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# GRACE GLEANINGS

## Grace Lutheran Newsletter

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## Fall Craft Vendor Fair just around the corner

The Fall Vendor Fair will once again be held at Grace Lutheran on Saturday November 6th from 9 am to 3 pm. The fair had to be cancelled last year due to COVID but now returns with more excitement and is craftier than ever. There are more than 30 vendors ready to set up with gnomes and t-shirts, homemade wood crafts and tumblers, stained glass and jewelry, giggles and grins, and so much more.

Grandma's Attic, a gift shop and Jewelry store will be held over from Nordefest Plus.

Additional booths include: Home Décor, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Pink Zebra, Nuskin, Sweet Pea Creations, Maskara Beauty, Jewelry by Julie, burned signs, homemade dog treats, crocheted hats, towels, shirts, table runners, aprons, homemade crafts, spices, handwoven rugs, etched glass pictures, gnomes, signs, crocheted doilies, baby animal rugs, wreaths, American Girl Doll clothing, and baby blankets and more are being added each day.

The Craft Vendor Fair is a great way to shop locally for all those Christmas decorations and presents without the hassle of delivery issues. Concessions will be available through out the day with a potato bar and all the fix'ns, BBQ's with chips and home made baked goods.

If you are available to help with concession or bring cookies, please sign up in the church office. This is a fund raiser for the Raise the Roof Project.



## We Thank God for Our Volunteers...

Once again we thank God for the many volunteers that work hard to bring you Nordefest Plus. A large

group gathered together on two Tuesday nights in October to make the many donuts that are sold.

Other work bees were held to make Krumkake, Flatbrod and Rosettes as well as 5 weeks of making the very popular Lefsa. Thank you all who helped in so many ways.

Many hands make work light AND the more that are gathered together, the more fun is shared.





*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

What a whirl wind October has been. The people at Grace have been busy preparing for Nordefest Plus and the smells have been delightful. First it was the weeks of lefsa making, then donuts, and flatbread and this week the delicate rosettes. (And they count them too!) Yummy stuff for the big day Saturday.

I am so excited to be part of it this year since my first year here last year, had to be cancelled. I don't think Santa's workshop could be any busier than Grace has been in the past weeks.

Then just around the corner will be the Fall Vendor and Craft Fair on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Several deliveries every day have been coming in for Grandma's Attic, the jewelry store, and gift shop to all be continued from Nordefest for the Vendor Fair.

With 33 vendors schedule for the fair, a full house, it will be a great place to shop for your Christmas presents supporting local merchants without the delivery issues. Concessions will be available, beginning with fresh caramel rolls in the morning. The revenue goes to the roof fund.

All this preparation has been going on while I played hooky, off one weekend for my granddaughter's wedding and a second weekend to attend the *1517 Here We Still Stand* conference. The wedding was great fun and a wonderful time being with family. The conference was too short but inspiring with several preachers preaching to preachers. It was awesome.

This busy schedule will continue during the last two months of 2021. During our Visioning sessions, the focus of several groups in our target area was for social and family friendly activities and Grace certainly experiences that daily.

Youth from throughout the Prairie Coteau Conference have been invited to experience Grace at a Retreat on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> with Ted Berckes as the guest speaker. The choirs will begin in November and there will be a soup supper following the Thanksgiving service on Sunday evening November 21. We will once again have Hanging of the Greens during worship services on the first Sunday of Advent, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

All these exciting events are important for Grace as John tells us, *"<sup>6</sup>If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."* (1John 1) With our vision statement 'Where Grace is experienced daily' our fun activities bring us closer together as a family to provide fellowship and to proclaim the gospel message through love for our neighbors.

In December, a special event, Las Posadas, will be held on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. It is a Christmas celebration held in Mexico and Latin American countries. It will be an exciting day to invite our Hispanic friends and neighbors to experience grace with them during their annual celebration working with Glacial Lakes Multi-Cultural Center and the sisters of Mother of God Monastery. (We need to borrow a donkey for this celebration – if anyone has one – let me know.)

This wonderful family atmosphere at Grace can be felt at Family Worship on Wednesday evenings. The children LOVE the "Noisy" offering. They line up to bring their change and make a joyful noise to the Lord. The offering will be used for a mission opportunity they chose toward spring. The Family Worship focus is more on the children's level with skits and camp songs, but the entire family is welcome to worship together. We begin this week to include Holy Communion once a month as part of the service. All this for families to experience grace together. Paul writes to the Thessalonians, *"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."* (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

We want to include you. What are your thoughts and ideas for worship, fellowship, family and social activities that can bring people together and share the experience of Grace.

Are you a crafter? We are looking for someone to lead craft classes. Are you musical? We are in need of more singers in the choir, ringer for the bell choir and musicians to play a variety of instruments. Are you a young adult? We are looking for those to create young adults group activities. Are you technology blessed? We are always in need of more people to help with sound, video and technology needs.

We are a family at Grace and invite you to share your gifts, talents, and time with us, where God's grace is experienced daily.

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

## Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council meeting on Thursday, October 14, 2021

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Rick Brownell presiding. Also, present were, Denise Biller, Mark Briley, LeRoy Bullis, Kelly Evjen, Paul Henrichs, Sherry Jongeling, Kayla Mohling Geri Mohror, Harley Petersen, Gena Urevig, Adam Wientjes, and Cindy Vander Leest. Absent were, Ted Frost, James Goble, Rhonda Lorenz and Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Denise Biller and second by Kelly Evjen. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for the September 9, 2021 meeting was made by Paul Henrichs and second by Geri Mohror. Motion carried.

### Items:

**1. Financial Report**— Cindy Vander Leest reported the monthly income to the general fund was \$17,785 the weekly average giving was \$4,446 and the weekly worship attendance was 146. 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 is attending her Continuing Education classes but wanted to remind everyone to come to coffee hour Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> with the Faith in Blue. She also shared Brenda will be starting November 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of April in her Internship at Grace. Brenda has already started as our Music Director for bell and singing choir, along with working with Judy to plan music for worship service. She is 2/3rds at Grace and 1/3 with Glacial lakes Multi-Cultural Center. The next Vision meeting is Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> following Family worship (7:30) and everyone is welcome to attend.

### Old Business:

**Fundraiser Committee** - Denise Biller reported they sat outside KWAT and sold the Kubota tickets on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Darlene Bresson is working on the Craft/Vendor Fair fundraiser to be held November 6<sup>th</sup>. Kayla Mohling is working on a Mollie B concert for a fundraiser and preceding dance lessons fundraiser.

**Constitution and By-Law update** - Mark Briley reported he didn't have an update but the committee would be getting together to discuss.

**Roof update** – LeRoy Bullis reported the Property Committee met to discuss to review the quotes from Pro-Tec and Hub City Roofing. Weathergard Roofing decided not to quote the job. The Council discussed and LeRoy was going back to the two companies to ask more questions. With the economy as it is, both companies aren't committing to a material price at this time.

### New Business:

- 1. Tree Removal** – Will Morlock has graciously looked into having the tree removed on the northwest corner of the south parking lot and will continue to work with the company with the Council's approval. A motion to have Will Morlock work with a company to remove the tree on the NW corner of the south parking lot was made by Adam Wientjes and second by Paul Henrichs. Motion carried.
- 2. Monday Night Banquet** – Rick Brownell reported the Banquet Board would like Grace Lutheran Church to be part of the Banquet Board. The Council would like to invite Stephanie and Heidi to the next Council meeting to discuss and learn more about the Banquet.
- 3. Funeral Policy additions** - Pastor Cheryl and Cindy believe the nonmember fees didn't include everything we offer and needed to be adjusted or added to the policy. The Council agreed and had other suggestions, so we will table until adjustments and additions are completed to vote on.
- 4. Christmas Supper** – Darcy Raethz, Denise Biller, Julie Stock, Gina Urevig, Becky and Chuck Knadle have graciously accepted to serve another Christmas dinner.
- 5. Foundation Sunday** – The Foundation Board will be serving coffee during services on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sidewalk update – Will Morlock is working with a cement company and they are planning to replace the sidewalks the beginning of June 2022.

### Committee Reports:

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Vander Leest

Raise the Roof funds	
Foundation	\$ 20,000.00
Grace general	\$ 24,102.00
Pledges	\$ 27,924.00
Memorials/Donations	\$ 27,090.50
Kubota	\$ 2,829.00
Fundraisers	\$ 18,034.21
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>\$ 119,979.71</b>

## Financial Report

Income	Budget	YTD		Debts:	Original amt	Balance
Offerings		\$ 177,982.27		Term Debt	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,060.00		Line of Credit	\$ -	\$ -
PPP Cares Act forgivable loan		\$ -				
Scrip Proceeds		\$ -				
Member donation		\$ -				
Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 2,254.82				
GLCW & Fndtn Sanctuary lights		\$ -				
Foundation Grants		\$ 1,031.05				
Thrivent Choice \$\$		\$ 1,998.00				
Missions		\$ 980.00				
Misc.		\$ 934.45				
Xfer Ed Jones/Grinnell ins ROOF		\$ -				
Designated donations		\$ 24,534.94				
<b>Total Income for General Fund</b>		<b>\$ 210,775.53</b>				
<b>Expenses</b>						
ELCA & SD Synod Projects	\$ 2,614.93	\$ 1,773.72				
<b>Staff</b>						
Senior Pastor - Salary & Benefits	\$ 88,997.80	\$ 66,711.32				
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -				
Call process mileage & travel exp		\$ -				
Youth & Family Director	\$ 13,842.40	\$ 10,381.86				
Business Adm Salary & Benefits	\$ 48,561.20	\$ 36,420.84				
Parish Education Assistant	\$ -	\$ -				
Office Asst & Custodians	\$ 42,703.15	\$ 21,278.50				
Payroll taxes	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,298.77				
Pastoral Materials	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00				
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>\$ 205,254.55</b>	<b>\$ 140,241.29</b>				
<b>Program Expenses</b>				<b>Other Outlays</b>		
Office Expenses	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 9,220.37		Designated Gifts		\$ 1,060.00
Worship & Music	\$ 15,700.00	\$ 5,170.88				
Altar Guild	\$ 950.00	\$ 554.15		Roof Fund Ed Jones		\$ 20,000.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 150.00	\$ 131.60		Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 1,177.00
Fellowship	\$ 100.00	\$ -		Missions		\$ 980.00
Mission	\$ 325.00	\$ -		Misc		\$ 50.00
Outreach & Care Ministry	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,887.58		Synod Grant Fund Tech		\$ 1,000.00
Stewardship Ministry	\$ 800.00	\$ 619.24		Foundation Grant exp		\$ 1,383.08
Debt Service	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -		Hallway&FH floors		\$ 1,000.00
Insurance	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,180.07		Designated Donations		\$ 23,808.32
Utilities	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 19,316.29		<b>Total Other Outlays</b>		<b>\$ 50,458.40</b>
Synod Assembly Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 450.00				
PC Conference Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 280.40		<b>Total Expenses &amp; Outlays</b>		<b>\$ 250,206.09</b>
	\$ -					
Contingency	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 914.89		<b>General Fund - 1/1/2021</b>		<b>\$ 114,806.89</b>
Property Ministry	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 8,007.21		Plus Income		\$ 210,775.53
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 117,425.00</b>	<b>\$ 57,732.68</b>		Less Expenses & Outlays		\$ 250,206.09
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 325,294.48</b>	<b>\$ 199,747.69</b>		Loan Advances		\$ -
				<b>General Fund - 9/30/21</b>		<b>\$ 75,376.33</b>

The next Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting will be at 6 pm Thursday, November 11th

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

**Funds available as of 10/21/21 \$120,000**



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

## **Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board Meeting, Monday, October 4, 2021**

The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board of Directors met on October 4, 2021, 5:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

Present: Bonnie Oletzke, Larry Picht, Will Morlock, Rich Dunn, Joann DeBerg, Gerri Mohr, Becky Knadle. 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 September 7, 2021 meeting was made by Larry Picht, seconded by Rich Dunn, motion passed.

A motion to approve the treasurer report for the month ending August 31, 2021 was made by Gerri Mohr, seconded by Larry Picht, motion passed.

Rental Property:

There are no vacancies. Waiting for the new boiler to be installed at 214 2 Ave SE.

Foundation Sunday will be November 14, 2021. We will serve coffee and cookies between services. Will Morlock will make a presentation concerning the Grace Lutheran Church Foundation at both services on November 14, 2021.

Church update: Cindy said that bid from the original contractor for the new roof has been updated. Grace Lutheran Church board is going to get a bid from a different contractor. The original contractor stated that they need to get approval by the end of October, 2021 to order the materials and lock in the cost of the new bid. The original contractor plans to begin the replacement of the roof spring of 2022.

Sidewalk replacement: A new contractor was contacted to replace the sidewalk around the church. The new contractor plans to replace the sidewalk and walks up to the building in the Spring of 2022.

There were no other items.

Our next meetings will be Tuesday, November 1, 2021, 5:30 pm at Grant Lutheran Church.

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

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

### **IRA Charitable Rollover**

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

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

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

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

#### **Benefits of an IRA charitable rollover:**

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

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

Cindy Vander Leest  
605-886-5737



## Berckes to speak to Youth at Prairie Coteau Conference Youth Retreat Friday, November 12th

Ted Berckes will be sharing his testimony about Jesus' love and faithfulness in his life. He loves Jesus, his wife, daughter and family, country, chickens, gardening, fishing/hunting, wrestling, farming, and agriculture. Ted has been employed as a sales agronomist at Helena in Canby since graduating from SDSU with a degree in agronomy. He and his wife Amanda lead youth group at Antelope Hills Christian Church in Canby, MN.

Youth from throughout the conference have been invited to this mini-gathering at Grace. Evening activities begin at 5 pm with a taco meal, Tik Tok competition, games, worship, and a showing of "The Chosen" followed by discussion. All youth 7th through 12th are encouraged to attend and hear Berckes testimony. Activities end at midnight.



## Grace welcomes intern Brenda Handle-Johnson in November



Brenda Handle-Johnson will begin a six months Internship of Word and Service starting November 1 through April 30th.

The internship will be shared with Glacial Lakes Multi-Cultural Center 1/3 of her time and at Grace for 2/3rds of her full time position.

She plans to be at Grace on Monday and Wednesday 9 am to 4 pm and Sunday's. There will be other times with events or meetings that come up or by appointment.

The main focus of her work is in the areas of: Outreach into the greater community of Watertown; Visitation; and Adult Faith Formation which may include grief support, bible studies, speakers on specific topics, support groups and a variety of activities as may be needed. She will occasionally preach and preside over service when opportunities arise.

In outreach, the goal is to work outside of the church seeking opportunities for the Anglo and immigrant communities to connect and learn from each other. One outreach activity that is being planned for December 19<sup>th</sup> is called Las Posadas. It is a Spanish celebration from Mexico and Latin America portraying the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem in search of a room in the Inn. We will hold this in conjunction with the Mother of God Sisters and IC starting at IC and ending here at Grace.

We need a donkey for this – can anyone get me a donkey? Please plan to attend and support this as more information will be coming.

The volunteers for this internship committee are: Denise Biller; Kris DeWitt, Paul Henrichs, Tod Sprouse and Kaytlynne Payne (youth representative)

Brenda also serves as the Music Director for Grace and is always looking for musicians to join the choirs.

**Sign up to  
serve at  
Coffee  
Fellowship  
Sunday  
mornings  
In the office**



Join Us  
For  
Coffee  
&  
Fellowship  
Sunday's  
9:30 - 10:45 am

## Fall Vendor and Craft Fair is Saturday—November 6th

In the Fellowship Hall of Grace Lutheran Church ~ 9:00 AM to 3:00 pm

Over 30th booths will be set up for your shopping convenience.

*Concessions with caramel rolls for breakfast ~ Potato bar with all the fix'n,  
BBQ's with chips & homemade goodies!*

# Grace tees

ALL ORDERS AND PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY/BEFORE

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th**

Proceeds go towards the Preschool.

Cash or Check (written to Grace Lutheran Preschool)

**Please, ONE order form per t-shirt**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

	Price	Circle one	Circle one
Youth	\$12	S M L XL	A or B
Adult	\$14	S M L XL	A or B
Adult	\$16	XXL or XXXL	A or B



Bella Canvas  
Dark gray heather



TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CASH CHECK# \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PRESCHOOL**



## Grace Lutheran Preschool

Welcome to OUR crazy classroom! We are so excited that you get to experience the little things with us! We have so many fun things going on within the room from show and share to our treasure books. Each week we read a book. Ms. Danni feels that each book is so special, so here in the preschool we call them treasures. The littles made treasure boxes and each week they get a treasure and a treasure note sent home. The littles get to work on reading comprehension by reading through the questions. They are so excited that they get to experience books like that!

We are still partnering with LATC's early childhood program. The littles are excited to meet all the wonderful students.

**We are having our annual fundraiser for the preschool. The proceeds go to the preschool, so that they can keep the classroom going throughout the school year! Any donation will help, or you can buy a T-shirt to support the room! See the flyer for more details on the T-shirt designs. The T-shirts will be dark grey with white writing.**

We are excited to have more Volunteers within the preschool. If you would like to Volunteer within the classroom, we always appreciate it! If that looks like coming in and reading a book or even donating random things within the classroom. We love the support in anyway. If you would like to help let the church know or contact the preschool.

Thank you for the love and support that has been given to the Preschool. I am so thankful for all the donations and prayers. We've had a great start to our school year.

Picture day:

October 25<sup>th</sup>-3s

October 26<sup>th</sup>-4s

Important dates:

November 24<sup>th</sup>  
through the 26<sup>th</sup>-No  
School-Thanksgiving  
vacation





## Wednesday and Sunday school activities keep children busy



Sunday, October 17 Lutheran Outdoors Director Paul Hanson filled in for Pastor Cheryl presenting “Keep the Campfire Burning.” Above, Paul is giving the children’s sermon. Below, children during the 11 am service sang.



Children enjoy giving to the Noisy offering each Wednesday evening. We started with a small can and have gotten a bigger one. We now have one that we will grow into and the children love making a joyful noise for the Lord.



During the Wednesday evening Family Worship, several of the young people assist with skits. Above r to l is Daniel Hendrichs, Kaydence DeHaan, and Grace Wickherst. Left Riley Sprouse and Jason Mohr in *Oh Brother*. Above left middle Olivia Bartnick played Professor Noodlebrane with pastor in the *Sin Eliminator* while shadowing at Grace.





CHILDREN'S  
Ministry  
NEWS



Interested in helping with Sun/Wed school.  
contact Becky @ [beckygracelc@midconetwork.com](mailto:beckygracelc@midconetwork.com) or  
605-881-5733.

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

**November 12<sup>th</sup>**

Ted Berckes will be sharing his testimony about Jesus' love and faithfulness in His life.

**UPCOMING EVENT:**

Early Bird Registration: Sept 22, 2021 through Nov. 21, 2021

Parent Volunteers are always needed.

Becky Sprouse / 605-881-5733 / beckygracelc@midconetwork.com

## Mission of the Month ~ Raise the Roof – Roof projects at Grace

Replacement of several roofs are needed over the Fellowship Hall, Education Wing, Kitchen, Office, Classrooms, and Bell Tower. A designated fund was set up at Grace Lutheran to raise money for the needed project. The cost of the project has increased from the original goal of \$140,000 due to an increase in materials and supply cost due to the pandemic.

This roof project includes removal and replacement of ballast and membrane, metal cap, installation of wood fiber board, and Carlisle 60 mil EPDM. These roofs have served their purpose for more years than are generally estimated and now time to do the necessary work of replacing them.

Donation towards the project can be made as memorials or gifts by check sent to Grace or you now can give on the Grace Lutheran website at [glcwtn.org](http://glcwtn.org).

The website enables you to give financial gifts online to Grace anytime and from anywhere. Go to [glcwtn.org](http://glcwtn.org) and click on the Giving link. You will enter the amount you want to give, then chose the roof fund under account. You will then have the options to log in with an email or Facebook, or as a guest. After you enter the gift details, the next page shows the account you have chosen, AND the processing fee. You can add this fee to the gift, so it does not cost the church funds, just click on the square to do so. There is also a memo area where you can note information about your gift such as if it is given in memory of someone, in celebration, or an appreciation gift.

After this information is entered, you will confirm it before it is processed. Thank you for your generous offerings for the Mission and Ministry of Grace Lutheran.

Pictured at right shows the patching that has been done to the drains on the roof and how much the project is needed to be completed as soon as possible.



## Fund raising continues with Kubota Sidekick Tickets

Raise the Roof Tickets are still available to purchase on a chance to win a 2021 Kubota RTV-xG850 Sidekick. Just over 300 tickets have been sold of the 750 available. The tickets are \$50 each. The drawing will be held on Feb 28th or before if the tickets are all sold. All proceeds now go to the roof fund.

Pictured at right are some of the volunteers who were at the KWAT parking lot last month to sell tickets.

The side by side includes a grill guard, tilt steering and shock to hold up dump box without manually locking it. Additional features include: 851 cc 4-stroke twin cylinder full-sized g48 HP gas engine; Tuned suspension with full or empty pay load and enhance steering geometry; Handles 1000 lbs of cargo; CVT-Plus Transmission; Front & rear independent suspension; Heavy duty steel cargo bed carries 15.2 cu ft; a two year/1,000 hour warranty. More information can be found online for this New 2021 Kubota RTV-XG850 Sidekick General Purpose | Utility Vehicles in Beaver Dam WI | [Kubota Orange \(powersportscompany.com\)](http://Kubota Orange (powersportscompany.com))

**Tickets are available at the office.**



**Several volunteers were available along Hwy 212 to sell tickets in the KWAT Parking Lot in September.**



## ***Bells will sound and the choir will Sing***

### **Choirs will begin playing in worship**

The Bell Choir will play during the Reformation service on October 31st, the first time they have played since before COVID. The choir will be planning to sing during the All Saints Day service on November 7th, also a first since COVID.



Brenda Handel-Johnson has begun as the Music Director with choir and bell rehearsals on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Bells will practice from 6 to 7 pm followed by Choir from 7:15 to 8:15 pm.

There is still time to join the choir and more ringers are needed for the bell choir. If interested contact Brenda, she begins her duties as a Word and Service Intern in November and will generally be available at Grace on Monday's and Wednesday. If you would like to offer special music, solos, duets, or other, please let Brenda know.

***Come make a joyful noise for the Lord!***

## **Visioning completes action steps on**

### **How God's Grace can be experience Daily**

FaithX provided data for Grace Lutheran on where and how to focus their activities for outreach into the surrounding community. Reports covered demographics of those within five minutes of Grace Lutheran and those within 40 minutes.

After several meetings, the focus of the group was:

- How do we draw in our target Group – more activities by age group?
- How do we use our Assets to best serve our Community – offer meeting space?
- How do we use fellowship to keep people coming back?
- How do we develop a volunteer recruitment program for follow-up/training?

Using the data from FaithX describing the missional context reports of the largest population of each group, four areas of activities were developed by those attending the visioning meeting Wednesday night. The four action steps for the vision of Grace Lutheran are:

1. We will hold activities that involve family friendly fellowship where God's Grace can be experience daily.
2. We will search for opportunities to provide space for meetings where God's Grace can be experience daily.
3. We will continue to provide successful fellowship activities where Grace can be experience daily.
4. We will actively follow-up with fellowship to recruit volunteers and volunteer activities where God's Grace can be experience daily.

The group will meet again in January to further discuss these activities and discuss future plans.



High School senior Olivia Bartnick of New Effington spent the evening shadowing Pastor Cheryl on Wednesday October 20th. During the family worship service, Olivia helped with a skit and taught the Wednesday school children a new song "Make a Difference." Olivia attends Rosholt High School and plans to attend Augustana University in the fall of 2022.

## **Memorials and Gifts**

**TO RADIO FUND:** From Bonnie and Mike Oletzke in honor of Joan Goeman who went to heaven to be with God & Jim; From Elivra Moen in memory of Hilmer Moen. In loving memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling" from the Schmeling Radio Fund.

**TO FLOWER FUND:** A gift from Cal & Nyra Brown; From Will Morlock in memory of Pat and their wedding anniversary; From Marlene Holzwarth in honor of what would have been Loren's 90th Birthday; and From Harold Kirchgasler in memory of Linda Ritz, *Happy Birthday in Heaven Linda.*

**TO PRESCHOOL:** A memorial gift in the name of Matthew Kuttner from Fred & Gwen Peshman.

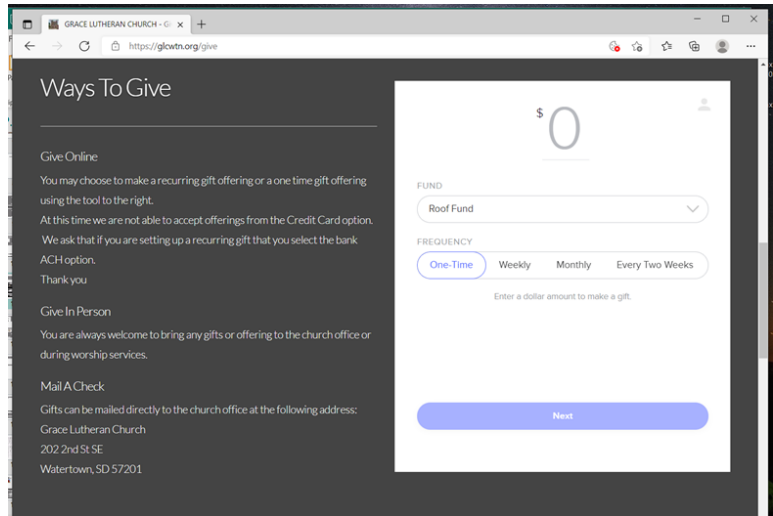
**TO THE QUILTERS:** A memorial for Jeanette Swanson from Pat & LeRoy Christofferson

**TO THE ROOF FUND:** A memorial for Roger York from Cindy York-Burton; From Fran Schaefer in memory of Bob Faehn, Jean Steinmetz, Terry Johnson, Rita Mack, Raymond Parks, & Naomi Laurence.; A gift from John Sangl; A gift from John Sangl.

# Give online OR by Automatic Debit

Our new website enables you to give financial gifts online to Grace. The online giving provides an opportunity to give anytime, anywhere when you go to the Giving at [glcwn.org](https://glcwn.org). You chose the account and enter the amount you want to give. The next window will give you options to log in with an email, Facebook page, or as a guest. The gift details are on the next page which shows the account you have chosen, AND the processing fee. You can add this fee to the gift so it does not cost the church funds. In the memo area you can note information if this is in memory of someone, in celebration, or an appreciation gift. You will confirm all of this before it is processed.

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



## AUTHORIZATION FORM

## SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM

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CHECKING / SAVINGS	Please debit payment from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (staple a voided check below)		Routing Number: _____ <b>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</b> Account Number: _____ 
	I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization. Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____		

**If using a checking account, please attach a voided check over the credit card section.**

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## Several attended Faith & Blue forum at Grace Sunday, October 24th

Over 30 attended the Faith and Blue Forum during coffee fellowship on Sunday October 24th. The forum was put on by the Watertown Law Enforcement in partnership with area churches to hold questions and answer sessions for the public to create a positive repoire.

Faith and Blue is a national movement to build bridges and break down biases between law enforcement professions and the communities they serve. The premise for a strong community is build on mutual respect and understanding.

Law enforcement and faith institutions are key pillars of each community, and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive.

We want to thank our local law enforcement for taking this time to visit with us.



Pictured above R to L Council President Rick Brownell, Sergeant Ryan Beauchamp, Assistant Chief Ryan Remmers, Captain Steve Rehorst, and Pastor Cheryl. (not pictured Officer Cody Trumm.)

### **SCHOOL REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Grace Lutheran uses a **"remind"** app on your cell phone for school reminders.

**To sign up** for text announcements, text the message:

Wednesday school reminders:

**@gracewed to 81010 ~**

Sunday school reminders:

**@9aeb84 to 81010 ~**

Confirmation class reminders:

**@289928 to 81010**

**Youth Group** reminders:

**@34c2a7 to 81010**

You will receive an acceptance to the group.

**To stop getting messages.**

**Text @LEAVE to unsubscribe.**

### **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!!

## **Have you MOVED?**

### **PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR CHURCH RECORDS ACCURATE**

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



**Disconnected  
land line? Or new  
cell phone number?**

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

*Thank you for helping us stay in touch with you!*



# Grace Lutheran Church

Phone: (605) 886-5737

## November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET 6-7 pm Bells Choir Practice 7:10-8:10 pm Choir Practice 5:30 pm Foundation Meeting	2 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	3 10:30 am Service at Avantara 11:00 TOPS/Choir Rm 4 & 6 pm Confirmation Class 6 pm Wednesday School 7 pm Family Worship in Sanctuary 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	4 2 pm SD Rostered Pastor Meet by Zoom	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 FALL VENDOR FAIR 9 am to 3 pm DAY LIGHT SAVING STARTS TONIGHT! <i>Fall Back!</i>
<b>DAY LIGHT SAVING</b> 7 ALL SAINTS DAY 8:30 am Worship w/1st COMMUNION 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship w/1st COMMUNION 1:00 am Service at Edgewood	8 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET 6-7 pm Bells Choir Practice 7:10-8:10 pm Choir Practice	9 9 am Committal and 11 am Funeral Service for Dolores Messer in Chapel Noon Ministerial Meeting at Hwy/ve 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	10 10:00 – Service at Hi-Rise 11:00 TOPS/Choir Rm 4 & 6 pm Confirmation Class 6 pm Wednesday School 7 pm Family Worship in Sanctuary 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	11 VETERAN'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle meets in Conf Rm. 10:00 am Service at Stonebrook 6 pm Grace Council meets	12 OFFICE CLOSED  <b>Youth Retreat</b> 5 pm to Midnight	13
14 Foundation Sunday 8:30 am Worship <b>NO COMMUNION</b> 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 10 am Raise the Roof Fund Raiser Meeting 9:30 Sunday school 11:00 am Worship <b>NO COMMUNION</b>	15 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET 6-7 pm Bells Choir Practice 7:10-8:10 pm Choir Practice	16 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	17 10 am Service at Town View 10:30 am Service at Jenkins 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 4 & 6 pm Confirmation Class 6 pm Wednesday School 7 pm Family Worship in Sanctuary 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	18	19 OFFICE CLOSED  <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b>	20 4 pm Baptism for Crue Edwards, Olyver DeHaan, & Kayence DeHaan
21 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship	22 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET served by Grace Confirmation 6-7 pm Bells Choir Practice 7:10-8:10 pm Choir Practice	23 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	24 No Wednesday school No Confirmation No Family Worship Service	25 <b>THANKSGIVING DAY!</b> OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 HANGING OF THE GREENS 8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship NO Sunday School 11 am Worship w/ Holy Communion	29 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5 pm BANQUET 5:30 pm ZOOM Raise the Roof committee meeting 6-7 pm Bells Choir Practice 7:10-8:10 pm Choir Practice	30 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 5:30 (Pastor) Multi Culture meeting	Intern Brenda Handel-Johnson at Grace on Monday and Wednesday 9 am to 4 pm	<b>Pastor Cheryl In-Office Hours at Grace Tuesday – Thursday;</b> Work from Home Monday, Friday & Saturday Contact Pastor Cheryl <b>directly</b> anytime! 605-237-1501 or E-mail: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com		

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*Welcome  
November*



**You are invited to Family Worship Services—Wednesdays at 7 pm**

### Upcoming Events

#### November

- 6 Fall Vendor Fair from 9 am to 3 pm  
Concessions all day  
**Daylight Savings Time Ends—Fall Back**
- 7 All Saints Day & First Communion @ Both services
- 12 Prairie Coteau Conference Youth Retreat @ Grace
- 14 Foundation Sunday @ Both Services & serves coffee
- 21 Thanksgiving Service at 5 pm followed by  
Soup Supper—Raise the Roof Fund Raising
- 22 Confirmation Students Serve the Banquet
- 24 No Wednesday School  
No Confirmation  
No Family Worship Service
- 28 Advent Begins—Hanging of the Greens

#### December

- 12 Sunday School Christmas Program at 2 pm
- 19 Las Posadas Celebration begins at 1 pm
- 22 Blue Christmas Service 6 pm



***Grace Lutheran Church: God's Grace Experienced Daily***