



GRACE GLEANINGS

Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Country Gospel Jamboree to feature Terry Foster and The Classics Good food—Good Entertainment—Good Fun on Jamboree Sunday April 16th

Terry Foster and the Classic's will be the featured band for our third annual Country Gospel Jamboree on April 16, 2023. Terry is a 2019 South Dakota Country Music Hall of Fame Inductee.

The Sunday afternoon jamboree venue invites local and area musicians to share their musical talents on a gospel song or two, whether vocalist or instrumentalist, with the featured group during the 2 to 4 pm program. Cost at the door for the jamboree is \$10.

Musicians already signed up are Justin and Cody Hanson and Jan

Sandbakken. Singers can contact Pastor Cheryl to participate.

Prior to the jamboree, a meal will be served from noon to 1:30 pm with a choice of chef salad, OR hamburger or brat with mac salad, baked beans and chips for \$10.

Beginning at Noon there will also be a silent auction until 3:30 pm. The silent auction takes place in the hallway around Fellowship Hall.

Added to the jamboree event are chance tickets to win "Dinner for Two" Cost of the tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased ahead of time at the office and members are

asked to take a book to sell. The drawing will be held at approximately 3:30 pm.

The winner will receive a dinner for two each month for a year, a value of \$720. Restaurants include: Minervas, 2nd Street Station, Guadalajara, Dempseys, Mavericks, El Tapatio, Lone Pine Bar & Grill, Perkins, Harrys, Senor Max's, Watertown Brewing, and Applebees.

All proceeds of the Country Gospel Jamboree, meal, silent auction and 'Dinner for Two' chances go to Grace Lutheran Church, 202 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD.

We Thank God for Our Volunteers!



A new Electronic Sign has been installed at Grace Lutheran. Many volunteers made this happen: GLCW, (Grace Lutheran Church Women), Dorthey Schooley, Wil Morlock and several unnamed donors. We thank God for you and your generosity!

Ukraine Refugees Travel Approved Expected arrival by end of April

Ihor Pavlovich Tokarev, his wife Lyubov, and children Ramir and Davyd, ages 7 and 10, have been approved to travel to the US. We are now working on the arrangements for travel and accommodations when they arrive. The application has taken a little longer than necessary as I mixed up the name when entering the information on the form. Corrections have been made to make sure names are the same as their passport.



Many have volunteered household furnishing for the Tokarev family. When they arrive we hope to have filled their refrigerator, kitchen with basic necessities, bathroom and bedding items. They will need a prepaid cell phone to keep contact with immigration and family. If you can donate any of these items, gift cards, or perhaps purchase script through Grace for HyVee, County Fair, or Walmart, that would be very much appreciated.

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March 28, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I google it – What does scripture say about helping your neighbor? It references 51 Bible verses. Of course, there is Mark 12: 31 *“The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than this.”*

Isaiah 1: 17 tells us, *“Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.”*

And there is Galatians 6: 10 that says, *“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”*

Let us do good, that is the meaning of Grace... and Grace Lutheran.

As I put together the calendar and get the newsletter ready to print, I see all the things you as Grace Lutheran are doing for your neighbor and all the ways you are open and welcoming to invite others into the church.

April will be a busy month, but really it seems every month is busy at Grace. I'm so proud of you all. On Palm Sunday, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the youth. Some thought it a wonderful opportunity to invite our neighbors to come join us, especially with all the new apartments. So they put together the means and their creative ideas for a postcard to go to all boxholders in the 4 zones around the church for it and worship on Easter Sunday.

Each week we host the Watertown Banquet where many come for a meal and to socialize. We hosted the Ecumenical Community Lenten service this year to get it started once more. It would have been so easy to just say we can wait until next year. But we didn't. We put in the extra effort to make sure it happened even though we served more times than usual. Next year there is the promise by others to be back on schedule.

Grace held their annual Spring Craft/Vendor Fair even with uncooperative weather. The Jamboree will be held even though we aren't raising money for a major roof project. You see, it's not about the money or raising the funds. It's about our neighbor and being neighborly.

Neighborly is having or showing qualities of being friendly, kind, and helpful.

During the next month we will open our doors and arms to refugees from Ukraine. When I read the stories online of request to please help, my heart breaks. They have no home to return to. Their cities flattened and taken over. They have lost loved ones or must leave them behind.

I think of the pioneers who were so brave to set out for unknown places leaving behind family and friends for a better life. It was not easy and I'm sure they had anxieties and fears, just as these new refugees have.

But I remember those seven men who decided there should be a Lutheran church in Watertown and met to organize it. They did not have English as their first language. They did not know how it would come about or what the outcome would be. But through the years and many innovative ideas to reach out and help their neighbor, it grew; through radio broadcast and television shows, drive-in services and Easter services filling the Armory three times over, so all could hear the proclamation. From the idea of a Luther Hospital in 1909 that developed and was re-named Memorial Hospital which merged with St Anne's Hospital and later became Prairie Lakes Hospital, to hosting Las Posadas each December and Spanish speaking services at Christmas and Easter, Grace has been a neighbor to many.

Even sponsoring refugees is nothing new as in 1978 two refugee families from Viet Nam and 1990, Polish refugees were sponsored by Grace. Now, you have stepped up in trust and faith to be a neighbor to Ihor Pavlovich Tokarev and his family as well as Vasyi Molod and maybe more.

“If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?” 1 John 3: 17

So often I see the love of God in you Grace Lutheran. Helping the neighbor is and always has been how we live in community, and you have demonstrated that over and over again through your faith and obedience to God.

Deuteronomy 22: 1-4 tells us, *“You shall not see your neighbor's ox or his sheep going astray and ignore them. You shall take them back to your neighbor. And if he does not live near you and you do not know who he is, you shall bring it home to your house, and it shall stay with you until your neighbor seeks it. Then you shall restore it to him. And you shall do the same with his donkey or with his garment, or with any lost thing of your neighbor's, which he loses and you find; you may not ignore it. You shall not see your neighbor's donkey or his ox fallen down by the way and ignore them. You shall help him to lift them up again.”*

You have been a blessing to so many in the community of God and the community of Watertown, SD. I look forward to this new work of neighborliness we are pursuing, together.

Members of Grace Lutheran have always loved their neighbor as themselves, and I am so proud and honored to be your pastor as you reach out to your new neighbor and lift them up again.

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You! ~ Pastor Cheryl

Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2023

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The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday March 9th, 2023 at 6pm with Mark Briley Presiding. Also present was LeRoy Bullis, Kelly Evjen, Terra Koistinen, Travis Schulz, Lindsey Moeller, Dylan Jordan, Adam Wientjes, Kayla Mohling, Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, and Kat Anderson. Absent were Steve Schlenner. Sherry Jongeling, Marian Raml, Ted Frost, Gena Urevig, and Ronda Lorenz. Guests were Wil Morlock and Rick Brownell.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Kayla Mohling and seconded by Kelly Evjen. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for the February 9th, 2023 meeting was made by Travis Schulz and seconded by Kelly Evjen. Motion carried.

Items:

Financial Report – Kat Anderson reported the total monthly income to the general fund was \$17,667.80, the weekly giving average was \$4,261, and the average weekly worship attendance was 66 for the month of February. The utility bill has been higher this month as well as snow removal. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Dylan Jordan and seconded by Adam Wientjes. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett continues to visit care centers and assisted living homes. She had 4 marriage counseling sessions as well as preparing for First Communion classes that began in March. Ash Wednesday was cancelled due to weather. A mailer is going out to invite the community to a Palm Sunday easter egg hunt as well as the Easter services in English and Spanish.

Old Business:

Ukraine Refuge Sponsorship – We are awaiting the arrival of the family from Ukraine and some household donations have come in.

140th Celebration (Sept. 16th & 17th 2023) – Sherry was absent & unable to update

Annual Committee Reports and revised descriptions – Committee description book is now complete.

Utilization of Choir/Multipurpose Room – Council would like congressional input before a decision is made to fill in the pit.

Youth & Family Director update – Pastor Cheryl had 3 phone interviews and moved 2 of them forward for a 2nd interview.

Constitution – Mark Briley will check the procedure to see what the next steps are for ratification.

New Business:

The resignation of Breanna Hemiller – Communications, was turned in and effective immediately.

Foundation Grants- Wil Morlock shared the grants that were approved at the March 6th Foundation meeting.

Wil also explained what the Foundation does for the sake of the new council members. Up to 25% of the funds can be used for the church infrastructure, 25% can be put towards education, 25% towards ELCA Benevolence, and 25% on community projects.

New Church Management and Accounting software – Kat Anderson presented a new software that will be a welcome update to the current program that is being used. Adam Wientjes made a motion to approve moving forward with the purchase. Kayla Mohling seconded. Motion passed.

Preschool – Updating the third signer to Kayla Mohling. Signature cards needed to be updated at the bank and it would be nice to have someone on the preschool board. Dylan Jordan made a motion and Travis Schulz seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dylan Jordan to require itemized receipts for reimbursement requests from preschool personnel. Kelly Evjen seconded. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dylan Jordan to eliminate the use of personal Venmo transactions through the pre-

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Grace Lutheran Financial Report

Contribution Report

Posted Contributions For Period: 01/01/2023 to 02/28/2023

<i>Fund Description</i>	February	Year-to-Date	<i>Amount</i>
1 General Fund	16,644.00	37,990.03	
3 Christmas Supper	-	30.00	
5 Initial Envelope	62.00	266.00	
7 Lent	50.00	50.00	
10 Christmas	-	57.00	
11 Building Maintenance Donation	-	50.00	
12 Missionary Sponsorship	15.00	15.00	
13 World Hunger	149.00	309.00	
17 Altar Flowers	440.00	625.00	
18 Radio Broadcast	160.00	640.00	
20 Misc. General Fund	30.00	2,800.00	
21 Loose Offerings	282.57	701.57	
27 Grace Lutheran Preschool	5.00	60.00	
31 Postage Donation	5.00	5.00	
35 Emergency Assistance Fund	110.00	240.00	
65 GLCW - Nordefest Plus	-	5.00	
76 REFUGEE	273.00	273.00	
*** Facility Use Donation	-	1,200.00	
*** Thrivent Choice Dollars	460.00	460.00	
*** Misc Fundraising	-	317.00	
	18,685.57	46,093.60	

Expense Report

For Period:
01/01/2023 to
02/28/2023

Your financial support is important to continue the Mission and Ministry of Grace Lutheran Church. Thank you for increasing your tithing as our expenses have increased.

<i>Description</i>	February	Year-to-Date	Budget
		<i>Amount</i>	
Benevolence	209.08	418.16	2,508.96
Payroll	17,179.71	36,810.96	241,041.25
Office Expenses	579.55	1,425.34	18,200.00
Worship	840.00	1,260.00	33,970.00
Alter Guild	27.89	157.69	1,100.00
Education, Stewardship & Management			
	4,064.53	8,141.16	67,100.00
Property	579.52	2,333.66	13,000.00
Designated Gifts	513.91	2,432.74	
Total Expenses	23,994.19	52,979.71	

The next Grace Council meeting is 6:00 pm Thursday, April 13
You are always welcome to come in to the office or call to review or discuss our church budget.
Thank you, Kat 605-886-5737

Reconciled Account Balance

Beginning Balance	\$ 31,057.89
Income	\$ 17,667.80
Expenses(General)	\$ (23,994.19)
Ending Balance 2/28/23	\$ 24,731.50

COUNCIL (continued from pg 3)

school, effective immediately. Terra Koistinen seconded. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Adam Wientjes that any events led by preschool personnel that occur outside of the preschool hours needs to be brought to the Grace Lutheran Church Council for approval. Seconded by Lindsey Moeller. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Education, Youth, & Family – Children are singing on Palm Sunday. Easter Egg hunt on Palm Sunday

Foundation – Wil was here to give an update on the grants.

Finance & Stewardship – New accounting software to be purchased as well as the neighborhood easter event was discussed.

Mission – Marian Raml reported that the March Mission is NeSoDak with a speaker coming March 19th.

Preschool – See update above

Property – Projects on the horizon – Original Narthex ceiling replacement, parking lot resurfacing, balcony railing solution.

Executive – Meeting for second interviews March 14th.

Safety – Grant was awarded for security cameras.

Staff Support – Job description was created for Youth & Family Director.

LeRoy Bullis motioned to adjourn the meeting, Adam Wientjes seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Anderson

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped with the "I Got it at Grace" vendor fair! Although the weather prevented a lot of people from coming, it was still good for Grace. Thank you to those who donated food and to those who helped in the kitchen, the concession stand, and those who helped with the dried fruit & nuts. A big thank you to the youth who helped – you are a wonderful blessing! Parents, I hope you are proud of how good they do! Together, we all are making Grace a wonderful church home! God Bless!

Bobbi & Darlene

Sunday Coffee Fellowship

The family of Grace Lutheran invites everyone to join us for Coffee Fellowship each Sunday morning beginning at 9:30 am In Fellowship Hall.

Come get to know each other!



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Grace Lutheran uses a cell phone "remind" app for school reminders!

To sign up for

text announcements for:

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 after to sign up.

Grace Lutheran Church Foundation

Board Meeting, Monday, March 6, 2023

The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board of Directors met on March 6 2023, 5:30 pm at Joy Ranch.

Present: Bonnie Oletzke, Joy Nelson, Larry Picht, Rich Dunn, Will Morlock, Becky Knadle, Krisma Dewitt and Lindsey Groon. Also present was Peggy Hulscher and Kat Anderson.

Will Morlock called the meeting to order.

Approve Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2023 meeting, made by Rich Dunn, seconded by Joy Nelson, motion passed.

Peggy Hulscher reported the financial summary for month ending January 31, 2023. A motion to approve the treasure report was made by Becky Knadle, seconded by Larry Picht, motion passed.

Rental Property:

Larry reported that all is going well with no vacancies

Grants were distributed. See attached 2023 Approved Grant Request.

Report from church staff and council: It was reported that all is going well. Will reported that the new sign should be installed in the next couple of weeks.

Our next meetings will be April 3, 2023, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rich Dunn and seconded by Joy Nelson, seconded, motion passed.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

2023 Approved Grant Request

Description	Amount Approved
Boy Scouts – Troop 8	\$ 2,000.00
ELCA Missionary Support	1,000.00
ELCA World Hunger	1,000.00
Lutheran World Relief	1,000.00
Lutheran Social Service	1,000.00
Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center	1,000.00
SD Synod seminary Support	1,000.00
St Dysmas Prison Ministries	1,000.00
Salvation Army One Roof Program	5,000.00
Hope in God	3,000.00
Joy Ranch	8,000.00
CASA	600.00
Baby Care Kits	750.00
Christmas Meal	5,000.00
Sandwich Ministry	3,000.00
Hospice Gowns	500.00
Codington County Cares-Cancer	5,000.00
Habitat for Humanity	1,500.00
Boy & Girls Club – (Joy Ranch Retreat)	8,600.00
Tru Green	600.00
GLC-Pole Saw & leaf vacuum	1,300.00
Church of the Street Mission	1,250.00
Neighborhood Outreach Easter Invitation	2,500.00
Security Camera's	400.00
Total	\$56,000.00
On Hold	
Office Computer	\$ 3,500.00
Color Printer/copier	400.00
Property Committee	21,000.00
Wooden Crosses (Sherry Jongeling)	1,400.00
Ukrainian Refuge Family	7,200.00
Total	\$33,500.00
Clara Mattheson Funds	
Youth group material (Becky Sprouse)	\$ 1,500.00
Sunday/Wednesday Curriculum supplies	2,000.00
Pre-School	5,100.00
2 nd Grade Bibles	375.00
7 th Grade Bibles	500.00
Television for Bible Studies	350.00
Bible Studies -2 retreats	850.00
First Communion material	175.00
Total	\$10,850.00



THANK YOU FOR YOUR
**FINANCIAL
SUPPORT**

Motion to approve grant requests was made from Beck Knadle, seconded by Larry Picht, motion passed.

The items that are on hold will be discussed at a later date when we get more information.

Congregational Query

Grace Lutheran Council is seeking your opinion on repurposing the choir room to a Multi-purpose Room. Estimates have been received to fill-in the tiered area making the floor one level. Tiered seating was useful when Grace had a large choir, and all members needed an unobstructed view of the director. We no longer have a large choir and seldom use the room for choir practice.

Reasons for this repurposing are:

Liability One person has slipped over the edge of the tiered seating area and taken by ambulance to the emergency.

Placing a railing around each tier for safety would limit the use of the room even more.

Currently two TOPs groups meet in this room. Some have difficulty walking and could slip.

Anyone using the area would have less chance to trip up and down the tier layers.

Usability: The room could be better utilized without the tiered steps.

If repurposed, more meetings could take place in the room. A larger room provides opportunities for larger meetings, Bible Studies, craft activities, etc. without setting up Fellowship Hall.

Brides want a room with more lighting for pictures as they prepare for their wedding. The basement does not have the lighting they desire. An option is to allow use of the chapel for better lighting which requires removal and return of chairs.

The Watertown Fruit by Grace refrigerators could be moved into the room and out of the hallway with areas for product and storage.

Stop at the office to pick up a form to complete by Palm Sunday.

☐ I am in favor of repurposing the choir room as a multipurpose room

☐ I am not in favor of repurposing the choir room as a multipurpose room

This is on the honor system—one vote one time per person - You may add comments on the form.

Winter weather reduced attendance at Spring Craft/Vendor Fair but did not cancel

Nearly all registered craft/vendor were able to make it to sell their wares at the annual spring craft/vendor fair Saturday, March 11th. The weather create hazardous travel and reduced attendance but it did not dampen the spirits of those who were able to come.

Fellowship Hall was filled with items to refresh the house, patio, and yard or decorate for Easter from handcrafted bracelets, crocheted items, handwoven rugs, sweater mittens, wooden wreaths & signs, vinyl cut designs, handmade table runners, pillowcases, aprons, scarves, grocery bag holders, notebook covers, baby items, bowl cozies, purses, fashion accessories, wood burned clocks & key racks, jewelry, baked goods, fudge, candies, crosses, gnomes, mirrors, koozies, air fresheners, fleece blankets, dog accessories, Western based nail strips & accessories, handmade wire wrapped crystal jewelry, pot-holders, wood signs, solar stakes, handmade cards & crafts, lanterns, glass blocks, wood crafts, gnomes, furniture, even plants and flowers. The Fall Craft Vendor Fair is set for Saturday, November 4th.

Thank you to all who helped with the “I Got it at Grace” vendor fair!

Although the weather prevented a lot of people from coming, it was still good for Grace. Thank you to those who donated food and to those who helped in the kitchen, the concession stand, and those who helped with the dried fruit & nuts. A big thank you to the youth who helped – you are a wonderful blessing! Parents, I hope you are proud of how good they do! Together, we all are making Grace a wonderful church home! God Bless!

Bobbi & Darlene



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Providing rides for the first couple of weeks will also be appreciated. The family will need to make applications at the social security office, school, and work to start out. Lee Gable has volunteered to be a translator when needed.



Vasyl Molod, (pictured at left) a young man of 23, has received travel permission just as the newsletter is being finished. He will be staying with Pastor Cheryl and husband Scott at Wilmot for the first few weeks until employment is obtained. There are other single people or just couples seeking sponsorship. If any-

one is able to host someone for a short time until they are settled, contact Pastor Cheryl.

All of the refugees want to support themselves as quickly as they can. For any who are unable to volunteer or help financially, please remember to keep them in your prayers as they travel and transition to our community.



Several young people enjoyed games, snacks, and just being together during the February 3rd Elementary Lock-in. Playing twister and extreme spoons was one of the favorites but sometimes, you just feel like sitting together under a table to talk and make decisions using *paper, scissors, rock*.



Summer Confirmation Classes offered for those unable to take during the regular time

Our lives are busy and family dynamics have changed over the years. Children are often busy with school activities or shared by parents following a divorce. They need time to spend with each family on separate occasions and even in separate cities and states. This makes it difficult for parents to fulfill their responsibilities of Christian Education and the opportunity to grow in faith that confirmation provides.

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

If you would like your child to have this instruction but the normal fall through winter to spring period does

not fit your schedule or family dynamics, summer classes are available to assist you in achieving this important responsibility and time of learning for young people 7th thru 12th grade.

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

We are happy to take this time to help you in your efforts to *"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."* Proverbs 22: 6





Special 140th Anniversary Quilt to Commemorate Grace

To commemorate the 140th anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church in September, the congregation is invited to help make a special quilt! This beautiful quilt will be approximately 60" X 80" and made of 7 1/2" blocks. You are asked to take on of these blank quilt block and designing it with something to memorialize your family and Grace Lutheran. (See Samples displayed on this page.)

Each family can take 1 block to create a design in whatever way you wish to memorialize your family and Grace Lutheran. The design can be sewn, embroidered, or you can use special clothe paints to decorate the block in a meaningful way that represents you, your family, your faith journey or whatever you decide. Blocks are available in the church office. When finished, return to Darlene Bresson (or the church office) **no later than August 13th** so it can be sewn together and displayed for the 140th celebration in Grace Lutheran September 16-17.



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD!

Tripp William Barber ~ March 19, 2023



*Olivia Ann Rudebusch
~ March 26, 2023 ~*

*Jax Abel-Roy, Brycen Tyler,
& Skie Misty Schiernbeck ~ March 26, 2023*

Changes—Changes—Changes! Life is about Change:

Please update our records to keep you informed!

If you have changed to a cell phone—
please send us your cell phone number

If you have MOVED—
please send us your change of address.

If you have an email or are a snow bird returning after winter—

Let us know so we can keep in touch:

605-886-5737 or

Email: gracelc@midconetwork.com

Memorials and Gifts

To Preschool: From Fran Schaefer as a memorial for Molly Heaton, Irving Hinderaker, Rick Anderson, Don Ritz, Donna Sumner, Harry Pieschke, Gary TeBeest, & Roger Heathcote;

To the Flower Fund: From Geri Mohror in honor of Bounce Mohror's 92 birthday March 3, Happy Heavenly Birthday; From Diane Hanson in loving memory of her mom's heavenly birthday, Irene Anderson, from her children; From Darcy Rae-thz in celebration of her sister Denise Biller's Birthday.

To the Radio Fund: From Janie Stianson in loving memory of Neil Stianson and Amanda Bauman; From Ethel Hanse in loving memory of Lyle Hanse from his family. From the Schmeling Radio Fund in loving memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling.

To the Ukraine Sponsor Fund: From John Sangl; From Janie Stianson; From GLCW;

To General Fund: From Janie Stianson,

To the Electronic Sign: From Will Morlock

Chance Tickets \$5.00 for Year of Dinners for Two

As part of the fund raising activities for the Country Gospel Jamboree, tickets of chance are available to purchase for a drawing for a Dinner for Two for every month for a year, a \$720 value. Cost of the Tickets are just \$5.00 and can be purchased prior to the Jamboree. Restaurants for the dinners include: Minervas, 2nd Street Station, Guadalajara, Dempseys, Mavericks, El Tapatio, Lone Pine Bar & Grill, Perkins, Harrys, Senor Max's, Watertown Brewing, and Applebees.

Tickets are available at the office. We would appreciate your help to sell a book of tickets. Members can stop at the office and check out a book of 10 tickets. All proceeds go to Grace Lutheran General Fund. Drawing will be held at approximately 3:30 pm during the April 16th Jamboree.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH		
\$5	DINNER FOR TWO	\$5
Country Gospel Jamboree April 16, 2023 approximately 3:45 pm		
Name: _____		
Address: _____		
Phone: _____	Email: _____	
Prize includes dinner for two for every month of the year—a \$720 Value Need not be present to win. Jamboree program 2—4 pm Grace Lutheran Church ~ 202 2nd St SE ~ Watertown, SD Email: graclec@midconetwork.com ~ Call: 605-886-5737		

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Chance to win dinner for two every month of the year - a \$720 Value
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Jamboree 2—4 pm

April 16, 2023

Drawing approximately 3:45 pm

Grace Lutheran Church

202 2nd St SE ~ Watertown, SD

Email: graclec@midconetwork.com

Call: 605-886-5737

Cost \$5.00

All proceeds go to Grace Lutheran

The Mission Committee has chosen Baby Care items as Mission of the Month for April



April's Mission of the Month is Baby Care. Products such as diapers, Pacifiers, bottles and nipples, baby washcloths, baby wipes, baby blankets, sleepers and bibs. There are several organizations in our community in need of baby supplies to support new Mothers. Supplies donated will be taken to the organizations within Codington County in need of Baby Care Products.

GLCW (Glace Lutheran Church Women) collect materials for baby kits for World Relief each year. Those kits include: TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®); TWO long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet); TWO receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square; FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred; ONE jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap; TWO pairs of socks; ONE hand towel, dark color recommended; TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars; TWO diaper pins or large safety pins. These items can be brought to Grace at any time to be safe for the fall World Relief gathering.

Easter Sunday Brunch ~ April 9

8:30 to 11 am

Free Will Offering

Ham, Bacon, Sausage Egg bake, and Muffin with orange juice or coffee.



Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

202 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD



QUILTERS ARE WANTED!

The Dorcas quilters invite you to join them in making quilts and fellowship on

Monday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Quilt are given to Lutheran World Relief and for local needs. If you don't sew, there are a variety

of things to help with from tying to cutting to just time together.

Please feel free to join in this important ministry of Grace Lutheran.

(They have delicious snacks too.)

Country Gospel Jamboree

Sunday – April 16 - 2 to 4 pm

Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall



~ Featuring ~

Terry Foster and the Classic



Area musicians and singers are encouraged to come join with the band and share your musical talents on a country gospel song or two.

To sign up, contact Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501.

Jamboree Cost - \$10

202 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD

NOON Meal

Noon to 1:30 pm

Chef salad OR

**Hamburger or Brat with
mac salad, baked beans
and chips \$10.00**

Eat in or take out meal.

In the Fellowship Hall

Silent Auction
from Noon to
3:30 pm

Purchase a chance to win 'Dinner for Two' and receive dinner for two for every month for a year – Tickets are \$5.00 each.

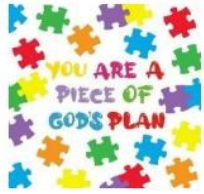
Grace Lutheran Church ~ 202 2nd St SE ~ Watertown, SD

Preschool – 6th Grade

Sunday School - 9:45 am - 10:45 am / Wednesday School – 6pm – 7:30 pm

Join us for Family Worship on Wednesday Nights at 7:00 pm

Noisy Offering / Music / Communion



No Wednesday School / April 5th

No Sunday School / April 9th

Kids will be singing on April 2nd / Palm Sunday / 11:00 service

Interested in helping with Sun/Wed school.

contact Becky @ beckygracelc@midconetwork.com / bsprouse@iw.net / 605-881-5733



Grades 7-12

7:30-9:00 pm

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

Friends are always welcome!!

NO Youth Group

April 5th

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think. believe. do.

Bible study we will be using this fall

Focusing on Prayer, Sin, Mission, Bible, & Salvation

Parent Volunteers are always needed.

Join Youth Group Remind by texting 34c2a7 to 81010.

Announcements will be coming out through this as needed.

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Tidbits from Grace Preschool



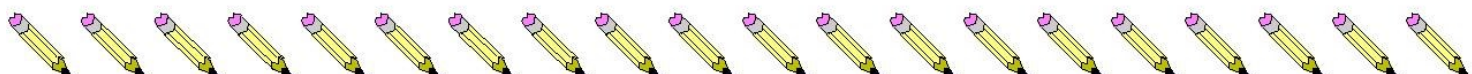
Hello from the Grace Classroom!

Happy Spring – the students and I are looking forward to warmer weather and fun springtime projects. Throughout this year we have been learning about God’s love and this month we are focusing on the Easter story and our Savior, Jesus Christ. We are also busy preparing for kindergarten screening, finishing our lessons, and practicing for our end of the year party! Reminder Grace Lutheran preschool is now open for enrollment! We have changed hours a little bit to accommodate.

Important Dates:

April 7th – NO SCHOOL, GOOD FRIDAY

April 19th – NO SCHOOL, EASTER MONDAY





GROW AT GRACE

GRACE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL WATERTOWN

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

At Grace we are devoted to creating a kind and safe classroom where every child feels loved, valued, and important. In this classroom we make messes, have dance parties and laugh a lot while growing in faith and life. This is our happy place where memories are made and friendships that last a lifetime.

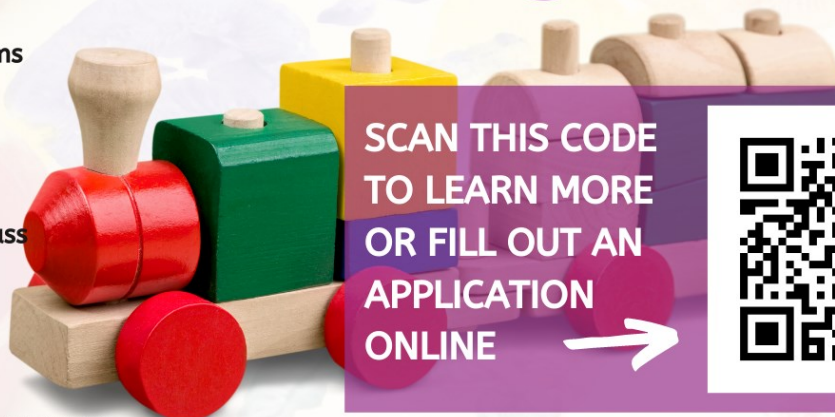
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\$24-\$55/WEEK**

- ✓ 2, 3 & 5 day week programs
- ✓ Ages 3-5
- ✓ Flexible payment options
- ✓ Morning and afternoon class options

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☎ 605-886-5737

**grant applications available upon request*



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Pastor Cheryl: (605) 237-1501
Office Phone: (605) 886-5737

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 PALM SUNDAY 8:30 am Worship/Palm Processional 9:30 AM – Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am - Easter Egg Hunt & Face Painting with prizes 9:30 Caramel Rolls for Sale 11 am Worship /Palm Processional Children Singing 1 pm Service at Edgewood	3 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET 5:30 Foundation Meeting	4 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	5 10:30 am Service at Avantara 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room NO Wednesday school NO Youth Group Meets NO Midweek service 5 pm Grace Executive Committee	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY 2 pm Rostered Ministers Zoom Meeting 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service in Fellowship Hall with First Communion	7 GOOD FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED Noon Good Friday Service 7 pm Good Friday Service	April 1
9 EASTER SUNDAY 7:30 am Easter Worship / Holy Communion 8:30 – 11 am Easter Brunch 9:30 am – Easter Worship/Holy Communion NO Sunday School 11 am Spanish Speaking Easter Worship / Holy Communion	10 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	11 Noon – Watertown Ministerial Association Meets at Hy-Vee 4:30 Tops/Choir Room Spring Theological meets at Grace afternoon & evening 5 pm Serve Dinner Church	12 10:30 am Service at Hi Rise 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 6 pm Wednesday school 7 pm Midweek Worship Service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	13 10:00 am Service at Stonebrook 5pm Finance and Stewardship committee 6 pm Grace Council meets	14 Home School 8 am to Noon OFFICE CLOSED	15 Gleanings Deadline
16 JAMBOREE DAY 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday school 11 am Worship Noon to 1:30 Jamboree Lunch Noon to 3:30 Silent Auction 2 – 4 pm Jamboree program	17 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	18 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 5:30 – 7 pm Craft Class	19 10 am Service at Town View 10:30 am Service at Jenkins 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 6 pm Wednesday school 7 pm Midweek Worship Service W/Holy Communion 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	20 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle	21 Home School 8 am to Noon OFFICE CLOSED	22
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30 AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM 8:30 am Worship /Holy Communion 9:30 am – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am- Sunday school 11 am Worship / Holy Communion & CONFIRMATION				Pastor Cheryl Office Hours at Grace By 10 am Tuesday thru Thursday - Work from Home Monday You are welcome to Contact Pastor directly anytime at 605-237-1501 or E-mail: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com		

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Important Upcoming Dates

April 2—Palm Sunday: Easter Egg Hunt and Face Painting at 9:30 to 11 am. Caramel Rolls for sale: Wednesday & Sunday school children singing at 11 am service.

April 9 – Easter Sunday

April 11-13: SD Synod Spring Pastor's Theological Conference in Watertown (April 11th at Grace; 12-13th at LCOOR)

April 16th – Country Gospel Jamboree 2 to 4 pm
Noon Meal & Silent Auction;

Dinner for 2 drawing at approx. 3:30 pm

April 30 – Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) at 11 am service

Volunteers help for **Watertown Fruit by Grace:**

April 16th – Jamboree – someone to sit at booth and sell.

Proceeds from the Watertown Fruit by Grace go to the Grace Lutheran Church General Fund.

Contact Darlene Bresson for more information or to sign up for these times of sharing.

Craft Night is Coming!



Learn to make
Greeting Cards!

*Denise Thingelstad
will teach the basics
of card making*

Tuesday, April 18th
5:30 to 7 pm
Cost \$10

Take home a card the very first night!

Register by April 14th
Class size is Limited to 10

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