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GRACE GLEANINGS

Grace Lutheran Newsletter

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33rd Annual Nordefest Plus 9:30 am to 1 pm. Saturday, October 29th

Saturday the 33rd annual Nordefest Plus will be held at Grace Lutheran Church with all things you love Scandinavian from lefse to Flatbrad, Rosettes to Krumkake. The many volunteers of Grace have been busy baking and making the traditional delights for several weeks. Nordefest Plus doors open at 9:30 am until 1 pm.

Besides great ethnic food, there will be concessions that feature carmel rolls in the morning with pulled pork sandwiches, barbeques, chili, and home-made vegetable soup along with homemade pies available for lunch. Entertainment will be featured throughout the day. Bake Sales items will be available in the morning. Egg Rolls can be ordered ahead by calling the office.

Shopping opportunities are also available during the day at the gift store or jewelry store where there is a huge variety of handbags, watches, necklaces, bracelets, rings, brooches, earrings, scarves, neckties belts and so much more. Grandma's attic opens at 8 am

Nordefest is held annually the last Saturday of October at Grace Lutheran.

**NEEDED—Donations of Pies and Bake Sale Items
for Saturday October 29th—Nordefest Plus
Bring your items to the kitchen before 8:30 am.**



After nine years as Grace Business Administrator Cindy Vander Leest gave her resignation to the Council in October. Her retirement will be effective when a replacement is found. She looks forward to spending more time with her family and traveling. A retirement coffee will be held at a later date.



We Thank God for Our Volunteers!

A large group of young people helped with putting the Lutheran World Relief kits together from the 5th and 6th grade Wednesday school children and their teachers along with confirmation students. After boxing up the kits, they hauled the many boxes to the hallway for loading the LWR truck on Sunday, October 2. Thank you to all who helped with this important mission of God's Work, Our Hands project.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we come to the end of summer and turn the calendar to November, we enter a season of thanks. With Thanksgiving this month, we stop and think about all we have to be thankful for. Being thankful should be more than just one day a year. Paul writes *"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."* (Colossians 3:17)

November is also the end of the church year with Christ the King Sunday November 20th and the start of a new church year as Advent begins with the Hanging of the Greens on the 27th.

At Grace, there are many things this past year to see all that we can be thankful for. So many people showed up to help put on fund raisers for the roof, others who supported each activity, and those who gave financially. *"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."* (1Corinthians 15:57)

We had a beautiful Christmas Eve program last year with many musical treats from our Intern Brenda who also revived the bell choir. Others are working hard to keep the chorus going until a new director is found. *"¹It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; ²to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, ³to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre."* (Psalm 92)

We held several worship services in Spanish for our non-English speaking neighbors and held a special Christmas celebration called Las Posadas with them. *"Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God."* (2Corinthians 4:15)

During the summer our committees began to meet once more and do the work as the Grace Lutheran constitution describes taking on some of the responsibilities of the work of the church. *"But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves."* (James 1:22)

We supported and prayed for people who have suffered, became ill, or passed, and God healed them in the way in which He had destined it to be. *"¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."* (1Timothy 2)

In September our doors opened once again to the participants of the Watertown Banquet for all to come inside and not only have a hot meal but also social time and fellowship. *"⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,"* (Philippians 2)

Waiting until the end of summer when all were once again together, we held a service of celebration taking time to offer thanks and praise at meeting the goal for the roof. *"¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. ²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—"* (Psalm 103)

And there has been so much more with Nordefest Plus, Craft/Vendor Fairs, Jamborees and Let's Fla-mingle. We truly have had a wonderful and very blessed year at Grace. Now we look forward to this coming year of our 140th Anniversary. There will be difficulties, as there have been in the past, but God has been good to us. For even in those past times when there were conflicts and difficulties, it brought you closer to God, learning more about His will and leaning more on Him and His plans for you and Grace Lutheran. *"¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* (1Thessalonians 5:16-18)

So, as you look forward to Thanksgiving, I challenge you to be thankful each and every day this month. Make a list of all Grace Lutheran has meant to you and you are grateful for. Then offer up a prayer of thanks and praise for that blessing. At the end of the month, review your list and think how those blessings can become a blessing for others.

"¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3)

As you have been blessed, this new church year, in gratefulness find ways to be a blessing to your church and your church family at Grace Lutheran.

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You! ~ Pastor Cheryl

Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2022

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with Rick Brownell presiding. Also present was Mark Briley, Rebecca Anderson-Brasel, Paul Henrichs, Sherry Jongeling, Kayla Mohling, Geri Mohror, Steve Schlenner, Gena Urevig, Adam Wientjes, guest Darlene Bresson and Dylan Jordan, and Cindy Vander Leest. Absent were Kelly Evjen, Ted Frost, Paul Henrichs, Rhonda Lorenz, Marian Raml and Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Geri Mohror and seconded by Gena Urevig. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for the September 8, 2022 meeting was made by Kayla Mohling and second by Sherry Jongeling. Motion carried.

Items:

- 1. Financial Report-** Cindy Vander Leest reported the monthly income to the general fund was \$19,531 the weekly average giving was \$4,883 and the weekly worship attendance was 148. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Adam Wientjes and second by LeRoy Bullis. Motion carried.
- 2. Pastor's Report-** Pastor Cheryl intended to be at the Here We Still Stand Conference. The Council reviewed Pastor's report.

Old Business:

- 1. Ukraine Refugee Sponsorship-** After the Council reviewed and discussed Pastor Cheryl's Refugee Sponsorship paperwork a motion to get more information on sponsorship was made by Adam Wientjes and second by Gena Urevig. Motion carried.
- 2. 140th Celebration (Sept 16th & 17th 2023)** – Geri Mohror and Kayla Mohling said the committee is waiting until after Nordefest Plus to really get the 140th full attention.
- 3. Pastor's Portico insurance sign up deadline is 10/14/2022** – Cindy reported all 2023 Health Plans would cost \$446 a month. The Council decided she could pick what plan best fits her.
- 4. Office position filled** – Cindy reported the office position has been filled by Breanna Hemiller and she will be working part time remotely from home and in-office at the church.
- 5. Update on Balcony & chair lift** – LeRoy will ask Glass Products for ideas on the balcony and Larry Picht has been researching the chair lift.

New Business:

- 1. Fruit Sales** – Guest, Darlene Bresson presented an annual fundraiser for Grace. The Hope for Life church is discontinuing their fruit sales that shows a normal year profit around \$10,000. Darlene has graciously been researching and taking on this project. The council thanked her, and are excited to see how Grace can make this project grow.
- 2. Resignation from Cindy Vander Leest** – A motion to accept Cindy's resignation as of October 15, 2022, but she will continue her job duties and help train the new hire with a negotiable future resignation date was made by Steve Schlenner and second by Adam Wientjes. Motion carried. Rick Brownell would contact the Staff Support Committee.
- 3. LED marquee sign-** Gena Urevig reported the LED sign was on display at the October Foundation meeting and it was very impressive. She also reported, most or all of the funds have been donated for the sign. A motion to approve displaying a LED sign was made by Adam Wientjes and second by Mark Briley. Motion carried. Will Morlock will continue to work with Stein Sign Display.
- 4. Dylan Jordan** – Guest, Dylan Jordan would like the Council to consider paying/hiring an IT person. He acknowledged all of the work Paul Henrichs has done in upgrading and updating the sound system and website and kept everything going. He also knows that Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht, Gary Rukstad, Anthony DeHaan and others work hard in keeping things going. The Council decided the Financial Committee would review and talk to Pastor for the 2023 budget and bring it back to the Council to discuss.
- 5. Christmas Light Display** – If you would like to help with Christmas light display at the park you may contact Larry Picht, Darcy Raethz or Gary Rukstad.
- 6. One worship service** – The Council feels it is best to keep both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services but will continue to discuss going to one.

Committee Reports:

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Sign up for November 10th Craft Class

A choice of one of three decorative door hangers shown here will be available to make at the November 10th Craft Class. The 10-inch circular piece can also be used with a plate stand rather than as a hanger. The cost of the craft is \$10. Class starts at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Craft class sign up for this craft is due by November 7th. The craft class will be taught by Tanya Andrews and her daughters. To sign up, call the office at 605-886-5737.



Members sought for Grace Lutheran Committees

The following is taken from the Grace Lutheran Committee Handbook:
"Committees play a vital role in the life of Grace Lutheran Church. The Congregation and the Council relies on them to assist in fulfilling its responsibilities, and for carrying out certain areas of ministry. All members of the congregation are welcome at any meeting of the Council and its committees; all such meetings shall be announced to the congregation. The Council and its committees is entrusted by the Congregation with endeavoring to fulfilling the missions of Grace Lutheran Church. As a member of one of these committees, you have a very significant role."

During the past several months, the committee have been reorganizing by reviewing and updating their committee descriptions. Several committees are short of members required.

One committee in particular is Fellowship and Outreach which has the responsibility for coordinating existing fellowship events, creating new ones, and create a welcoming community to all. The committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 pm. If you can help with this committee, please contact Pastor or Marian Raml.

The Finance and Stewardship committee has the responsibility for the property stewardship of the financial resources of the congregation (except the Foundation), as well as promoting biblical stewardship of the congregation and among individuals, which is the proper care, use and management of everything that God has given Grace Lutheran. This committee is also seeking additional members. Contact Pastor or Sherry Jongeling to help.

Monday Banquet Volunteers are Needed!

The Watertown Banquet is once again having guest eat inside on Monday evenings beginning at 5:30 pm. That requires more people from Grace to serve, visit with the people, run the dish washer, and clean up after the meal. If you volunteered before COVID and can help once again, or if you have never helped and can, please considering returning to help with this important commission Jesus gave us, to feed the hungry.

If you have an organization that can serve the banquet meal, there are several open dates in January through May.

YOU ARE NEEDED

To fill a spot on Grace's Committees

Grace Lutheran Church is overseen by the church council but there are several committee to handle specific activities of it's mission and ministry . These committees include council representative as well as members of the congregation.

At this time, there are several committees with congregational member vacancies and are in need of being filled namely: Fellowship & Outreach; Mission; and Finance & Stewardship.

Your help is needed for this very important work of Grace Lutheran. If you are able to fill one of these spots, please contact pastor or stop at the office. Thank you!

Financial Report

Income	Budget	YTD		Debts:	Original amt	Balance
Offerings		\$ 169,019.37		Term Debt	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,301.00		Line of Credit	\$ -	\$ -
		\$ -				
Scrip Proceeds		\$ -				
Transfer Sp Sav Organ Repair		\$ 4,984.80				
Donation for Sidewalk & LED sign		\$ 14,722.15				
GLCW & Fndtn Sanctuary lights		\$ -				
Foundation Grants		\$ 7,379.11				
Thrivent Choice \$\$		\$ 2,183.00				
Missions		\$ 280.00				
Misc.		\$ 3,283.32				
Roof repair funds transfer		\$ 61,434.85				
Designated donations		\$ 633.00				
Total Income for General Fund		\$ 265,220.60				
Expenses						
ELCA & SD Synod Projects	\$ 2,735.88	\$ 1,826.91				
Staff						
Senior Pastor - Salary & Benefits	\$ 93,302.71	\$ 69,980.31				
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -				
Intern (Word & Service)	\$ 84,231.14	\$ 6,000.00				
Youth & Family Director	\$ 14,257.67	\$ 10,693.26				
Business Adm Salary & Benefits	\$ 47,923.28	\$ 35,942.40				
Parish Education Assistant	\$ -	\$ -				
Office Asst & Custodians	\$ 50,597.95	\$ 17,402.86				
Payroll taxes	\$ 9,270.00	\$ 6,076.29				
Pastoral Materials	\$ 200.00	\$ -				
Total Staff	\$ 303,782.75	\$ 146,095.12				
Program Expenses				Other Outlays		
Office Expenses	\$ 21,600.00	\$ 8,825.68		Designated Gifts		\$ 1,301.00
Worship & Music	\$ 21,950.00	\$ 6,738.27		Roof Fund Ed Jones		\$ -
Altar Guild	\$ 950.00	\$ 463.61		Roof repair expenses		\$ 61,434.85
Youth Ministry	\$ 150.00	\$ 131.60		Missions		\$ 280.00
Fellowship	\$ 100.00	\$ -		Misc		\$ -
Mission	\$ 325.00	\$ -		FoundationWhol TV		\$ -
Outreach & Care Ministry	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,463.18		Foundation Grant exp		\$ 7,717.73
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		\$ 90,711.77
Utilities	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 21,003.66				
Synod Assembly Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 300.00		Total Expenses & Outlays		\$ 296,661.92
PC Conference Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 281.80				
	\$ -			General Fund - 1/1/2022		\$ 69,763.96
Contingency	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 726.25		Plus Income		\$ 265,220.60
Property Ministry	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 5,230.53		Less Expenses & Outlays		\$ 296,661.92
Program Expenses	\$ 125,075.00	\$ 58,028.12		Loan Advances		\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 431,593.63	\$ 205,950.15		General Fund -9/30/22		\$ 38,322.64

The next
Grace Lutheran Church Council
meeting will be at
6 pm THURSDAY, November 10th



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



No
admission
fee

Grab a
friend and
make a day
of it!

I Got it at Grace
Craft/Vendor Fair

Saturday, November 5, 2022

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Grace Lutheran Church
202 2nd St SE, Watertown SD



Wonderful
lunch and
snacks



Start your
Christmas
shopping early!

Coming in December for Craft Night!

Pictured at right is the Christmas centerpiece craft to be made at the December 6th craft class. The cost of the craft is \$10. Class starts at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Craft class sign up for this craft is due by December 1.

The December craft class will be taught by Tanya Andrews and her daughters. To sign up, call the office at 605-886-5737.



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Memorial committee – Sherry Jongeling reported the old 8 foot long and 60 inch round fellowship hall tables are being sold for \$20.00 each.

Property committee - LeRoy Bullis reported Hub City Roofers have started the roof replacement and will be starting the bell towers when it is calmer weather.

A motion to adjourn the Council Meeting was made by Geri Mohror and seconded by Adam Wientjes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Vander Leest

Remembering

Jennifer M. Kittelson,
"Jenny"

October 13, 2022

Veronica "Vicky" Johnson
Committal: October 21, 2022



Memorials and Gifts

To the Foundation:

Memorial in honor of Allen Kasperson; a memorial in honor of Allen Kasperson from Will Morlock; a memorial in honor of Allen Kasperson from Charlene Kruger; a memorial in honor of Allen Kasperson from Robert & Jane Kuechenmeister; a memorial in honor of Allen Kasperson from Harold & Julianne Klucas; a memorial in honor of Allen Kasperson from Joan Olson & Pamela Wawra; a memorial in honor of Allen Kasperson from Allen & Julie Rude; a memorial in honor of Allen Kasperson from Harley & Marilyn Petersen,

To General Fund: From John Sangl

To the Ukrainian Fund: from John Sangl.

To the Preschool: A memorial in honor of Terry Price from LaVerne & Louise McPeek; a memorial for Jennifer Kittelson from Carol Schutt.

To the Choir Fund: Memorial for Allen Kasperson from Art & Marcia Jelsma; a memorial for Allen Kasperson from Dick & Judy Everson.

To Altar Flowers:

From Darcy Raezth in honor of her parents Sharon & Dave Johnson's anniversary; from Will Morlock in honor of what would have been his and Pat's 54th Anniversary; from Marlene Holzwarth in honor of Loren's heavenly birthday; from Rich & Liz Dun in thankfulness for their grandchildren.

To the Radio Fund:

A memorial from Leland Bachman, an avid listener and brother of Karyl Somers. From the Schmeling Radio Fund in loving memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling"



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. Quilts 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.

Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board Meeting, Monday, October 3, 2022

The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board of Directors met on October 3, 2022, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

Present: Bonnie Oletzke, Larry Picht, Rich Dunn, Will Morlock, Krisma Dewitt, Gena Urevig, Becky Knadle, and Geri Mohror. Also present was Peggy Hulscher and Cindy Vanderleest.

Will Morlock called the meeting to order.

We met with Kyle and Bill from Daktronics. They gave us a demonstration for a new message board at the front of the church.

Approve Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the September 12 2022 meeting, made by Rich Dunn, seconded by Larry Picht, motion passed.

Peggy Hulscher reported that she gave us the information concerning the August 31, 2022 treasure report on September 12, 2022 meeting. The information for the September 30, 2022 will be reported at our next meeting. A motion to approve the treasure report was made by Geri Mohror, seconded by Becky Knadle, motion passed.

Rental Property:

Larry reported that all is going good with the rental properties and they are no vacancies. Larry also stated that the rent was raised \$1,100 per month for the house on West Kemp.

Report from church staff and council: Preparing for Nordfest Plus is under way. The contractors have started working on the roof.

Message Board: We discussed the message board demonstration. The pixel range is 6, 8 or 10. The cost range will be from \$17,000 to \$23,000. We discussed how it can be paid for. The board members from the church council will bring up the message board demonstration at their next meeting.

Foundation Sunday: November 13, 2022 will be Foundation Sunday. The foundation will provide cookies and coffee between services.

Other items: Larry and Rich talked about the chair lift that leads to the second story in the education wing. Rich is going to investigate what will be required to get it working.

Our next meetings will be November 7, 2022, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

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

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 up 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 flying south in
the winter—Let us know so we can keep in touch:

605-886-5737 or

Email: gracelc@midconetwork.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Grace Lutheran uses a cell
phone **“remind”** app for
school reminders!

To sign up for

text announcements:

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

Donat making night

Several gathered on Tuesday evening, October 18th for the annual making of the donuts. The donuts are bagged and ready to sell on the annual Nordefest Plus event—October 29th.

While many took time out to work that evening, it was also a time filled with fun and fellowship. Many hands make work light as pictured on left and below.



From Krumkake to Rosettes

Several evenings this past month have seen volunteers showing up to make the traditional Scandinavian treats of Flat-brod, Rosettes, and Krumkake following the weeks of Lefse making. All the delicious items are on sale at Nordefest Plus on October 29th in Fellowship Hall at Grace.

This event would not be as successful as it is without the help of so many willing volunteers. Thank you to ALL who helped in so many ways.



Faith and Blue forum held at Grace Lutheran October 9th

The local Law Enforcement in Watertown held a Faith and Blue forum at Grace during coffee fellowship. Several attended to offer their thanks and learn about our local law enforcement efforts as pictured above. Attending from the local law enforcement were Sgt. Reuben Kinnunen, Assistant Chief Ryan Remmers, and Captain Steve Rehorst.

Faith and Blue is a national movement to build bridges and break down biases between law enforcement professions and the communities they serve through outreach and houses of worship. The premise for a strong community is build on mutual respect and understanding.

In Mission together:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations - Matthew 28:19

The Missions Team is a gathering of people who want to support, serve local and international missions through Community Church.

Grace Lutheran Church supports a wide variety of mission's organizations. Some are designated to be featured as the Mission of the Month.

The mission of the month for November is as follows and the suggested items to donate for each:

Benet Place

Canned fruit & Vegetables
Spagetti Sauce
Pasta
Cereal
Oatmeal
Diapers
Baby Wipes

Salvation Army

Canned fruit & Vegetables
Stuffing Mix
Cranberry Sauce
Pickles

Items can be dropped off in the totes in the Narthex

Grace Lutheran Support for Lutheran World Relief

Thank you!

Where do I begin to thank everyone for all the things you've given to help us make quilts and kits for LWR? The sheets and blankets, fabric, t-shirts, school supplies, towels, soap, tooth brushes, and on and on. And the time you've given sewing tops or cutting blocks or a hundred different ways that you've helped Dorcas this year. And I can't forget our youth – the confirmation students and 5th and 6th grades Wednesday school students helped us assemble the kits, pack them, brought them upstairs, and helped to load the boxes in the truck! I really don't know if we could have done it without them. Thank you Youth!

And most importantly, we need to recognize the Dorcas members who faithfully come every Monday and tie or serge quilts. Cal & Nyra Brown who've helped through hip replacement and other trials; Lavina Iverson who leads us in tying quilts and is almost solely responsible for the baby care kits – going to rummage sales all summer to find baby clothes and then packed all 120 kits by herself! Then there's Dianne Morrison who leads us in sewing quilt tops and backs – and asks me every week if I have fabric for her to work on. Sherry Jongeling, who comes every Monday to help us in spite of a hundred other things she has to do to help the church and the hospital. We have a very, very dedicated crew! But we'll always welcome anyone else who would like to join us on Mondays!

So what did we accomplish in 2022?

- 410 quilts
- 137 school kits
- 120 baby care kits
- 110 personal care kits



Confirmation students along with fifth and sixth grade Wednesday school students came to help put together the LWR kits and box them up, then moved them up to the hallway. The group is picture on page one. On Sunday, many young and old gathered to load the boxes of quilts and kits into the semi along with several area church who brought their items to Grace to load.



People ask me where these items go. They go to areas where there have been natural disasters, refugee camps, and areas of extreme poverty. In 2018, the baby care kits and personal care kits went to Nicaragua and Guatemala. In 2019 our quilts went to Burkina Faso (a country in Western Africa, close to Mali, Ghana, Liberia), and in 2020 our baby care kits went to Ecuador. It takes quite a while for the quilts and kits to show up on the report, so I don't have any results from last year. However, in a summer newsletter, there was an article and pictures showing the people from Ukraine who LWR is helping, and they are also subsidizing the cost of emergency housing for 15,000 people.



The work of our hearts and hands, which symbolizes Christ's love, goes to the world's most vulnerable. Thank you for your support!

Darlene Bresson

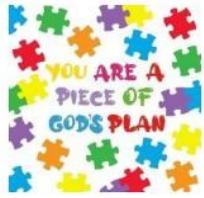
Thank you to everyone for the cards and gifts this past month for Pastor's Appreciation month. It was lovely to hear from you and receive your encouraging and supportive words. Pastor Cheryl

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



For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the Lord, plans to prosper
you and not to harm you, plans
to give you hope and a future
Jeremiah 29:11

Upcoming Event

3rd-6th grade Gathering

February 3rd 6pm-9pm

Keep watch for more information

NO Wednesday School November 23 / NO Sunday School November 27th

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 November 23rd

Upcoming Event – Prairie Coteau Youth Gathering

January 6th, 2023 7pm -Midnight

Keep watch for more information

t.b.d.

think. believe. do.

Bible study we will be using this fall

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

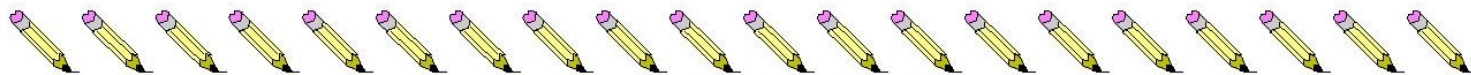
Parent Volunteers are always needed.

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

Tidbits from Grace Preschool



Hello from the Grace Classroom!

Happy November – The kids have been so busy! We have continued to work on our ABC, names, birthdays and counting! As we look forward to Thanksgiving, I always challenge the kids to a fun activity. Each week we get to have fun and make something! This year we are selling Christmas signs. See the next page for more information.

*As the weather gets colder, please be sure to send appropriate outside gear for the kiddos- we try to go outside as much as possible for the frigid cold gets here!



As always, we appreciate that love and support! Donations are always welcomes!



Important dates:

No school:

November 11th-Veterans Day

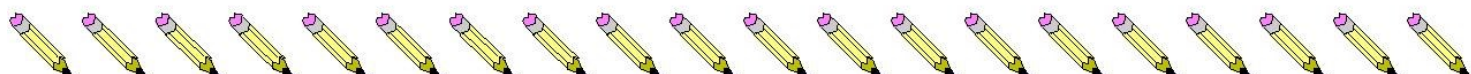
November 23rd-25th - Thanksgiving



No school: Christmas break
December 22nd to January



3's Halloween Party:
October 28, 2022
4's Halloween Party:
October 31, 2022



Grace Christmas Fundraiser

HEY GRACE COMMUNITY - it is FALL FUNdraiser time! This year we will be selling our Grace Christmas signs! This year we have two designs. I wanted to reach more people so I thought two designs would be the best.

I have included an order form. PLEASE COLLECT PAYMENTS AND MARK IN THE DESIGNATED BOX and give to Cindy in the office or drop off with Miss Danni in the classroom. You will be required to deliver signs to your buyers! EACH SIGN IS 15 DOLLARS.



ALL ORDERS + PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY Thursday November 10th:

Thank you for your participation – all proceeds go towards educational experiences (field trips), paying for our curriculum supplies, and our fun parties! We could not do it without you! Each sign will be white background with black trim. You can choose a handprint design from a random Grace preschooler, or you can choose a design without a handprint. (These are rough drafts of final signs the finished product will be nicer)



NAME	PRICE	Design	PAID (CASH/CHECK#)	PHONE NUMBER
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

Seven youngsters to take First Communion November 6th

Children 2nd grade on up are welcome to take First Communion Classes at Grace Lutheran. Classes are taught in the fall and during Lent for any who have not taken them. This fall, seven youngsters have attended and plans are for them to participate in their First Communion during All-Saints Day services, they include: Olivia, Vanessa, Jonah, and Genesis Anderson, Braylee Schulz, Code Volkart and Brynnli Brown.

Monthly Coffee with the Bishop Opportunities

Bishop Hagmaier has begun holding a monthly "Coffee with the Bishop" hour on the first Wednesday of the month, from 8am to 9am at the Caribou Coffee located at 1924 S. Minnesota Ave. in Sioux Falls. These coffee hours are meant to be a time of informal fellowship, anyone who wants to stop by for coffee and conversation is welcome.

Breanna Hemiller joins Grace Lutheran Staff

Breanna Hemiller began her duties as the Communications Specialist this past month. She works primarily from home as a remote employee.

Breanna will manage internal and external communications, i.e. bulletins, newsletters, PowerPoints, social media, and the website as time goes on.

Her work will include promoting the activities of Grace Lutheran through forms of social media on their Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Breanna and Brian have lived in Wattertown most of their lives and have four children: Bekett, Smith, Cove and Townes ranging in ages ten to one year old.

"I love to spend time with my family, read and be outdoors any chance we have," she said.

As a remote employee with little ones at home, her time in the office will be limited and often working in the evenings.



Breanna Hemiller joins Grace as Communications Specialist

Wednesday Noisy Offering Good Gifts purchased

On Wednesday nights during Family worship a noisy offering is taken up by the children. This past year \$488.65 was collect during offering time. Of that \$480 was spent to purchase seven goats and 13 groups of chicks. \$8.65 was carried over to be included in this years Noisy offering. For more information, go to: <https://goodgifts.elca.org/all-gifts>.

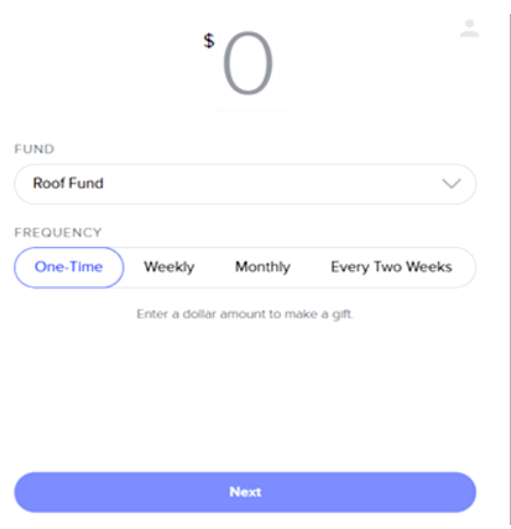
New—ELCA Young Adult Gathering for those who missed it

The ELCA Youth Gathering and Young Adult Ministries are excited to announce the first-ever Young Adult Gathering, taking place in New Orleans during the 2024 Gathering from July 16 to 20. With the cancellation of the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering, MYLE and the tAble, many young people were not able to participate in these life-changing faith-formation events, which prompted the Gathering to think creatively about how these now-young-adults can be involved. Be sure to check Gathering communications on Oct. 24 to hear what theme the Gathering, MYLE, the tAble at <https://elca.org/YouthGathering>.

NATIONAL DAY OF GIVING is NOVEMBER 29th You can Give online at glcwn.org

Tuesday, November 29th is National Day of Giving and you can make a one time gift offering to Grace Lutheran Church using our website tool at glcwn.org. Look for the tab named Giving on our website at glcwn.org. This enables you to give financial gifts online, anytime, from anywhere. On the Giving page, you can choose an account you'd like to give to and then enter the amount. You can also provide gift details if this is for a memorial or a special designation. It will display the account and amount you have chosen, AND the processing fee which you can add to the gift so it is not charged to the church. In the memo add a note if for a memorial, in celebration of, or if an appreciation gift. You will be asked to confirm all the information before processing.

Accounts available to give to at any time are: the Radio, Flowers, Youth, Memorial or General fund. Thank you for your generous offerings for nearly 140 years for the Mission and Ministry of Grace Lutheran.



The screenshot shows a mobile app interface for online giving. At the top, there is a balance of \$0. Below that, a dropdown menu shows 'FUND' selected as 'Roof Fund'. Underneath, a 'FREQUENCY' section has four buttons: 'One-Time' (which is highlighted with a blue border), 'Weekly', 'Monthly', and 'Every Two Weeks'. Below the frequency buttons, there is a text input field with the placeholder 'Enter a dollar amount to make a gift.' At the bottom of the form is a large blue button labeled 'Next'.

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November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 All Saints Day 8:30 am Worship w/First Communion 9:30 AM – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday school 11 am Worship w/First Communion 1:00 pm Service at Edgewood DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS FALL BACK!	1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET 5:30 Foundation Meeting 6 pm Chorus Practice	1 4:30 pm Tops/Choir Room 5:30 pm – Memorial Committee meets 6:30 – 8 pm Dance Class	2 10:30 am Service at Avantara 11:00 TOPS/Choir Rm 6 pm Wednesday school 6 pm Confirmation Class 6 pm Prophets Bible Study 7 pm Family Worship Service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	3 2 pm Rostered Ministers Zoom Meeting	4 Set Up for Craft Fair OFFICE CLOSED	5 FALL CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR 9 am – 3 pm
13 Foundation Sunday 8:30 am Worship / Holy Communion 9:30 AM – Coffee Fellowship Put on by the Foundation 9:45 am- Sunday school 11 am Worship / Holy Communion	14 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET 6 pm Chorus Practice	15 9:30 am Prairie Coteau Conference Pastors meet at Milbank 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 6 pm Youth & Family Comm 6:30 – 8 pm Dance Class GLEANNINGS ITEMS DUE	16 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	17 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle Grief Support 6 pm <i>"Preparing for the Holidays"</i>	18 Home Schoolers 8 am to Noon OFFICE CLOSED	19
20 8:30 am Worship 9:30 AM – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am – USHER TRAINING 9:45 am Sunday school 11 am Worship 6 pm Thanksgiving Service	21 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 4:30 – 7 pm Confirmation Students serve the Banquet 5:30 pm BANQUET 6 pm Chorus Practice Christmas Decorating For ALL to help 5 pm to 8 pm	22	23 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room NO Wednesday school NO Confirmation Class NO Family Worship Service NO Youth Group Meets <div>Pastor Cheryl off</div>	24 Thanksgiving Day OFFICE CLOSED	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
26 Hanging of the Greens 8:30 am Worship / Holy Communion with Sending 9:30 AM – Coffee Fellowship NO Sunday school 11 am Worship / Holy Communion with Sending	28 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	29 NATIONAL DAY OF GIVING 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	30 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 6 pm Wednesday school 6 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Family Worship Service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	<div> Pastor Cheryl Office Hours at Grace By 10 am Tuesday thru Thursday - Work from Home Monday You are welcome to Contact Pastor directly anytime! 605-237-1501 or E-mail: cheryl@graceclc.com or midconetwork.com </div>		

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 6TH—FALL BACK

Important Upcoming Dates

November 5th - Fall Vendor Craft Fair: 9 am to 3 pm
November 6th—All Saints Day & First Communion
- Daylight Savings time ends—Fall Back
November 13th—Foundation Sunday
November 20th—Thanksgiving Service at 6 pm
November 21st—Confirmation students serve the Banquet
- ALL CHURCH MEMBERS Christmas decorating 5 to 8 pm
November 27th—Hanging of the Greens—Advent begins
November 30th—Committee Descriptions Due
December 11th—Children's' Christmas Program 2 pm
December 21st—6 pm Blue Christmas service
December 24th—4 & 6 pm Christmas Eve Services
December 25th—10 am Christmas Day service
- Annual Christmas dinner at noon

**To see the pictures of the newsletter in color—
go to our website of Facebook pages.**

**Ushers—Greeters—Communion Assistants are
needed for Sunday morning services at Grace.
Training for all adults will be held on Sunday,
November 20th, at 9:45 am in the sanctuary.**

**Cookies are needed
for the Fall Craft & Vendor Fair
concession on November 5th.
If you can donate cookies, please
let us know at the office.**



Join Us
For
Coffee
&
Fellowship
Sunday's
9:30 - 10:45 am

Tables for Sale

The Memorial Committee has purchased new lighter weight round tables and 8 ft long rectangle tables and will now sell several of the older tables. Cost of each table is \$20.

Stop at the office if you are interested in purchasing one.

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