wednesday school - if your child will be attending in the fall, please fill out the enclosed Form and return to the Education office by August 2nd

Interested in helping for VBS or Sun/Wed school, contact Becky @ beckygracelc@midconetwork.com or 605-881-5733. Teachers and helpers are always needed and appreciated.



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

No Youth group May 26th - Last day of School

June 18-19 - Camp out at Pastor's House

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

Starting June 2nd Youth Group will be meeting at 5:30 pm

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

Sunday school makes beautiful music Palm Sunday—Returning Mother's Day



Children from Sunday school were on hand to for the palm procession at the 11 o'clock service on Palm Sunday. Following the processional, they provided beautiful music singing for the congregation. They did an excellent job and will be back on May 9th to sing for Mothers' Day. Pictures below, after singing, the student sat down for a children message from Pastor Cheryl on the empty tomb.



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.



One requirement for confirmation is to attend Maundy Thursday services and have their feet washed by the Pastor. Students participate in this way to learn about servanthood. Jesus gave us this example washing the feet of the disciples to learn the importance of serving others. The feeling is uncomfortable for them but demonstrates the love Jesus had for us as He served the needs of all people all the way to the cross. They also help serve baskets of unleavened bread and trays of wine to the congregation seated at the tables. Pictures l to r are Kaytlynne Holida, Carter Volkart, Kaia VanDer Merwe, Nathan Briggs, Michael Berg, Chloe Bauman, Kaydence DeHaan, Grace Wickherst (behind Pastor) Keisha Payne, and Abigail Reeves. At right, Kaytlynne Holida feels the discomfort of having someone wash their feet.



There was a great crew working behind the scenes in the kitchen for the fund raiser dinner of pulled pork sandwich with all the fix'n. Denise Biller left, Darcy Raechz, right and Kelly Evjen far right were in the kitchen cleaning up during the Jamboree. Rick Brownell and Elizabeth Biller are in the background. Ryan Biller smoked all the pork for the meal and Austin Biller pitch in as well making it a family affair. Several others helps with making the beans and oh so many great bars to serve with the meal. Thank you everyone who donated water, bars and all the things I am forgetting to mention.



Justin and Codi Hanson shared their musical talents with the crowd with a few more recent gospel songs. In back is Don Armstrong.



We can't thank Leland Harding III enough for making our gospel jamboree such a huge success. His music was excellent as always and testimony a blessing for so many. I'm sure it was special encouragement to Tok, pictured at left who shared his joy in being saved with a couple of songs in the final spot of the afternoon. Be

sure to log onto Leland's website and keep track of his upcoming tour and songs at www.lelandharding.net

Everyone is welcome to join Wyatt Sprouse's Graduation Celebration in the fellowship hall on May 29th @ 1pm. Cards can also be mailed to 324 9th St SE Watertown, SD 57201.

WEBSITE NOTICE:

The Grace Lutheran Technology Team has launched a NEW Website at the same web address—

www.glcwtn.org.

The website is more user friendly with a much better look and feel. Currently you can find information about Worship Services and Education as well as the church events calendar with recordings from past Worship services as well.

This is all new and still in the development stage as more will be added as we go along so please keep visiting the site for update. Our hope is to include more announcements, calendar events, the daily meditation and worship and church information to be a one-stop location with everything available on the glcwtn.org site including seamless conversion for your tablet or cell phone.

There is a new built in electronic giving option coming as well, that will simplify electronic and automatic gifts to the church so watch for news on that in the coming weeks. The electronic giving will need to be transferred over to this new option. Thank you for your patience.

The Youth Group is selling face mask and other items left over from their booth at the Spring Craft and Vendor Fair. The Face mask match the t-shirts that are being sold and say "God's Grace Experiences Daily." The mask are \$8.00 and can be purchases before or after Sunday worship or from the Youth Group. (Thanks Riley Sprouse for being our model.)



Memorials and Gifts

TO RADIO FUND: From Joan Kittleson in loving memory of Gilbert Kittleson from his wife and family; From LaVerne & Louise McPeck in honor of our 56th wedding anniversary; From friends & family of Vivian Larson in memory of Vivian Larson.

TO FLOWER FUND: From Fred & Gwen Peshman in loving memory of Matthew Kuttner; From Hilmer Moen in honor of his 87th Birthday; From Will Morlock, Happy Spring; and from Cal & Nyra Brown.

TO GRACE FOUNDATION: From Fred & Gwen Peshman in memory of Jeanette Swanson.

TO SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY SCHOOL: From Carol Schutt in memory of Donna Bogenrief.

TO DORCAS QUILTERS: Grace Lutheran Church Women;

TO PRESCHOOL: From Grace Lutheran Church Women;

TO ROOF: From Grace Lutheran Church Women; From Wendy Lohr in memory of MaryAnn (Kruthoff) Johnson; Correction from last month TO ROOF: From Art and Marcia Jelsma in memory of Chris Andrews & Vivian Larson.

You Make a Difference at Grace!! with Thrivent Choice \$\$

Thank you to all those who directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars® to Grace Lutheran Church in the amount of \$1,071.00.

Leslie E Bronson, Diane M Drake, Paul D Engman, Allen D Kasperson, Janice Lee Knutson, Gregory A Moeller, Joy C Nelson, Eugene W Noeldner, Leone A Noeldner, Lana R Norgaard, Kevin J Pierce, Dorothy A Schooley, Myrtle V Swenson, Mark Wientjes,

Thanks for sharing and choosing Grace in 2021. We appreciate all of you who directed your \$'s and helped Grace out.

Please remember Grace Lutheran when you direct your 2022 Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Thank you!



Grace Lutheran Church

Phone: (605) 886-5737

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Bible Study Retreat 10 am to 4 pm
2 Rogation Sunday (Blessing of the Seeds) Bring Plants & Seeds 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship 1:00 pm Service at Edgewood	3 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET 5:30 pm Foundation Meeting 7 pm Boy Scouts/Basement	4 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 6 pm Raise The Roof Fund Raiser meeting	5 10:30 - Avantara Communion 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 6:00 pm Wednesday school 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	6 10 am Dean's Conference Call by Zoom	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8
9 MOTHER'S DAY 8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:45 am Sunday school 10:00 am Congregation VOTE 11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion & SS Children Singing	10 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET	11 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	12 10:00 – Service at H-Rise 11:00 TOPS/Choir Rm 6:00 pm Wednesday school 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	13 10 am Dean's Conference Call by Zoom 6:00 pm Grace Council meets	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15
16 Mission of the Month 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Last Sunday school 11:00 am Worship	17 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET 7 pm Boy Scouts/Basement	18 1:00 pm Prairie Coteau Conference Pastors meet 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	19 Registration DUE for VBS 10 am Townview Communion 10:30 am Jenkins Communion 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 6:00 pm Last Wednesday school 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	20 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle meets in Conf Rm. 10 am Dean's Conference Call by Zoom PRESCHOOL GRADUATION	21 OFFICE CLOSED 11 am – 1 pm First Responders Meal	22
23 High School SENIOR RECOGNITION at 11 am Service 8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion & Affirmation of Baptism	24 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET	25 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 5:30 (Pastor) Multi Culture meeting	26 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room NO Youth Group Meets	27 10 am Dean's Conference Call by Zoom	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 Graduation Party 1 pm for Wyatt Sprouse In Fellowship Hall
30 8:30 am Worship with Cathy Zubke	31 Memorial Day Holiday OFFICE CLOSED		<p>Pastor Cheryl Office Hours</p> <p><i>Generally</i> at Grace office Tuesday – Thursday by 10 am. Available on Monday, Friday & Saturday – Just call directly anytime! You can contact Pastor Cheryl! By cell or text at 605-237-1501 or by E-mail: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com</p>			

Grace Lutheran Church
202 2nd St. SE
Watertown, SD 57201-4308

Please Expedite - Time Dated Material

Return Service Requested

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Watertown, SD
PERMIT NO. 537



May 9, 2021

Grace Lutheran Church Invites You!

Congregational Vote ~ May 9th ~ 10 o'clock

Bible Study Retreat May 1 on "Why I Believe"

Scripture calls Christians to "be prepared" to give answers to anyone who asks about the Christian faith. Are you prepared? Or do you feel ill-equipped?

A one-day Bible Study retreat will be held on May 1 from 10 am to 4 pm at Grace Lutheran Church. The study is designed to equip you and give you confidence in addressing those questions and gain valuable insights into the foundational tenets of faith with others through this study. It is filled with insightful notes from Chip Ingram and thought-provoking questions that will help you delve deep into why you believe what you believe.

To register for this one-day Bible study and receive a study guide, contact Pastor Cheryl by Text 605-237-1501 or emailing: cheryl-gracelc@midconetwork.com with your name, email and cell number. Lunch will be provided.

May Sundays at Grace

May 2—Rogation Sunday-Blessing of plants & Seeds

May 9—Mothers Day—children singing

May 16—Mission of the month Sunday

May 23—Senior Recognition Sunday

May 30—**Start of Summer schedule**

- One service at 8:30 am.

Senior Invited to Recognition Service

Grace Lutheran High School Seniors are invited to attend a Senior Recognition Service on May 23 at 11:00 am. The service will include a blessing over them with a sending. Letters of invitation have been mail to the seniors. If you did not receive one, contact Pastor Cheryl. The service will be held in the sanctuary at Grace Lutheran and we hope all seniors and their families will be able to attend.

Grace Lutheran Church: God's Grace Experienced Daily