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GRACE GLEANINGS

Grace Lutheran Newsletter

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Come Join Us for Appreciation Celebration on September 25

In May our “Raise the Roof” goal of \$171,000 was achieved. We thank God for that blessing and now we’d like to take time to celebrate this good gift and show appreciation to all those who helped in so MANY ways through memorials, donations, fund raising, volunteering and all the behind the scenes work to get bids, provide cookies and food, share their talents, put on events and fun activities and all that it took to meet the goal.

On Sunday, September 25th we will have a celebration service at 10:30 (only one service for the day) followed by a potluck dinner at 11:30 am. This will be a time for everyone to come together and celebrate this amazing feat and blessing from God. Please mark your calendars and plan to come and celebrate YOU!



Guess what time it is? It's Lefse making time for Nordefest Plus!



Lefse making will be held on Monday and Tuesday during September beginning September 12th and 13th and into October. There will also be an evening workshop this year on September 20th if you are unable to attend in the daytime. Please sign up for this important fund raiser of Grace Lutheran. Signup sheets are in the Narthex or call to register. Additional Scandinavian dishes will be made in October. Turn to page 5 for more details.

If you have jewelry, handbags, watches, necklaces, bracelets, rings, brooches, earrings, scarves, and belts no longer used, they can be donate to the jewelry store for Nordefest Plus.

We Thank God for Our Volunteers!

LeRoy Bullis and Will Morlock have been hard at work moving dirt back along the sides of the new sidewalk. The dirt filled in the space that had been dug out for the forms earlier this summer. LeRoy, pictured at right, use a skid loader to move the dirt closer to the areas fill was needed before shoveling and leveling to finish the sections. Will (not pictured) stated all will be seeded back to grass as the weather cools and becomes more favorable for fall planting. Thank you to all who have helped in so many ways to complete this project.



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.

If you are available to serve coffee, the signup sheet is available at coffee or call the office: 605 886 5737.





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the last Sunday of September, we will Celebrate YOU!

Some may think that it is not right to do this, as we have heard “pride come before the fall,” and God opposes the proud as written in James 4:6.

But scriptures also tell us to celebrate when we have faithfully offered all to the Lord and dedicated it to the Lord for His glory as Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 10 ³⁰*“If I partake with thankfulness, why should I be denounced because of that for which I give thanks?”* ³¹*So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”*

When we dedicate our time and our projects to God, recognizing everything has come from him, then we are also to dedicate our celebration to Him, as written about in Nehemiah 12

when the Levites were brought to the wall of Jerusalem to celebrate joyfully with songs of thanksgiving, music, and choirs to sing from the top of the wall.

It is right to celebrate and be filled with joy for what God has blessed us with as Proverbs 15 tells us, ¹³*“A happy heart makes the face cheerful.”* It is when we praise ourselves and forget that all things come from God, forgetting to give thanks and praise to Him for His gifts, that we get into trouble.

So on Sunday, September 25th at a 10:30 am worship (that’s right – just one service on the 25th) we will offer up our praise and thanks for God’s great blessing on our recent project at Grace Lutheran: meeting our goals of \$171,000 for “the “Raise the Roof” funds. We will sing, make music, and hear God’s words of celebration and promise.

The day will also be about something more than celebration. It will be about fellowship and the coming together of all those who have provided through their time, talents, and resources to reach this goal.

Now I know there are some like me who in the past did not believe fellowship was important. In fact, I thought it was quite unnecessary. But I have come to understand how being in fellowship with other faith-filled people is extremely important, and even more so in these days as Satan turns people from God to worldly interest.

Fellowship provides a support system of our faith, to keep us focused on God’s love and all that He has provided for us as the preacher writes in Hebrews 10: ²⁴*“And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,”* ²⁵*“not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”*

Fellowship heals the heart and puts it at peace with one another as Paul writes to the Ephesians 2: ¹³*“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”* ¹⁴*“For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.”*

Fellowship is the smile on another’s face as you enter the sanctuary for worship, showing, you are welcomed; it is the friendly eyes that see you over a cup of coffee to listen when you have become weary; and it is the comforting hand up on your shoulder in times of suffering that tells you I am so sorry for your struggle or for your loss. It is person to person and face to face with other faithful followers of Jesus, which you cannot get when you do not take time to come together.

First John 1 explains, ⁴*“We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.”* ⁵*“This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.”* ⁶*“If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;”* ⁷*“but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”*

You are promised, your joy may be complete, to celebrate the blessings that God has given you when you come together in fellowship, to work together for His glory, and to offer up praise and thanksgiving as written for you in Philippians 4, ⁴*“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”* ⁵*“Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.”* ⁶*“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”* ⁷*“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”* ⁸*“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”*

So on September 25th, come together for worship and stay for fellowship with potluck. Take time to celebrate YOU in this great accomplishment through a COVID pandemic, lock downs, shutdowns, and the hard work that all of you have done to achieve this blessing given to you by God. Take time to join together in fellowship, to get to know each other more, to offer support through your presences, and be the face of the love of Christ to each other.

For, *“moreover, it is God’s gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.”* (Ecclesiastes 3:13)

God has bestowed this blessing upon you, Grace Lutheran, your cup overflows. Let us praise God together.

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You!

Pastor Cheryl

Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2022

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with Rick Brownell presiding. Also present was Mark Briley, Paul Henrichs, Kelly Evjen, Sherry Jongeling, Kayla Mohling, Adam Wientjes, LeRoy Bullis, Marian Raml, Steve Schlenner, Rebekah Brasel Anderson and Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett. Absent were Paul Henrichs, Geri Mohor, Ted Frost, Gena Urevig, Rhonda Lorenz, and Cindy Vander Leest.

A motion was made by Kayla Mohling and seconded by Sherry Jongeling to accept Rebekah Brasel Anderson to the council as a replacement for Denise Biller who resigned last month. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Kelly Evjen and seconded by Marian Raml. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for the July 14, 2022 meeting was made by Kelly Evjen and seconded by Marian Raml. Motion carried.

Items:

- 1. Financial Report--** Cindy Vander Leest attached a copy of the financial report. Sherry Jongeling reported the monthly income to the general fund was \$19,606, the weekly average giving was \$3,921 and the weekly worship attendance was 66. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Mark Briley and seconded by Marian Raml. Motion carried.
- 2. Pastor's Report---** Pastor Cheryl continues to visit and serve communion at our care centers and had 4 funerals. She also attended a Ukrainian Refugee Meeting. She also has been meeting with some of the committees to get them going again and has a few more to do. She talked with council about getting people to participate in the Be-A-Friender group, that will call or visit the elders in our church. In August she plans to attend the ordination of Brenda Handel-Johnson in St. Cloud MN. Monthly report was given to all council members with other upcoming events.

Old Business:

- 1. Ukraine Refugee Sponsorship-** One meeting was held and more information is needed before committing to a sponsorship. The next community meeting is on August 22nd at the Midwest Bible Camp. Pastor encouraged the council members to go.
- 2. Funeral Policy Update-** The policy was reviewed and changing the fees were discussed. It was agreed to go up on fees for non members so we would be comparable to other churches in the area. The fee changes listed were approved. Marian Raml made a motion to approve the new funeral policy with the fee updates and seconded by Kelly Evjen. Motion carried
- 3. 140th Celebration (Sept 16th & 17th 2023)** Kayla reported that she has been in contact with Marsha Jelsma about the history. She is also looking into special music. Invitations need to go out soon to previous pastors from Grace.
- 4. Rebekah Brasel Anderson accepted the position on the council to finish out Denise Billers term.**
- 5. Appreciation Sunday and potluck-** Sunday, September 25th with one worship service at 10:30 with a potluck to follow. The council will be responsible for helping serve and clean up. We will host this celebration and thank those that helped reach our goal.

New Business:

- 1. Committee Assignments** James Gobel has agreed to by on the finances and Stewardship committee and Rebekah Anderson will be on fellowship and outreach.
- 2. Transfer to Radio & Flower checking acct from Edward Jones Radio Acct.** The council discussed the amount to transfer and agreed on \$2000. A motion was made by LeRoy Bullis and seconded by Adam Wientjes. Motion carried
- 3. Annual fundraiser-** Pastor Cheryl is working with a member of our church to see about starting an annual fundraising event. The council is in agreement that we need to have an annual fundraiser to help support the church. There will be more on this later as details are worked out. A tentative date is set for August 18th thru 20th, 2023.

Committee Reports:

Financial Report

Income	Budget	YTD		Debts:	Original amt	Balance
Offerings		\$ 133,456.63		Term Debt	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,026.00		Line of Credit	\$ -	\$ -
		\$ -				
Scrip Proceeds		\$ -				
Transfer Sp Sav Organ Repair		\$ 4,984.80				
Donation for Sidewalk & LED sign		\$ 14,535.74				
GLCW & Fndtn Sanctuary lights		\$ -				
Foundation Grants		\$ 5,661.69				
Thrivent Choice \$\$		\$ 2,183.00				
Missions		\$ 280.00				
Misc.		\$ 2,977.00				
Roof repair funds transfer		\$ 61,434.85				
Designated donations		\$ 533.00				
Total Income for General Fund		\$ 227,072.71				
Expenses						
ELCA & SD Synod Projects	\$ 2,735.88	\$ 1,420.93				
Staff						
Senior Pastor - Salary & Benefits	\$ 93,302.71	\$ 54,429.13				
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -				
Intern (Word & Service)	\$ 84,231.14	\$ 6,000.00				
Youth & Family Director	\$ 14,257.67	\$ 8,316.98				
Business Adm Salary & Benefits	\$ 47,923.28	\$ 27,955.20				
Parish Education Assistant	\$ -	\$ -				
Office Asst & Custodians	\$ 50,597.95	\$ 13,586.00				
Payroll taxes	\$ 9,270.00	\$ 5,283.80				
Pastoral Materials	\$ 200.00	\$ -				
Total Staff	\$ 303,782.75	\$ 115,571.11				
Program Expenses				Other Outlays		
Office Expenses	\$ 21,600.00	\$ 6,831.55		Designated Gifts		\$ 1,026.00
Worship & Music	\$ 21,950.00	\$ 6,018.27				
Altar Guild	\$ 950.00	\$ 174.45		Roof Fund Ed Jones		\$ -
Youth Ministry	\$ 150.00	\$ 131.60		Roof repair expenses		\$ 61,434.85
Fellowship	\$ 100.00	\$ -		Missions		\$ 280.00
Mission	\$ 325.00	\$ -		Misc		\$ -
Outreach & Care Ministry	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,401.68		FoundationWhol TV		\$ -
Stewardship Ministry	\$ 800.00	\$ 654.54		Foundation Grant exp		\$ 6,000.31
Debt Service	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -		Donation for sidewalk		\$ 14,535.74
Insurance	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 12,209.00		Designated Donations		\$ 5,256.04
Utilities	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 17,142.69		Total Other Outlays		\$ 88,532.94
Synod Assembly Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 300.00		Total Expenses & Outlays		\$ 254,930.42
PC Conference Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 281.80				
	\$ -					
Contingency	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 577.38		General Fund - 1/1/2022		\$ 69,763.96
Property Ministry	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 3,682.48		Plus Income		\$ 227,072.71
Program Expenses	\$ 125,075.00	\$ 49,405.44		Less Expenses & Outlays		\$ 254,930.42
Total Expenses	\$ 431,593.63	\$ 166,397.48		Loan Advances		\$ -
				General Fund -7/31/22		\$ 41,906.25

The next
Grace Lutheran Church Council
meeting will be at
6 pm THURSDAY, September 8th



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



Nordefest Plus is October 29th!!

Sponsored by the Grace Lutheran Church Women.

We have two months to prepare! You can help!
The most popular item for sale will be the LEFSE.



The first lefse workshops are September 12th & 13th at 8 a.m.

We need potato peelers, ricers and mixers on Mondays and mixers, ball-makers, rollers, turners, and dusters/floor-workers on Tuesdays. The lefse workshops will run for five consecutive weeks. Both men and women can come and join in the fun of lefse-making.

LEFSE WORKSHOPS at 8:00 a.m.

September 12 & 13; 19 & 20; 26 & 27 and October 3 & 4; 10 & 11

An EVENING WORKSHOP will be held on Tuesday September 20th at 7 p.m.

OTHER WORKSHOP DATES TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER
FOR FLATBROD; KRUMKAKE; ROSETTES; & DONUTS

**You are Welcome to Come and
Learn how to make these traditional treats**

Please direct your questions to
Kris DeWitt 605-677-8545 or Geri Mohror 605-881-1197



Other Nordefest Plus needs

include items for the bakery, ethnic delicacies (Scandinavian, German, Asian and others), rummage items for "Grandma's Attic" and jewelry. The gift shop can use quilts, gift baskets, hand towels, dish towels, dish rags, scrubbers, craft items and linens of yesteryear. Everyone can help make the 2022 Nordefest Plus a successful event. You can donate items or money and/or you can work preparing lefse, donuts, flatbröd, Krumkake, or rosettes. It takes all of us working together to achieve what has become GLCW's most successful effort at fundraising.

JEWELS for NORDEFEST PLUS

We would appreciate any jewelry donations for the booth at Nordefest Plus. This includes watches, necklaces, bracelets, rings, brooches, earrings, scarves, belts, and purses. etc. — old, new, and in-between! Thank you for your help!



GRANDMA'S ATTIC



As you are cleaning out your closets and attics this fall, please consider donating gently-used, but still useful, items to the Nordefest Plus for Grandma's Attic.

No clothes, please.

You may drop your items off at the church no sooner than, Oct. 18th.

SD SYNOD *Listen, Learn, and Care* SESSION TO BE HELD AT GRACE FOR PRAIRIE COTEAU CONFERENCE

The SD ELCA Synod has scheduled "*Listen, Learn, and Care*" session for the coming months in each of the Synod Conferences. Grace Lutheran will host the Prairie Coteau Conference at 6 pm on Sunday, September 25th.

This is a time for all members of the conference to meet with Bishop Constanze Hagmaier and the synod associates. It is a time for the members of the South Dakota Synod to learn what is happening across the synod and in your communities, and to listen to your concerns. All rostered ministers, lay leaders, and congregational members are invited to attend any one of the sessions across the state.

CRAFTERS & NEEDLEWORKERS!

Nordefest Plus is just around the corner and the Gift Shop can use your talents! Home-crafted gifts make wonderful gifts and a great fund-raiser!

Things that sold well last year include embroidered dishtowels, things for baby (sweaters and blankets), aprons and handmade greeting cards.

Thank you in advance,



Darlene Bresson, Gift Shop Chair.

Confirmation Students need Mentors

A confirmation mentor plays an important part in the spiritual formation of an adolescent student during their faith formation years. This formal mentor relationship will take place several times a year while the student is enrolled in the 2-year confirmation program at Grace Lutheran Church. These meetings or activities occur in an informal setting but may build a relationship lasting a lifetime.

Along with the parents and pastor, the mentor will form an important connection with the student to encourage and support them in their learning.

Meeting times are flexible, and mentors will decide together what works best for schedules. Mentors are encouraged to meet no less than 4 times a year and not more than once a month. Meetings can include: to go out to eat together, attending a sporting event together, go to the movies together, or just hang out to talk. Whatever the two determine is how time together will be spent to build a relationship.

If you can be a mentor to a student, contact Pastor Cheryl. A meeting for mentors will be scheduled at a later date.

Memorials and Gifts

To the Foundation:

From Marvin & AJ Sherrill as a memorial for Jim Adams. From Marvin & AJ Sherrill as a memorial for Viola Linngren. From Darrell & Joyce Brekke as a memorial for James Adams.

To Undesignated:

From Kay Larson as a memorial for Don Fischer; From Kevin & Barbara Anderson as a memorial for Reneta McFerran; From William & Sharon Malcom as a memorial for James Adams.

To Preschool:

From Fran Schaefer as memorial for Don Fischer, Grace Hepien, Hope Rohr, Laura Sieh, Corinne Kahae, Church Schuchard, & Kenwood Egan. From Conda Williams.

To General Fund:

From John Sangl

To Altar Flowers:

From Scott Bassett & Pastor Cheryl in loving memory of Joe Rondeau's on what would have been his 40th Birthday; From Will Morlock in loving memory of what would have been Pat's Birthday and Becky's Birthday; From Rosemary York, Danielle Maag & family and Nicole Schwinger & family in loving memory of Roger York; From James Goble in Honor of Sharon's 80th Birthday; From Elton & Darlene Bresson in loving memory of their parents. From Ed & Sharon Morrison as a memorial for James Adams;

To Refurbish the Bells: From Dorothy Schooley as memorials to Chas & Scott Schooley.

To the Radio Fund:

From Scott Bassett & Pastor Cheryl in loving memory of Joe Rondeau's on what would have been his 40th Birthday; From Ed & Sharon Morrison in memory of Sharon's beloved friend Peggy Seifel Bush on her birthday; From Rosemary York, Danielle Maag & family and Nicole Schwinger & family in loving memory of Roger York; From Elton & Darlene Bresson in loving memory of their parents.



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.

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

God's Work Our Hands Wednesday September 28th

LCW (Glace Lutheran Church Women) collect materials for kits for World Relief which are put together on God's Work Our Hands day. This year the date has been changed to a Wednesday evening, September 28th beginning at 4 pm. This will provide an opportunity for Confirmation students to help with putting them together.

Materials for School, Baby Care, and Personal Care items can be purchased prior to that date and left in the tubs in the Narthex. Please check the needs as several supplies have already been donated. A monetary donation can be made for GLCW to purchase any items they are short on. All members are asked to assist in combining these kits to send to World Relief.

School kits

FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose leaf paper; ONE 30 centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other; ONE pencil sharpener
ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well);
FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band;
FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band;
ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons; ONE 2 1/2" eraser (NOTE: The book bags have been purchased.)



Baby Care Kits

TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®); TWO long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet); TWO receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square; FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred; ONE jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap; TWO pairs of socks; ONE hand towel, dark color recommended; TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars; TWO diaper pins or large safety pins



Personal Care Kits

ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended; TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*; ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging; ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

On Wednesday, September 28th at 4 pm, members are encouraged to join together in the Fellowship Hall to put the kits together. The process includes working in one of the lines for either school, baby care, or personal care where all the materials are laid out and each person goes down the line to pick up the items for one kit. The work is not hard and with many people, goes quickly. God's Work will be done through the many volunteer hands of His people.

On October 2nd, these kits will be loaded in trucks that pick up the kits from the many congregations in the area. Your help will be needed on that day as well. Watch more details on the time for loading.

Grace Committees have Openings

Grace Lutheran Church is overseen by the church council but there are several committee to handle specific activities of the mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran. These committees include council representative and members. There are several committees that have member vacancies. If you are able to fill one of those spots, please let us know at the office. Thank you!

Banquet Volunteers are Needed!

The Watertown Banquet will once again have guest eat inside beginning on September 12th at 5:30 pm. That will require 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 let Pastor Cheryl know so we can get setup. Board members are need and will meet on September 12th at 4:30 pm prior to the meal.

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.
To unsubscribe Text @LEAVE

Ukraine Refuge sponsorships meeting

A meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 18th at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall on sponsorship of Ukrainian refugees with Lee Gabel to speak and answer question about the program.

This special authorization comes from the federal government as a humanitarian parolee for churches and organization to provided assistance. Primary sponsors are responsibility for the financial load, transportation, clothing, furnishing, and housing through commitment and fundraising.

Help is available to assist the refugee with mainstream benefits: SNAP; TANF; Medicaid; SSI; all coordinated by LSS. Additional assistance is available through the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Benefits: Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA); Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA); and Employment Assistance: Refugee Support Services (RSS).

Refugees are not able to work until they have received a social security card and at this time it is taking over a year to obtain those. State Efforts will come through the South Dakota Community Foundation Freedom's Haven Fund. South Dakota has 30,000 open jobs and this work will benefit the SD and Watertown economy from more workers.

At this time, we are looking for those who are interested in making a commitment to pledge financial assistance and volunteer assistance for transportation, shopping, schooling, and a variety of other welcoming support. Contact Pastor Cheryl for more information.

Fall First Communion Class will begin in October

Children in the 2nd grade on up are invited to First Communion Classes on Tuesday evening October 4th and 11th at 6 pm. Students are required to participate in two classes. Those unable to attend at this time, please contact pastor. Any youngster who has not yet taken First Communion class is encouraged to register with Pastor Cheryl by September 25th. The students will take their first communion on All Saints Sunday, November 6th.

New members

Are you the spouse of a member of Grace Lutheran? Have you been attending Grace and would like to become a member? Have you recently moved here and attending? We would LOVE to have you become a member and fully participate in the membership of Grace Lutheran. Contact Pastor for more information. A new member Sunday will be scheduled later this fall and we want to welcome YOU to our congregation.

Prayer Warriors Wanted

An important part of our ministry is to pray for those who are in need. If you would like to be on the prayer chain, you can call the office and add you name and number to the list. We have a Private Facebook group of prayer warriors also and if you'd like to be one, let Pastor Cheryl know. It is a hidden group so you can not search for it and participate is only by invitation. If you have any particular needs you'd like placed there for the prayer warriors, message Pastor Cheryl.

Fall Vendor and Craft Fair Coming November 5th

In the Fellowship Hall ~ 9:00 AM to 3:00 pm

Watch for more information to come.



Summertime is an excellent time for adults to complete their study of the catechism. William Gilbert Nash made his Affirmation of Baptism and participated in his First Communion on August 14th. **Welcome Will!**



Our recent intern, Brenda Handel-Johnson was Ordained into Word and Service Ministry on August 20th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St Cloud, MN. Brenda will be serving at three ELCA churches in Belgrade, Minnesota: Big Grove Lutheran Church, Grace Lutheran Church, and Crow River Lutheran Church. Pastor Cheryl was privileged to attend and be one of the presenters along with Pastor Lisa Meshke, Senior pastor at Belgrade.

Date _____

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023

PARENT NAME _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Please circle one Mother Father Stepdad Stepmom Other _____

ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____

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

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

PARENT NAME _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Please circle one Mother Father Stepdad Stepmom Other _____

ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____

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

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

CHILDREN'S NAME(s)

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

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

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

My child will be attending Wednesday night at:

_____ 4 pm _____ 6 pm
_____ Either will work _____ NEED ZOOM CLASS
_____ I would like to take summer classes

Emergency contact if we are unable to reach you.

NAME: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____
RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: _____

If your children has a health concerns we should know about, please list them here beside their name:

All Parents must meet with Pastor Cheryl to review the expectations of Confirmation prior to the beginning of class. Please call for an appointment at 605-237-1501 or email cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com.

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

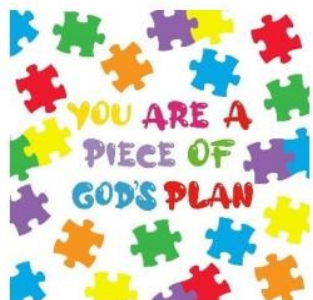
Rally Sunday – September 11th @ 9:45 am

Rally Wednesday – September 14th @ 6:00 pm

September 25th one service @ 10:30

Sunday School will be at 9:30-10:30

so we all can attend worship



*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*

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

Starting September 7th

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

Friends are always welcome!!

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/WEDNESDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2022-23

Date _____

PARENT NAME _____			
LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	
Mother	Father	Stepdad	Stepmom
<i>Please circle one</i>			
Other _____			
ADDRESS _____		TOWN _____	
HOME PHONE _____		CELL PHONE _____	
		MEMBER? YES NO (please circle one)	
Email: _____			

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CHILDREN'S NAME(s)

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

Please check the session you want your child(ren) to attend

_____ 9:45—10:45 a.m. on Sunday

_____ 6:00—7:30 p.m. on Wednesday

Emergency contact if we are unable to reach you.

NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: _____

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



Hello from the classroom –

Its crazy that school is just around the corner! We literally starting very soon! This year im happy to announce that we will have four groups. Morning 3s (9am to 11am) and 4s (8:30 am to 11:30 am) and an afternoon 3s (12:30pm to 2:30pm) and 4s group (12:30 pm to 3:30 pm). Starting out strong with 19 students parents still have an opportunity to still get their littles registered. We are still looking to fill our roster for the 2022-23 school year!

HELLO Preschoolers!



I'm Danni and I am so happy to welcome you to the school year! I am devoted to creating a kind/safe classroom where every child feels LOVED, valued and important. In this classroom we make messes, have dance parties, and laugh a lot – while growing in faith and life. This is OUR happy place! It is a blessing for me to be a part of your child's education. I believe that every teacher is steppingstone for each child! I can't wait to be apart of their educational path! With God by our sides and love within the classroom anything is possible! I love sharing my love with the children who enter my classroom. I can't wait to share the DISNEY magic with your littles

-Miss Danni

MY FAVORITES

Drink: COFFEE or Dr. Pepper or Mt. Dew

Color: Blue and pink

Flower: Roses and Sunflowers

Dessert: Cookie salad

Store: Amazon/Target/Hobby Lobby

Hobby: DIY projects, Drawing, Reading or spending time with family or friends!

Holiday: Christmas, Forth of July and Halloween

Years in the educational field: 5th years

Years at GLP: 2nd year

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

Important dates:

Picture day:
3s- Sept. 29th
4s- Sept 30th

*First day of school:
3s- Sept. 6th
4s- Sept. 7th

No school:
October 10-
Native Amercia



Grace Lutheran Church

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

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> Pastor Cheryl Office Hours at Grace By 10 am Tuesday – Thursday - Work from Home Monday You are welcome to Contact Pastor directly anytime! 605-237-1501 or E-mail: cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com </div>						
4 8:30 am Worship 1:00 pm Service at Edgewood	5 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED 5 pm BANQUET	6 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	7 10:30 am Service at Avantara 11:00 TOPS/Choir Rm 4 pm Confirmation Class 6 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Family Worship Service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	8 10:30 am Service at Stonebrook 6 pm Grace Council meets	9 Home Schoolers 8 am to Noon OFFICE CLOSED	10
11 RALLY SUNDAY 8:30 am Worship / Holy Communion 9:30 AM – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am Rally Sunday - Sunday school begins 11 am Worship / Holy Communion & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS	12 8 am Lefse Workshop 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 4:30 Banquet Board meets 5:30 pm BANQUET 5:30 Foundation Meeting	13 8 am Lefse Workshop Noon – Watertown Ministerial Association Meets at Hy-Vee 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 6 pm Fellowship & Outreach Committee	14 RALLY WEDNESDAY 10:00 – Service at Hi-Rise 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 4 pm Confirmation Class 6 pm Rally Wednesday - Wednesday school begins 6 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Family Worship Service - With Holy Communion 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	15 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle	16 Home Schoolers 8 am to Noon OFFICE CLOSED	17
18 8:30 am Worship 9:30 AM – Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am Speaker on Ukrainian Refugee Sponsorship 9:45 am Sunday school 11 am Worship	19 8 am Lefse Workshop 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	20 8 am Lefse Workshop 4:30 Tops/Choir Room 7 pm Lefse Workshop	21 10 am Service at Town View 10:30 am Service at Jenkins 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 4 pm Confirmation Class 6 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Family Worship Service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	22 Community Ukrainian Fund Raiser at the Goss	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24
25 Appreciation Sunday <i>Thanks to ALL who helped in every way to "Raise the Roof"</i> 10:30 am Worship / Holy Communion 11:30 am – POTLUCK dinner 6:30 - 8 pm Synod Listen & Learn for Prairie Coteau Conference	26 8 am Lefse Workshop 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	27 8 am Lefse Workshop 4:30 Tops/Choir Room	28 11:00 TOPS/Choir Room 4 pm - GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS 4 pm Confirmation Class 6 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Family Worship Service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	29	30 Home Schoolers 8 am to Noon OFFICE CLOSED	<div>NOTE: We will LOAD the WR kits on the Truck Sunday October 2</div>

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Worship Returns to 7 pm on Wednesdays and 8:30 & 11 am on Sundays after Labor Day

Important Upcoming Dates

September 7th – 2022-23 Confirmation Classes Start

September 11th – Rally Sunday, begins at 9:45 am

Return to 2 services at 8:30 & 11 am

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AT 11 AM service

Please bring your school backpacks to worship

September 14th – Rally Wednesday begins at 6 pm

Return to 7 pm Midweek service

September 18th—9:30 Ukrainian Sponsorship
meeting with Lee Gabel to answer questions

September 25th – **Celebration of Thanksgiving –**

Appreciation Sunday for all those who have
helped Grace reach their goal to Raise the Roof

One service at 10:30 followed by a potluck dinner
11:30 am Potluck Dinner

October 4 & 11—First Communion Classes

October 29th—Nordefest Plus

November 5th - Fall Vendor Craft Fair

November 27th—Hanging of the Greens—Advent

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



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