

GRACE LEANINGS

Grace Lutheran Newsletter
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Congregational Meeting/VOTE—October 4

A congregational meeting will be held at 9:30 am on October 4th to consider remote council and congregation meetings, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this time of the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing, congregational leaders are preparing a recourse to take advantage of technology in the event an annual meeting cannot be held to conduct the business of the congregation.

Some matters may best be postponed until the restrictions on gatherings have been lifted. Others that are pressing, or mandatory by constitution and by-laws may need to be address annually requiring a vote of approval.

For congregational meetings to be held remotely, either electronically or by phone conference, the following provision needs to be added to Grace Lutheran's constitution:

C10.08. This congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication. To the extent

permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.

This provision will allow for all members, even those who have vulnerable immune systems, to participate in the meeting using phone conference, zoom or other electronic devices in the event our congregations cannot gather for their annual meeting. It will also provide the means for members to participate, even in the event a meeting can be held in person, but they are not able to physically attend.

This provision (and only this provision) will be discussed and voted on at a congregational meeting on October 4th at 9:30 am in the parking lot. It will pass by majority vote of the quorum.

This does not in any way stop congregations from holding their annual meeting in-person, but it provides a opportunity to hold a congregational meeting in the event an in-person meeting cannot be held because of closure or quarantine. It also allows the congregation to have both, in-person meetings with the addition of electronic technology (by telephone) for any who would find it unsafe to attend so they can still participate.

~ We Thank God for Our Volunteers ~ Videographer, Soundman, PowerPoint, Tech Person

Who's that behind the camera? Well Wyatt Sprouse of course. A senior in high school this year, Wyatt has been a faithful steward of the church throughout high school and plans to continue to do so after graduation.

Wyatt has video taped the drive-in service each Sunday morning through wind, cold, or raindrops. He is one of several who help upload the video to YouTube and Facebook; helps with the sounds system; preparing the in-house camera to live-stream services; and keeps the Technology working for the office computers of the congregation to name just a few. He especially has stepped up to fill the empty shoes of Art Jelsma after Art moved from Watertown. We appreciate all Wyatt's hard work through the necessary social distancing of COVID-19 and the "drop everything and make things work" first days of closure due to the pandemic. Wyatt is an amazing and responsible young man and we appreciate the sharing of his many talents with us.

There are many responsibilities of the church that go unnoticed and unrecognized. Please know that you are appreciated and we thank you all for giving so generously of your time and energies.





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We all have several things in common. The need to have friends. The longing to be loved. A vocation to make us feel good about our accomplishments. And a desire to find joy and happiness in life.

Another is procrastination. I learned how it can cause a lot of problems and even be destructive to procrastinate in life from my dad.

My dad had three jobs when I was growing up. He farmed, was a carpenter and a substituted mail carrier. So at night before he turned in, he would prepare whatever he needed for the job the next day: tools, a trailer of sand, forms for cement, or even the cement mixer to pull to the job. (This was in ancient days when I was young.)

When he got up in the morning to milk cows or do a little farm work before heading to work, he didn't need to find things which could slow him down if not in the right place or needed to be repaired. He'd be on time so the crew wouldn't have to stand around waiting, especially since they were being paid for the hours on the job.

I learned how much easier life is and how time saving it is when you do not procrastinate. But I understand all people do to some degree, including me. I've found myself doing so recently when I did not take my vehicle in on a recall when first notified, so I was unable to make it to a meeting, because I broke down.

Procrastination is defined as "Doing more pleasurable things in place of less pleasurable ones, and thus putting off impending tasks to a later time."

My procrastinating really wasn't about a pleasurable thing ... I thought it would take too much time and just wanted to wait until I had my vehicle serviced. I should not have waited as the time I saved was negatively off set by additional hours having my vehicle towed and getting a driver to take it back home. The experience reminded me how detrimental it is to procrastinate, and I was embarrassed by my lack of responsibility. It was time I could not get back and I was just too late to attend the meeting.

St Augustine of Hippo said: "God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination."

In the wake of the increasing number of COVID-19 and the many dangerous life events we are experiencing, it is a good reminder not to procrastinate when it comes to things that are most important in life.

Things like spending time with loved ones who may contract this virus with unpredictable results.

Things like time to read scriptures and attend to the spiritual life necessary to face traumatic situations.

Things like time to hear the Word of God, to strengthen faith, as faith comes from hearing. (*Romans 10:17*)

If you were to have a tooth ache, put off treatment, the tooth may become decayed, fester and not savable. If you developed a critical health issue and procrastinate, the results could be fatal, too late for timely action.

It is the same with our faith and spiritual life. Putting off reading scripture until someday can leave you vulnerable and lost when suddenly you have contracted a disease and unable to get the time back to awaken your spirit. Waiting until later to attend worship whether in-person, drive-in, or online may be too late if you are suddenly ill with a devastating health issue and need strength and trust in things to come.

If you have been putting it off since the pandemic began, you are invited back: to worship, to Bible study, to hear the Word of God. If you have been waiting for that someday to have more time, you are invited to reprioritize what you value and come back to faith. If you have been waiting for the kids to sit still, you are invited to bring them and fill the church with the beautiful sounds of children in church. For you are told:

"Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty." (Malachi 3:7)

¹² *"Even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."* (Joel 2: 12)

³ *Therefore tell the people: This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Return to me,' declares the LORD Almighty, 'and I will return to you,' says the LORD Almighty.*" (Zechariah 1: 3)

You are invited back... for God awaits... with His arms wide open... in the form of Jesus on the cross.

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You! ~ Pastor Cheryl

Minutes of the September 10, 2020 Grace Lutheran Council meeting

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with James Goble presiding. Also, present were, Denise Biller, Rick Brownell, Mark Briley, Dylan Jordan, Rhonda Lorenz, Geri Mohror, Harley Petersen, Roger Rust, Sherry Starr, Tod Sprouse, Gena Urevig, Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett and Cindy Vander Leest. Absent was LeRoy Bullis, Paul Henrichs and Gary Rukstad.

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

A motion to approve the agenda with the additions 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 August 13, 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 \$25,700, the weekly average giving was 5,140 and the weekly worship attendance was 190 (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 Rick Brownell. Motion carried.

2. Pastor's Report – Pastor Cheryl reported Confirmation classes have started. She had 2 classes set up one starting at 5:00 and the second starting at 6:00. Due to conflicts there are only 2 students in the first class, so she is looking into only holding one class which would be 18 students spread out in the basement. She is working with 3 students last year's class to confirm this fall. She continues to lead Drive-Up worship services, baptisms, weddings, and funerals. She wrote a Public Opinion article, put together the Gleanings and bulletins, met with Confirmation parents and students and attends Zoom meetings.

Old Business:

Worship services – tentative date for inside worship service at 11:00 on September 20, 2020 – A motion to confirm the inside worship service at 11:00 on September 20, 2020 was made by Dylan Jordan and second by Denise Biller. Motion carried. Reminders were there will be no congregational singing, only the song leader or Praise Team and masks would be recommended for anyone attending services. Pastor Cheryl also stated she is working on having an outside Wednesday night service following Wed. school.

Report on Job Descriptions reviewed with employees – Pastor Cheryl and James Goble reported they have met with all the employees to review and sign their job description except for the Youth and Family Director, Jerod Jordan. A motion to bring office staff back 2 days a week, starting October 1, 2020 was made by Gina Urevig and second by Roger Rust. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Winter Wonderland-Deadline is Monday, October 5, 2020 – A motion to be part of Winter Wonderland was made by Dylan Jordan and second by Geri Mohror. Motion carried. The Council “thanked and appreciate” Larry Picht, Darcy Raethz and Gary Rukstad (and possibly Terry Huus) for volunteering to set up, maintain and take down Grace's display.

2. Amending the Constitution to include C10.08 - Pastor Cheryl explained that the Synod is suggesting for congregations to hold a special meeting to add C10.08 to their Constitutions. This would allow us to hold a meeting electronically or by a conference call if our church was not able to meet to hold congregational meetings in the church. She read C10.08 – This congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically. A motion to call a Special Congregational meeting on October 4, 2020 to vote on adding C10.08 to our constitution was made by Rick Brownell and second by Denise Biller. Motion carried.

3. List of Volunteers – Pastor Cheryl and James Goble would like to put together a list of volunteers to call upon when extra help is needed. Such as, the volunteer for snow removal, Education Assistant and Youth and Family events.

4. Nominating Committee- Renewal of Council members Gary Rukstad, Roger Rust & Sherry Starr have fulfilled their 2 terms/6 years and the 3 people ending their first term as of January 2021 are Denise Biller

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Financial Report

Income	Budget	YTD		Debts:	Original amt	Balance
Offerings		\$ 173,618.84		Term Debt	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,010.00		Line of Credit	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
PPP Cares Act forgivable loan		\$ 5,100.00				
Scrip Proceeds		\$ -				
Member donation		\$ -				
Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 8,988.57				
GLCW Donation for General		\$ -				
Foundation Grants		\$ 1,439.61				
Thrivent Choice \$\$		\$ 2,433.00				
Missions		\$ -				
Misc.		\$ 808.23				
Xfer Ed Jones/Grinnell ins ROOF		\$ 70,482.63				
Designated donations		\$ 14,665.50				
Total Income for General Fund		\$ 278,546.38				
Expenses						
ELCA & SD Synod Projects	\$ 2,546.05	\$ 1,530.72				
Staff						
Senior Pastor - Salary & Benefits	\$ 87,070.00	\$ 52,183.37				
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	\$ 31,431.36				
Parish Education Assistant	\$ 2,674.99	\$ 668.76				
Office Asst & Custodians	\$ 56,350.49	\$ 17,850.74				
Payroll taxes	\$ 10,878.62	\$ 6,063.19				
Pastoral Materials	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00				
Total Staff	\$ 226,787.23	\$ 114,283.60				
Program Expenses				Other Outlays		
Office Expenses	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 7,971.01		Designated Gifts		\$ 1,010.00
Worship & Music	\$ 18,350.00	\$ 6,428.96		GLCW & Foundation		
Altar Guild	\$ 750.00	\$ 413.45		Basemt & Conf room		\$ 15,269.93
Youth Ministry	\$ 150.00	\$ 131.60		Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 10,103.57
Fellowship	\$ 100.00	\$ -		Hail damage (insured)		\$ -
Mission	\$ 325.00	\$ -		Misc		\$ 178.23
Outreach & Care Ministry	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,153.30		Fundraiser for General		\$ -
Stewardship Ministry	\$ 800.00	\$ 680.64		Foundation Grant exp		\$ 2,480.37
Debt Service	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -		Stewardship- Mission		\$ -
Insurance	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 7,806.65		Designated Donations		\$ 6,179.68
Utilities	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 16,501.78		Total Other Outlays		\$ 35,221.78
Synod Assembly Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -				
PC Conference Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 279.00		Total Expenses & Outlays		\$ 199,682.86
One time 2020 exp for year 2019	\$ 5,000.00					
Contingency	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 555.12		General Fund - 1/1/2020		\$ 67,395.52
Property Ministry	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 6,725.25		Plus Income		\$ 278,546.38
Program Expenses	\$ 115,375.00	\$ 48,646.76		Less Expenses & Outlays		\$ 199,682.86
Total Expenses	\$ 344,708.28	\$ 164,461.08		Loan Advances		\$ -
				General Fund - 8/31/20		\$ 146,259.04

The next Grace Lutheran Church
Council meeting will be at
6 pm Thursday, October 8th 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

Analysis of Funds

2020 ANALYSIS OF FUNDS			
2020 Annual Mission Plan (Budget) is	\$344,708.28	Needed weekly to fund GLC Mission Plan is	\$6,629
January (monthly income goal \$26,516)		March (monthly income goal \$33,145)	
Income	20,463.40	Income	24,285.62
Expenses	(25,112.42)	Expenses	(25,926.37)
Short	\$ (4,649.02)	Short	\$ (1,640.75)
February (monthly income goal \$26,516)		1st Quarter review	
Income	20,973.31	Income (Jan. Feb. & Mar.)	65,722.33
Expenses (includes insurance premium)	(31,409.34)	Expenses (Jan. Feb. & Mar.)	(82,448.13)
Short	\$(10,436.03)	1st Quarter shortage-Income vs Expenses	\$(16,725.80)
COVID-19 MONTHS			
April (monthly income goal \$26,516)		April(showing if paid suspended pay)	
Income	\$ 20,751.67	Income	\$ 20,751.67
Expenses	(18,758.08)	Expenses	(18,758.08)
Net income	1,993.59	Suspended payroll amount	(6,842.31)
		Shortage	\$ (4,848.72)
May (monthly income goal \$33,145)		May(showing if paid suspended pay)	
Income	\$ 28,766.51	Income	\$ 28,766.51
Expenses	(17,335.16)	Expenses	(17,335.16)
Net income	11,431.35	Suspended payroll amount	(6,842.31)
		Net income	4,589.04
		COVID-19 PPP Cares Act funds	\$ 5,100.00
		Net income including COVID Cares Act	9,689.04
June (monthly income goal \$26,516)		June(showing if paid suspended pay)	
Income	\$ 19,704.43	Income	\$ 19,704.43
Expenses	(14,523.80)	Expenses	(14,523.80)
Net income	5,180.63	Suspended payroll amount	(6,842.31)
		Shortage	(1,661.68)
July (monthly income goal \$26,516)		July(showing if paid suspended pay)	
Income	\$ 17,046.67	Income	\$ 17,046.67
Expenses	(15,554.21)	Expenses	(15,554.21)
Net income	1,492.46	Suspended payroll amount	(6,842.31)
		Shortage	(5,349.85)
Aug (monthly income goal \$26,516)		Aug(showing if paid suspended pay)	
Income	\$ 25,700.23	Income	\$ 25,700.23
Expenses	(15,841.70)	Expenses	(15,841.70)
Net income	9,858.53	Suspended payroll amount	(6,842.31)
		Shortage	3,016.22
2020 Income & Expenses		2020 Income & Expenses	
Income (Jan. -Aug)	177,691.84	Income (Jan. -Aug)	\$177,691.84
Expenses (Jan. - Aug)	(164,461.08)	Expenses (Jan. - Aug)	(164,461.08)
Difference of 2020 Income & Expenses	\$ 13,230.76	Difference of 2020 Inc & Exp Subtotal	13,230.76
		Suspended payroll amount	(34,211.55)
		Shortage (Jan - Aug)	(20,980.79)

Bibles Presented to PK, 2nd & 7th Graders on Rally Day



Several young people were present to receive their Bible during the Rally Day worship service, October 13th as pictured above. PK, Second and Seventh graders were presented with Bibles through the funds granted by the Grace Lutheran Foundation, Clara Mathieson Fund.

Installation of Wednesday and Sunday school teachers for the coming year were held. We thank all those who are offering their time and talents to our young people this year. We appreciate your service to this important mission of Grace Lutheran Church.

This year's teachers and helpers include: Kristi Herting, Dylan Jordan. Becky Reeves, Allison Reeves, Jennifer Landon, Paul Henrichs. Daniel Henrichs. Brooke Henrichs, Hannah Kennedy. Dmitrix Brownell, Gary Rukstad, Karen Kaspersen, Riley Sprouse, Aspen Payne, Kaitlynn Payne, Rhonda Lorenz, Ryle Koistinen, Morgen Bundy.

Rally Sunday and Wednesday Days were held. The theme for this year was G.L.O.W. (God Love Our World) Children enjoyed crafts and activities on both Sunday and Wednesday. Sunday school is held each Sunday morning at 9:45 am and Wednesday school is held at 6 pm.

All Are Welcome!



Rally Sunday Fun!

SCHOOL REMINDERS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grace Lutheran uses a **"remind"** app for out school reminders.

If you want 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.

To stop getting messages. Text

@LEAVE to unsubscribe.



Children enjoyed Sunday Rally Day activities

Any PK, 2nd or 7th Graders who did not received a Bible, let us know at the office or Supt. Kris DeWitt.

Wednesday Night Family Worship

A time for informal family worship is held each Wednesday following Wednesday school at 7 pm. The short service includes fun songs from past and present. If anyone plays musical instruments we'd love to have you bring them and join in. (Pastor Cheryl can use all the help she can get with her guitar playing.)



Students from this year's confirmation class participated in the Wednesday night family service around the firepit in Grace Lutheran's parking lot reading a skit on Noah. The very informal service is held each week at 7 pm after confirmation and Wednesday school classes. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will meet outside for as long as weather permits. Participating in the skit were left to right Grace Wickherst, Sam Anderson, Keisha Payne, Kaydence DeHaan, and Daniel Henrichs.

Bible Study on Genesis Moved to Wednesdays

A Zoom Bible study of Genesis has moved to Wednesday mornings at 10 am. The study is a general reading of the scriptures with discussion using commentaries and questions. We are now beginning the story of Jacob. Anyone can join at any time, just contact pastor for a Zoom link.

2020 NORDEFEST PLUS CANCELLED

The Grace Lutheran Church Women (GLCW) Executive Board sadly announce the cancellation of the 2020 Nordefest Plus because of COVID-19. SORRY, all you lefse lovers! BUT, the recipe IS in the GLCW cook book that is for sale in the church office for \$5.00. The event was to be held October 31, 2020. Hopefully, the disease will be lessened by September 2021 so the 2021 Nordefest Plus can be held. Keep the pandemic and the 2021 event in your prayers.

FALL CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR CANCELLED

The Fall Craft and Vendor Fair has been cancelled for this fall 2020 due to COVID-19. It is with great hope the Spring Craft and vendor fair will be held.



Our Gratitude

Thank you to Youth & Family Director Jerod Jordan
And Education Assistant Jennifer Landon

For their many years of service
to Grace Lutheran Church
Good Luck and God's Blessings!

FAREWELL COFFEE for Art and Marcia Jelsma October 11

Art and Marcia Jelsma have moved to Tea, SD. Marcia served for 13 years at Grace Lutheran as the organist. She was parish education associate at Grace for 31 years teaching confirmation, doing Sunday school and started the Wednesday school program. Her work included planning Christmas programs, teachers banquets and VBS along with many volunteer activities above and beyond her duties. Art voluntarily has overseen the computers intranet and internet as well as being the sound technician.

A coffee will be held on Sunday, October 11 at 9:30 for the congregation to bid good-bye. Marcia will play for a traditional worship that Sunday at the 11 am service. (Please wear your mask.)

COUNCIL MINUTES —Continued from page 3

not rerunning, Dylan Jordan-undecided and Gina Urevig graciously excepted to be on the ballot for another 3 year term.

5. **Christmas Supper** – Denise Biller reported her family would not be able to manage the kitchen for the Christmas Supper this year. The Council decided it would be best to have all meals curbside pickup or delivery this year. Gina Urevig stated she and her sister, Becky Knadle along with Chuck Knadle have managed the delivery meals and would probably do it again this year.
6. **Education Superintendent** – A question of why we have not asked the Youth and Family Director and Education Assistant back since those duties are beginning to start. The Education Assistant, Jennifer Landon has resigned due to family medical issues and the Youth and Family Director, Jerod Jordan has not reviewed and signed the job description. At this time, we have asked a volunteer, Kris DeWitt to be an Education Superintendent (what Jennifer Landon was doing) until the job description has been reviewed and signed or the Council has approved to bring employees back for that position with careful review of the budget.

Education Committee met this week and Sun/Wed school will be having Rally Day & Night. A motion to be able to use the fellowship hall for Sun/Wed school when weather was not permitting to hold class outside was made by Dylan Jordan and second by Roger Rust. Motion carried.

Finance and Stewardship - Pastor Cheryl reported the Synod is putting together a Stewardship program with a fee and she would have more details later. Cindy Vander Leest offered to get together with the Stewardship Committee, Mark Briley and Roger Rust to discuss our on stewardship theme and promotion.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Vander Leest

In-person service have begun in the Sanctuary

Grace Lutheran Church Council voted to reopen the sanctuary September 20 for in-person worship. The worship service will be at 11 a.m. until October 18th when it will switch to 8:30 am. Drive-in worship in the parking lot at 8:30 a.m. will continue at that time and switch to 11 am for any who do not feel comfortable gathering inside.

Members are asked to review the complete guidelines. Some of the main guidelines are:

Wash your hands completely, cover coughs and sneezes, stay at home if you are not feeling well or if you are immunocompromised.

You are asked to wear a facemask for your protection and the care and concern of others.

Families may sit together keeping 6 ft between groups. Pews will be marked to use every other one. Please sit staggered from side to side. Bulletins, announcements, and communion packets will be placed in the pews.

There will be no singing. The balcony is off limits. No handshake or touching.

If you have been diagnosed with COVID 19 following a service, it is your responsibility to inform the church office immediately to notify our members.

The 4 pages of COVID 19 response information will be on the web and Facebook. It can be emailed upon request or a printed copy is available in the office.

Stay Safe! Stay Healthy!

Volunteers are needed

Paul write in 1 Cor. 12:4-7: *"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."*

Involvement in the church is an important part of the mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran to build relationship with others and with God. Using your gifts is important, not just to get the job done, but to share with others the gifts God has granted to you. There is always a need for volunteers at Grace Lutheran, especially during this difficult time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP: We are in need of volunteers to work with the high school youth (7th through 12 graders) until resources are available to bring back personnel. A group of 2 or 3 couples working together, singles, moms & dads, grandma & grandpa's or any who have an interest in sharing their time in this important ministry to our youth, leading Bible Study, youth discussions, and doing fun activities. If you can help in this temporary position, please contact Pastor Cheryl.

QUILTING: Every Monday our quilting group meets at 1:00 in the church basement to make quilts, to send overseas. They can always use people, men and women, to help make or tie the quilts. They are willing to teach anyone, you do not need to know how to sew.

ALTAR GUILD The Altar Guild is always looking for help Duties include: putting flowers on the altar, caring for them after service, filling altar candles, checking pews for pencils, scribble sheets and offering envelopes, hanging banner, decorate Sanctuary for seasons throughout the year, changing altar cloths, filling communion cups and wafer trays to name a few. Contact the office or Pastor for more information.

USHERS: Ushers are needed for the 8:30 parking lot service AND the 11 am in-person worship inside the sanctuary. Ushers help to set up the riser and prepare the parking lot for the 8:30 service. If you are able to help in this way, please contact the office or Pastor Cheryl.

COMPUTER SKILLS: If you have computer skills or skills working with sound, photography, videography or social media, there may be a place for you to serve.

Each week there is a need for someone to run the PowerPoint during the in-house worship service. High school youth are welcome.

Contact through social media is an important part of our mission with young people. If you have an interest in providing your talents for this type of ministry, contact the pastor.

creating images and video helps to get the message of who we are as Grace Lutheran out to the world. If you have talents in this way, and are willing to share them, please let us know.

What talents and skills do YOU have that are not listed. The mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran is the responsibility of all members. If you are willing to serve God in a different way than listed, please contact the Pastor and let us serve God together.

First Communion Classes Beginning in October

First communion classes will be held in October for second graders and any who have not yet attended. Parents will be contacted to arrange the schedule and discuss online classes.

For those students who attended First Communion last spring but were unable to finish OR who finished but we were unable to hold First Communion, it will be held on November 1. Those who need to finish their classes will be completed online. Contact pastor for more information 605-237-1501.

Remembering
Helmer L Johnson
September 19



Memorials and Gifts

TO RADIO FUND

From the wishes of Harriet Bevers.
From Cleo Belk in memory of Mildred Tronvold. From Ronald Brekke in honor of Maurice and Ruth Brekke wedding Anniversary. From Janie Stianson in loving memory of Farol and Jeremy Hendrickson from their family.

TO GLC PRESCHOOL

From Fran Schaefer, in memory of Donald Kuttelman, Jerome Halder, Karen Carlson, Helen Rueschenberg, Dean Gackstetter & Colleen Vavruska.

TO GENERAL

From Art and Marcia Jelsma in memory of Mildred Tronvold. Roger and Lissa Turback in memory of Mildred Tronvold. Kevin and Peggy Bausman in memory of Mildred Tronvold. John and Cheryl Buranen in memory of Mildred Tronvold.

TO FLOWER FUND

From Cal & Nyra Brown in celebration of their wedding anniversary. From Rich and Liz Dunn in celebration of their wedding anniversary, From Randy and Lorraine Shuller in celebration of their wedding anniversary. From James and Sharon Goble in loving memory of their daughter Kimberly Ann and son Gary's birthdays.

MEMORIAL FUND

From Craig Christianson in memory of Mildred Tronvold. From Rich and Carol Halverson in memory of Mildred Tronvold.

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Switching Drive In Worship & In-house Service

October 18th: Drive-in will be at 11 am & In-house at 8:30 am

Important Dates on the Calendar

October

- 4th 8:30 am—Drive-in service in the parking lot
9:30 am—Congregational meeting with a VOTE on electronic voting – Parking Lot
9:45 am—Sunday school
11:00 am—In-person service in the sanctuary
- 5th 11:00 am—Load truck with WELCA World Relief Kits in Parking Lot.
- 11th 8:30 am—Drive-in service in the parking lot
9:30 am—Farewell coffee for Marcia and Art Jelsma
9:45 am—Sunday school
11:00 am—In-person traditional service in the sanctuary with Marcia Jelsma as organist
- 18th **SWITCH SERVICES**
8:30 am—In-person service in the sanctuary
9:45 am—Sunday school
11:00 am—Drive-in service in the parking lot
- 25th Affirmation of Baptism service

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