



February 14, 2024

# GRACE GLEANINGS

Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter

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February, 2024

## CELEBRATION OF LOVE is February 10th

Enjoy a night of food, dancing, fellowship, and time to celebrate the season of love on February 10<sup>th</sup> at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Station.

The evening of fellowship for all couples and singles will begin with a social hour at 5 pm and serving of the meal at 5:30 pm. No formal attire is required.

Tickets for this First Annual Celebration of Love are \$30 for single and \$50 for two and available at the church office.

You must purchase prior to February 4<sup>th</sup>. We especially encourage newly married and long-time married couples to come and let us celebrate you.

The committee is looking for those who could provide rides for our elderly members or any who may not drive during the evening. If you are able, please let the office know.

The event is sponsored by the Fellowship and Outreach Committee of Grace Lutheran Church.



## Chili Cook-off Winners

Pictured at right are the winners for the first annual chili cook off at Grace Lutheran Church, Watertown, S.D.

Left to right were: **the judges choice goes to Austin Biller and Cheyenne**, **the most unique goes to Denise Biller**; **the spiciest goes to John Sangl**, and **the peoples choice goes to Tony Bresson**.

Thank you to everyone who participated. It was sure a fun day. Also a huge thank you for everyone who came out and enjoyed all the chili. The event was sponsored by the Fellowship and Outreach Committee" of Grace Lutheran Church.



## We Thank God for Our Volunteers!

A little karaoke and music ended the January 19th Youth Fun Night for grades 7th thru 12th. Volunteer youth leader Rhonda Lorenz, at right, does the chicken dance with the youth with Dylan Jordan providing his Karaoke equipment and sound board for the evening. Youth leaders meet each Wednesday night in the Youth Room beginning at 7:30 pm.

We thank all our volunteers for the many gifts they share at Grace Lutheran.



## Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council Meeting on Thursday December 14, 2023

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday December 14, 2023, at 6pm with Mark Briley presiding. Also present: Killy Evjen, Ted Frost, Sherry Jongeling, Gena Urevig, LeRoy Bullis, Rhonda Lorenz, Dylan Jordan, Lindsey Moeller, Travis Schulz, and Terra Koistinen . Absent: Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Kat Anderson, Adam Wientjes, and Steve Schlenner. Opening by Mark Briley, and roll call by Dylan Jordan. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Terra Koistinen and seconded by Rhonda Lorenz. Motion carried. Dylan Jordan motioned to approve the minutes from November, and Travis Schulz seconded. Motion carried.

### Items:

**Financial Report** – Dylan Jordan read a report given by Kat Anderson. The total monthly income to the general fund was \$17,405, the weekly giving average was \$4,351. The average weekly worship attendance for Sunday was 95, and Wednesday was 29. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Kelly Evjen and seconded by Travis Schulz. Motion carried.

A discussion was had about how to more securely handle the transfer of money after church services. Kat suggested putting a drop safe in the Sacristy; and provided different options to look at and discuss. A motion to purchase a drop safe for \$219.99 plus tax was made by Dylan Jordan, seconded by Kelly Evjen. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report** – Mark Briley went over the report provided by Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett continues to visit care centers and assisted living homes. and continues to teach confirmation and do the opening for Wednesday and Sunday School. There are also a lot of Christmas services. including Christmas Eve services at 4 and 6 PM and a 10 AM service on Christmas Day.

### Old Business:

1. Open Council Seats-There are still open council seats. JoAnn Spartz resigned from the council. We also need to start thinking of those whose term ends in January to fill their seats. Please feel free to contact Grace if you are interested, or know someone who would be.
2. Upcoming Budget- The council agreed upon the presented budget last month, but insurance informed us of rate increases. A motion was made by Dylan Jordan and seconded by Travis Schulz to table it till January when we get the final numbers. motion carried.

### New Business:

1. Head Usher/Ushering Duties – We are looking for a head usher to take responsibility for contacting and scheduling ushers, backup ushers, communion assistants, and readers. We also need more adults to volunteer to be with the youth that are ushering to help them.
2. Annual Meeting-- A motion to have one service on January 21st, 2024 at 10:30 AM with the annual meeting after. Then a potluck to follow was made by Dylan Jordan, seconded by Rhonda Lorenz. Motion carried.
3. Committee Reports--- A reminder that committee reports are due by the end of the day Monday, January 8th, 2024.
4. Staff support-- A motion to make the business administrator to report to the executive committee on daily duties and job tasks was made by Travis Schultz and seconded by Kelly Evjen. Motioned carried. A motion to update the business administrators' job description was made by Dylan Jordan, and seconded by Sherry Jongeling.
5. Choir/Multipurpose Room Funds-- We still need funding to finish the flooring in the Multipurpose room. After discussion of different options. A motion was made to wait for more donations to come in, and re-visit it in a month or 2 by Dylan Jordan, seconded by Travis Schulz. Motion passed.
5. Executive Session: A motion to go into the executive session to discuss Church personnel was made by Lindsey Moeller and seconded by Travis Schulz. Motion carried. A motion to leave the executive session was made by Dylan Jordan and seconded by Mark Briley.

### Committee Reports:

**Education, Youth, & Family** – Dylan reported that the Christmas program went well. We would like to give a special thank you to Kat Anderson for going above and beyond to organize it all and direct the program. Also, youth activities are now on break till the new year.

**Foundation**- The first quarter meeting will be in March, more details soon.

**Fellowship & Outreach** – Chilli cook-off January 20th. \$5 entry fee. Some volunteers are working on a Valentine's day dinner for February 10th. more details to come.

**Finance & Stewardship** – RaiseRight has an app to purchase SCRIP. Individuals and families can purchase SCRIP and have instant access digitally on their phones. Ask Kat for more information. Also working on a Car Show, and coffee bar.

**Preschool** – Going well. They joined the church kiddos at the Christmas program.

**Property** – Concrete in multipurpose room is poured!! Now we are discussing flooring, details listed above.

**Safety** – Dylan Jordan and Adam Wientjes are working on organizing various safety training for staff and teachers, updating background checks, and installing safety equipment we have had for Sunday school rooms.

**Worship & Music**- All is well.

Lindsey Moeller motioned to adjourn the meeting; Rhonda Lorenz seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dylan Cole Jordan

# Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2024

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday January 11th, 2024, at 6pm with Mark Briley presiding. Also present: Adam Wientjes, Kelly Evjen, Sherry Jongeling, Rhonda Lorenz, Dylan Jordan, Lindsey Moeller, Travis Schulz, and Terra Koistinen. Also present: Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Kat Anderson. Absent: Ted Frost, Gena Urevig, LeRoy Bullis, and Steve Schlenner. Opening by Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett and roll call by Dylan Jordan. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Rhonda Lorenz and seconded by Dylan Jordan. Motion carried. Lindsey Groon motioned to approve the minutes from December, and Travis Schulz seconded. Motion carried.

## Items:

**Financial Report** – The total monthly income to the general fund was \$40,252 thanks to Year End Giving and some generous gifts, the weekly giving average was \$8,050. The average weekly worship attendance for Sunday was 82, and Wednesday was 13. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Dylan Jordan and seconded by Adam Wientjes. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report** – Pastor performed 3 funerals, had 3 special services, as well as continued to visit care centers and nursing homes. Pastor reported on Olena, the newest refugee from Ukraine. Pastor is working on youth fundraisers as well as preparing for the upcoming Lenten season.

## Old Business:

1. Open Council Seats-At the time of the meeting the nominees lined up were Kelly Evjen and Adam Wientjes returning, and new candidates were Nicole Hoppe, Paul Henrichs, and Denise Biller.
2. Upcoming Budget- Dylan Jordan motioned to present the budget to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Rhonda Lorenz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## New Business:

1. Tri-Fold Pamphlets – Tri-fold Pamphlets were created for committees through instruction from Sherry Jongeling. The question was where to print and who was responsible for payment. Adam Wientjes proposed that we print at a professional printer and it will come out of the advertisement budget. Dylan Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Annual Meeting Agenda – Kat Anderson asked if there were any additions to the agenda. The council would like an area to “Meet the nominees” so that the members of the congregation can see who they are voting for. Kat said she will try to make that happen within the timeline.
3. Northern Prairie Arts Council – The NPAC would like to use our commercial kitchen to host some baking classes occasionally throughout the year. They had mentioned giving a donation towards utility usage when a class is hosted here. Adam Wientjes motioned to approve the use of the kitchen for hosting classes through NPAC. Seconded by Travis Schulz. Motion carried.

## Committee Reports:

**Education, Youth, & Family** – Youth Fun Night on Jan 19<sup>th</sup>. Kids are singing on Jan 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Foundation**- They had their annual meeting in January. Foundation grant request forms are available in the church office and are due, also at the office, on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Fellowship & Outreach** – Chili cook-off January 20th. \$5 entry fee. Celebration of Love Dinner for February 10th.

**Finance & Stewardship** – Planning the Car Show for 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend in June. Looking into doing a stewardship presentation.

**Mission** – Meeting in January. Reminder to put your pennies in the can when you walking to service on Sundays!

# Grace Lutheran Financial Report

## Contribution Report

Posted Contributions For Period: 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023

<i>Fund Description</i>	<b>December</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b> <i>Amount</i>
1 General Fund	\$ 37,688.16	241,939.18
3 Christmas Supper	\$ -	30.00
5 Initial Envelope		285.00
7 Lent	\$ -	2,437.00
8 Easter	\$ -	710.00
9 Thanksgiving		302.00
10 Christmas	\$ -	1,097.00
11 Building Maintenance Donation		135.00
12 Missionary Sponsorship	\$ 100.00	150.00
13 World Hunger	\$ 140.00	1,374.00
17 Altar Flowers	\$ 40.00	1,685.00
18 Radio Broadcast	\$ 370.00	3,450.00
20 Misc. General Fund	\$ 296.00	9,060.00
21 Loose Offerings	\$ 824.00	6,324.41
26 Lutheran Outdoors	\$ -	120.00
27 Grace Lutheran Preschool	\$ 60.00	450.00
31 Postage Donation	\$ 250.00	255.00
35 Emergency Assistance Fund	\$ 130.00	1,465.00
76 REFUGEE	\$ -	8,776.50
77 Mission of the Month	\$ -	135.00
NOLA Trip	\$ 1,161.75	1,993.10
Education	\$ -	40.00
Wednesday Night Meals	\$ 130.00	1,106.50
*** Facility Use Donation	\$ -	2,875.69
*** Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 43.00	1,884.52
*** Misc Fundraising	\$ 5,000.00	6,626.70
	<b>8,544.75</b>	<b>294,706.60</b>

<i>Reconciled Account Balance-Gen Fund</i>	
Beginning Balance	\$9,253.42
Income	\$54,733.52
Expenses(General)	<b>(\$34,699.35)</b>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/23</b>	<b>\$29,287.59</b>

## Thank you



**The next Grace Council meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm Thursday, February 8**  
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

## Expense Report

For Period: 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023

<i>Description</i>	<b>December</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b> <i>Amount</i>	<b>Budget</b>
Benevolence	418.16	2,508.96	2,508.96
Payroll	14,386.73	192,559.85	241,041.25
Office Expenses	607.17	12,158.75	18,200.00
Worship	720.00	9,417.56	33,970.00
Altar Guild	172.03	450.24	1,100.00
Education, Stewardship & Management			
	3,015.30	48,167.02	67,100.00
Property	577.21	12,177.52	13,000.00
Designated Gifts	14,802.75	52,119.74	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>34,699.35</b>	<b>329,559.64</b>	

## COUNCIL

Those elected to council during the Annual Meeting and will be installed on February 4 are:  
Kelly Evjen,  
Adam Wientjes,  
Denise Biller, Paul  
Henrichs, Claudia  
Frentz, & Wyatt  
Sprouse. One 1-year seat remains open. If anyone is interested, contact a council member.



**Memorial** – End of year meeting. Looking into new advent wreaths. Printing tri-fold pamphlets.

**Preschool** – T-shirt fundraiser is wrapping.

**Property** – Working on lighting in multi-purpose room.

**Safety** – Looking into background checks and CPR training for staff, volunteers, and people of the community.

**Staff Support** – Updating Kat's job description and recommended we start looking to fill the open positions in the office. Staff support asked the executive committee to consider giving Kat additional pay for performing many of the duties of Youth Director since it did require additional hours outside the scope of her job description of Business Administrator. Executive committee said they would consider the proposal and asked for specific numbers.

**Worship & Music**- Kids sing on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Information items:**

Questions were brought up about the Ukraine fund as Pastor Cheryl was giving her Pastor's Report. Pastor Cheryl had told council that Olena was here but didn't say if she was our responsibility or not. Pastor Cheryl explained that Jennifer and Tyler Moos filled out an application for Olena after her original application for Olean was not responded to. The approval of the application happened while Pastor Cheryl was on vacation and Olena bought her own plane ticket. She lived with Mr. & Mrs. Moos as soon as she got to the U.S. At some point Olena decided that she wanted to live in Watertown. When Mr. & Mrs. Moos filled out the application, they had Grace Lutheran Church's Refugee Fund as proof of support. Kelly Evjen asked Pastor Cheryl how many applications are in for Grace to support. Pastor Cheryl said she did not know off the top of her head but said "a few". She said that couple from Grace filled out an application on someone that was already applied for in attempt to speed up the process. Question: What if there are 10 applications in, and approved, and we cannot support them? Pastor Cheryl responded that we would be either telling them no if they were approved, or contacting Freedom's Haven. The council also asked what happens if the account reaches zero. Pastor Cheryl again said that we could contact Freedom's Haven, or do fundraisers to increase the balance. She noted that other churches in the area have donated to this fund and it is not Grace Lutheran Church members only. When asked how long we were financially responsible for the people we sponsor, Pastor Cheryl said they are on probation for two years. Additionally, members of the council requested that Pastor Cheryl seek approval from the council before any more applications are submitted.

Before adjournment Adam Wientjes asked if the church could send flowers to Jessica Fischer's funeral. Her husband is a police officer and he asked if we could show support since we do other things for officers as well. Adam made a motion to spend \$50 on flowers. Terra Koistinen seconded. Motion carried.

Rhonda Lorenz motioned to adjourn the meeting; Adam Wientjes seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Anderson

***Have you thought about Tithing?***

*You can make a monthly offering from your bank account by setting up a authorized transfer. Check at the office for more Information or call Kat: 605-886-5737.*

***Remembering***

Lorraine Christians  
January 26th



**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the Narthex . Offering envelopes are numbered weekly envelopes used for recording your regular donation so you can receive an annual report for your financial records at the end of the year. Please pick them up as it saves on the cost of mailing. If you can take one to someone, please do so.

## Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board Meeting, Monday on January 8, 2024

The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board of Directors met on January 8, 2024, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

Present: Bonnie Oletzke, Larry Picht, Rich Dunn, Geri Mohror, Becky Knadle, Will Morlock and Lindsey Groom. Also present was Peggy Hulscher, and Kat Anderson.

Will Morlock called the meeting to order.

Approve Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2023 meeting was made by Lindsey Groom, seconded by Larry Picht, motion passed.

Peggy Hulscher reported the financial summary for month ending November 30, 2023 and the fiscal year from 12/01/2022 to 11/30/2023. A motion to approve the treasure report was made by Larry Picht, seconded by Geri Mohror, motion passed.

Rental Property:

Larry reported that the insurance is in place. Larry also stated that he spoke with Citi Wide last month about the rent received. Citi Wide stated that they will review the rent received when the leases come due.

Church Update:

The lighting and flooring in the multi-purpose room is planned to be installed in February, 2024.

Grant Requests: The grant request should be submitted by mid-February, 2024.

Our next meetings will be Monday, February 5, 2024, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church

A motion to adjourn was made by Rich Dunn, seconded by Becky Knadle, motion passed.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Hello!

It has been another great month at Grace Lutheran Pre-school. We have been learning about pets since we got back from Christmas break! Our Dramatic Play area is a Vet Clinic to go along with what we are learning. The preschoolers have loved taking care of the animals we have in there. We are still learning one letter a week, working on our handwriting and writing our names!

We have added a few new friends to our classes, but we do still have openings in all classes. If you or anyone you know is looking to start their child at Grace, please contact Kat or Miss Maia for more information!

I have also been asked about our amazon wish list, so I will post the link below!

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/  
ls/2QY6LBAC1WBG7?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/?ref=wl_share&list=2QY6LBAC1WBG7)



**GRACE LUTHERAN FOUNDATION**

Grace Lutheran Church

202 2d ST. SE

Watertown, SD 57201

Phone: 886-5737

**REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

Requests for funding due February 15, 2024

Mail to: Will Morlock at 905 W. Kemp

or leave at the church office or scan to [gracelc@midconetwork.com](mailto:gracelc@midconetwork.com) (both sides if written on)

**1. Person(s) making request:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Funds requested for the following project or organizations: you may write on the back of this form (Please be brief but with enough detail so the request is understood.)**

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**3. Amount requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Total cost of project: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**5. When will funds be needed: \_\_\_\_\_**

**6. The funds should be sent to Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address(Street, City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_**

**7. Have funds for this project or organization been requested from the Grace Lutheran Foundation in recent years? If so.....**

**Year requested** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount funded** \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Are you requesting funding from another organization for this project this year?**

**Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes, which organization and amount funded:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_



*Grace Lutheran Church*  
*Invites You to our 1st Annual*  
**CELEBRATION OF**  
*Love*

A night of Food, dancing, fellowship and  
celebrate the season of love!

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Single ticket \$30  
Meal for 2 \$50

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Feb. 10, 2024 Social Hour  
at 5PM Meal served at  
5:30PM  
2nd Street Sation  
Formal attire not required.

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**PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS BEFORE FEB. 4TH**  
**AT**  
**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**202 2ND ST SE, WATERTOWN, SD**

**"Sponsored by the Fellowship and Outreach Committee" of Grace Lutheran Church.**





**Youth Group for grade 7th thru 12th**  
**Each Wednesday at 7:30 pm**  
**in the Youth Room**  
**Come early for a meal 5:30—6:15 pm**  
**Dinner Church at 6 pm**  
**OR Just Hangout from 6:30 to 7:30**

**CREATED  
TO BE**

## Youth bake sale adds to Gathering Trip in New Orleans

The caramel rolls went very well. We made \$430 for the youth going to New Orleans next summer! Thanks everyone! Darlene Bresson

**The Fruit is Coming! The Fruit is Coming!** So good to hear those words in the middle of winter! Fresh oranges, grapefruit, apples, pears, oh my! Our Spring fruit sale will start **Feb 1<sup>st</sup>** and run till **Feb 18<sup>th</sup>**, with delivery in early March. Prices look like they'll be comparable to last year – and the fruit last year was scrumptious! People can start ordering Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Go online to order from: [myfruitsale.com](http://myfruitsale.com) using fundraiser code **FLHX-2331**. Those who order online will pay when they order; those who order with Darlene will pay for their fruit when they pick it up in early March. Darlene will be in the Narthex with order forms and to help.

The company has added a new mixed box that have only 12 oranges/apples/pears, which is more attractive to single or 2-person households. In addition to the delicious fruit, you can also order beef and cheese snacks. And of course, dried fruit, nuts, and candy will be available when you pick up your fresh fruit.

Be sure to use our code so Grace Lutheran is credited. Any questions, please contact Darlene at 605-421-1258.

## Grace Lutheran Church (Watertown SD)

SPRING 2024 • FRUIT SALE



### Student Instructions

**YOU CAN USE YOUR PHONE**  
Join your organization's sale on [myfruitsale.com](http://myfruitsale.com) to record your sales and track your goals.



#### GET STARTED

Scan the QR code or visit [myfruitsale.com](http://myfruitsale.com) to login, or sign up if you have not used [myfruitsale.com](http://myfruitsale.com) before.  
Fundraiser Code: **FLHX**

#### TWO EASY WAYS TO SELL

Send customers your student code or sale link so they can order online. Or, take orders on this form. **You must then record them in your online dashboard.**

**myfruitsale.com**  
a *Mintix* fundraiser

MY NAME

MY STUDENT CODE

MY SALES GOAL

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO

Grace Lutheran Church (Watertown SD)

\*Collect money at time of delivery.

LAST DAY TO RECORD ORDERS

Sunday, February 18

ESTIMATED DELIVERY

Friday, March 1

### MIXED BOXES

Medium		Sm.	Med.	Sm.	Med.
Oranges 16	Cosmic 9	Oranges 4	Oranges 4	Oranges 4	Oranges 4
<b>\$31</b>	<b>\$31</b>	<b>\$19</b>	<b>\$36</b>	<b>\$26</b>	<b>\$36</b>
Oranges 12	Oranges 10	Oranges 4	Oranges 4	Oranges 4	Oranges 4
<b>\$31</b>	<b>\$31</b>	<b>\$19</b>	<b>\$36</b>	<b>\$26</b>	<b>\$36</b>
Oranges 9	Oranges 18	Oranges 4	Oranges 4	Oranges 4	Oranges 4
<b>\$31</b>	<b>\$31</b>	<b>\$19</b>	<b>\$36</b>	<b>\$26</b>	<b>\$36</b>
Oranges 6	Oranges 24	Oranges 4	Oranges 4	Oranges 4	Oranges 4
<b>\$31</b>	<b>\$31</b>	<b>\$19</b>	<b>\$36</b>	<b>\$26</b>	<b>\$36</b>
Oranges 3	Oranges 36	Oranges 4	Oranges 4	Oranges 4	Oranges 4
<b>\$31</b>	<b>\$31</b>	<b>\$19</b>	<b>\$36</b>	<b>\$26</b>	<b>\$36</b>

### CITRUS

Med. 1/2 Ctn	Lg. Full Ctn	Med. 1/2 Ctn	Lg. Full Ctn
Grapefruit 20-24	Grapefruit 40-48	California Oranges 36-44	California Oranges 88
<b>\$28</b>	<b>\$48</b>	<b>\$29</b>	<b>\$49</b>

### APPLES & PEARS

Small
Cosmic 24
<b>\$28</b>
Honeycrisp 24
<b>\$30</b>
Honey 24
<b>\$28</b>
Oranges 24
<b>\$26</b>

### SNACKS

6oz.	40oz.	16oz.	24oz.
Premium Cut Beef Jerky	Beef Sticks (30-35 sticks)	Smokey Snack Sticks (11-12 sticks)	String Cheese (24 indiv. wrapped)
<b>\$18</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>\$17</b>	<b>\$16</b>

\*Supplier reserves the right to modify counts, varieties & country/state of origin of fruit in all boxes listed on this form.  
\*Orders paid by cash/check include sales tax.  
Recorded on [myfruitsale.com](http://myfruitsale.com)

CUSTOMER NAME	1	2	3	4	5	7	11	12	13	21	24	31	32	41	46	49	73	F	G	H	M	AMOUNT	✓	✓
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## THANK YOU

Hello everyone! My name is Olena, I'm from Ukraine and I've been in South Dakota for 3 weeks now.

South Dakota holds a special place in my heart.

It doesn't matter where you are, it matters who you're with. Right? I have seen from my own experience how warm, open, friendly and responsive the PEOPLE are around me here.

I felt from my own experience how much help and support people here give me.

Just two years ago I lived an ordinary life in Ukraine, worked as a teacher, went to work at school, and rejoiced at the success of my students. Life has changed, the war started I got used to traveling with one suitcase, leaving my former calm, measured life behind.

I was blessed to meet Reverend Cheryl from Grace Lutheran Church and my host family Jennifer and Ty Moose from Webster who helped me fly to the USA. I express my gratitude to Reverend Cheryl and my host family Jennifer and Ty for the beauty of their souls, their compassion, their support, and their help in difficult times, for direction and faith in the best.

I thank Joy Freimark for her inexhaustible optimism, her support and kindness. For active participation in my development in the town Watertown.

I could never have imagined that so many people would support me so much and that so many people would take part in my development here. How many people will be involved in my life, how many kind, sympathetic people will I meet and how much support will I receive.

I want to say THANK YOU. I want people to know that I appreciate every hug, every warm word, thank YOU for everything. You spared no effort and your time to help me. Please accept my sincere gratitude and good wishes for health, happiness in the family and incredible happiness in every new day. I sincerely believe that kindness will return to you in even greater quantities. In turn, I pray for your health.

Olena

### **I Got it at Grace Vendor/Craft Fair**

Coming March 9<sup>th</sup> at Grace Lutheran. Thirty+ vendors including SuperSew, Mama B & Prairie Stix, Giggles & Grins, Baba Lou's, Tina's Crafts/Color Street and more!! Grab a friend and enjoy the day shopping and support these local small businesses! Luscious caramel rolls in the morning, followed by a great lunch, starting around 11:00. Hours are 9:00 to 3:00 and never an admission charge. We have room for a few more vendors, so if you are – or know- a vendor, call the church office. And if you'd like to help with the concessions or dried fruit and nuts, contact Darlene at 605-421-1258. See you there!

The Spring  
Craft/Vendor  
Fair is set for  
March 9

### **Quilting**

Quilting is threaded with  
SEW many pieces  
of love and good designs  
to join you together with cutting  
edge creations all tied up  
with strings of Blessings.

—Join Dorcas Quilters—  
every Monday from 1 to 4 pm in  
the basement of Grace Lutheran.

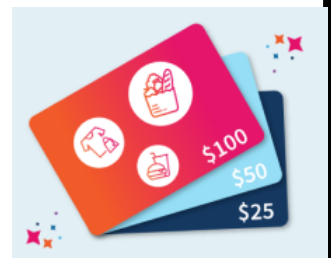
*Come for the Fun!*

*Stay for the delicious snacks!*

### **Scrip Gift Cards can now be purchased Online**

If you regularly purchase Gift Cards for Birthdays or Christmas, you can purchase them through Grace Lutheran and support Grace. Each time your purchase Scrip – Grace receives between 3 to 5% or more which goes for the general fund.

Currently available at Grace are gift cards available for Walmart, County Fair, Hy-Vee, Target, Applebee's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Piza Ranch and Starbuck. There are over 100 others available online at RaiseRight.com that can be order and shipped to your home or the church. Use this code for Grace: 7B7977AD26LL5 when you order. Kat will be happy to order them for you if you need assistance.



**RaiseRight**

Scrip is a great fundraiser for the Grace Lutheran mission plan. Please consider using them for your next purchases. The cards can be bought after the service or 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Thursday and Wednesday until 7 pm.

# Grace Lutheran Church

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## February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:45 am to 1 pm Home Schoolers	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3
				Kat on Vacation Jan 26 – Feb 3		
4 <b>Grace Council Installation</b> 8:30 – Traditional Worship 9:30 – Coffee Fellowship 9:45-10:45 am Sunday School 11 am Contemporary Worship 1 pm Service at Edgewood	5 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET 5:30 pm Grace Foundation meets	6 4:30 Tops/ Basement 5:30 pm Fellowship & Outreach Committee meets	7 10:30 am Service at Avantara 11:00 TOPS meets 5:30 – 6:15 Wednesday Meal 6 pm Dinner Church 6:30 pm Wednesday school 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:30 Youth Group	8 10:00 am Service at Stonebrook 10:45 am to 1 pm Home Schoolers 5pm Finance and Stewardship committee meets 6 pm Grace Council meeting	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10 <b>Celebration of Love</b> 5 pm Social 5:30 pm Meal At 2 <sup>nd</sup> St Station
11 8:30 – Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion 9:30 – Coffee Fellowship 9:45-10:45 am Sunday School 11 am Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion	12 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	13 4:30 Tops/ Basement 5 pm Education & Worship Committee meets 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	14 <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 10:00 am Service at HiRise 11:00 am TOPS meets <b>Noon – Ash Wednesday Service</b> 5:30 – 6:15 Wednesday Meal <b>6 pm – Ash Wednesday Service</b> 6:30 pm Wednesday school 7:30 Youth Group	15 <b>Cleanings Deadline</b> 10:45 am to 1 pm Home Schoolers	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17
18 <b>Supply – Nancy McClanahan</b> 8:30 – Traditional Worship 9:30 – Coffee Fellowship 9:45-10:45 am Sunday School 11 am Contemporary Worship	19 <b>Presidents Day Holiday</b> 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	20 4:30 Tops/ Basement	21 10:00 am Service at Town/Vlew 10:30 am Service at Jenkins 11:00 TOPS meets 5:30 – 6:15 Wednesday Meal 6 pm Dinner Church 6:30 pm Wednesday school 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:30 Youth Group	22 10:45 am to 1 pm Home Schoolers	23 OFFICE CLOSED <b>Blood Drive</b> 10 am – 4 pm <b>Elementary Youth Fun Night</b> 6 pm to 10 For grades 3-6	24
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*Sunday Worship Services are at 8:30 am and 11 am*

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

February 10<sup>th</sup> – Celebration of Love Banquet  
February 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday  
February 23—Blood Drive at Grace

### **Fresh Fruit Orders open**

Fresh Fruit orders and be placed online from Feb 1 thru the 18th at: [myfruitsale.com](http://myfruitsale.com) using Grace's fundraiser code FLHX-2331.

### **Community Lenten Services Start February 21st**

The Watertown Ministerial Association will once again hold Community Lenten Services at noon during the weeks of Lent. The short worship service begins at 12:05 pm followed by a light lunch of soup and sandwich or a similar lunch for \$5.00.

This year the services will be held at First United Methodist Church, at 4 Second Ave SE in Watertown, SD.

The theme for this year is "So they may know my love." based on John 17: 23, "I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me."

Each week service is lead on a rotation of churches beginning February 21st with First United Methodist. Other congregations participating are: Grace Lutheran Church; Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer; First Congregational United Church of Christ; and Holy Rosary Catholic Church—Kranzburg.

The offering collected during the service will be given to the Watertown Ministerial Association One Roof Program through the Salvation Army as a resource for those suffering from hardship.



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