

GRACE GLEANINGS

Grace Lutheran Newsletter
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Grace Lutheran Graduating Seniors Recognized



Life is especially difficult during trials and disappointments. At this time of transition, we pray God be with our seniors as they go out to new adventures and experience. May God bless and keep you.

Come back often!



A special time of recognition and prayer was held during worship on August 9 at Grace for the 2020 graduating seniors with special prayers of sending. It has been a unique experience this year for the seniors with many disappointments, stress, and confusion as they waited to know what activities could or would be held or decide what options would be opened up for their future. As time passed, knowing many would be heading off to college and post secondary education, the time of recognition was combined with a time to send them off with our blessings from Grace Lutheran. The day was a little cool and many were unable to make it but we appreciated all those that could attend safely. For a list of the seniors see page 10.



~ We Thank God for Our Volunteers ~

Preparing the Preschool for the start of school

There are many projects at Grace Lutheran each month and most of them are tackled by faithful volunteers demonstrating Romans 16: 4-6 work of the body of Christ.

Pictured at left is Rick Brownell, LeRoy Bullis and Tod Sprouse as they hang up a new bulletin/white board in the preschool room for Kallie Green, teacher. Preschool will begin classes following Labor Day.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I like to grow things. I like planting flowers to look over the beautiful blossoms on a quiet evening. I like planting garden(s) in springtime and canning. I enjoy all the colors in glass jars: the red salsas and spaghetti sauce; green pickles and relishes, French cut green beans; orange carrots and peaches, purple grape jelly, and little white potatoes. For me, it's a sense of satisfaction seeing all those jars of yummy food lined up on the shelves. God uses garden themes throughout scriptures to teach us about Him as in Genesis 2: 8-9

⁸ Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹ The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground--trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Oh, wouldn't it be nice to be in God's garden? Especially at this time described in Genesis before the fall of humankind when there were no weeds. What a joy that would have been.

Weeds seem to grow whether a good growing season or not. When its dry and the grass stops growing, the weeds continue. You pull weeds and unlike garden plants or flowers, the weeds come back. It would be so nice to pulled them once in the spring to last the entire summer.

Not so... it takes constant work and attention to rid the garden, flowerpots and landscaping of annoying weeds.

We are like that. Our thoughts and reasoning are constantly bombarded by weeds... Satan's influence places that age-old question in our minds: "Did God really mean that?" causing us to doubt His Word and be deceived by desires of our self-centered heart's swaying us from obedience.

What does that look like? What are the weeds Satan convinces us to believe are ok?

- It looks like watching television shows filled with sarcasm, violence, nudity, sexual abuse or corruption.
- It looks like obsession with things like work, internet, social media, sports, hobbies or power.
- It looks like unforgiveness, bitterness, hatefulness, gossip, slander boasting or telling half-truths.
- It looks like greed, striving for popularity over good morals, or oppressive intimidation of those who are different or with differing opinions.
- It looks like being convinced not taking time to attend worship because it is not inside a building so it doesn't matter because it's not really church.
- It looks like scheduling activities on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening without allowing time for faith formation or family worship.

So many weeds that grow in our minds garden planted by the devil convincing us our disobediences is justifiable. Weeds that grow in our hearts often unaware of until they become a noticeable problem. Paul tells us in Galatians 6: 6-7...

⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

The only way to keep weeds out is with constant work and attention to God's word. Hearing his words, meditating on His will, discerning His teachings and how they related to us in our lives.

Confirmation starts September 2nd. Rally Sunday and Wednesday on September 13th and 16th respectively. Plans for the high school youth will begin in October. These are the dates for youth to return to faith formation for the year. (COVID permissible.) These are important dates and activities for the young people of our congregation to keep the weeds of evil out of their young minds and hearts. To pull out worldly weeds that threaten to sway them into wrong thinking and disobedience to God's will and plant good seeds of the hope and promise of God's love for them in their hearts.

Theses activities plant the seeds that are so important in the lives of our children, seeds that will grow and strengthen their faith in years to come. Mark 4: 26-29 explains it as:

²⁶ "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain--first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

Plan to bring your children and grandchild... and even your neighboring children... back to church this month... My hope is that you will come also... and weed your garden so God's love and grace will be strengthened in your heart.

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You! ~ Pastor Cheryl

Minutes of the August 13, 2020 Grace Lutheran Council meeting

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with James Goble presiding. Also, present were Denise Biller, Mark Briley Rick Brownell, LeRoy Bullis, Paul Henrichs, Dylan Jordan, Rhonda Lorenz, Geri Mohror, Harley Petersen, Gary Rukstad, Tod Sprouse, Sherry Starr, Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett and Cindy Vander Leest. Absents were Roger Rust and Gina Urevig. Also, present were Nancy McClanahan and a guest from the Staff Support Committee, Kris DeWitt

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

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Rick Brownell and second by Sherry Starr. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for the July 9, 2020 meeting was made by Geri Mohror and second by Gary Rukstad. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Financial Report: Cindy Vander Leest reported the monthly income to the general fund was \$17,047 the weekly average giving was \$5,484 and the weekly worship attendance was 201 (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.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett July activities included:

4 worship services, had a wedding consultation, lead 2 funeral services, wrote the Gleanings articles, Zoomed 3 Bible Studies, Zoomed 1 Confirmation makeup class, Zoomed Children's Bible Fun Day virtual event, attended Council meeting, attended and lead Pastoral Zoom sessions along with Coaching Training (zoom) 6 times - 2 hr classes, made 4 weekly bulletins and recorded 31 daily readings w/Martin Luther to upload on Facebook. She also reported she will be taking vacation days, August 26th thru the 31st and will be getting Divine Providence for August 30th.

Old Business:

Summer Worship Services - It was decided we would continue the 8:30 drive-in worship services in the parking lot for the month of August. A motion to propose the tentative date of Sunday, September 20, 2020 to hold worship service inside the church was made by Paul Henrichs and second by Dylan Jordan. Motion carried. It was discussed to continue the 8:30 Drive Inn worship service followed by the inside 11:00 worship service following the approved Grace guidelines. A motion to use the individual communion wafer & juice sets at our worship services was made by Geri Mohror and second by LeRoy Bullis. Motion carried. A motion to allow coffee hour once the church building is opened up was made by Dylan Jordan and second by Geri Mohror. Motion carried.

Report from Staff Support on Job Descriptions - Kris DeWitt reported the Staff Support Committee, consisting of Chair person, Darcy Raethz, Becky Reeves and herself, have reviewed and revised the Grace Lutheran Church employee job descriptions and are presenting them to the Council for approval. She reported Jennifer Landon was no longer able to do the Education Assistant position due to personal reasons. She also stated the Staff Support Committee, at a later time, would like to write up duty descriptions/guidelines for our many volunteers. James Goble and the Council members "thanked" the Staff Support Committee for the excellent job, their time and commitment in completing this task. The Council reviewed and discussed the job descriptions. A motion to accept the job descriptions as given by the Staff Support with the added amendment to include "Background checks are required for Grace Lutheran Church employees" on the job descriptions was made by Rick Brownell and second by Rhonda Lorenz. Motion carried.

New Business:

- 1. Committee Reports - Education, Youth and Family** - Dylan reported the committee would like Sun./Wed. school to start as soon and normal as possible. Pastor Cheryl would like Rally Day held outside with lots of games and prizes for the kids and families. She also would like the classes to be held outside as long as the weather will let us. She is planning to start Confirmation classes inside and down the basement where everyone can social distance and have two times with sets of ten in a group. She is also looking into a better than "Zoom" meeting setup called "Canvas" in case we are not able to meet together. **Preschool** - Pastor Cheryl stated she has met with the Preschool teacher, Ms Kalli and she is putting a COVID-19 waiver in the Preschool Policy. At this time her plan is to continue to stay open even if the Public schools close. It will be the parents decision to have their child attend or not to attend. **All Committees** - President, James Goble stated he would like a copy of all committee meeting minutes emailed or given to him.

Nancy McClanahan thanked the Council and Grace for letting her be part of Grace and to meet and talk with Pastor

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- Thank You -
From CPE Student Nancy McClanahan

I wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you to Grace Lutheran for being a placement site for my CPSP/CPE training program, even more grateful with this all happening during COVID-19. Thanks to Pastor Cheryl for her time spent in supervising this process. This training completes another step for me in the candidacy process and also in the MDiv syllabus.

Thank you for your hospitality in allowing me to attend church events, Watertown Monday banquets, and the opportunity to preach in Pastor Cheryl's absence. David and I both felt very welcome at the drive-up services we attended. A special thank you for those members who I visited with and I hope we can stay connected. My cell number is 605-880-9439.

Nancy McClanahan Severson



We are looking for **HELP** in teaching Wednesday School and Sunday School classes. If you are interested in this important ministry at Grace Lutheran we'd love to hear from you as soon as possible. If you would like to team teach or teach every other week or a month on and a month off is an option also. Contact Sunday/Wednesday

School Superintendent Kris DeWitt or the office 605-886-5737 to add your name the list or Email: gracelc@midconetwork.com



COUNCIL MINUTES —Continued from page 3

Cheryl and our members for her pastoral training.

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

Respectfully submitted,
 Cindy Vander Leest

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.

Memorials and Gifts

TO RADIO FUND

From Will Morlock in loving memory of Pat Morlock's Heavenly Birthday.

From Cleo Belk in honor of the 78th Anniversary of Cleo & Harold Belk on August 30th.

TO GLC PRESCHOOL

From LaVerne & Louise McPeck in memory of K.L. "Bounce" Mohror.

From Fran Schaefer, in memory of Scott Thompson, Allen Griep, K.L. "Bounce" Mohror, Millie Thomas, Dorel Raml, & Rosella Rogge.

TO GENERAL

In memory of K.L. "Bounce" Mohror from Geri Mohror given by Adeline Schanch, Judy Hartwig, James and Sharon Goble, Todd and Darci Nichols, and James and Lovina Clendenin. In memory of K.L. "Bounce" Mohror from Fred & Gwen Peshman. In memory of Sharon Johnson from Art & Marcia Jelsma.

TO FLOWER FUND

From Cal & Nyra Brown in honor of Cal's Birthday.

FLAG FUND

In memory of K.L. "Bounce" Mohror from Art and Marcia Jelsma

GLC FOUNDATION

From Harley & Marilyn Petersen. From Robert & Carol Wagner in memory of Sharon Johnson.

From Fred & Gwen Peshman in memory of Sharon Johnson.

Sharon L. Johnson
August 8, 2020

Ilene Jacobsen
August 15, 2020



Brecken David Dorneman

Son of Jordan & Angela
 Dorneman

August 23, 2020

Ethan Steiner
&

Shauna Kill
August 8, 2020



Financial Report

Income	Budget	YTD		Debts:	Original amt	Balance
Offerings		\$ 148,043.61		Term Debt	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Gifts		\$ 885.00		Line of Credit	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
PPP Cares Act forgivable loan		\$ 5,100.00				
Scrip Proceeds		\$ -				
Member donation		\$ -				
Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 7,639.03				
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		\$ 251,496.61				
Expenses						
ELCA & SD Synod Projects	\$ 2,546.05	\$ 1,339.38				
Staff						
Senior Pastor - Salary & Benefits	\$ 87,070.00	\$ 45,401.39				
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	\$ 27,502.44				
Parish Education Assistant	\$ 2,674.99	\$ 668.76				
Office Asst & Custodians	\$ 56,350.49	\$ 17,098.12				
Payroll taxes	\$ 10,878.62	\$ 5,701.22				
Pastoral Materials	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00				
Total Staff	\$ 226,787.23	\$ 102,458.11				
				Other Outlays		
Program Expenses				Designated Gifts		\$ 885.00
Office Expenses	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 6,868.23		GLCW & Foundation		
Worship & Music	\$ 18,350.00	\$ 6,178.96		Basemt & Conf room		\$ 7,945.93
Altar Guild	\$ 750.00	\$ 277.60		Portico (Bassetts)		\$ 8,754.03
Youth Ministry	\$ 150.00	\$ 131.60		Hail damage (insured)		\$ -
Fellowship	\$ 100.00	\$ -		Misc		\$ 178.23
Mission	\$ 325.00	\$ -		Fundraiser for General		\$ -
Outreach & Care Ministry	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,093.30		Foundation Grant exp		\$ 2,205.37
Stewardship Ministry	\$ 800.00	\$ 680.64		Stewardship- Mission		\$ -
Debt Service	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -		Designated Donations		\$ 6,179.68
Insurance	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 7,165.58		Total Other Outlays		\$ 26,148.24
Utilities	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 15,127.55				
Synod Assembly Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -		Total Expenses & Outlays		\$ 174,767.62
PC Conference Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 279.00				
One time 2020 exp for year 2019	\$ 5,000.00			General Fund - 1/1/2020		\$ 67,395.52
Contingency	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 488.13		Plus Income		\$ 251,496.61
Property Ministry	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 6,531.30		Less Expenses & Outlays		\$ 174,767.62
Program Expenses	\$ 115,375.00	\$ 44,821.89		Loan Advances		\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 344,708.28	\$ 148,619.38		General Fund - 7/31/20		\$ 144,124.51

The next Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting will be at 6 pm Thursday, August 13th 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

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)

2020 Income & Expenses	
Income (Jan. - July)	151,991.61
Expenses (Jan. - July)	(148,619.38)
Difference of 2020 Income & Expenses	\$ 3,372.23

2020 Income & Expenses	
Income	\$ 151,991.61
Expenses	(148,619.38)
Difference of 2020 Inc & Exp Subtotal	3,372.23
Suspended payroll amount	(20,526.93)
Shortage	(17,154.70)

TENTATIVE OPENING OF IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT 11 AM SEPTEMBER 20 Review COVID-19 Response & Guidelines Before Attending

Grace Lutheran Church Council voted to set September 20 as the tentative date for reopening the sanctuary for in-person worship. The worship service will be at 11 a.m. with drive-in worship in the parking lot at 8:30 a.m. for any who do not feel comfortable gathering inside.

Members are asked to review the complete guidelines printed in the July, 2020 Gleanings.

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 otherwise keep 6 ft between groups. The pews will be marked off for every

other one to be used and to sit staggered from side to side. Bulletins, announcements, and communion packets will be placed in the pews.

There will be no singing, hymnbooks will be removed and the song leaders will stand away from the congregation.

The balcony is off limits. No handshake or touching.

If you believe you have come down or are diagnosed with COVID 19 following a service you attended, 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.

Please wear a facemask for your protection and the care and protection of your neighbor.

During this time of suspended worship:

You can find Sunday worship service at the following sites:

AUDIO:

Sunday service can be heard on the radio at KWAT 950 AM at 10:05 each Sunday morning or you can livestream the audio from your computer: <https://www.alphamediaplayer.com/kwat950am>

VIDEO:

Our website at Grace Lutheran Church Watertown, SD: <http://glcwtn.org/>

There is an Icon on the Grace Lutheran Church website that will link you to Facebook.

YouTube channel for Grace Lutheran Church, Watertown SD: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcXMBKa70pf8Xpj-ath5WXQ>

OR Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GraceLutheran8865737/?rf=111629428875890>

Bulletins: If anyone would like a bulletin mailed to them or if you know of someone who needs them, please call the office and we'll put you on the bulletin mailing list. They are also uploaded to Facebook and YouTube each week prior to the service and you may print and share with others.

Date: 09-13 and 09-16-2020

Rally Day!

G.L.O.W.

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Let your light shine and G.L.O.W this year! Rally Day for Wednesday and Sunday School is on 9-13, and 9-16. A day of fun, fellowship, and safe activities!

The Grace Lutheran Education Committee along with the Wednesday and Sunday School teachers are excited to see everyone again! For the month of September we will be taking advantage of nice weather and having classes outside.

We will also be taking safety precautions to keep everyone safe.

If you have not registered, or have a student that needs to be registered; Please fill out the form provided on this sheet, or contact the Church office. We would LOVE to have you join us and try to make the world G.L.O.W with Gods love!

SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2020-21 Date _____

PARENT NAME _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Please circle one **Mother** **Father** **Stepdad** **Stepmom** **Other** _____

ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____

HOME PHONE _____ (REQUIRED) CELL PHONE _____

MEMBER? YES NO (please circle one) If not would you like to become a Member? YES NO

Email (REQUIRED): _____

PARENT NAME _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Please circle one Mother Father Stepdad Stepmom Other _____

ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____

HOME PHONE _____ (REQUIRED) CELL PHONE _____

MEMBER? YES NO (please circle one) If not would you like to become a Member? YES NO

Email (REQUIRED): _____

CHILDREN'S NAME(s)

Circle one	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Grade going to be in this school year	Birth Date
M or F					
M or F					
M or F					
M or F					
M or F					

<p>Please check the session you want your child(ren) to attend</p> <p>_____ 9:45—10:45 a.m. on Sunday</p> <p>_____ 6:00—7:00 p.m. on Wednesday</p>	<p>Emergency contact if we are unable to reach you.</p> <p>NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____</p> <p>RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: _____</p>
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If any of your children have health concerns we should know about, please list them here beside their name:

Are You willing to help with special fun events and/or projects for the school children during the year? **YES NO**
Would you teach a class or craft, help with music or activities even if only for a month or two? **YES NO**

Date _____

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021

PARENT NAME _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Please circle one Mother Father Stepdad Stepmom Other _____

ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE (REQUIRED) _____
MEMBER? YES NO (please circle one) If not would you like to become a Member? YES NO

Email (REQUIRED): _____ (TO SEND REPORTS TO)

PARENT NAME _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Please circle one Mother Father Stepdad Stepmom Other _____

ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE (REQUIRED) _____
MEMBER? YES NO (please circle one) If not would you like to become a Member? YES NO

Email (REQUIRED): _____ (TO SEND REPORTS TO)

CHILDREN'S NAME(s)

Circle one	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Grade going to be in this school year	Birth Date
M or F	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
M or F	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Was this child baptized? YES NO If so, where? _____

Has this child taken First Communion Instruction? YES NO If so, when? _____

My child will be attending

_____ 5 pm Confirmation _____ 6 pm Confirmation

_____ Either will work _____ NEED OTHER TIME

_____ ZOOM Only

Emergency contact if we are unable to reach you.

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: _____

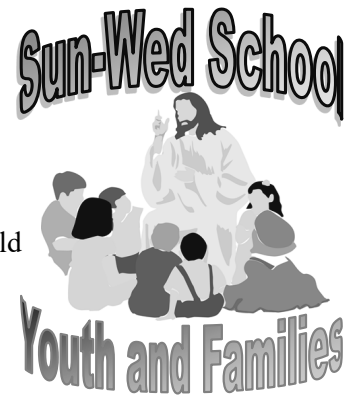
If any of your children have health concerns we should know about, please list them here beside their name:

PK'ers to receive Bibles on Rally Day at Bible Presentations for 2nd and 7th Graders

Second and Seventh graders will receive their Bibles during the 8:30 am Worship Service on September 13th, Rally Sunday. This year PK children starting Wednesday/Sunday school for the first time will receive a children's Bible. Funds for these Bibles was granted by the Foundation, Clara Mathieson Fund.

Installation of Wednesday and Sunday school teachers for the coming year will also be held at that time.

Plans are to have several activities for the youth on Rally Days. If you can help in anyway with games and activities, please contact the Education Committee or leave a message at the office. If you are able to teach, we need to hear from you as soon as possible. Turn back to page 7 for more information.



Confirmation Classes begin Wednesday—September 2

Confirmation classes begin on Wednesday, September 2. Registration should be completed prior to the first class. You can email Pastor Cheryl at: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com, mail or by dropping it off at the office. The form is on page 9. Classes will be held at 5 and 6 p.m. downstairs where we can social distance. Students are encouraged to wear mask. There will be family worship following confirmation at 7 pm each week beginning September 16.

Confirmation is a two-year rotation covering the Old and New Testament, Lutheran History, Catechism, and Living. Other topics will include acolyte/usher training and learning about the worship service. Memory work includes catechism and Bible verses.

Volunteers Are Needed: with service projects, transportation for fun night activities, Wednesday night worship, lock-ins, and other needs to be determined. Please let Pastor Cheryl know your availability.

God's Work—Our Hands Sunday is September 27, 2020 at Grace Lutheran.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday provides an opportunity to serve our neighbors in new ways and with new partners. It also provides an opportunity to gain new insights, to be renewed in faith and to gain fresh strength for serving in all our daily callings.

For God's Work—Our Hands Sunday, we will be putting together the kits that will be sent to World Relief. Please plan to come and help with this important work. You must wear a face mask.

Eighteen Seniors receive sending blessing at Grace Lutheran

Philippians 4: 6-7, *⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Erin Mary Abel: daughter of David and Jackie Abel will be attending St. Catherine University in St Paul pursuing a degree in Librarianship.

Christopher Ryan Andrews: son of Mike and Cheri Andrews will be attending Lake Area Technical College for Electronic Technology.

Alexx Bayles, daughter of Amy Lambrecht

Christian Lonnie Brandenburger: son of Gene and Gretchen Brandenburger will be attending Lake Area Technical College studying Law Enforcement

Brad Bunde, son of Kip and Nicole Bunde plans to go to Lake Area Technical College for Ag Production

Raina Niles Carter, daughter of Heather and Bradley Carter plans to attend SDSU for Hospitality Management.

Chance Finck, son of Chad and Lacie Finck plans to go to Lake Area Technical College towards an Associate as

an Automotive Technician.

Cole Henricks, son of Scott and Kylie Henricks.

Delaing Lancaster, daughter of Lynne Williams, plans to attend the U of M at Crookston studying Health Science and Psychology with a future in Neurology

Isaak Antonio Montemayor, son of Antonio and Darcie Montemayor, will be attending Northern State University majoring in Music.

Jorden Pekelder, son of Theresa Pekelder

Emma Roe, daughter of Jeff and Julie Roe

Pete Roe, son of Jeff and Julie Roe

Justin Seidell, son of Bradley and Jodi Seidell

Zoey Stefanich, daughter of Jennie Helm and Allen

Brudwick plans to attend SDSU studying Agronomy.

Rylee Thorson, daughter of Kent and Alexys Thorson

Olivia Weber, daughter of Bill and Tonia Weber will be going to Lake Area Technical College for Human Services.

Sidney Weber, daughter of Robert and Patricia Weber plans to attend State College in Florida with a future in nursing.

Our prayers go with you!

Fall Events Cancelled at Grace

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.

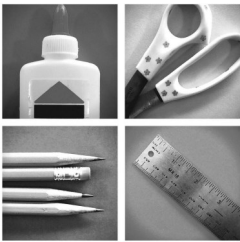
FALL CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR CANCELLED

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.

God's Work—Our Hands Sunday is September 27, 2020 at Grace Lutheran.

That is the day we will put these kits today—please plan to attend AND please wear a mask.

Tubs are available on Sunday morning at Drive-in Worship to receive your kit donations. Please ask an usher.



GLCW SCHOOL KITS

GLCW Sends Kits to Lutheran World Relief

Grace Lutheran Church Women and the Mission Committee will be assembling school kits, personal care kits and layettes for Lutheran World Relief. **We are asking for congregational help in providing the supplies needed for the kits.**

Each School Kit needs:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10-1/2"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One eraser approximately 2 1/2" long

Each Personal Care Kit needs:

- One bath-size towel (approximately 52" X 27"), dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers, remove packaging

You can provide one of each item, several of an item, or make a donation to GLCW and they will assemble the kits. Bins for each type of kit will be in the narthex for your donations.



Each Layette Kit needs:

- White Soap
- Hand towels, dark color
- Jackets or sweaters 6 months to 24 months.

We are in need of someone to package the Layette kits. Please Help!

**Layette Kits
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Tentative Opening of in-Sanctuary Worship September 20th

Drive In Worship—at 8:30 AM Sunday's
In Grace Lutheran Parking Lot!

Important Dates on the Calendar

September

- 2 Confirmation for 2020-21 years begins with classes at 5 and 6 p.m. Must Register.
- 7 Labor Day Holiday—office closed
- 9 Sunday and Wednesday school teachers meeting at 7 p.m., We need your help!
- 10 Grace Lutheran Council meets at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- 13 Rally Sunday, with Teacher Installation and Bible Presentations for PK, 2nd & 7th graders
- 16 Rally Wednesday school begins at 6 p.m.
Family Worship following Wednesday school at 7 p.m.
- 20 Tentative Worship Service in the Sanctuary at 11 am (ALSO 8:30 a.m. Drive In Worship)
- 21 SD Synod Fall Theological
- 27 God's Work—Our Hands Sunday (Preparing kits for World Relief)

October

- 5 WELCA World Relief Truck to pick up Kits in Parking Lot.

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