



GRACE GLEANINGS

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Final Roof Fund Raiser with Mollie B and The SqueezeBox Band

The final fund raiser for the roof project at Grace Lutheran is set for Friday, May 13th with a performance by Mollie B and the Squeezebox Band. A limited number of tickets will be sold prior to the event to ensure people will be able to see Mollie B's show. The show will be held at Cloud 9, 625 20th Ave SE, Watertown, SD, who graciously have allowed the use of their facility.

Thousands have watched Mollie B on RFD tv on Saturday nights but her shows are definitely more than polka music as she is an energetic, talented singer and multi-instrumentalist, playing instruments at the same time.

Mollie B has won many awards and recognition for her talents as a vocalist, TV show host, writer, recording artist, and performed with Clint Eastwood in the movie "The Mule." Additionally, Mollie & husband Ted Lange co-wrote the song performed for the movie. Mollie wrote the instrumental part, and the chorus & Ted wrote the verse.

With over 40 recordings, she has entertained fans all over the world, with shows in 30 states and 11 countries, on cruise ships and state fair shows.

She hosted the 90-minute Public Television documentary called "POLKA!" about celebrating life with polka music.

This award-winning vocalist has been performing music all her life sharing her many God-given talents with others and continues to inspire young musicians with her love for music.

A native of Minnesota and growing up in a musical family in small-town Spring Grove, 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. A list of her many achievements can be found online at: www.mollieB.com.

We are honored to have Mollie B assist us in this musical fund-raiser at Grace Lutheran and hope you will support her performance at 7:30 pm Friday, May 13th at Cloud 9, Watertown, SD. Tickets are \$30. Proceeds from the performance go to the Raise the Roof Project of Grace Lutheran Church of Watertown, SD.

Tickets should be purchased prior to the show to ensure a seat and are available at the Grace Lutheran Church Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 5 pm, 605-886-5737. Meal items are available at Cloud 9 the night of the show to order off the menu.



**Mollie B and Ted Lange
2020 International Band
of the Year
Coming to Watertown May 13th**



We Thank God for Our Volunteers!

The choir faithfully practices each week and on Easter Sunday provided beautiful music for the worship services with Marion Raml signing "See My Hands and Feet" by Bringle and DeMey. Members of the choir are: Becky Sprouse, Leigh Carstensen, Judy Everson, Kayla Mohling, Riley Sprouse, Marian Raml, Krisma DeWitt, Karen Kasperson



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

April has certainly been a busy month with confirmation, first communion, Holy Week and Easter all rolled into one. On top of it there was the Spring Theological Conference for pastors in Deadwood during the week between Easter and Confirmation Sunday.

I hesitated to go but since one of the opportunities was an afternoon surface tour at the Sanford Underground Research Facility and feeling I may not get another chance, I drove the seven hours to Deadwood to attend.

It was an awesome tour and Deb Wolf was an inspiring keynote speaker on "Seeking the Unseen: The Impact of Curiosity and Wonder," which I referenced afterwards in my Sunday sermon.

One session I attended was equally as important entitled, "Promoting Psychological Health of Youth: From Surviving to Thriving." By Dr. Mark Britzman. In his presentation, he discussed research done on three million young people over 20 years and the unseen mental health issues they are experiencing. Recent findings suggest just 32% of young people have positive family communication and every youth needs five positive adult role models in their life.

This positive influence can raise the level of responsible behavior needed for a young person to not just survive but thrive. Influences such as high expectations for them, creative activities of three hours or more a week, and participating in a religious community for one or more hours per week.

Their findings demonstrate being part of a religious community helps young people say NO to temptations such as drugs, alcohol, cutting, suicide, and other self-destructive behaviors. Paul tells us in Romans 12: 2 *"Do 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."*

The research shows how the family, and teaching from the family of God, has a beneficial impact on young people. We read in Colossians 3, *"¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."*

Knowing God gives us a sense of belonging as a family of faith, with the knowledge we are cared for and loved. When children come to know the stories of Jesus and salvation promised to them, the sense of hopelessness lessens. Knowing Jesus and the forgiveness we have been freely given, helps them overcome feeling they are not good enough when faced with criticism and uncertainty.

Living in a world where the everyday news is on war, oppression, violence, and fear even causes adults to be anxious and depressed. Young people need answers found in scripture to overcome despair and negative emotions that come from their immature ability to reason and understand.

Being part of the family of God empowers us with a sense of good, as God created all things good and wants us to know life is good. *"¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. (1John 3)*

If it takes five positive adult role models in the lives of young people for them to have positive experiences that benefit them emotionally to thrive, how can we at Grace Lutheran provide more of those influences and do it in a more effective way?

It's not how the world reacts of course. But we are not the world, we are the family of God and as family, we must care for our younger brothers and sisters to help them to a place of health and wellbeing where they will not only survive but thrive in the love of Christ.

If you have children, or grandchildren, or even associate with those who do, take the time to not just pray for them but speak up and tell the story of Christ love and the happiness they can find in knowing Him and His teachings. Sunday and Wednesday school will soon be over but they can sign up for VBS. Youth group continues throughout the summer and activities are planned to be involved in. Invite and encourage young people to attend and if you have young people, be involved with them as one of those positive adult role models who make a difference for young people to not just survived, but thrive.

"Be strong and of good courage, and act. Do not be afraid or dismayed; for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of the LORD is finished. (1Chronicles 28:20)

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You! ~ Pastor Cheryl

Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2022

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with Rick Brownell presiding. Also, present were Mark Briley, LeRoy Bullis, Sherry Jongeling, Kayla Mohling Geri Mohror, Marian Raml, Steve Schlenner, Adam Wientjes, Brenda Handel-Johnson, Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett and Cindy Vander Leest. Absent were, Denise Biller, Kelly Evjen, Ted Frost, Paul Henrichs, Rhonda Lorenz, and Gena Urevig.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Geri Mohror and second by Marian Raml. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for the March 10, 2022 meeting was made by LeRoy Bullis and second by Kayla Mohling. Motion carried.

Items:

1. Financial Report— Cindy Vander Leest reported the monthly income to the general fund was \$22,196, the weekly average giving was \$5,549 and the weekly worship attendance was 219. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Geri Mohror and second by Adam Wientjes. Motion carried.

2. Pastor's Report – Pastor Cheryl reminded everyone she will be attending Spring Theological in Deadwood April 18th to April 20th. She also reported Brenda will have completed her Internship at Grace the end of April and there will be a Farewell coffee and cake between (9:30 a.m.) worship services on Sunday, April 24th. Pastor Cheryl will be taking a vacation Sunday, May 1st for her grandson's confirmation and Brenda will be leading both services.

Old Business:

Fundraiser Committee - Geri Mohror reported the committee held the Bake Sale on Palm Sunday, April 10th and the proceeds were around \$1,000. The Mollie B concert will be on Friday, May 13th. We are looking for at least 10 sponsors for the Mollie B event. Volunteers are wanted and needed to help with all upcoming events. Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 27th at 6:00 and all are welcome to come.

Constitution and By-Law update - Mark Briley stated he will continue to work with the Synod on our Constitution and By-Laws.

Janitor/Maintenance (Danny) - A motion to pay Danny an extra \$500 for the snow removal, cleaning and setting table and chairs in the Fellowship Hall for Jamboree, Craft/Vendor Fair, Craft Group and the Homeschoolers in March (while Rich is out on medical leave) was made by Kayla Mohling and seconded by Marian Raml. Motion carried.

Call Committee update – Geri Mohror reported the Call Committee has met and submitted our paperwork. They have received a candidate name and will be holding a Zoom interview.

New Business:

Extension of Diaconal Intern, Brenda Handel-Johnson – Brenda “Thanked” Grace for letting her do her Internship here. Over the internship time she has met/visited with around 25 Grace members and has had around 40 to 50 phone conversations. A motion to extend her work at Grace and to continue the music program until the end of May was made by Marian Raml and second by Geri Mohror. Motion carried

Committee Reports:

Education, Youth & Family – They will be holding VBS on June 3rd and 4th this year.

Fellowship & Outreach – Marian Raml reminded everyone she would like the Council committees update forms turned in by the end of April. She reported there were 34 Time & Talent sheets turned in. Marian Raml and Geri Mohror will be hosting a Greeter/Usher training meeting. Details on the meeting will be in the Gleanings. The committee will be hosting the Law Enforcement Appreciation meal on Thursday, May 12th from 11:00 to 1:00.

Finance & Stewardship – Sherry Jongeling reported they are working on different ways to get people back to church.

Worship & Music – There was a discussion about trying to make the two services more distinct, 8:30 more traditional and the 11:00 more contemporary songs.

Property – LeRoy Bullis reported we are looking at August or early fall for the roof replacement.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Vander Leest

Financial Report

| Income | Budget | YTD | | Debts: | Original amt | Balance |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Offerings | | \$ 57,026.99 | | Term Debt | \$ - | \$ - |
| Designated Gifts | | \$ 470.00 | | Line of Credit | \$ - | \$ - |
| PPP Cares Act forgivable loan | | \$ - | | | | |
| Scrip Proceeds | | \$ - | | | | |
| Transfer Sp Sav Organ Repair | | \$ 2,492.40 | | | | |
| Portico (Bassetts) | | \$ - | | | | |
| GLCW & Fndtn Sanctuary lights | | \$ - | | | | |
| Foundation Grants | | \$ 1,756.16 | | | | |
| Thrivent Choice \$\$ | | \$ 1,315.00 | | | | |
| Missions | | \$ 250.00 | | | | |
| Misc. | | \$ 1,835.00 | | | | |
| Roof repair funds transfer | | \$ 57,934.85 | | | | |
| Designated donations | | \$ 133.00 | | | | |
| Total Income for General Fund | | \$ 123,213.40 | | | | |
| Expenses | | | | | | |
| ELCA & SD Synod Projects | \$ 2,735.88 | \$ 608.97 | | | | |
| Staff | | | | | | |
| Senior Pastor - Salary & Benefits | \$ 93,302.71 | \$ 23,326.77 | | | | |
| Mileage Reimbursement | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ - | | | | |
| Intern (Word & Service) | \$ 84,231.14 | \$ 3,600.00 | | | | |
| Youth & Family Director | \$ 14,257.67 | \$ 3,564.42 | | | | |
| Business Adm Salary & Benefits | \$ 47,923.28 | \$ 11,980.80 | | | | |
| Parish Education Assistant | \$ - | \$ - | | | | |
| Office Asst & Custodians | \$ 50,597.95 | \$ 5,969.04 | | | | |
| Payroll taxes | \$ 9,270.00 | \$ 2,345.66 | | | | |
| Pastoral Materials | \$ 200.00 | \$ - | | | | |
| Total Staff | \$ 303,782.75 | \$ 50,786.69 | | | | |
| | | | | Other Outlays | | |
| Program Expenses | | | | Designated Gifts | | \$ 470.00 |
| Office Expenses | \$ 21,600.00 | \$ 3,289.37 | | | | |
| Worship & Music | \$ 21,950.00 | \$ 2,629.01 | | Roof Fund Ed Jones | | \$ - |
| Altar Guild | \$ 950.00 | \$ 155.66 | | Roof repair expenses | | \$ 57,934.85 |
| Youth Ministry | \$ 150.00 | \$ 131.60 | | Missions | | \$ 250.00 |
| Fellowship | \$ 100.00 | \$ - | | Misc | | \$ - |
| Mission | \$ 325.00 | \$ - | | FoundationWhol TV | | \$ 1,756.16 |
| Outreach & Care Ministry | \$ 3,400.00 | \$ 440.00 | | Foundation Grant exp | | \$ 573.35 |
| Stewardship Ministry | \$ 800.00 | \$ 654.54 | | | | \$ - |
| Debt Service | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ - | | Designated Donations | | \$ 2,492.40 |
| Insurance | \$ 13,000.00 | \$ 12,209.00 | | Total Other Outlays | | \$ 63,476.76 |
| Utilities | \$ 29,000.00 | \$ 8,974.36 | | | | |
| Synod Assembly Expense | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ - | | Total Expenses & Outlays | | \$ 146,266.99 |
| PC Conference Dues | \$ 300.00 | \$ 281.80 | | | | |
| | \$ - | | | General Fund - 1/1/2022 | | \$ 69,763.96 |
| Contingency | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 243.28 | | Plus Income | | \$ 123,213.40 |
| Property Ministry | \$ 10,500.00 | \$ 2,385.95 | | Less Expenses & Outlays | | \$ 146,266.99 |
| Program Expenses | \$ 125,075.00 | \$ 31,394.57 | | Loan Advances | | \$ - |
| Total Expenses | \$ 431,593.63 | \$ 82,790.23 | | General Fund - 3/31/22 | | \$ 46,710.37 |

The next
Grace Lutheran Church Council
meeting will be at
6 pm THURSDAY, May 12

"Raise the roof"
Fund Raising Goal \$171,000
Last funds raising Event
will be Mollie B Show.

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

*From the desk of
Intern Brenda Handel-Johnson*

Hymn Sing slated for Sunday, May 8

Have you been hoping to sing your favorite hymn at a worship service? Here is your chance to sing all of your favorites! Come to the Sanctuary on **Sunday, May 8 at 10:30 am** for a hymn sing prior to 11 am worship. We will take requests from anyone who calls out their favorites. Take a hymnal home to find your favorites and make your list. We will sing as many as we can prior to 11 am worship.

Grace Music groups celebrate the year of music making on May 23.

The Grace Choir and Handbell members will finish out the year of music-making on Monday, May 23. Any and all musicians who have assisted with music throughout the year (including singers, pianists, ringers, accompanists) and their family members are invited to a Barbecue/Pot Luck on **Monday, May 23 at 6 pm**. Bring a dish to share and your family. The location will be announced. Questions? See Brenda or call or text 605/929-1698 or call the church office for specifics.

Grace Grief Support meets in Library on Thursday, May 26. This group (open to members within or outside of the Grace community) continues on Thursday, May 26 at 6 pm in the Library at Grace. Any person who is experiencing the loss of a person, friend or 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. Questions? See Intern Brenda or Pastor Cheryl.

God's peace to you always,
Brenda



A coffee and cake sending was held for Intern Brenda Handel-Johnson as she completes her internship at Grace. Brenda will continue through the end of May.

Memorials and Gifts

TO THE ROOF FUND: from Richard & Judy Everson a memorial for David Olson; from a memorial from Fran Schaefer for Hubert Valbert, Marion Paulis, Dorothy Halajian, Donna Hanten, Walter Luken, Helen Adams, and Glenda Kuhlman.

GENERAL FUND: From John Sandl.

TO THE RADIO FUND: from Ed & Sharon Morrison in memory of Aaron Griep.

TO SUNDAY MORNING SERVING GROUP: From John Sangl

TO THE ALTAR FLOWERS: from Allen and Karen Kasperson in memory of Jesse Goebel.

Information requested on this beautiful painting

As the large screen came down in the Fellowship Hall, the picture hidden behind it for a long time was also taken down. It's a beautiful picture of Jesus and we'd like to know if there is any more information about it.

There is a signature on the painting that is O.J. Edwards. I understand he was a pastor at Grace from 1913-1922 and may have painted it. Can anyone tell us more?

The picture will have a new home near the entry into the sanctuary. It is truly a treasure of Grace Lutheran Church.



WELCOME!

*William Gilbert Nash
April 9, 2022*

NOTICE! Are you are Thrivent member? You may be able to receive an action team grant of \$250 to be used in our fund raising for various projects. Let us know if you are and we'll help you apply.

Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board Meeting, Monday, April 4, 2022

The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board of Directors met on April 4, 2022, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

Present: Bonnie Oletzke, Larry Picht, Rich Dunn, Will Morlock, Joy Nelson, Krisma Dewitt, Gena Urevig, Becky Knadle, and Geri Mohror. Also present was Peggy Hulscher.

Will Morlock called the meeting to order.

We welcomed Krisma Dewitt, who will be representing Grace Lutheran Church Woman, to the board.

Approve Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2022 meeting, made by Joy Nelson, seconded by Geri Mohror, motion passed.

A motion to approve the treasurer report for the month ending February 28, 2022 was made by Becky Knadle, seconded by Rich Dunn, motion passed.

Rental Property:

Larry reported that one unit is vacant in 405 3rd Ave SE.

We talked about a scholarship for members of Grace Lutheran Church.

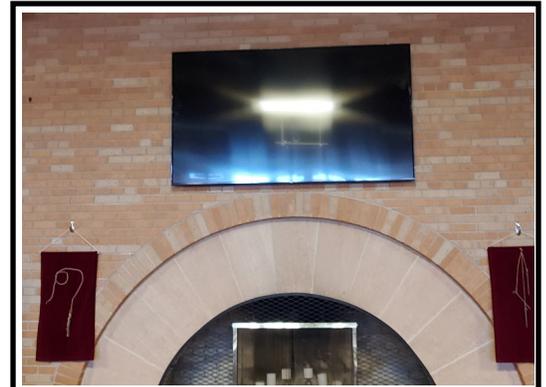
Update from council member.

It was reported that the sidewalk on the west side of the church will be replaced this spring.

Our next meetings will be May 2, 2022, 5:30 pm at Joy Ranch.

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

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.



The new "very large" tv in the Fellowship Hall replaces the large screen that hung above the fireplace. The projector has served it's time and began to have stars all over any and all video. The stars continued to get worse until the resolution nearly covered with white dots.

We thank those who took on the challenge of hanging the tv: Adam Wientjes, Mark Wientjes and Dave Snow to complete the work.



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. Quilts 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.

SUMMER 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:

@graced 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.

Raise the Roof Fund Raising Committee Updates

4-3-2022 Meeting Notes:

Recap on Jamboree: We do not have a final number on the money raised all together for the Jamboree, there are still a few things being worked out. Pastor Cheryl will let us know the final numbers when all is completed.

Recap on Craft/Vendor Fair: In concessions, \$1,022.00 was made, expensed will need to be taken from that, and the amount made on the vendors is not available yet, once all is completed, it will be listed.

4-10-22 Bake Sale: On Saturday 4-9-22 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm we will be at the church setting up for the Bake Sale. We will start in the conference room pricing, then moving everything to the Narthex. Darlene will be at the church Sunday to start the rolls, if anyone can help, please be there by 7:30 am. Pastor Cheryl will get us start up cash.

5-13-22 Mollie B Concert: Sponsors are needed!!! Attached is the sponsor letter, invoice and the spread sheet of sponsors contacted. If you can, please talk to people to sponsor. The concert will cost us \$5000. Tickets are selling, but there are still a lot left. Please help out as much as possible. Cloud 9 is doing advertising for us on Power 106 and KXLG, and have also asked if they can sell tickets. Yay to them!!! For any questions on the concert, please contact Pastor Cheryl or Kayla.

June 21st or 22nd Mother Daughter Dinner: Darlene has been contacted about doing another M/D Dinner. She is working on contacting an Emcee/speaker with an assortment of topics. Once she gets that information set up, we will lock in a date. Geri and Denise talked about doing a M/D Tea in the fall on a Saturday afternoon. We will look forward to setting that up.

There are a few guys who mentioned having a Fishing Tournament and/or Golf Tournament this summer. There wasn't anyone there to provide any details. Once we have more information, it will be shared.

New Committee Name: Now that the "Raise the Roof Campaign" Committee has met it's goal, the committee will end. GLC will always need a fundraising committee, but it needs to be named something that will cover for the money raised to go to designated things, which that committee will do. If there is a fundraiser and the money raised has not been assigned, it will go to the general fund and be used accordingly. Pastor Cheryl has suggested "Fund Development Committee" as a new name. If you have any suggestions, please share them.

Next meeting is Wednesday April 27th at 6:00 pm.

Thanks, Darcy

A BIG THANK YOU to all who donated items or helped with the Jamboree and Silent Auction, the Vendor Fair, and the Bake Sale. "Many Hands Make Light Work," and that is so true for all of our fund-raising efforts the last few weeks. We've all pulled together to make these events a success and we've raised a good amount of funds for the roof. As we see the work being done later this summer, know that all of us had a part in paying for it. God gave us a beautiful church for our worship, and we are doing our best to keep it looking good. Thank you!

Raise the Roof Fund Raising Committee

| Raise the Roof funds | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Foundation | \$ 20,000.00 |
| GLCW | \$ 3,345.00 |
| Grace general | \$ 24,102.19 |
| Pledges | \$ 26,306.67 |
| Memorials | \$ 10,250.00 |
| Donations | \$ 32,266.93 |
| Kubota | \$ 18,690.00 |
| Fundraisers | \$ 37,757.30 |
| Bank interest | \$ 38.18 |
| Roof Pymt | \$ (57,741.00) |
| Expenses | \$ (606.99) |
| Total funds | \$ 114,408.28 |



VBS 2022

June 3rd – 4th

VBS is open to 3year olds – 6th grade
VBS will run from June 3rd 1pm – 7:30 pm

5th-6th grade has the option to do an overnight camp-out

June 4th we will resume with all ages from 9am – 1pm
Meals and snacks will be provided

If your th-5th-6th grader is interested in the overnight camp-out please mark it on their registration form.

Please return registration form by May 27th

Parent Volunteers are needed

From the minute your mates step off the plane onto Australian soil, they will find themselves on a trip themselves on a trip they'll never forget!

The day begins at the Aussie Assembly, the thrilling opening complete with entertaining welcomes, "aus-some" songs, a mission moment, and prayer. Then we're off to four fun rotation sites:

Land Down Under Lessons

During the lesson time, our mates will unearth the value and wonder of all life created by God and for God.

Top Koala-Ty Treats

Mates will enjoy delicious "tucker" (food) at this much-anticipated stop.

Hoppin' Good Games

At this location, mates 'av a go (put in a good effort) at fun land and sea challenges or have a blast working as teams and trying out various physical challenges.

Turtle-Y Terrific Science & Crafts

Electrifying science experiments to explore, creative crafts to invent, high-energy songs to sing, fun memory verse games to play.

2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

June 3 – 1pm – 7:30pm (5-6th grade camp-out overnight)

June 4 – 9am – 1pm

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| 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: _____ | | | |

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| 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 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------|---|------------|
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5th-6th grade Camp-out (mark if staying overnight) _____

Any health concerns:

Wednesday and Sunday school children attending the Palm Sunday service helped carry palms to wave during the processional followed by sharing a song with the congregation. The Wednesday and Sunday school children will sing for Mother's Day on May 8th at the 11 am service, the last day of Sunday school until fall. Wednesday school is complete on May 11th.



With Words Unspoken! Waiting for the Palm Sunday Processional to begin with palms ready, and through a child's eye, these two little cuties have a look of wonder and awe.

Preaching on the story of the Prodigal Son, Pastor Cheryl wore three hats, one for each of the characters, prodigal, brother and father, to consider who we are in relationship to the



story. The prodigal who has come to repent; the father who forgives; or the brother who is unforgiving and burdened with jealousy.



Will it float? Pastor Cheryl asks the children on Affirmation Day about setting the paper clip in the bowl of water. Using this to explain how some want to see things to believe them in the story of Thomas in John 20: 19-31. But unlike just setting the paper clip on the water and it sinks, if you put it on a thin piece of paper napkin, the napkin material will soak up the water and fall to the bottom but the paperclip this time will continue to float. "Blessed are those who believe and have yet not seen."



Easter morning children's message explaining New Life in Christ to the children during the two morning services and above right at the Spanish speaking service.

VBS will be held at a DAY Camp on Friday and Saturday June 3 and 4. VBS is for children 3 through 6th grade—Return the registration in this Gleanings as soon as possible. We need parents to help... and 5th and 6th grade parents to camp with this children.



Craft Class Porch Boards

Porch boards were the craft this past month as many designed, painted and created their own Welcome for their front door. The evening craft class was taught by Cindy Vander Leest and Liz Dunn. If you have a craft you would be willing to teach, contact Cindy.



Ten Young People Make Affirmation of Baptism April 24th

Those who were confirmation on Sunday, April 24th were left to right: Abigail Catherine Reeves, daughter of Becky & Adam Reeves; Daniel James Henrichs, son of Paul Henrichs and Jennifer Ageton; Keisha Kaylee Payne, daughter of Allan & Rae Payne; Kaydence Grace DeHaan, daughter of Krystle & Anthony DeHaan; Aryanna Elizabeth Pahl, daughter of Alyssa & Tony Pahl; Grace Rylee Wickherst, daughter of Adrian and Jennifer Wickherst; Samuel James Anderson, son of Arne & Patty Small-Anderson; Dominic Marcus Donald Krauth, son of Kathy & Adam Shulstad and Robert Krauth; and Chloe RaeAnn Bauman, daughter of Alissa Bauman. Not pictured Tegan Jade Gasper, daughter of Tyler & Krisha Gasper.



Summer Confirmation Class

Our lives are busy and family dynamics have changed over the years. Children are often busy with school activities or share by parents following a divorce needing time to spend with each on separate occasions and even in separate cities and states making it difficult for parents to fulfill their responsibilities to provide the opportunity to grow in faith through Christian Education taking confirmation.

Our church promises at baptism to provide educational opportunities for First Communion instruction beginning at the 2nd grade and confirmation instruction beginning at the 7th grade.

If you would like your child to have this instruction but the normal fall through winter to spring period does not fit your schedule or family dynamics, summer classes are available to assist you in achieving this important responsibility and time for learning for young people 7th thru 12th grade.

If you have questions, would like to sign your child up for a class, or are an adult who would like a catechism class, contact Pastor Cheryl. Cell: 605-237-1501 or email: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com.

Adult confirmation class

There will be an adult confirmation class beginning on May 15th at 10 am. If you are an adult who has never taken confirmation, would like to renew your understanding of Lutheran teachings or attend a refresher study of the catechism, contact Pastor Cheryl to sign up and receive a book.



First Communion Postponed

Because of the inclement weather on Maundy Thursday, April 14th, those students who were to take their First communion had to wait and could not all attend on Easter Sunday. Some were able to attend Easter Service and some are waiting until May 11th.

Pictured above on the left is Alison Reeves with her family experiencing the Lord's Supper for the first time as each child came forward to the rail.

Once all have received First Communion a picture will be in the Gleanings. We apologized for the delay.

First Communion classes are held in the fall and spring for any in second grader on up who desire to receive the Lord's Supper. Contact Pastor Cheryl for more information or to sign up.



Grace Lutheran Preschool

This year has been the best it could have ever been! We want to thank everyone who was a part of making this year special. With that in mind we have multiple big events coming up.

Graduation is coming up very fast, will have it on May 24th from 5:30 to 7:30 the students must be in the room by 5:15 to get ready. We will start in the sanctuary then we will go to the fellowship hall for Cake!

Miss Danni has been working hard to get the binders that are filled with their precious little handprints that go along with the alphabet and their all about me books. She can't wait to share all the special moments that the kiddos got to have this year!

Grace Preschool would like to invite you to Preschool Sunday on May 1st. All family members of the preschoolers are invited to worship the Lord and listen to beautiful music from the preschoolers. The preschoolers have been working hard all year at chapel time to learn all the songs to showcase to the congregation.

On Preschool Sunday we will have our Art show. On that day we will have an art table by the sanctuary door. The table will have a lot of artwork for purchase! We are asking for free will donations that will help support the preschool. The Proceeds go towards art supplies for craft items and field trips! If you keep an eye out on our Facebook page, you will see what all the fun art supplies really go towards!

With this school year coming to an end, we would like everyone to keep in mind that open enrollment is upon us! You can contact the Grace Lutheran Preschool Facebook page to get in contact with Miss Danni or call the Grace Lutheran church.

We will have zoo days May 19th from 8:15 to 11:30 for the morning 4s then 12:15 to 3:30 for the afternoon 4s. Then May 20th from 8:45 to 11 the 3s. If you would like to volunteer any of those days, we would love to have you. Please contact Miss Danni at (dannielle.dobberpuhl010@gmail.com)

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:

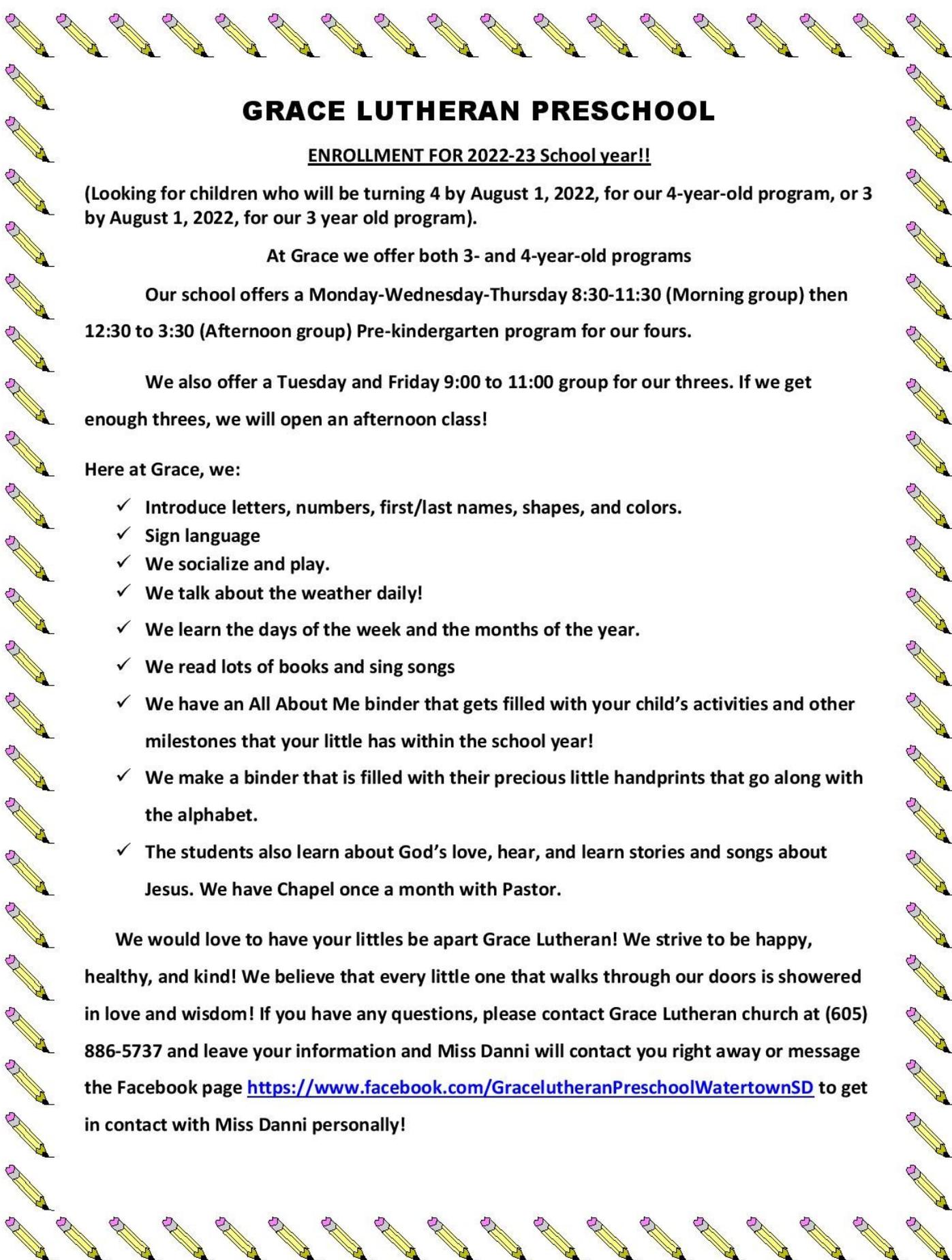
May 1st: Preschool Sunday

Zoo Days: May 19th(4s) May 20th (3s)

May 23rd- Last day of school for threes

May 24th – Last day of school for fours

GRADUATION: May 24th-5:30 to 7:30



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!

Fifteen Young People to be Recognized May 15th at Senior Recognition Service

Fifteen high school seniors will be recognized at the 11 o'clock worship service on May 15th. The 2022 seniors are: Brittney Auen, Dawson Briggs, Chelsea Finck, Mickel Brownell, Wade Jordan, Hannah Kennedy, Triton May, Jason Mohr, Madison Park, Meili Planteen, Abby Reis, Cooper Schmit, Aysia Stefanich, Spencer Stock and Jesse Urevig.

Students are reminded to return their information and a picture for the bulletin insert for that day.

Greeter and Usher Training

Have you ever visited a church on a Sunday morning only to find no one there to welcome you and the atmosphere seemed rather unfriendly?

You probably never went back.

That's why it is so VERY important to create an atmosphere of friendliness and welcome at Grace Lutheran, to create a pleasant experience as visitors and even regular attenders enter the church to receive a warm welcome and a positive feeling of acceptance.

Greeting guest can be small things like opening the doors for them to enter, being available to point guest in the direction of the sanctuary, and just a friendly good morning with a smile.

To be a more friendly and inviting congregation, there will be Greeters Training held for anyone wishing to serve as Ushers and Greeters. Marion Raml and Geri Mohror will hold the training on May 5 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

We look forward to seeing you at 6 pm Thursday, May 6th and thank you for volunteering to serve our church family.

Visitation... is there someone you know who should have a visit from the pastor? Those homebound, can no longer get to church or because of COVID are unable to attend?

People who are in the hospital? Hospitals and nursing homes can not give the information out of their patients without permission, a family member or the person themselves must contact the church with the information for a visit.

When at a hospital or a nursing home, pastors are not allowed to go into other rooms to visit those who are not member unless invited because of the possibility of Proselytizing: That is the action of attempting to convert someone from one church, religion, belief, or opinion to another. The same goes for those who were once members and have joined another church, the pastor can't go to try to bring them back unless they request a visit.

Of course they can return and ask questions themselves anytime and we WELCOME them with open arms and invite them to come talk to the pastor anytime. OR YOU as a member can visit with them.

The pastor can also contact those who do not have a church family when they are asked.

If there are people you know who desire a visit, contact Pastor Cheryl directly: 605-237-1501 or email: cherylgraceld@midconetwork.com.

"Finding God When You Need Him Most" Summer Bible Study

A summer Bible Study will begin in June meeting in the courtyard as often as possible. The evening Study will be held at 7 pm beginning June 8th with a Chip Ingram study "In Finding God When You Need Him Most."

In this study, Ingram shows how you can meet God in the midst of your most difficult moments. You will move from "knowing about God" to profoundly experiencing His presence and power in your life.

Whether you're struggling with a rocky relationship, an unexpected crisis, depression, or injustice, bring your coffee and join us as we are reminded that the Lord is faithful to hear your heart's cry and will be there for you, time and again.

To register for the study, contact Pastor Cheryl by email: cherylgraceld@midconetwork.com or text 605-237-1501.

Family Worship continues this Summer

Wednesday night family worship will continue this summer with services each week at 6 pm beginning June 1st. The family style contemporary service will be held in the sanctuary making it available for those who are gone on weekends or cannot attend the 8:30 am Sunday morning service to have an opportunity to worship each week.

All are welcome to come and hear the word of God with the family of Grace.

Spring Craft/Vendor Fair a Huge Success

The annual spring craft/vendor fair held Saturday, April 2nd was a huge success with the Fellow-

ship Hall filled with booths of all kinds. Plans are to hold the Fall Craft/Vendor Fair. The date is tentatively set for November 5th. Anyone who is interested in having a booth or participating can leave their name at the office and once the date set will be informed. Or watch for more information in the Gleanings, on the Grace Lutheran Facebook page and our website: glcwn.org.



Grace Lutheran Church

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May 2022

| | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship Preschool singing 1:00 pm Service at Edgewood | 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET 5:30 pm Foundation Meeting 6-7 pm Choir Practice 7-8 pm Bells Choir Practice | 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 6:30 pm Dance Class Refresher Practice | 10:30 am Service at Avantara 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 6 pm Wednesday School 7 pm Family Worship Service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets | NOON – National Day of Prayer service 2 pm SD Rostered Pastor Meet by Zoom 6 pm Greeter & Usher Training | OFFICE CLOSED Home School Group using Fellowship Hall mornings | |
| 8 | MOTHER'S SUNDAY 8:30 am Worship /Holy Communion 9 am Boy Scouts Pancake feed 9:30 am Last Sunday school 10:30 am Hymn Sing Along 11:00 am Worship /Holy Communion & Children Singing | 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET 6-7 pm Choir Practice 7-8 pm Bells Choir Practice | 4:30 Tops/Choir Room Watertown Ministerial Noon meeting at HyVee | 10:00 – Service at Hi-Rise 11:00 TOPS/Choir Rm 6 pm Last Wednesday school 7 pm Family Communion Worship & First Communion 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets | 10:30 am Service at Stoneybrook 11 am – 1 pm Law Enforcement/EMT Lunch 5 pm Stewardship Committee 6 pm Grace Council meets | OFFICE CLOSED Home School Group using Fellowship Hall mornings 1 pm Set-up for Mollie B MOLLIE B SHOW 7:30 to 9:30 At Cloud 9 | |
| 15 | 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 10 am Adult Confirmation Class 11:00 am Worship/ with Senior Recognition w/Holy Communion | 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET 6-7 pm Choir Practice 7-8 pm Bells Choir Practice | 9:30 – Noon Prairie Coteau Conference Pastors meet 4:30 Tops/Choir Room | 10 am Service at Town View 10:30 am Service at Jenkins 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 6 pm Family Worship NO Youth Group | | OFFICE CLOSED BLOOD DRIVE | |
| 22 | 8:30 am Worship/Holy Communion Baptism of Jax Lee Mattson 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 10 am Adult Confirmation Class 11:00 am Worship/Holy Communion W/ First Responders/Law Enforcement Appreciation | 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET 6 pm Music Group P ot Luck | Preschool Graduation 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 6 pm – Education Committee Meets | 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 6 pm Family Worship NO Youth Group | Grief Support meets – 6 pm | OFFICE CLOSED VBS Registration DUE | |
| 29 | <i>Summer Worship Schedule</i> 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship | 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET | 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 5:30 (Pastor) Multi Culture meeting | Pastor Cheryl In-Office Hours Tuesday –Thursday; Contact directly anytime! 605-237-1501 or E-mail: cheryl@gracelc.com Intern Brenda In-Office Hours Monday and Wednesday Leave a message with the office to arrange a time. | | | |
| | | 30 MEMORIAL DAY | 31 | | | | |

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National Day of Prayer 2022 ~ Service at Noon ~ at Grace Lutheran May 5th
Theme: 'EXALT THE LORD, WHO HAS ESTABLISHED US' based on Colossians 2:6-7

Important Upcoming Dates

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| May 3 | 6:30—8 pm Dance Class Refresher |
| May 5 | Noon—National Day of Prayer service |
| May 8 | Mother's Day Last day of Sunday school Children sing at the 11 o'clock service |
| May 11 | Last night of Wednesday school |
| May 15 | Senior Recognition Sunday |
| May 22 | Appreciation Service for Law Enforcement/Fire personal/EMTs |
| May 29 | Summer Worship schedule begins With one service at 8:30 am each Sunday |
| May 30 | Memorial Day |
| June 3rd & 4th | VBS Day Camp (Register by May 27) |
| June 3rd & 4th | SD Synod Assembly at Sioux Falls |
| June 5 | Blessing of the Bikes at Grace |

Blessing of the Motorcycles

In the Parking Lot of
Grace Lutheran Church
202 Second Street SE,
Watertown, South Dakota

~ June 5th ~

There will be a meal & Blessing

After the Blessing, there will be
a ride around Lake Kampeska.

Watch for time and more details

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