



*March 2023*

# GRACE GLEANINGS

**Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter**

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## Spring Craft/Vendor Fair is Saturday March 11

Thirty booths are registered to sell their wares during the annual spring craft/vendor fair set for Saturday, March 11th. The annual spring shopping opportunities begins at 9 am with items to refresh your house, patio, and yard or decorate for Easter.

CRAFTERS will have lots to choose from including: handcrafted bracelets, crocheted scrubbies, handwoven rugs, sweater mittens, wooden circle door wreaths and signs, vinyl cut out words and designs on mugs and wine glasses, handmade table runners, travel pillowcases, aprons, scarves, grocery bag holders, notebook covers, baby items, bowl cozies, purses, makeup, fashion accessories, wood burned clocks and key racks, crochet critters, Haitian made coffee and jewelry, baked goods, fudge, candies, crosses, gnomes, mirrors, earrings, koozies, air fresheners, fleece blankets, dog accessories, Spring & Easter decor, Western based nail strips and accessories, handmade wire wrapped crystal jewelry, home decor, potholders, wood signs, solar stakes, cotton candy, handmade cards and paper crafts, lanterns, glass blocks, wood crafts, gnomes, tumblers, furniture, fresh flowers



VENDORS attending include: Pampered chef, Tastefully simple, Red Aspen Beauty, Tupperware, Color street, Dusti Rhodes, and Watertown Flowers

For those early morning shoppers, caramel rolls are available with lunch concession beginning late morning, the menu includes pulled pork sandwich, cole slaw or mac salad, chips and a drink for \$9.00. Dessert is also available. Stop by for a fun day of shopping, great lunch, and time to see your friends.

## We Thank God for Our Volunteers!



**Geri Mohror** is a familiar face at Grace Lutheran. She faithfully serves as usher on Sunday mornings working with the confirmation students to direct them, helping with Nordefest Plus, the Craft Vendor Fair, the Community Lenten services and at times with the Watertown Fruit sales just to name a few.

Thank you Geri for your faithful service.

## Help create a Special 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt

To commemorate the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church, we invite the congregation to help make a quilt! The quilt will be approximately 60" X 80" and made of 7 ½" blocks, which we will provide. Each family can take 1 block and design it however you wish to memorialize your family and Grace Lutheran.

When finished, return to Darlene Bresson (or the church office) **no later than August 13<sup>th</sup>** so it can be sewn together and displayed for the 140<sup>th</sup> celebration.

**Pictured at right is a sample quilt square. Others examples are on page 7.**





February 27, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Ash Wednesday came and went with a snowstorm cancelling all activities for the day. Having been sick and stranded at home, there was nothing I could do to change the situation.

For many it was just another blizzard that shut down roads and kept people home. But for some, there was a sense of loss or missing something meaningful for their Lenten journey.

Ash Wednesday is more than just putting ashes on the forehead to show you are a believer. It is a physical feeling, an expression of repentance and a reminder of how we have sinned and fall short of the God's desire for His creatures. The sense of ashes rubbed across the brow is humbling. It helps us feel subservient to a higher being, our Lord and Savior, reminding us, we are helpless to save ourselves.

Not everyone likes that, to feel subservient. But that is what we must admit to. We are sinners, desperately in need of forgiveness because we just can't seem to get it right, to be sinless. No one can. To admit we are sinners, we understand we are human, and since Adam, all humankind sins.

The sense of ashes spread across the forehead is a reminder, we are mere mortals, *"from dust you have come, and to dust you will return."*

Again, not something most of us want to think about, but the consequence of sin is death.

All these feelings and emotions help us to "get into" Lent, making us aware of ourselves and our need for Christ Jesus. As we enter the Lenten season, we take time to remember how we are bound to this evil that comes out of us even when we try hard not to let it. Then we can humbly draw closer to God, seek His forgiveness through Christ, and appreciate the gift we have been given of grace and mercy through Christ death on the cross.

Lent is a time when we contemplate the fact that we are helpless and can do nothing to deserve forgiveness or salvation. As we take the extra time to attend Lenten services and hear the good news of what Christ has done for us, to suffer and die a horrendous death in our place, we take time to seriously consider our bad habits and any particular evil behaviors we may have.

There are many traditions during Lent to help with our repentance and preparation for Easter. Many consider fasting, which teaches us how to have self-control over a sin. Prayer is another Lenten traditions to practice, whether with fasting or without. Taking an additional time of day to stop and pray about our weakness, asking for strength through spiritual discipline and guidance to create a closer relationship with God. Rather than giving up something, many take time to give by volunteering more time and resources where there is need.

The most important outcome from your Lenten journey is to spend more time with God and focus on a relationship with Him. Whether the physical touch of ashes to your forehead brings that about or the extra time at worship, through fasting, or in prayer. At the end of your 40 day walk, may it be that you have drawn closer to God and humbly repent of your sin so you can find joy and praise for the risen Lord on Easter morning.

Since Adam, humans' sin and death is real. But when you humble yourself, admitting your weakness, that you have sinned and deserve death, you will find comfort in knowing you have been forgiven and made right to stand before God through mercy and grace causing you to be at peace in this world, confident in the promise God has given to you, of life after death for all who trust in Christ Jesus as their Savior.

With or without ashes, let the physical presence of Jesus renew your spirit and lead you to a closer relationship with God.

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

## **Beth St Martin to speak on drug addiction on telling Ryan's Story**

Beth Koch St Martin of Milbank, SD will speak at Grace Lutheran at 7:30 pm, Wednesday evening, following Lenten worship on March 29th. 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 of dealing with the loss of a loved one. The goal of Ryan's Story is trying to "erase some of the stigma around drug addiction" and help people 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 I do to cope with grief" she said. Officer Alexis Buysse from the Watertown Police Department will be on hand to answer questions about what local law enforcement are dealing with.

St Martin was to speak during the Mini-Youth gathering in January, which was cancelled. Several expressed interest in hearing this story about addiction. With the increase in drugs in our community and upcoming events of prom and graduation, we are providing this opportunity to hear this story in hope it may save another family the pain and grief of losing a child through the heartache of addiction. Everyone is welcome.

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

Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council Meeting on Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Marian Raml and seconded by Rhonda Lorenz. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting was made by Kelly Evjen and seconded by Ted Frost. Motion carried.

Items:

Financial Report – Kat Anderson reported the total monthly income to the general fund was \$25,661.86, the weekly giving average was \$4,269, and the weekly worship attendance was 58 for the month of January. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Gena Urevig and seconded by Sherry Jongeling. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett continues to visit care centers and assisted living homes. There was one baptism in January. Pastor spent time with the preschoolers singing songs with them. She noted that there will be the addition of a Spanish service on Ash Wednesday at 8pm as well as on Easter Sunday. Pastor has been putting together the details for the Jamboree in April and also noted the date of the Got It At Grace Craft/Vendor fair on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Old Business:

Ukraine Refuge Sponsorship – Pastor Cheryl reported that the bank account has been set up and the letter of intent is almost ready to send with that information.

140<sup>th</sup> Celebration (Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 2023) – No new information

Annual Committee Reports and revised descriptions – a new handbook was handed out. If a committee feels that their description is incorrect please notify Pastor Cheryl.

Nominating Committee- Welcome to the new council members.

New Business

1. The resignation of Becky Sprouse as Youth and Family director was accepted. Becky will stay on until the position is filled or May 15<sup>th</sup>, whichever is earlier.
2. Personnel Discussion – The council shared ideas of items to put in the job description and the possibility of combining 2 part time positions to create a full time position. The Staff Support Committee will be notified of the position and write a new description for it.
3. Utilization of Choir Room – Discussion on the revamping of the choir room was discussed. The pit should be filled in as it is a safety concern and we can utilize the room for more things. Discussion tabled until next month. No decision was made.
4. Committees - New Council – Tarra chose to be on Youth, Family, & Education, and Fellowship & Outreach. Travis chose to be on Staff Support. Lindsey chose to be on Staff Support, and to fill the open seat on the Foundation. Additional lay members are needed to fill positions and will be sought.
5. Red Cross Blood Drive Community Club – Marian Raml motioned to keep doing the Blood Drive Community Club where we do the recruiting and in turn receive utility bill credits if we meet our goal. Ted Frost seconded. Motion carried.
6. Foundation Grant Requests – Sherry Jongeling put one in for the 140<sup>th</sup>. Council members were reminded that grants are due February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Committee reports:

**Education, Youth, & Family** – Becky Sprouse's resignation, addition of Terra Koistinen.

**Foundation** – Gena Urevig reported that things are going well. Grants will be selected at the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Finance & Stewardship** – Reported that they are looking into QR codes for contributions during special events.

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## Grace Lutheran Financial Report for March

Source	January	YEAR TO DATE TOTAL
Envelopes	21,666.03	21,666.03
Loose Offering	419.00	419.00
Initial	204.00	204.00
Lent	-	-
Easter	-	-
Thanksgiving	-	-
Christmas	57.00	57.00
World Hunger	160.00	160.00
Missions	-	-
In Faith Donation - gift	-	-
Building Use Donations	1,250.00	1,250.00
Scrip Proceeds	-	-
Thrivent Choice Dollars	-	-
Court repymt for FH window replacement	-	-
Church Mutual refund / workmens comp	-	-
Sale of Equipment	-	-
Misc. Fundraising Activities	317.00	317.00
	-	-
<b>SUBTOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 24,073.03</b>	<b>\$ 24,073.03</b>
<b>Loan Advance (LOC #5395904)</b>	-	-
FH window rstitution	-	-
Eastern Europe Crisis Response	-	-
Mission Disaster Relief	-	-
Mission World Relief	-	-
Mission Lutheran Outdoors	-	-
Mission Woyatan SD Native Am	-	-
Mission Pueblo de Dios	-	-
Transfer from Sp Sav Roof Fund	-	-
Donation for Sidewalk & LED sign	-	-
Foundation for Confirmation bibles	-	-
Foundation Grant for Sp&Fall Theological	-	-
Foundation Grant Sound Equipment	456.89	456.89
Foundation TruGreen	-	-
Simply Giving Foundation donation	-	-
Transfer from Fruit Program	846.86	846.86
Transfer from Savings - Christmas/sidewalk	285.08	285.08
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>25,661.86</b>	<b>25,661.86</b>



**The next  
Grace Lutheran Church Council  
meeting will be at  
6:00 pm Thursday, March 8**

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.

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

**Please consider donating money for our palms for Palm Sunday and flowers and plants for the Easter service.**



This is a wonderful opportunity to give a monetary gift in honor or memory of someone special. This money will help defray the cost of palms for Palm Sunday and flowers and green plants that will be used for Easter worship services. A list of all the contributors will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletins. The suggested donation is \$10, but you may give as much as you wish. Please be aware that you are donating money for these plants as they will be delivered to Grace's Christian Care Members. You can fill out this form and mail it in, or bring it to the church office. Forms will also be available in the Sunday bulletins beginning Sunday, March 19th. Additional forms can be picked up in the Narthex or the church office. In order for your name to be on the list of donors, your form(s) must be turned into the office by March 30th.

PLEASE PRINT (please, use one form for each person being remembered). (You may write just one check)

I/We \_\_\_\_\_  
 I/We are Donating: ☐ \$10 or \$\_\_\_\_\_ towards the cost of palms, Easter flowers and green plants ☐ check ☐ cash  
 My/Our gift is: ☐ in memory of ☐ in honor of ☐ to the Glory of God \_\_\_\_\_ check number

Please check the correct line below.

☐ my wife; ☐ my husband; ☐ my mother; ☐ my father; ☐ my grandfather; ☐ my grandmother; ☐ my grandson;  
☐ my granddaughter ☐ my son; ☐ my daughter; ☐ our mother; ☐ our father; ☐ our grandfather; ☐ our grandmother;  
☐ our grandson; ☐ our granddaughter ☐ our son; ☐ our daughter; ☐ our parents; ☐ our grandparents; other;  
 \_\_\_\_\_ whose mother; \_\_\_\_\_ whose father;

Person or Persons name on this line.

**COUNCIL** (continued from pg 3)

Looking into bulk mailing options for Easter, the 140<sup>th</sup>, and other special events.

**Memorial** – Sherry reported that they are looking into digitizing the confirmation pictures and having them on display on the TV in the Narthex.

**Mission** – Marian Raml reported that the March Mission is NeSoDak with a speaker coming March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Preschool** – Kelly Evjen reported that a meeting is being held February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Property** – LeRoy Bullis reported that quotes have been coming in for the Choir Room, Narthex/Old entrance ceiling, and the balcony railing. Meeting to be held the week of February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Executive** – Next meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Safety** – Dylan suggested a grant for cameras facing the entrances so that staff can be aware of who is coming and going while they are working in the office.

**Staff Support** – Setting up meetings for the week of February 13<sup>th</sup> to work on the job description.

Marian Raml motioned to adjourn the meeting, Dylan Jordan seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Anderson

## Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board Meeting, Monday, February 6, 2023

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

Present: Bonnie Oletzke, Joy Nelson, Larry Picht, Rich Dunn, Will Morlock, Gena Urvig and Becky Knadle. 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 January 9, 2023 meeting, made by Larry Picht, seconded by Becky Knadle, motion passed.

Peggy Hulscher reported the financial summary for month ending December 31, 2022. A motion to approve the treasure report was made by Becky Knadle, seconded by Joy Nelson, motion passed.

### Rental Property:

Larry reported that all is going well with no vacancies. Larry also reported that the utilities will be paid by Citi Wide, then will be charged to us. Citi Wide also wants to do direct deposit of the rents received each month.

Pastor Cheryl asked if we had any vacancies for a Ukraine refugee family to move into. It will be reported to Pastor Cheryl that there are no current vacancies.

Annual Meeting: Will reported that there was a good response from the congregation. Will and Becky were elected to a three-year term by the congregation.

Grant Requests: Will reported that the requests are slowly coming in.

Report on scholarship offers: We talked about the direction that the board would like to go. Bonnie, Gena, and Larry will meet later and get back to the board at the next meeting.

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

Election of officers for 2023: Rich Dunn made a motion to maintain the 2022 board of officers into 2023. Larry Picht seconded; motion passed.

### Other Items:

Will Morloch said that he was contacted by Bill Ortmeier concerning the new message board. Bill said that the message board will be delivered on 03/09/2023. The installation of the new message board will be scheduled with the church after that. The electrical service to the existing sign was discussed.

Our next meetings will be March 6, 2023, 5:30 pm at Joy Ranch. We will be distributing grants at our next meeting.

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

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

### 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.

**To unsubscribe Text @LEAVE**





## Sample Quilt Blocks Above for Grace's Special 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt

Blank quilt square are available at the church office to pick up and create your own special quilt block to be added to this 140th anniversary quilt to be hung in Grace Lutheran. You can decorate the block in whatever meaningful way that represents you, your family, your faith journey or whatever you decide. Special paint for cloth can be used, embroidery, sewing or your choice of application. If you need additional help, please contact one of the quilters or Darlene Bresson.

### Application made for Ukraine Refugee Family



An application to sponsor Tokarev Igor Pavlovich, his wife Lyubov, and children Ramir and David, ages 7 and 10, has been made. The process can take a few weeks followed by travel arrangements. The process may take a month or more.

Igor is a welder by profession and loves his job he says. He has experience in welding, working for GE Aviation for the production of fuel pipes for aircraft engines He also worked for Lincol Electric who produce welding machines. He is anxious to find a job in welding as soon as he arrives.

The family is from the city of Zaporozhye and currently in Poland. When I said I was on vacation and my children and grandchildren were home to go fishing and snowmobiling he said, *"I love fishing, but I haven't been for a long time because I don't have free time. A winter holiday on self-propelled is cool, never tried it, but I would really like to, because it's so much fun. Usually in winter, children go sledding and playing snowballs, that's all the entertainment that we can afford.."* I am sure there are some at Grace Lutheran who will take Igor and his children fishing after they arrive.

Sign-up sheets are in the office to donate household items and furniture; kitchen necessities and food to stock a kitchen; bedding, towels, and other needed items. Rides for the first week or two are also needed so they can make application for work and school, and a vehicle at a reasonable price.

If you would like to provide financial assistance for their flight or with any other financial needs there is a separate fund set up through Grace to help get them started.

### **"Attention crafters, needleworkers, woodworkers, etc.**

**We will be having a silent auction on April 16th, so we'll need items for sale. If you would like to make something for the auction, we would very much appreciate it! Items should be brought to the church by Thursday, April 12th. Thanks!"**

### **Memorials and Gifts**

**To Preschool:** From Gwen Peshman in loving memory of Matthew Kuttmer;

**To Grace Parking Lot Resurfacing:** A Gift from Dick & Judy Everson;

**To the Flower Fund:** A gift from Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett & Scott Bassett in loving memory of Sally Ann Rondeau on her First Heavenly Birthday; From Will Morlock in loving memory of his wife Pat; from Marlene Holzward in memory of her son, Gary; From Darcy Raethz & Denise Biller in memory of their dad, David Johnson.

**To the Radio Fund:** A gift from Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett & Scott Bassett in loving memory of Sally Ann Rondeau on her First Heavenly Birthday; From the Schmeling Radio Fund in loving memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling"

**To the Ukraine Sponsor Fund:** From John Sangl; From Dick & Judy Everson; From John Sangl

## Chance Tickets \$5.00 for Year of Dinners for Two

As part of the fund raising activities for the Country Gospel Jamboree, tickets are available to purchase a chance for Dinner for Two for every month for a year for just \$5.00, a \$720 value.

Restaurants for the dinners include: Minervas, 2nd Street Station, Guadalajara, Dempseys, Mavericks, El Tapatio, Lone Pine Bar & Grill, Perkins, Harrys, Senior Max's, Watertown Brewing, and Applebees.

Tickets are available at the office. We would appreciate your help to sell a book of 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: gracelc@midconetwork.com ~ Call: 605-886-5737

## DINNER FOR TWO

Chance to win dinner for two every month of the year - a \$720 Value  
Need not be present to win.

Jamboree 2—4 pm

April 16, 2023

Drawing approximately 3:45 pm

Grace Lutheran Church

202 2nd St SE ~ Watertown, SD

Email: gracelc@midconetwork.com

Call: 605-886-5737

**Cost \$5.00**

*All proceeds go to Grace Lutheran*

## Country Gospel Jamboree planned for April 16<sup>th</sup> Terry Foster and The Classic are the featured band

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

The Sunday afternoon jamboree venue invites local and area musicians, whether vocalist or instrumentalist, to share their musical talents on a gospel song or two

with the featured group during the 2 to 4 pm program. Cost of the jamboree is \$10.

Prior to the jamboree, a meal will be serving chef salad, OR hamburger or brat with mac salad, baked beans and chips for \$10. From noon to 1:30 pm and silent auction from noon to 3:30 pm.

Tickets to win "Dinner for Two" will

be available to purchase for \$5.00 at the jamboree as well as prior to as soon as tickets are prepared.

The winner will receive a dinner for two for each month for a year, a value of \$720.

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

## "Lutheran Outdoors" is the Mission of the Month for March by the Missions Committee.

This mission consist of three different camps offering a summer camp experience for children or for the whole family to get away or it may also be a winter retreat. It consists of Outlaw Ranch, NeSoDak and Klein Ranch, all in South Dakota. Marti Knudsen, of NESODAK, will attend the March 19th worship services to talk about the camps.

**OUTLAW RANCH** - For all ages! Youth camps for K-12, Mission, leadership and adventures experiences for Middle School and High School youth, and Family Camp for all ages. Youth can hike, fish, canoe, and ride horses in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota while God is molding them into young leaders. Families can get away to experience an all-inclusive, faith-filled family vacation. Open year-round.

**NeSoDak** - Located on Lake Enemy Swim, in Northeast South Dakota, NeSoDak provides a safe place for youth to build relationships, develop new skills, and live in a grace-filled community. NeSoDak offers specialty waterfront camps for a variety of ages. NeSoDak also features a high comfort retreat center for retreat groups, family vacations, hunting, and fishing trips. Open only in the summer.

**KLEIN RANCH** - For youth who have completed grades 5-12 and adults. If you love horses you will love Klein Ranch. Programs at Klein are focused on small group experiences and riding the wide-open prairie. Klein Ranch is a unique camp that offers youth the opportunity to begin to stretch their boundaries, and abilities, as they ride horses on 2,300 acres of Wild West ranch. Open only in the summer.

Check out the Website for the 2023 Summer Camp Schedules. Your donations will help send a child that can't afford the cost of this adventurous camp. What a difference it can make in a child's life. A place where God's people can receive preparation for a life of faith, love, and living in the loving arms of God.



**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.)*



# Hello March

Our classroom has been BUSY – Kindergarten screening is upon us, and we have been working so hard to master all our skills. Many have finished up learning the alphabet, completing their first and last names and numbers without assistance, and remembering phonics and sign language skills. These kids always impress me – I am so proud of all the things they have accomplished so far!

The frigid winter temps have kept us inside for quite a few weeks forcing us to come up with some creative energy outlets throughout the day. I've watched the kids come up with so many games, make believe scenarios and I think we have laughed 10 times more than usual.

Reminder: Enrollment for the 2023 -2024 school year is OPEN. Classes are starting to fill up, so spread the word and help me fill up my classroom again!

**Important Dates:**  
**SPRING BREAK – March 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>**

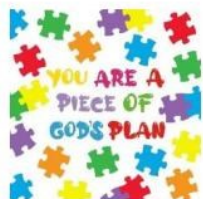


## Preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

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 March 15<sup>th</sup> / April 5<sup>th</sup>

No Sunday School March 19<sup>th</sup> / April 9<sup>th</sup>

**Kids will be singing on April 2<sup>nd</sup> / Palm Sunday / 11:00 service**

Interested in helping with Sun/Wed school.

contact Becky @ [beckygracelc@midconetwork.com](mailto:beckygracelc@midconetwork.com) / [bsprouse@iw.net](mailto: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

**March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

Becky Sprouse / 605-881-5733 / [beckygracelc@midconetwork.com](mailto:beckygracelc@midconetwork.com) / [bsprouse@iw.net](mailto:bsprouse@iw.net)





# I Got it at Grace

Spring Vendor Craft Fair

## Sat, March 11

9:00 to 3:00

Grace Lutheran Church

202 2<sup>nd</sup> St SE, Watertown



### Some of our Vendors:

Dusti Rhodes	Red Aspen Beauty
Giggles & Grins	Sandy Brandriet
Jewelry by Julie	Cotton Candy
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That One Place	C & T Designs
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Brenda Ploof	Denise Thingelstad
Sew Help Me	Deb & Randy Bailey
Tupperware	Pampered Chef
Tastefully Simple	Ultra Designs
Christine Smith	Kathleen's Kitchen
B's Boards	Color Street/Tinas Craft
Inspirations by Dahling	
Watertown Arts Council	

Grab a friend and  
enjoy the day!



And of course,  
Caramel rolls and a  
delicious lunch.



# Country Gospel Jamboree

**Sunday – April 16 - 2 to 4 pm**

**Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall**



~ Featuring ~

***Terry Foster and the Classic***



With special Guest singer Jan Sandbakken

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> St SE ~ Watertown, SD**



# Grace Lutheran Church

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Office Phone: (605) 886-5737

## March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Pastor Cheryl Office Hours at Grace</b> By 10 am Tuesday thru Thursday - Work from Home Monday You are welcome to Contact Pastor <b>directly anytime</b> at 605-237-1501 or E-mail: <a href="mailto:cheryl@graceclc@midconetwork.com">cheryl@graceclc@midconetwork.com</a>						
5 8:30 am Worship 9:30 AM – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am- Sunday school 11 am Worship 1 pm Service at Edgewood	6 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET 5:30 Foundation Meeting at Joy Ranch	7 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	8 <b>FRUIT DELIVERED</b> 8 am fruit will be delivered 10:00 – Service at Hi-Rise 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room NOON – C community Lent Service 4 pm First Communion Class NO Wednesday school 6 pm Prophets Bible Study 7 pm Lenten Worship Service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	9 <b>FRUIT PICKUP</b> 10:30 am Service at Stonelybrook 5pm Finance and Stewardship committee 6 pm Grace Council meets	10 OFFICE CLOSED Home School 8 am to Noon OFFICE CLOSED Set up for Craft Vendor Fair	11 SPRING CRAFT-VENDOR FAIR 9 am to 3 pm
<b>12 DAY LIGHT SAVINGS</b> 8:30 am Worship / Holy Communion 9:30 AM – Coffee Fellowship NO- Sunday School 11 am Worship / Holy Communion	13 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	14 Noon – Watertown Ministerial Association Meets at Hy-Vee 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 6 pm Outreach & Fellowship Committee meets	15 10 am Service at Town View 10:30 am Service at Jenkins 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room NOON – C community Lent Service 4 pm First Communion Class 6 pm Wednesday school 6 pm Prophets Bible Study 7 pm Lenten Worship Service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	16 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle 1:30 pm Mission Committee	17 Home School 8 am to Noon OFFICE CLOSED	18
19 8:30 am Worship w/Mission of the Month presentation 9:30 AM – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am- Sunday school 11 am Worship w/Mission of the Month presentation & Baptism Tripp Barber	20 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	21 Prairie Coteau Conference Pastor's text Study & meeting 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	22 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room Noon Ash Wednesday Service NOON – C community Lent Service 6 pm Wednesday school 6 pm Prophets Bible Study 7 pm Lenten Worship Service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	23	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25
26 8:30 am Worship / Holy Communion 9:30 AM – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am- Sunday school 11 am Worship / Holy Communion & Baptism of Olivia Rudebusch	27 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	28 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	29 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room Noon Ash Wednesday Service NOON – C community Lent Service 6 pm Wednesday school 7 pm Lenten Worship Service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets Ryan's Story- Families of addicts.	30	31 Home School 8 am to Noon OFFICE CLOSED	

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*Welcome Spring!* **2023**

### Community Ecumenical Lenten services at Noon each Wednesday in March

#### Important Upcoming Dates

March 1—Community Lenten service at NOON followed by soup Luncheon in Fellowship Hall each Wednesday in March

March 8th & 15th—First Communion Classes

March 11 Spring “*Got it at Grace*” Craft Vendor Fair 9 am to 3 m

April 9 – Easter Sunday

April 11-13: SD Synod Spring Theological in Watertown (April 11<sup>th</sup> at Grace; 12-13<sup>th</sup> at LCOOR)

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Country Gospel Jamboree 2 to 4 pm

Noon Meal & Silent Auction; Dinner for 2 drawing.

April 30 – Confirmation Day

**Volunteers** to help with **Watertown Fruit by Grace**:

March 8<sup>th</sup> – 8 am – Fruit delivered and unload the truck

March 8<sup>th</sup> – Fruit orders to be picked up – helpers to carry out

March 9<sup>th</sup> – Continued carry out for fruit pick up.

March 11<sup>th</sup> – sell fruit booth at “*Got it at Grace*” Vendor Fair –

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Extension Vendor Fair – to sit at booth to sell

April 16<sup>th</sup> – 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.

#### First Communion Classes

Registration for First Communion are being taken at this time. Classes are planned for Wednesday's to be held at 4 pm on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> with First Communion at Maundy Thursday service April 6. If this time does not work for you but you would like your children to participate, please contact pastor for other arrangements to be made.

If your child is in the second grade or older and has not completed First Communion class and you would like them to participate, contact Pastor Cheryl to get them signed up. To register, you can email Pastor at [cheryl-gracelc@midconetwork.com](mailto:cheryl-gracelc@midconetwork.com) or text 605 -237-1501 with the child's name, parents name, your email address and cell number.

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