



GRACE GLEANINGS

Grace Lutheran Newsletter
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Worship Services Move Inside

Although COVID-19 continues, worship services have moved inside with the colder weather. The sound/video technicians will continue to transmit the service to the parking lot as long as there is interest.

The the more traditional service is at 8:30 am in the sanctuary. The service is record for broadcast over KWAT on your 950 AM radio dial and video is uploaded to Youtube and FaceBook. Since there is no singing, a song leader provides the music. Worshipers are asked to sit in every other pew as marked and to wear their face mask.

Due to cleaning restrictions, the 11:00 am service is held in the Fellowship Hall placing chairs at a distance. The 11 am service is more contemporary with the praise team provides songs and music.

Wednesday evening at 7 pm is the family worship service following Wednesday school. The services have very short with the confirmation and Wednesday school students helping out with skits. In the future, plans are to have the children sing during the Family service. Everyone is welcome to attend this service.

God's Work, Our Hands was held the end of September. Several helped with assembling the kits for World Relief. Picture below l to r: James Goble, Dylan Jordan, Kyler and Adriene Schulz.



~ We Thank God for Our Volunteers ~

Praise Team regularly leads provides music and singing for worship services



The praise team at Grace Lutheran regularly provided music and singing for the drive-in services all summer and now as we are inside for worship each Sunday. Team members take turns as song leader for the 8:30 am service in the sanctuary while the team joins their talent and voice for the 11:00 am service in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your dedication and service each week while we are following CDC guidelines for the congregation to not sing.

Pictured at the keyboard is Judy Everson and left to right: Becky Sprouse, Riley Sprouse, Krisma DeWitt, Leigh Carstensen. Not pictures are Kayla Mohling and Rhonda Lorenz.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this, it's one week to election day and change is a com'ng. That is a song "Change is a com'ng" put out by Sam Cooke in 1963 and a music video remake in 2016 on YouTube. Some of the lyrics are:



I was born by a river, oh man, in this little old tent, oh
Just like this river, I've been running ever since
It's been a long, long time coming
But I know, but I know, a change is gotta come
It's been a time that I thought
Lord this couldn't last for very long, oh now
But somehow I thought I was still able to try to carry on
It's been a long, long time coming
But I know a change is gonna come

The video shows clips of the many changes experienced in the past several decades. Every generation has that. I remember my grandmother telling me how she came from Nebraska with her family to northeast South Dakota walking behind a covered wagon when she was 7 years old. I was amazed at the story and how many changes she had seen in her lifetime as she told me of her experiences when she was in her 90's.

Not everyone likes change. But change is inevitable. God invites us to change when we become His child. To put our faith in Him and His will for us. To trust in His ways, even when we do not understand them.

Just as in Genesis where He called Noah to build a boat because things were going to change and telling Abraham to go to a place where He would show him but did not say where. Both required obedience and trust.

The Apostle Paul writes in Romans, *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

And change comes when *"... we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."* in 2 Corinthians 3:18.

Change happens all our lives. At times we are prepared for it like graduations or the birth of a baby. At times we are not, like when a pandemic strikes or the loss of a loved one. Change IS 'gonna' happen.

God knows change can cause distress and anxiety and that is why He wants us to know, we can put our trust in Him, for He tells us in Malachi 3:6: *"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed."* because he does not change as Isaiah 40:8 tells you, *"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."*

Change will happen... as it always does. Every year brings something new and other things no longer are necessary or lost, so we have to let go. The election will come and go as others have before. The pandemic will eventually be over and we can resume a new normal. We don't know what it will look like, we just need to trust it will be good as God tells us in Isaiah 43:18-19 *"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."*

The one thing that is constant, the one thing we can depend on, is that God does not change. No matter what you have done. No matter what has happened to you. No matter what road you have traveled. God loves you and gives you His Word which tells you, *"¹⁹God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?"* (Numbers 23:19)

In times of disappointment, in times of anxiety, in times of change when you don't understand, God want you to put your trust in Him and know He wants the best for you, not evil. He just ask that you trust in Him for *"Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever."* Hebrews 13:8, a trust that comes from His Word.

And as the song says, "... when things couldn't last for long and you feel you cannot carry on... when change is gotta come"... know that God does not change and waits for you.

Change is a com'ng... put your trust in the one thing that does not change, Our Savior Jesus... who tells you *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."* (Matthew 24: 35)

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You! ~ Pastor Cheryl

Minutes of the October 8, 2020 Grace Lutheran Council meeting

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with James Goble presiding. Also, present were, Denise Biller, Mark Briley, LeRoy Bullis, Dylan Jordan, Rhonda Lorenz, Geri Mohror, Harley Petersen, Gary Rukstad, Roger Rust, Sherry Starr, Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett and Cindy Vander Leest. Absent was Rick Brownell, Paul Henrichs, Tod Sprouse and Gina Urevig.

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

A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Christmas Supper and Education Superintendent was made by Rick Brownell and second by Sherry Starr. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for the September 10, 2020 meeting was made by Rhonda Lorenz and second by Geri Mohror. Motion carried.

Items:

1. Financial Report— Cindy Vander Leest reported the monthly income to the general fund was \$19,580, the weekly average giving was 4,895 and the weekly worship attendance was 122 (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 Sherry Starr. Motion carried.

2. Pastor's Report – Pastor Cheryl reported Confirmation classes are going well. She continues to lead Drive-Up worship services, baptisms, weddings, and funerals. She also continues to put together the Gleanings and bulletins, attends Zoom meetings, leads a bible study, and does a Daily Reading w/Martin Luther video to upload to Facebook. She has contacted some parents to help start a youth event and working on completing and starting First Communion classes.

Old Business:

Worship services – Pastor Cheryl has been leading along with participating confirmation students an outside Wednesday night service following Wed. school. This service will continue in the fellowship hall due to weather conditions. Everyone is welcome to attend. On Sunday, October 18th the 8:30 service will be in the sanctuary and the 11:00 service will be the drive inn parking lot service with weather permitting.

Job – Kathy Kruiter is back in the office 2 days a week and Jerod Jordan has resigned. The Council discussed if we should advertise locally or do a Call for a Word & Service (Deacon) to fill the Youth and Family Director position. A motion to follow Pastor Cheryl's suggestion to work with the Synod and Call for a Word & Service (Deacon) was made by Denise Biller and second by Roger Rust. Motion carried with 1 disapproval.

Special meeting – Amending the Constitution to include C10.08 – The Special Congregation meeting held on October 4th to vote on amending the Constitution to include C10.08 did not have a quorum to vote. President James Goble thanked all that did attend and adjourned the meeting.

Committee for Updating Grace Lutheran Church Constitution (7 people)- President James Goble asked for volunteers from the Council to be on a committee to update the GLC Constitution. Pastor Cheryl stated there is a model constitution on the Synod web site to help congregations to follow. The Council volunteers to be in on this committee are Denise Biller, Mark Briley, Dylan Jordan and Harley Petersen.

Reminder- Art & Marcia Jelsma farewell coffee Sunday, October 11:00 – Coffee in honor of the Jelsma's will be at 9:30 between services followed by Marcia playing organ at the 11:00 service. The Jelsma's have moved to Tea, S.D. and Marcia has retired from playing organ at our 8:30 service and Art has retired from being our go to Tech guru.

Christmas Supper update – Denise Biller reported her family, including Darcy Raethz along with Becky and Chuck Knadle, Julie Stock and Gina Urevig have agreed to organize the Christmas Supper. This year it will be a curbside and delivery from 11:00 to 1:00. They will need a lot of volunteer delivery drivers.

New Business:

1. **Sun./Wed. school classes would like to meet in room** – A motion to let Sun./Wed. school attend in classrooms was made by Dylan Jordan and second by Geri Mohror. Motion carried.

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Financial Report

Income	Budget	YTD	Debts:	Original amt	Balance
Offerings		\$ 192,951.52	Term Debt	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,155.00	Line of Credit	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
PPP Cares Act forgivable loan		\$ 5,100.00			
Scrip Proceeds		\$ -			
Member donation		\$ -			
Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 10,338.11			
GLCW & Fndtn Sanctuary lights		\$ 7,324.00			
Foundation Grants		\$ 1,714.61			
Thrivent Choice \$\$		\$ 2,535.00			
Missions		\$ -			
Misc.		\$ 808.23			
Xfer Ed Jones/Grinnell ins ROOF		\$ 70,482.63			
Designated donations		\$ 16,865.50			
Total Income for General Fund		\$ 309,274.60			
Expenses					
ELCA & SD Synod Projects	\$ 2,546.05	\$ 1,722.06			
Staff					
Senior Pastor - Salary & Benefits	\$ 87,070.00	\$ 58,965.35			
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -			
Call process mileage & travel exp		\$ 57.10			
Youth & Family Director	\$ 19,516.33	\$ 5,879.08			
Business Adm Salary & Benefits	\$ 47,146.80	\$ 35,360.28			
Parish Education Assistant	\$ 2,674.99	\$ 668.76			
Office Asst & Custodians	\$ 56,350.49	\$ 18,603.36			
Payroll taxes	\$ 10,878.62	\$ 6,436.64			
Pastoral Materials	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00			
Total Staff	\$ 226,787.23	\$ 126,120.57			
Program Expenses			Other Outlays		
Office Expenses	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 9,139.29	Designated Gifts		\$ 1,155.00
Worship & Music	\$ 18,350.00	\$ 6,728.96	GLCW & Foundation		
Altar Guild	\$ 750.00	\$ 517.21	Basemt & Conf room		\$ 15,269.93
Youth Ministry	\$ 150.00	\$ 131.60	Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 11,453.11
Fellowship	\$ 100.00	\$ -	Hail damage (insured)		\$ -
Mission	\$ 325.00	\$ -	Misc		\$ 178.23
Outreach & Care Ministry	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,476.10	Fundraiser for General		\$ -
Stewardship Ministry	\$ 800.00	\$ 680.64	Foundation Grant exp		\$ 2,480.37
Debt Service	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	Hallway&FH floors		\$ 2,200.00
Insurance	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 8,439.72	Designated Donations		\$ 6,179.68
Utilities	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 17,646.32	Total Other Outlays		\$ 38,916.32
Synod Assembly Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -			
PC Conference Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 279.00	Total Expenses & Outlays		\$ 219,813.94
One time 2020 exp for year 2019	\$ 5,000.00				
Contingency	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 635.19	General Fund - 1/1/2020		\$ 67,395.52
Property Ministry	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 7,380.96	Plus Income		\$ 309,274.60
Program Expenses	\$ 115,375.00	\$ 53,054.99	Less Expenses & Outlays		\$ 219,813.94
Total Expenses	\$ 344,708.28	\$ 180,897.62	Loan Advances		\$ -
			General Fund - 9/30/20		\$ 156,856.18

The next Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting will be at 6 pm Thursday, November 12th in the Fellowship Hall.



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

Foundation Sunday Message

November, 2020

The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation elected to forego the annual presentation to the Congregation during regular Church Services due to the uncertainty of when normal Church Services will return. We urge all members of the Congregation to be cautious during this time of the COVID-19 crisis. We do not want to endanger anyone during this trying time.

The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation is a non-profit corporation established in 1968 to have perpetual existence. The Foundation was formed to receive gifts and memorials of all kinds. The principle of the gifts will be held in a permanent fund as a financial cornerstone of the church. The income that this fund generates will be used for educational, charitable and religious programs of Grace. The Foundation will help the church meet new challenges and opportunities which would not normally be met by the annual church budget.

Gifts given to the Foundation become part of a permanent endowment fund. The fund is an accumulation of many gifts, large and small, contributed by persons interested in the welfare and programs of Grace.

The Foundation Board consists of 9 members of Grace Lutheran. Six are members at large (Will Morlock, Joy Nelson, Bonnie Oletzke, Larry Picht, Rich Dunn, Becky Knadle), 2 are members of the Church Council (Jim Globe and Geri Mohror) and 1 is the president of GLCW (JoAnn DeBerg). Election of members at large are held at the Annual Church meeting.

The Foundation accepts applications for financial assistance during January and February each year. Applications will be available at the Church Office or from members of the Foundation Board at the appropriate time. In 2020 the Foundation received 38 requests for funding. The amount requested was \$74,395.00. The Foundation Board approved funding for all, or part of, 36 of these. Requests that were granted for educational funding amounted to \$14,495.00 and \$37,650.00 for non educational items. In 2020 the Board distributed \$52,145.00 to various groups that met the criteria established. A list of organizations receiving grants is available upon request and in the Church Office.

A book of Remembrance is displayed listing all persons that have made donations to the Foundation. Any donations made to the Foundation need to be identified as such at the time of donation. We ask that you please consider making a donation to the Foundation knowing that your donation will be used to meet the mission of Grace Lutheran Church for many years to come. Additional information is available in a brochure that is available from the Church Office.

Respectfully submitted;
Will Morlock, Foundation Chairman
10-17-2020

COUNCIL MINUTES —Continued from page 3

- 2. Pastor Cheryl's Portico Ins. Gold plan** – The Financial Committee recommended to continue with the Portico Insurance gold plan for Pastor Cheryl. A motion to continue Pastor Cheryl's Portico Gold plan was made by Mark Briley and second by Geri Mohror. Motion carried.
- 3. Reminder – Foundation Sunday will be in November**

Committee Reports:

Education, Youth & Family – Dylan Jordan reported the Sun./Wed classes are going well

Property – LeRoy Bullis reported he is getting a quote on fixing/replacing the fellowship hall, hallways and bell tower roof.

Geri Mohror along with the Council members wanted to “thank” all the singers and sound techs helping with our worship services.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Vander Leest


Family Night Worship Services



At Wednesday Family Worship Keisha Payne (left) and Abigail Reeves (right) demonstrate how our lives are much sweeter when we forgive others by first tasting a slice of lemon followed by tasting a sugar coated slice of lemon teaching us how forgiveness changes our relationships to be sweeter.



Sun-Wed School



Youth and Families

The Story of Joseph of the Old Testament

What do lemons have to do with the story of Joseph and his eleven brothers who sold him into slavery?

First, God can make good come out of bad just as sour lemons taste better when coated with sugar. God wants us to remember He can use evil things and turn them into good for you.

Second, Joseph had a choice to punish his brothers for the evil that he had done and the pain their had caused... OR... forgive them, and share in the sweetness of having a good relationship with his family. God wants us to remember the sweetness of forgiving others is so much better than hanging onto bitterness.

Youth tell the story of Moses and Pharaoh at Family Worship



Left to right: Daniel Henrichs, Grace Wickherst, Brooke Henrichs and Kaydence DeHaan give a modern day performance the plagues handed down by Moses to Pharaoh until Pharaoh finally let the people of Israel go in the story of the Exodus. A little help came with sound effects for the frogs, gnats and flies from Ollyver DeHaan pictures at right with Pastor Cheryl.

Family Worship is held at 7 pm in the Fellowship Room each for those who are unable to attend on Sunday mornings. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Farewell held for organist Marcia Jelsma ~ *We Will Miss You!*



A farewell was held for Marcia and Art Jelsma as they have moved from Wattertown. Marcia has been the organist at Grace for the past 13 years. Over the years she was also the parish education associate for 31 years, teaching confirmation for 20 of those years as well as doing Sunday School. She starting the Wednesday School program and each year held a Teachers banquet with guest speakers and an end of year education program.

Marcia directed 58 Christmas Programs during her years at Grace as well as leading Vacation Bible School/Day Camp and many other volunteer jobs. Art has served as a volunteer for many years overseeing the sound technology, computer networking and web design.

They will be missed at Grace. Art and Marcia are pictured below with their daughter Amber, who will now have mom and dad living closer to her.



Confirmation held on Reformation Sunday

Two students were confirmed at Grace Lutheran on October 25th.



Aspyn Lexis Pahl (pictured above with Pastor Cheryl)

Daughter of Tony and Alyssa Pahl And Jonathan Thomas Brudwick Son of Allen Brudwick and Amanda Pierson, successfully fulfilled the requirements to make their Affirmation of Baptism.



Thank Offering Sunday

November is the time we think of Thanksgiving and giving Thanks in special ways. On Sunday, November 15th will be Thank Offering Sunday. It is a long-standing custom among Lutheran women to give thanks for the blessings received. This special Sunday is meant to support the many ongoing ministries of the wider church as well as here at Grace Lutheran. A letter from the Foundation on giving is on page 5 of this Gleanings. Your gifts can go to many places and are welcome in whatever way you chose to give.

Thanksgiving Service

Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday evening, November 22nd at 6 pm in the sanctuary. The special service will be a time to give Thanks to God. You are asked to bring a food donation that will be used for local food pantries.

let your light shine

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 any questions about an IRA Charitable Rollover, please contact:

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Rowen Foyt & Travis Foyt
*Rowen is the Son of Travis
and Brittany Foyt*
October 11, 2020



Remembering
Doris Knadle
October 26



Memorials and Gifts

TO PRESCHOOL

From Fran Schaefer in memory of Richard Felberg, Shirley Rasmussen, Andy Anderson, Gary Williams & Jim Painter.

TO RADIO FUND

From the wishes of
Harriet Bevers.

TO FLOWER FUND

From John Hanson in memory of Lenard and Pearl Hope's anniversary;
Will Morlock in honor of their 52nd Wedding Anniversary;
Jennifer and Blake Landon
in memory of Marlyn Landon.

TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Carol Schutt in memory of Bud Belk

TO GRACE FOUNDATION

From Fred and Gwen Peshman in memory of Sharon Johnson; From Robert and Carol Wagner in memory of Mildred Tronvold; From Marvin and AJ Sherrill in memory of Ilene Jacobson

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

You will then receive an acceptance to the group.

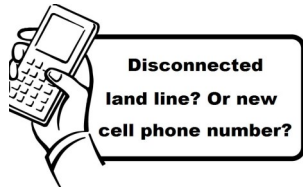
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To watch the Sunday 8:30 am Worship Service go to:
Our Youtube Channel at: <http://glcwn.org/Youtube.htm> OR
Facebook at: <http://glcwn.org/Facebook.htm>

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!*



When you can not attend church but wish to be good stewards, Simply Giving can help!

AUTHORIZATION FORM

SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM

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		<input type="checkbox"/> Change payment amount <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic payment	
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Worship Services have moved Inside *8:30 am in the Sanctuary ~ 11 am in the Fellowship Hall*

Important Dates on the Calendar

November 1—Daylight Savings ENDS—Fall Back!

- 1st All-Saints Day ~ 8:30 am—Worship service with First Communion
9:45 am—Sunday school
11:00 am—In-person worship in the Fellowship Hall with First Communion
- 5th 9—Noon: Support to Ministry meeting, Pastor Cheryl
- 7th 11:00 am to 4:30 pm —Synod Day will be livestreamed for everyone interested
- 8th 8:30 am—Worship service with First Communion
9:45 am—Sunday school
11:00 am—In-person worship in the Fellowship Hall with First Communion
- 12th 6:00 pm—Grace Council meets at 6 pm
- 15th Thank offering Sunday during worship services
- 17th 1—2:30 pm: Prairie Coteau Conference Pastors Meeting
- 22nd 6 pm—Thanksgiving Service in the Sanctuary
- 23rd Confirmation Youth serve the Banquet
- 26th Thanksgiving Day
- 29th Advent begins—Hanging of the Green during both services

Grace Lutheran Church: God's Grace Experienced Daily