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GRACE GLEANINGS

Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Annual Christmas Day Meal served 500+ to Community

For the first time since the COVID 19 pandemic, the Christmas meal was served inside at Grace Lutheran Church. The request for deliveries were strong but there were many who enjoyed coming together to spend a little time enjoying a great meal with others serving over 500 total for Christmas Day, .

The meal moved up over the noon hour during the pandemic to make it more convenient for deliveries to be done in the light of day. Workers also enjoy getting home before dark on Christmas.

Many volunteers were on hand to deliver the meals while others dish up the meals in an assembly line fashion putting out nearly 400 to-go meals in the first hour.



Pictured at right are Ryan and Denise Biller who have been faithful the last few years to

arrive before the light of day to cook the meal along with Darcy Raethz pictured at left. This year they displayed fun Elf aprons to wear while serving.

Becky and Charles Knadle and Gena Urevig handle the deliveries side of the meals. This year a designated phone and phone number was used for taking the orders, which eliminated crossover confusion on the order.

Many volunteers come back every year to help with the meal as a family activity and new faces help each year to make the day a festive event. *See page 8 for more pictures and details.*



We Thank God for Our Volunteers!

The Annual Christmas meal could not be held without the dedicated volunteers who come to help in every way on Christmas Day. Thank you to everyone who took time to come and help.





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Writing is usually a little easier for me as I can throw out my thoughts with the understanding I can go back and rewrite. Something I learned as a newspaper editor/publisher. But there are no words to describe the overwhelming pain of losing a child.

The baby you cradled in your arms... the little hand you held the first time you took them to school... the child that crossed the graduation platform... the child that became an amazing adult whom you loved to spend time with and talk with and look forward to all they would become... is gone in a second.

Paul writes: *"⁵⁵Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"*

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." (1 Corinthians 15)

Death stings, as many of you reading this know if you've lost a loved one. The loss takes your hopes and dreams, your plans, and the future as you knew it. So we cry through the pain. We get angry at God. Our depression even makes us feel like we don't want to go on. But go on we must. Our loved ones do not want us to stop living.

So we press on as Paul tells us, even though we don't understand and can't find answers to why this happened. We pray in thanksgiving for the blessing they were and the memories we hold of their love. And we give thanks to God that this is not the end, because it's not.

Death may sting... but death does not get the victory.

God, who raised Christ Jesus from the dead, took that power of fear and suffering away, because the benefit of raising Jesus was not for Jesus only... but for all of us. All who believe in Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Everyone – including you and me and my two children who have passed before me.

It doesn't take away the sting of death. But it gives me something to cling to in life... a hope I can stand on until I pass from this life knowing the joy I will have when I see them again.

But I have concerns. I know my children knew the Lord. I know the promise they were given in baptism, of the forgiveness of sins and eternal salvation are promises that I can demand from God and know with complete confidence He has fulfilled, because He keeps all His promises... I know this because I had them baptized, attend Sunday school, attend confirmation classes, and grow up hearing the Word. Out of nowhere, I preached to Joe the day before he died. I discussed with Sally the last time I talked to her about the importance of Jesus in her life and to read the Word for herself.

My concerns are for the children that are not baptized, do not go to Sunday or Wednesday school, haven't taken confirmation classes, and do not know who Jesus is. My concern is for those who are allowing Satan to speak into their ears telling them someday the child will hear it so they don't want to push them to do something they don't want to do and be a unfriendly parent, forcing them... knowing the danger comes from not having faith... and faith comes from hearing.

For those who allow those thoughts, that is the sting of death that will last forever. For, in not knowing Jesus, there is no victory over death. There is no hope to see them again. There is just pain and emptiness that fills your heart with regret.

In Paul's writing to the Corinthians, he shares the good news of Christ, that God sent His son into the world to save us, or we would all be doomed. It's for us who have heard the story of Christmas and learned who Jesus is.

But what about those who don't. About the little child that never got to Sunday or Wednesday school. Or did for a while and then stop going before they knew what this baby Jesus was really about, thinking it was just a nice little story on why we give presents.

So I would ask you Grace Lutheran, to look around and really see those who have not heard the good news of the Savior is for them in their life... or do not know why Jesus came to this world.

I would encourage you to make an extra effort this year to reach out and find a way to share that message with those who don't, especially the children. Because if they don't get it when they are small, what is the foundation they will stand on when they are in need or confronted by non-believers, and what promise do you have to be reunited if they passed away before morning.

For those who know the Lord, *"he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken."* (Isaiah 25:8)

That is the hope we live in. That is the hope we share.

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You! ~ Pastor Cheryl

May you have a blessed and happy New Year

Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council meeting on Sunday, December 18, 2022

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. with Rick Brownell presiding. Also present was LeRoy Bullis, Rebecca Anderson-Brasel, Ted Frost, Paul Henrichs, Sherry Jongeling, Kayla Mohling, Geri Mohror, Marian Raml, Steve Schlenner, Gena Urevig, Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, and Cindy Vander Leest. Absent were Mark Briley, Kelly Evjen, Rhonda Lorenz, and Adam Wientjes

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Kayla Mohling and seconded by Geri Mohror. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for the November 10, 2022, meeting was made by Paul Henrichs and second by Marian Raml. Motion carried.

Items:

- 1. Financial Report-** Cindy Vander Leest reported the monthly income to the general fund was \$22,105 the weekly average giving was \$5,526 and the weekly worship attendance was 62. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Geri Mohror and second by Marian Raml. Motion carried. Rick Brownell reminded everyone that Tuesday, December 27th is the Blood Drive at Grace and Red Cross will donate \$300.00 dollars towards our utility bill if we can get 30 people to donate blood that day.
- 2. Pastor's Report-** Pastor Cheryl reminded everyone the Las Posadas Celebration is today at 6:00 and hopes everyone will join in the fun. Blue Christmas service is Wednesday, December 21st at 6:00 p.m. and Christmas Eve services are at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. and Christmas Day there is one service at 10:00 a.m. with the Christmas Dinner following. Pastor Cheryl reported the Hope for Life Community Church has decided to close their doors in Watertown and will no longer need a place to hold their worship services. Their pianist, Tim Frewing has been playing at our 11:00 worship services and practicing/directing our choir.

Old Business:

- 1. Ukraine Refugee Sponsorship-** Pastor Cheryl will share more Refugee Sponsorship information at the next meeting. Cindy reported there have been donations made to the Refugee Sponsorship fund.
- 2. 140th Celebration (Sept 16th & 17th 2023)** – Geri Mohror and Kayla Mohling said the committee will be discussing the 140th after the first of the year.
- 3. Annual Committee Reports** - Cindy reminded everyone their reports for the Annual Meeting are due to the office by Dec. 21st.
- 4. Draft/Proposed 2023 Mission Plan** – The Council reviewed the Proposed Mission Plan and suggested removing the Deacon salary, change the title to Family Mentor with a 30-hour work week and a \$30,000 budget. The Council will review the Proposed Mission Plan changes at the next meeting.
- 5. Committee Handbook and revised descriptions** - Committees will get their final revisions to the office and Council will review the handbook at the next meeting.

New Business:

- 1. Signers for Accounts held at Edward Jones and Banks** – A motion was made by Paul Henrichs to remove Business Administrator, Cindy Vander Leest from Account Authorization signatures, opening and closing accounts/loans/investments and replacing her with Kat (Katherine) Anderson as the authorized Business Administrator and leaving Becky Sprouse and Liz Dunn on as authorized signers only and seconded by Steve Schlenner. Motion carried.
- 2. Business Admin job update** – Cindy reported the Business Admin job has been filled by Kat (Katherine) Anderson from Castlewood and started on December 5th and is doing great. A motion to approve the hiring and financial agreement for Kat Anderson as the Business Administrator for GLC was made by Sherry Jongeling and seconded by Kayla Mohling. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Vander Leest

Financial Report

Income	Budget	YTD		Debts:	Original amt	Balance
Offerings		\$ 205,852.52		Term Debt	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,810.00		Line of Credit	\$ -	\$ -
Fundraising		\$ 3,561.40				
Scrip Proceeds		\$ -				
Transfer Sp Sav Organ Repair		\$ 4,984.80				
Donation for Sidewalk & LED sign		\$ 14,722.15				
Brown FH tables		\$ 60.00				
Foundation Grants		\$ 27,429.11				
Thrivent Choice \$\$		\$ 2,183.00				
Missions		\$ 280.00				
Misc.		\$ 4,116.32				
Roof repair funds transfer		\$ 137,120.19				
Designated donations		\$ 4,005.54				
Total Income for General Fund		\$ 406,125.03				
Expenses						
ELCA & SD Synod Projects	\$ 2,735.88	\$ 2,232.89				
Staff						
Senior Pastor - Salary & Benefits	\$ 93,302.71	\$ 85,531.49				
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -				
Intern (Word & Service)	\$ 84,231.14	\$ 6,000.00				
Youth & Family Director	\$ 14,257.67	\$ 13,069.54				
Business Adm Salary & Benefits	\$ 47,923.28	\$ 43,929.60				
Parish Education Assistant	\$ -	\$ -				
Office Asst & Custodians	\$ 50,597.95	\$ 23,147.86				
Payroll taxes	\$ 9,270.00	\$ 7,335.84				
Pastoral Materials	\$ 200.00	\$ -				
Total Staff	\$ 303,782.75	\$ 179,014.33				
				Other Outlays		
Program Expenses				Designated Gifts		\$ 1,810.00
Office Expenses	\$ 21,600.00	\$ 11,200.97				
Worship & Music	\$ 21,950.00	\$ 9,873.40		Roof Fund Ed Jones		\$ -
Altar Guild	\$ 950.00	\$ 523.21		Roof repair expenses		\$ 157,145.19
Youth Ministry	\$ 150.00	\$ 131.60		Missions		\$ 280.00
Fellowship	\$ 100.00	\$ -		Menards FH tables		\$ 3,230.33
Mission	\$ 325.00	\$ -		FoundationWhol TV		
Outreach & Care Ministry	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,483.68		Foundation Grant exp		\$ 8,350.73
Stewardship Ministry	\$ 800.00	\$ 654.54		Donation for sidewalk		\$ 14,722.15
Debt Service	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -		Designated Donations		\$ 5,256.04
Insurance	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 12,209.00		Total Other Outlays		\$ 190,794.44
Utilities	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 24,040.86				
Synod Assembly Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 300.00		Total Expenses & Outlays		\$ 439,956.17
PC Conference Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 281.80				
	\$ -			General Fund - 1/1/2022		\$ 69,763.96
Contingency	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,280.35		Plus Income		\$ 406,125.03
Property Ministry	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 5,935.10		Less Expenses & Outlays		\$ 439,956.17
Program Expenses	\$ 125,075.00	\$ 67,914.51		Loan Advances		\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 431,593.63	\$ 249,161.73		General Fund -11/30/22		\$ 35,932.82

The next
Grace Lutheran Church Council
meeting will be at
6 pm THURSDAY, January 11



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

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

Las Posadas held to observe the journey of Mary and Joseph at Christmas

A special Christmas celebration was held Sunday, December 18 at Grace Lutheran Church with a Posadas, the Christmas journey of Mary and Joseph.

Posadas means inn or lodging and is a popular tradition in Latin American countries. For nine nights leading up to Christmas groups walk from house to house in search of a place for Jesus to be born. They sing as they walk.

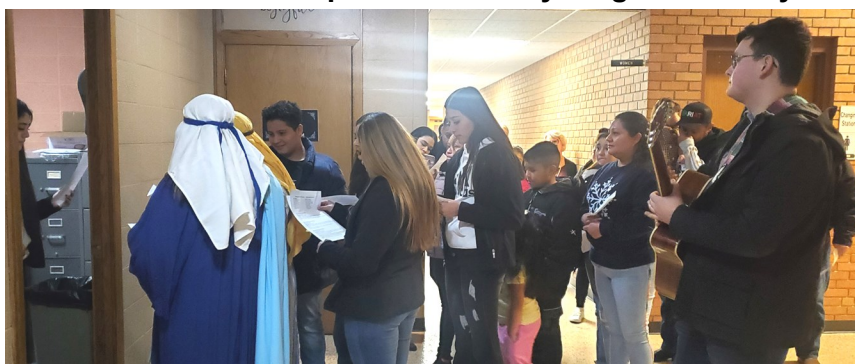
Clarisa and Kimberly Raigoza, daughters of Gladys and Jose Raigoza, two of our confirmation students, planned and led this re-enactment of Mary and Joseph walking from room to room to knock on doors at Grace, looking for a room in the Inn.

The event ended with traditional hot food and drinks, sweets, games with prizes, and a pinata. A Pinata came about in Mexico following the Christmas mass where hitting it with a stick represented faith defeating temptation with the help of virtue. The fruits and sweets that poured out of the piñata represented the joys of union with God.

Many thanks to our Spanish speaking friends and neighbors for sharing this special celebration with us at Grace.



Above, Jannier Raigoza, left, who played Joseph and Kimberly Raigoza as Mary.



Pictured at right, Isaak Montemayor plays guitar as they strolled through the halls singing and searching for a room in the inn. Below, Mary and Joseph followed by the donkey lead the group in search of an inn. Alex Raigoza carried the donkey.



Left, entering the sanctuary to find baby Jesus laying in a manger, the journey ended with a short worship service in Spanish. Below left, a pinata filled with candy gave the children some sweet treats. At right, games were played and prized given.



Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board Meeting, Monday, December 5, 2022

The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board of Directors met on December 5, 2022, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

Present: Bonnie Oletzke, Joy Nelson, Larry Picht, Rich Dunn, Will Morlock, Krisma Dewitt, and Geri Mohror. Also present was Peggy Hulscher and Cindy Vanderleest. Cindy introduced us the new office manager.

Will Morlock called the meeting to order.

Approve Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the November 7 2022 meeting, made by Geri Mohror, seconded by Larry Picht, motion passed.

Peggy Hulscher reported the financial summary for month ending October 31, 2022. A motion to approve the treasure report was made by Larry Picht, seconded by Rich Dunn, motion passed.

Rental Property:

Larry reported that all is going good with one vacancy located at 525 2 St SE, upper unit. Larry also reported that the vacant unit at 525 2 St SE was painted.

Investment Options: Scot Olson with First Premier Bank gave us a presentation on our investment options. Mark Sivertson and Mike Paulson with American Bank and Trust also gave us a presentation on our investment options. A vote was taken by each member of the Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board that was present at the meeting and the decision to move the Grace Lutheran Church investment to American Bank and Trust by a unanimous vote. A motion to move Grace Lutheran Church investments to American Bank and Trust was made by Larry Picht, seconded by Joy Nelson, motion passed.

See attached separate resolution that will be sent to First Interstate Bank concerning the request of a roster of all our investments as on 12/06/2022.

Report from church staff and council: It was reported that all is going well.

January Annual Report and Member at Large meeting is January 29, 2023. Becky Knadle and Will Morlock are up for re-election on the Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board.

Other items: A motion was made by Geri Mohror, and seconded by Joy Nelson to donate \$100 to the family of Sally Ann Rondeau, daughter of Paster Cheryl Rondeau-Basset. Motion passed.

Our next meetings will be January 9, 2023, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

A motion to adjourn was made by Geri Mohror, seconded by Rich Dunn, motion passed.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

December 5, 2022

Separate resolution with the minutes from the December 5, 2022 meeting of the Grace Lutheran Foundation Board.

To: First Interstate Bank

We, the board, are requesting a roster of all investments of the Grace Lutheran Foundation Board as of December 6, 2022.

Motion was made by Joy Nelson, seconded by Rich Dunn, motion passed.



Bonnie J Oletzke
Secretary of Grace Lutheran Foundation Board.

Children's Christmas Program Presented "God's Gift to Us"

Children from the Wednesday and Sunday school classes held their Christmas program on Sunday afternoon December 11th.

The short program presented how the main gift of Christmas was given to us on that first Christmas in Baby Jesus. Children sang and shared the Christmas story through readings and talks.



Christmas is a time for presents, but as the children proclaimed, God's Gift to Us is the Best Gift of All!

Beth Koch St Martin to speak at the Prairie Coteau Youth Mini-Gathering

Youth in grades 7 thru 12 and Youth Directors throughout the Prairie Coteau have been invited to a Prairie Coteau Youth Mini-Gathering on January 6th, 2023 here at Grace Lutheran.

Beth Koch St Martin of Milbank, SD will be the speaker. Her talk is called Ryan's Story and tells the story of a family dealing with the addiction of a child and the pain and grief in the loss of a loved one. The goal of Ryan's Story is trying to erase some of the stigma around drug addiction and to get people to understand it can happen to anyone. St Martin tells the story from the non-addict view and then talks about grief, coping with grief, and what she does to cope with grief.

The Youth gathering will begin at 7 pm and ends at midnight. St Martin will speak at 8 pm in the sanctuary. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend the speaker presentation but not required to register.

THANK YOU!

A Huge Thank you – to everyone who reached out, sent cards, notes, memorials, and gifts in the unexpected death of my daughter Sally Ann Rondeau.

Words cannot express the loving comfort your thoughts and prayers gave to me in this most painful time.

I especially want to thank Jodi Brinkman and Jack Holmquist for stepping in to handle worship service here at Grace and Cathy Zubke and Jack for making sure services were held for our elderly at their care facilities.

God Truly Blessed me when I was called to Grace.

Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

Memorials and Gifts

To the Foundation: A memorial for Rev Gary Westgard from Karen Kaspersen; From Marilyn Petersen; A memorial for Sally Rondeau from Fred and Gwen Peshman; A memorial for Sally Rondeau from Dorothy Schooley. A memorial for Sally Rondeau from Marlene Holzwarth.

To Preschool: A memorial for Marlys Stricherz, Floyd Hilden, Beverly Torgerson, Audrey Luken, and Sally Rondeau from Fran Schaefer; A memorial for Sally Rondeau from Edwin & Linda Williams.

To General A memorial for Pastor Gary Westgard and Shirley Jacobson from Dee Haugan; A gift from John Sangl; A gift from Jim & Francene Spies;

To Undesignated. A memorial for Dr. John Stransky, Rev Keith Smith, and Brian Goens from Carol Henrichs

To the Choir Room: A gift from Dorothy Schooley; A gift from John Sangl

To the Christmas Meal: A gift from the Elizabeth Circle

To the Flower Fund: A gift from Cindy & Scott Vander Leest as a thank you to Grace; A gift from Elton & Darlene Bresson in honor of their anniversary; A gift from Darcy Raethz & Denise Biller in loving memory of their mom's birthday (Sharon John's) on Dec 16; A gift in loving memory of Roy and Doris Schmeling from Linda, Larry, Lana and families.

To the Radio Fund: A gift from Jerry Bosson in memory of Peter & McDorrie Bossen by their families; A gift in memory of Oscar and Cara Kaspersen & Allen Kaspersen from Karen Kaspersen; A memorial for Sally Rondeau from Sharon & Ed Morrison;

Christmas Meal Continued

Planning for the annual Christmas Day meal begins months before Christmas as Julie Stock, Denise Biller and Darcy Raethz review the supplies and begin to order anything that is necessary.



The list of needed items is given to the church family and donations are sought. During the week of Christmas

Becky Knadle and Gena Urevig sit down with the list of deliveries and plan out the routes. Julie, Darcy and Denise make salads.

Becky Knadle center, Gena Urevig, left and Charles Knadle prepare boxes of to-go meals. Below, delivery people wait in line for their delivery route.



The donated pies must be picked and receive the food deliveries. On Christmas morning Darcy, Denise and husband Ryan begin cooking by 7 am. The dinning room is set up and pies cut. When all the meals are delivered and served, the volunteers are able to sit down and enjoy a meal AND THEN clean up.

Donations and volunteers are needed each and every year. Not everyone can help every year, but please consider taking time to serve in one way or another to keep this gift of service going for years to come. Monetary donations can still be made to the Christmas dinner fund.

A HUGE THANK YOU to the many volunteers who took time on Christmas day to come and help in whatever way they could. There are too many names to mention and I'm sure someone would be left out—but know that you are appreciated.

*God's Blessing
Be upon You!*

Katherine (Kat) Anderson begins duties as Business Administrator

Kat Anderson is the new smiling face in the office. She is currently in training to take over the responsibilities of Cindy Vander Leest who is retiring.

Originally from Hartford, SD, Kat moved to the Watertown area 12 years ago. "My husband, Zach, has lived here most of his life." They bought our home in Castlewood seven years ago and they have one 10 year old daughter, Audrey.

Kat's hobbies include crafts, crochet, embroidery, baking, etc. and she loves to spend time at Kampeska in the summer or watching her daughter play softball.



Stop in and meet our new Business Administrator, Kat Anderson



Lizzy Biller, above right, sets the tables for those who come for Christmas Dinner. At right, Sharon Goble and Austin Biller, get ready to cut the pies and preparing them for delivery.



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.)

Quilting—Where Grace is experienced daily.

December 3, 2022

**Angela
Robinson
& Kevin Olson**

Weddings

Tidbits from Grace Preschool

Hello from the Grace Classroom!

Welcome Back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas! We are kicking off this new year with NEW goals! I am asking the students to tell me something they can't do... yet! Whether that's riding a bike without training wheels or learning how to tie their shoes, I want them to choose one goal and really work towards it! I want to remind these children that God made each of them perfectly unique and able to do whatever He puts on their hearts.

Important Dates:
January 3rd and 4th the students be back in the classroom

As always thank you for your love and support!





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



Upcoming Event

3rd-6th grade Gathering

February 3rd 6pm-9pm

NO Sunday School January 1st

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!!

Upcoming Event – Prairie Coteau Youth Gathering

January 6th, 2023 7pm -Midnight

Speaker / Worship / Games / Prizes / Snacks

t.b.d.

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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Years Day 10:00 am Worship 1 pm Service at Edgewood	2	3 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	4 10:30 am Service at Avantara 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 6 pm Wednesday school 6 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Family Worship Service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	5 Items for the Annual Meeting are DUE! 2 pm Rostered Ministers Zoom Meeting	6 OFFICE CLOSED PCC Youth Mini-Gathering 7 pm to midnight	7
8 8:30 am Worship / Holy Communion 9:30 AM – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am- Sunday school 11 am Worship / Holy Communion & Baptism of Laine May Finck	9 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 4:30 pm Banquet Board meets Grace Lutheran Serves the Banquet 5:30 pm BANQUET 5:30 Foundation Meeting	10 Noon – Watertown Ministerial Association Meets at Hy-Vee 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 4:30 pm Worship & Music committee meeting 6 pm Outreach & Fellowship Committee meets	11 10:00 – Service at Hi-Rise 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 6 pm Wednesday school 6 pm Confirmation Class 6 pm Prophets Bible Study 7 pm Family Worship Service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	12 10:30 am Service at Stonebrook 6 pm Grace Council meets	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14
15 8:30 am Worship 9:30 AM – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am- Sunday school 11 am Worship Girl Scouts activities in Fellowship Hall in the afternoon GLEANNINGS ITEMS DUE	16 Martin Luther King Jr Day 5:30 pm BANQUET	17 1 pm Prairie Coteau Conference Pastors text Study & Zoom meeting 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	18 10 am Service at Town View 10:30 am Service at Jenkins 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 6 pm Wednesday school 6 pm Confirmation Class 6 pm Prophets Bible Study 7 pm Family Worship Service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	19 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle 1:30 pm Mission Committee	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21
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Grace Lutheran Church Annual meeting will be held on January 29th—We Need You There!

Important Upcoming Dates

January 1—ONE Sunday Service at 10 am.
January 3—Ukrainian Refugee Community Meeting
7 pm at Great Plains High School Auditorium
January 6 – Prairie Coteau Youth Gathering –
7 pm to Midnight; Speaker at 8 pm
January 9—Grace Lutheran Church serves the Banquet
Cookies are needed & Volunteers to serve
Please help —Sign up in the office
January 29 – ONE Sunday Service at 10 am followed by
Grace Lutheran Annual Meeting
Followed by pot luck dinner
& **Farewell for Cindy Vander Leest**
February 3—Elementary Lock-in 6 to 9 pm for 3rd to 6th
Grade
February 22—Ash Wednesday
March 11—Spring Craft & Vendor Fair
September 16th & 17th— Grace Lutheran 140th
Anniversary Celebration

**Thank you to everyone for the cards and gifts for
Christmas. I so appreciate them. Pastor Cheryl**

Outreach Committee Mission of the Month Is the Ukrainian Refugee Effort

The statewide “Freedom’s Haven for New Americans Workforce” has set a goal of 1,000 Ukrainians for Watertown, SD. Winter is setting in hard in Ukraine, and Russia is targeting the electricity, water, and other infrastructure systems. With 7 million refugees already in Poland, Germany, and other European countries, Ukrainians are running out of places to turn for assistance. In short, people are dying.

A meeting will be held at Great Plains High School Auditorium Tuesday, January 3rd at 7 pm to provide sponsor training and education. Ukrainian’s coming to the US must have a sponsor.

For more information go to:

<https://www.sdcommunityfoundation.org/giving/support-an-existing-fund/freedoms-haven-for-new-americans-workforce>

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