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GRACE GLEANINGS

Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter

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~ Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Pastor ~

The Shield and Armor of God was theme for this years VBS

Eighteen young people attending Vacation Bible School on various days during July 24–28th as they learned to stand strong in God's truth as "Keepers of the Kingdom."

Children learned new songs during the week to support the VBS theme including *Keepers of the Kingdom*, *Hold on to the Truth*, *Faith is a Victory*, *Way Truth Life*, *Go Go Go*, and *Shield of Faith*.

A video story was presented each day about a child throughout the world living in poverty

and suffering from hunger. A collection was taken to donate to an organization to help those who are hungry. The funds will be given to the Watertown Banquet who provide meals each Monday night at 5:30 at Grace.

Students received a lunch to end each morning session prepared by volunteers working in the kitchen including: Darlene Bresson, Sherry Jongeling, Rick Brownell, Mark Briley, and Kat Anderson.

Thanks to the Grace Lutheran Foundation for sponsoring this years Vacation Bible School program.



We love our Volunteers

Volunteer teachers and helpers for Vacation Bible School included (l to r) Rhonda Lorenz, Grace Wickherst, Aspen Brown, and Maria Lima. Sessions were taught each day on Bible stories, craft classes and learning new songs.

Teachers are now being sought for the 2023-24 Wednesday/Sunday school year that begins in September. If you are able to help either as a full-time weekly teacher, a part-time team teacher with another adult, a substitute teacher or a helper, we need you! Contact the office to volunteer. A teachers meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, August 29th at 6 pm.

NOTE Changes Coming on Wednesday Evening Activities

Changes will be taking place for the Wednesday evening activities at Grace Lutheran beginning in September.

Confirmation class and Wednesday school classes will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 each week.

Midweek worship service will be held at 6 pm along with Wednesday school Opening Exercises and held in Fellowship Hall. The weekly service will be a dinner church - meaning a light meal will be served each week beginning at 5:30 pm and continuing until 6:15 pm.

This change was made to provide an opportunity for students who have activities after to eat and help for busy parents.

Worship is for everyone and will be based each week on the students Sunday/Wednesday school curriculum.

To offer this assistance, volunteers will be needed to prepare the meal and donations to start. Once

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July 31, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

An exciting time is just around the corner – the 140th Anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church. When I read through your history, I am amazed at all that you have accomplished through the years. You should be very proud.

The celebration being planned in September will be a time to reminisce about the past and sometimes that gets people to thinking about how it used to be. Those thoughts at times cause a person to reflect on what we don't have or what problems the church is undergoing: the decline in attendance and support. Some see it as the church dying. Some may even consider leaving for another congregation with less flaws.

Unfortunately, leaving for another less flawed church does not generally help as each church is filled with imperfect people making up an imperfect church.

Those leaders of Grace Lutheran through the years didn't see the flaws and problems as a time to give up, rather they saw them as a time to refocus and meet the needs of the people in new and creative ways. But they always continued as people of God as Deuteronomy states: *"You must follow exactly the path that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you are to possess."* (5:33)

Challenges have always been part of the church. In fact, the book of Acts addresses many issues of the early church, and those patterns continue to be seen in the church of today.

The church is just a building... made up of the body of Christ, the people. *"The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever."* (Isaiah 40:8) It is the people that have carried Grace through all these years who just gather in this beautiful building.

Concerns may have been addressed in the past differently, but the work of the church, of Grace Lutheran, remains the same. That is to proclaim the gospel message, to train up youth and leaders in the biblical truth, to pray for one another, love all people, and be in mission, not just to those of other countries but to those around us and in our own neighborhoods.

As we read in 1 John, ³ *For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome,* ⁴ *for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.* ⁵ *Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

Use this time to celebrate, really rejoice in the faith of the founding fathers and mothers of Grace Lutheran and learn from them. What problems did they have? What did they experience? How did they overcome them? They did not give up when faced with concerns.

Think about the mission of Grace Lutheran expressed in your statement, "God's grace experienced daily."

How can we experience God's grace daily?

What can we do to remove the obstacles that keep people away or hold them back from worshiping with us?

The commission we have been given is; ¹⁹ *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,* ²⁰ *and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.* (Matthew 28)

That continues to be our commission, to make disciples to spread the word of God to all others. As you think about the past 140 years of Grace Lutheran, how did they do it over the years? By looking back at our history, we can learn many things for our future.



I encourage you to reflect during this time of celebration on all that God has blessed you with.

*Gratefully Rejoicing in
Christ for You!
Pastor Cheryl*

At left, children learning a new song during opening time at VBS.

Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council Meeting on Thursday, July 13th, 2023

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The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday July 13th, 2023 at 6pm with Mark Briley Presiding. Also present was LeRoy Bullis, Gena Urevig, Terra Koistinen, Travis Schulz, Lindsey Moeller, Dylan Jordan, Adam Wientjes, Steve Schlenner. Sherry Jongeling, Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, and Kat Anderson. Absent were Kelly Evjen, Marian Raml, Ted Frost, Adam Wientjes, and Ronda Lorenz.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Steve Schlenner and seconded by LeRoy Bullis. Motion carried. A motion to amend the minutes for the June, 2023 meeting was made by Dylan Jordan and seconded by Gena Urevig. Amendments include removing Kat Anderson and Josh Casper from the present list and moving them to the absent list. Motion carried. Terra Koistinen and Gena Urevig motioned and approved the corrected minutes.

Items:

Financial Report – Kat Anderson reported the total monthly income to the general fund was \$17,686.75, the weekly giving average was \$4,422, and the average weekly worship attendance was 80 for the month of June. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Gena Urevig and seconded by Lindsey Moeller. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett continues to visit care centers and assisted living homes. She had 3 home visits, a committal ceremony, a wedding and rehearsal, took kids to Faith & Family ball game, and took Igor & Family to Sioux Falls for USCIS.

Old Business:

Ukraine Refuge Sponsorship – Igor works at Mac Steel, Vasyl is moving to Watertown to learn truck driving.

140th Celebration (Sept. 16th & 17th 2023) – A tent will be set up at the last Thursday Night Live of the year to promote it. History is being worked on by Marcia Jelsma and we should have that by the end of the month. A Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on Friday September 15th at 10am.

New Business:

CD & Line of Credit are coming due. Kat will work on getting the best CD rate and paperwork to renew the line of credit.

Credit Card reader for Fruit Program – The Fruit Program wants to get a credit card reader. The cost is \$299 along with processing fees. The cost will come out of the Fruit & Nut bank account. Motioned by Dylan Jordan. Seconded by Steve Schlenner. Motion carried.

Preschool Teacher – The committee hired Maia Brooks. She will begin full time on August 16th.

Open Council Seat – Marian Raml resigned from council and is leaving the ELCA. Lindsey Moeller motioned to accept the resignation. Seconded by Travis Schulz

Committee Reports:

Education, Youth, & Family – A meeting will be held July 26th. All who want to join the education committee regarding Sunday School/Wednesday School & Youth Group should contact Kat or Dylan to find out when the next meeting is. Dylan shared “children are our future, if there is any committee to join it should be this one.”

Fellowship & Outreach – August 20th Pie and Ice Cream Social

Finance & Stewardship – Promote SCRIP and Fruit program to increase income in an easy way.

Preschool – See update above

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Grace Lutheran Financial Report

Contribution Report

Posted Contributions For Period: 01/01/2023 to 06/30/2023

<i>Fund Description</i>	June	Year-to-Date	Reconciled Account Balance-Gen Fund	
		<i>Amount</i>		
1 General Fund	16,066.83	103,116.18	Beginning Balance	\$ 24,731.50
3 Christmas Supper	-	30.00	Income	\$ 20,525.10
5 Initial Envelope	-	277.00	Expenses(General)	\$ 32,401.66
7 Lent	-	2,437.00	Ending Balance 3/31/23	\$ 24,731.50
8 Easter		710.00		
10 Christmas	-	57.00		
11 Building Maintenance Donation	-	50.00		
12 Missionary Sponsorship		30.00		
13 World Hunger	126.00	850.00		
17 Altar Flowers	120.00	1,125.00		
18 Radio Broadcast	160.00	1,515.00		
20 Misc. General Fund	500.00	8,565.00		
21 Loose Offerings	189.00	2,410.21		
26 Lutheran Outdoors	-	120.00		
27 Grace Lutheran Preschool	95.00	385.00		
31 Postage Donation	-	5.00		
35 Emergency Assistance Fund	60.00	655.00		
65 GLCW - Nordefest Plus	-	5.00		
76 REFUGEE	1,080.00	5,390.00		
77 Mission of the Month	50.00	85.00		
*** Facility Use Donation	1380.69	2,875.69		
*** Thrivent Choice Dollars		1,722.00		
*** Misc Fundraising		3,757.96		
	19,827.52	136,173.04		

The next Grace Council meeting is 6:00 pm Thursday, August 10th

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



THANK YOU FOR YOUR
**FINANCIAL
SUPPORT**

YOU ARE NEEDED 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; Finance & Stewardship and Property.

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!

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

Expense Report

For Period: 01/01/2023 to 6/30/2023

<i>Description</i>	June	Year-to-Date	Budget
		<i>Amount</i>	
Benevolence	209.08	1,045.40	2,508.96
Payroll	17,524.96	105,312.74	241,041.25
Office Expenses	927.22	6,232.69	18,200.00
Worship	869.86	5,346.48	33,970.00
Alter Guild	-	185.27	1,100.00
Education, Stewardship & Management	1,534.18	28,223.93	67,100.00
Property		7,363.27	13,000.00
Designated Gifts	207.00	30,381.18	
Total Expenses	22,123.62	184,090.96	

COUNCIL (continued from pg 3)

Property – Still waiting on a rain day for the cement to be poured in multipurpose room. Light fixtures are being picked out.

Dylan Jordan motioned to adjourn the meeting, Gena Urevig seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Anderson

(DINNER CHURCH continued from pg 1)

The program is up and going, parents will be asked to sign up for a night to serve or team up with another family to serve a meal.

Dinner church is church around the table based on Jesus teachings of healing and eating with all people.

Wednesday night Dinner church is not just for children and youth but for all who want to attend midweek worship and hear the Word of God proclaimed. Each week an order of service will be provided with a reading, singing, prayers, a short message, and a meal.

Those attending will pick up their meal and join others at a table to eat and worship together. A free will offering will be taken each week.

We encourage you to give it a try beginning on Wednesday evening, September 6th preceding Rally Wednesday.

Grace Lutheran to celebrate 140th Anniversary on September 15th, 16 & 17th

Below is a schedule of the events that will be taking place for the 140th Anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church.

As a kick off, the Watertown Chamber of Commerce will hold a Ribbon Cutting at 10 am on Friday, September 15th.

Saturday former pastors, employees and members can enjoy an open house time of coffee and fellowship from 2 to 4 pm.

Sunday morning coffee will start the day at 9 am with a Celebration Worship Service at 10:30 am and lunch served at Noon.

Plans for the worship service include attendance by Bishop Constanze Hagmaier who will deliver the celebration message and the chorus and bell choirs of our daughter church Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer to join together with Grace Lutheran for special music for the service.

We hope you plan to attend this special anniversary celebration.



Grace Lutheran Church



Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA) 140th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, Sept 15, 2023

**10:00 am Watertown Chamber's
Ribbon Cutting for the next 140
years**

Saturday, Sept 16, 2023

2:00 – 4:00 pm Coffee & Fellowship

Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023

9:00 am Coffee

10:30 am Worship

12:00 pm Lunch served



Ps Cheryl
Rondeau-Bassett

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



100-year celebration of the laying of the
cornerstone of the current church was held in 2021



Courtyard



Easter celebration with our
children

202 2nd St SE, - Watertown SD 57201 - 605-886-5737

Nordefest Plus 2023 – October 28th

Nordefest Plus 2023 might seem a way off, but the event committee has begun its planning. We are talking about a few additions to our offerings looking perhaps at food from other cultures such as Mexican and perhaps Ukrainian. We are happy to accept any and all suggestions for the 2023 event.

In addition to considering some additions to the event, we are beginning our planning by reaching out to individuals to spearhead some of the preparations for the event. We are looking for people willing to take on the organization and planning for such things as Flatbrod, Rosettes, kitchen preparations, doughnuts, just to name a few. We have a lot of very dedicated people who show up each year to help us, but we could always use more. If we do not find enough people to help prepare and host the event, we are concerned how much longer we will be able to offer it here at Grace.

Please consider helping so we can continue to make the event a special one for Grace and for the surrounding community. Contact Geri Moher, Carol Hendrix, or Kris DeWitt if you are able and interested in helping.

Memorials and Gifts

To Preschool: From Fran Schaefer in memory of Karen Schliesman, Ruby McKee, Judy Everson, Jill Fuller, Martha Quade, Bonnie Schwinger, Harlan Hagen, and Albania Haight.

To Multi-Purpose Room: A donation from TOPS; from Grace Lutheran Church Foundation; from Darcy's Home Care; from the family of Martha Quade;

To the Flower Fund: From JoAn Spartz; Donna Johnson; A Memorial for Martha Quade from Carol Henrichs; A memorial for Judy Everson from Carol Henrichs; From Ed & Sharon Morrison in celebration of their 45th Anniversary July 1st; From Carol Henrichs in memory of her father, Ralph Perkins heavenly birthday; From Roger & Sandra Wittrock & family in honor of what would have been Magel F Johnson birthday; from Donna Johnson in memory of her son Chris Johnson on what would have been his 40th birthday July 30th; from Darcy Raethz & Denis Biller in memory of their mom Sharon Johnson.

To the Radio Fund: A Memorial for Martha Quade from Ed & Sharon Morrison; A Memorial for Judy Everson from Ed and Sharon Morrison; From Ed & Sharon Morrison in celebration of their 45th Anniversary July 1st.

To General Fund: Memorials given for Judy Everson from Sherry Jongeling; Sharon & James Goble; JoAnn DeBerg; Ardys Berven; Geri Mohror; Will Morlock; Janice Knutsen; Harley & Marilyn Petersen; Lynn Buri; Sharon Goble; Richard & Bonnie Smith; A Memorial given for Martha "Evelyn" Quade from Sherry Jongeling;

To Grace Foundation: A Memorial for Judy Everson from Leigh Carstensen; A Memorial for Martha Evelyn Quade from Fred & Gwen Peshman; A Memorial for Judy Everson from Aj & Marvin Sherrill.

Memorial Fund: A Memorial for Judy Everson from Art & Marcia Jelsma; A Memorial for Martha Quade from Art & Marcia Jelsma; A Memorial for Martha Quade from Darlene & Elton Bresson;

Use Scrip Gift Cards to support the church

Did you know you can help raise money for Grace Lutheran when you pay for everyday purchases like groceries, gas, dining out, and even your morning coffee addiction by purchasing Scrip gift cards to use instead of cash or credit cards? Each time your purchase Scrip – Grace receives between 3 to 5% of the amount to go into the general fund.

Currently available scrip are for Walmart, County Fair, Hy-Vee, and Target with other brands available soon for Applebee's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Pizza Ranch, and Starbuck.

Script is sold following Sunday morning worship service each week or anytime at the office using a check or cash.

Scrip is a great fundraiser for the Grace Lutheran mission plan.

Please consider using scrip for your next purchases.

Volunteer helpers will be needed to unload the Fruit truck Sunday—August 6th and again on Sunday August 27th. Call Darlene to put your name on the list. 605-421-1258

Remembering

Judy A. Everson ~ July 3, 2023

Gelaine L Dahl

July 28, 2023

Funerals



Maia Brooks begins as New Preschool Teach

Hello! My name is Maia Brooks and I accepted the Preschool Teacher position at Grace Lutheran.

I grew up with my parents and my brother in a small town in Minnesota. After I graduated high school, I went to Lake Area Technical College. I graduated in 2021 with an Associates of Applied Science Degree in Child Development. I have been professionally working

with children since 2018, but have around 10 years of experience working with children of all ages. When I am not teaching, I like to do painting, sing and play guitar. I also love spending time with my family, my fiancé and our two very spoiled dogs! I am so excited to start this new adventure and I can't wait to meet everyone!

**Preschool Open House is set for
6—8 pm - August 30th**

NO Youth Group until August 30th
Youth Group will meet on Wednesday
at 7:30 pm August 30th
*Come enjoy fellowship with other youth
Bring your friends—Plan our activities.
All 7th thru 12th graders are welcome!*

Thank you so much for all the well wishes as I celebrated my 100th birthday. It was an amazing day. Phyllis Jongeling

THANK YOU: A huge Thank you to everyone who sent cards, memorials, notes, food, and messages during the loss of my mom, Martha "Evelyn" Quade. Your kindness and care have truly been a blessing to my family and a sign of the love that is active here in the church family at Grace Lutheran. Your love is so appreciated. Pastor Cheryl



QUILTERS ARE WANTED!

The Dorcas quilters invite you to join them in making quilts and fellowship on Monday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Quilt are given to Lutheran World Relief and for local needs. If you don't sew, there are a variety of things to help with from tying to cutting to just time together. Please feel free to join in this important ministry of Grace Lutheran.
(They have delicious snacks too.)
Quilting—Where Grace is experienced daily.

Preschoolers and Parents:

I am SO excited to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year at Grace. I have so much fun planned and can't wait to share it with you! I wanted to let you know of a few things before the first day of school.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT:

Wednesday, August 30th 6:00-8:00. You will be filling out all your child's paperwork this night. Please bring insurance information for our health/permission to treat paperwork – Paperwork **MUST** be returned on the first day of classes.

FIRST DAYS AT GRACE:

Grace 3's Class: Tuesday September 5th 8:30-11:30

Grace 4's MORNING Class:

Wednesday September 6th 8:30-11:30

Grace 4's AFTERNOON Class:

Tuesday September 5th 12:30-3:30

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- 1 Back pack
- 1 Disinfectant wipes
- 1 School box
- 1 2 Pack Chubby Pencils
- 1 1.5-inch binder with plastic on the front of Binder Only 3s need this
- 2 1.5-inch binder with plastic on the front of Binder Only 4s need this
- 1 pocket folder
- One full set of clothes- shirt, pants, underwear, socks (please put in a Ziploc with child's name on it)
- Set of inside shoes for wintertime
- Once a month I ask that parents donate a snack item (First week snack will be provided by Grace. I will send out a snack calendar at a later date.)

Parent Communication: Most communication will be done in person or through a mass text using Aplos. There will be a form to sign at the open house. I will also be keeping updates through our Facebook Page Grace Lutheran Preschool. Follow along to see bits of our days at Grace.

I am so excited to meet you all! I am looking forward to an amazing year of fun, learning and growing at Grace!
-Miss Maia

August Mission of the Month: LWR School Kits

The August Mission of the Month is the Lutheran World Relief School Kits. They consist of:



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
 FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
 ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons
 ONE 2 1/2" eraser



Above: Pastor Cheryl ready for a work-out to get strong in the Lord at VBS—a misunderstanding of what that means.

Ordering coming in for Fresh Fruit Lovers!

The first fruit order of the season was slightly later than anticipated due to unseasonable weather, but the 2nd order will be delivered on Sunday August 6th with the 3rd summer fruit campaign now under way and due by August 13th. The

FRESH FRUIT COMING SOON



Pears	24#	\$27.00
1/2 box	12 #	\$15.00
Plums	23#	\$58.00
1/2 box	11#	\$32.00
Prunes	23#	\$35.00
1/2 box	11#	\$19.00
Peaches	20#	\$48.00
1/2 box	10#	\$27.00
Blueberries	10#	\$48.00 (12 pints)
Blueberries	1/2 flat	\$27.00 (6 pints)
Blueberries	1 pint	\$ 5.00
Nectarines	20#	\$48.00
1/2 box	10#	\$27.00

Contact Darlene Bresson 605-421-1258 or
gracefruit22@gmail.com

Orders due by Aug 13th. Fruit to come in around Aug. 27th and picked up at Grace Lutheran.

Watertown Fruit by Grace
 202 2nd St SE, Watertown SD

third order consist of pears, plums, prunes, peaches, blueberries and nectarine.

To order, email gracefruit22@gmail.com or call Darlene before August 13th.

You can now order 1/2 orders too if a full one is too much as noted on the left. Proceeds from Watertown Fruit by Grace go to the General Fund of Grace Lutheran Church.

Please consider supporting Grace Lutheran through ordering fresh fruits or purchasing dried fruits, nuts, and candy anytime at the office.

Sunday, August 6th, Darlene will have the dried fruit and nuts set up in the Fellowship Hall, along with homemade jams, crafts, and homemade bread.

Dried fruits and nuts are available anytime at the office.

A HUGE Thank

A big thank you to all who helped with our first summer fruit order! Thank you to all who helped unload the truck, organized the fruit, and then sold to our clients and delivered to their cars. The total revenue was \$819 for dried fruit, nuts, candy, plants, etc. and \$6,924 for the fresh fruit. Total profit was \$2,375.

I'm expecting the next 2 orders for summer fruit will be larger, so more profit! Working together is much easier and more fun than working alone and will help Grace Lutheran to prosper!

Thank you! Darlene Bresson

Family Quilt Block are DUE—Help available Sunday mornings Special 140th Anniversary Commemorative Grace Lutheran Quilt

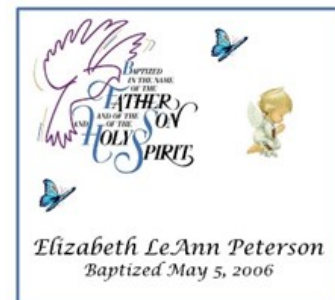
Help is available on Sunday mornings in the Narthex to assist people with their 140th quilt block. A group will have fabric markers, to design them on the spot on August 6th and the 13th. Bring your ideas, or they will help you create one.



The quilt blocks will be used to make a beautiful quilt to commemorate the 140th anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church in September. This special quilt will be approximately 60" X 80" and made of 7 ½" blocks. You can still take one of these blank quilt block and designing it with something to memorialize your family and Grace Lutheran. (See Samples displayed on this page.)

Each family is asked to create a design to memorialize your family and Grace Lutheran in whatever way you wish. The design can be sewn, embroidered, or you can use special clothe paints to decorate the block in a meaningful way that represents you, your family, your faith journey or whatever you decide. Blocks are available in the church office.

When finished, return to Darlene Bresson (or the church office) **no later than August 13th** so it can be sewn together and displayed for the 140th celebration in Grace Lutheran September 16-17.



Quilt Blocks are DUE August 13th

Cut Cost by saving on Postage

Many people read their Gleanings newsletter online at Facebook or the Grace Lutheran Church website (glcwn.org) For those who do, we are asking you to let us know and we will remove you from the Gleaning mailing list. Just fill out the clip out below or use the printed copies at the church and leave them in the offering plate or in the office. With our new church management software, you can have your Gleanings email or texted to you by filling out the cut-out below.

If you want to continue to receive the Gleanings by mail—that's great—you don't have to do a thing. We will not remove you and you will continue to get your Gleanings newsletter mailed to you each month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Grace Lutheran has been using a cell phone **"remind"** app for Confirmation, Wednesday and Sunday school, and Youth Group reminders!

We will no longer use this app but switching to our new Church Management Software to send out reminders and church notices by Emails and Cell Phone Text

We need you to sign up for this service to receive these announcements as well as church weather cancellation. Email or Text your email address and cell number to KAT to be added to this important list and receive notices

At: gracelc@midconetwork.com

Or call the office at 605-886-5737

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Gleanings – the newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church

Please remove me from the Gleanings mailing list and Add me to the Email List

Name: _____

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Cell Phone Number(s) to Text a reminder to: _____

Our new church management software can now Email or text groups of people and we would like to add your cell number to the contact information to send out reminders or winter storm related messages in the case of closing for your convenience. Thank you for providing your number for us to keep you updated.

SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24

Date _____

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

You can now Register ONLINE at:
glcwn.org under student
Look for the forms link

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

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:

Date _____

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2023-2024

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** _____

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

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

*You can now Register ONLINE at:
glewtn.org under confirmation
Look for the forms link*

Wednesday Evening:

_____ 6 pm class in the basement

_____ I need to make other arrangements

_____ I would like to take summer classes

Emergency contact if we are unable to reach you.

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: _____

If your child 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.

Grace Lutheran Church

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

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:30 am Funeral Service for William Nash 4:30 Tops/ Basement	2 10:30 am Service at Avartara 11:00 TOPS/ Basement 6 pm Bible Study	3 <div>Kat on Vacation August 3rd thru 8th</div>	4 OFFICE CLOSED Red Cross Blood Drive 10 am – 3 pm	5
6 8:30 am Worship 1 pm Service at Edgewood Watertown Fruit by Grace Fruit Delivery – unload the truck	7 5:30 pm BANQUET	8 4:30 Tops/ Basement 6 pm Outreach Committee	9 10:30 am Service at HIRise 11:00 TOPS/ Basement 5 pm Grace Executive Committee 6 pm Bible Study	10 10:00 am Service at Stonebrook 5pm Finance and Stewardship committee 6 pm Grace Council meeting	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12 <div>Kat on Vacation August 3rd thru 8th</div>
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13 8:30 – Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:30 am – 140 th Anniversary Meeting Fruit Order # 3 Due	14 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	15 4:30 Tops/ Basement Cleanings Deadline	16 10 am Service at Town View 10:30 am Service at Jenkins 11:00 TOPS/ Basement 5 pm Education Committee meets 6 pm Bible Study	17 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19
20 8:30 am Worship w/Blessings of the Back Packs 9:30 am Pie Social	21 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	22 4:30 Tops/ Basement	23 11:00 TOPS/ Basement	24 Watertown Public School Starts Watertown Fruit by Grace set up at Thursday Night Live	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 9:30 – 11:30 am Jazmin Zweifel Bridal Shower
27 8:30 – Worship w/ Communion Fruit Order # 3 Delivery	28 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	29 4:30 Tops/ Basement 6 pm Sunday/Wednesday school teachers meeting	30 11:00 TOPS/ Basement 6 pm Confirmation Begins 6:30 pm Ushers Training 7:30 pm Youth Group meets PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 6 – 8 pm	31		
Pastor Cheryl Summer Office Hours at Grace – Wednesdays with various Tuesday's and Thursday's – Call to check You are welcome to Contact Pastor directly anytime at 605-237-1501 or E-mail: cheryl@graceclc.com						

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Summer Worship — Sunday Worship Service at 8:30 am. No Service on Wednesdays in August

Important Upcoming Dates

August 20— Blessing of the Backpack
at the 8:30 Service

9:30 am Pie Social

August 24—Watertown Fruit by Grace
booth at Thursday Night Live

August 30 – Confirmation Begins

September 6th – Wednesday School
Rally Day

September 10th – Sunday School
Rally Day

September 15th – 10 am
Ribbon Cutting for next 140th years.

September 16th – 2 to 4 pm -
140th Open House Coffee/Fellowship

September 17th – 10:30 am - 140th

Anniversary Worship Service

Noon – Lunch will be served.

CONFIRMATION starts on August 30th

Confirmation is a two-year course of instruction designed for 7th and 8th graders but in some situations, it may include students outside that range due to unforeseen circumstances. Students study the Old and New Testament of the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism and Lutheran Living to help them grow in faith and learn how to develop their own personal relationship with Christ.

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? (Rom 10:14 NRS) Arrangements can be made for students who are unable to attend at this time. Contact Pastor Cheryl if you have difficulty in scheduling.

During the two-year rotation of study, students attend worship and complete worship notes. This is to help them learn how to listen to a sermon, participate in service, and understand the pattern of worship.

During the year, students also complete services projects to learn about Christ command to love your neighbor and care for those who are most vulnerable.

Over the two-year program, students will become familiar with the small catechism and memorize Bible verses. Affirmation of Baptism is generally held in April after Easter for 2nd year students who have completed all their requirements.

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