



Grace Gleanings

March 2024

TO OUR BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY...

Celebration of Love was a hit!



The Fellowship and Outreach Committee did it again, providing a wonderful opportunity for fellowship. A group got together at 2nd Street Station on February 10th to enjoy a meal, dancing, trivia, and laughter. There were couples and singles, both from Grace and other churches.

One attendee said *"I hope they do this every year and we can make this a tradition!"*

Thank you to Denise & Darcy for the beautiful decorations, treats, and prizes. Thank you Dylan Jordan for the music and prayer. And thank you to everyone who joined in the lovely evening!



EVENTS
COMING UP

* **New** *

MARCH 2024

March 9th



Got it at Grace

Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday March 9th. From 9am to 4pm come shop til you drop with a variety of crafters and vendors to tickle every fancy! Darlene’s caramel rolls are served in the morning so get there early! Walking Taco lunch concessions when the rolls sell out.

March 25th



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday there will be the 2nd annual Easter Egg hunt in the church. Meet at 9:45 in the fellowship hall. Invite friends and neighbors to join to make it egg-stra fun! **All Sunday & Wednesday School kiddos sing at the 11am service, doing the palm processional.**



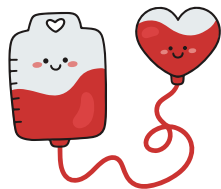
Easter Sunday, March 31st

Join us on Easter Sunday, coming together as one congregation at 8:30am. To sponsor Easter flowers, please fill out the form here in the Gleanings. There will be NO Sunday School this day, or Wednesday School on March 27th.

GRACE COUNCIL
MEETS ON MARCH
12TH AT 6PM

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who supported the blood drive on February 23rd! We were able to collect 33 pints of lifesaving blood!





Welcome, Kelly!

Kelly Parkinson is the newest member of the Grace Lutheran Church Staff! She is the Administrative Assistant and started on February 20th. You can find her working diligently on bulletins, PowerPoints, and making sure things run smoothly. Stop by and say welcome!

Family: My husband's name is Guy Parkinson and I have two grown children, Katelyn (22) and Alex (19); and two step children, Autumn (14) and Christopher (8).

Pets: 5!! We have two dogs and three cats. And we love them all to pieces!

From: Atlanta, Georgia. I have lived in Watertown for almost 9 years.

Hobbies: Cooking, reading, and writing.



Lock-In Laughter

On Friday February 23rd a group of youth from 3rd grade through 12th grade had a lock in at the church. They played games, watched a movie, and of course ate pizza!

An activity that was planned by the event leader, Dylan Jordan, was to place 100 tiny Jesus figures around the church with the message that "Jesus is always near". Keep an eye out for them when you are at church, it will be sure to bring a smile to your face.

Grace is the Place

...to be on Wednesday nights! We are still having a fellowship meal at 5:30 with a large group activity and lesson starting at 6. In this fun 30 minutes the children get a better understanding of what their classroom lesson will be on, and parents & grandparents can come join the fun too! We are trying something new this season of Lent and doing an interactive large group lesson. Its super casual and would be a great time to introduce a friend to Grace Lutheran!



Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council

Meeting on Thursday February 8th, 2024



The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday February 8th, 2024, at 6pm with Mark Briley presiding. Also present: Adam Wientjes, Rhonda Lorenz, Dylan Jordan, Lindsey Moeller, Travis Schulz, and Terra Koistinen, LeRoy Bullis, Steve Schlenner, Denise Biller, Claudia Frentz, Paul Henrichs, and Wyatt Sprouse. Also present: Kat Anderson. Absent: Kelly Evjen. Opening by Kat Anderson and roll call by Dylan Jordan. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Adam Wientjes and seconded by Rhonda Lorenz. Motion carried. Adam Wientjes motioned to approve the minutes from January, and Travis Schulz seconded. Motion carried.

Items:

Financial Report – The total monthly contributions to the general fund was \$15,699 the weekly giving average was \$3,925. The average weekly worship attendance for Sunday was 75, and Wednesday was 26. A motion to replace ChurchArt-Online with Canva Pro by Travis Schultz was seconded by Denise Biller. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Dylan Jordan and seconded by Adam Wientjes. Motion carried.

Current Plans and Updates – Members of the congregation are assisting in leading worship on February 11th with Jo Vitek giving the message. Jack Holmquest is going to do the Ash Wednesday service at 6:30. A meal will be in the fellowship hall before the service. We are in communication with the bishop about an interim pastor. Nancy McClanahan will be doing service on February 18th. The council is looking into a way to honor Pastor Cheryl's service to the church and will present a card shower to her.

Old Business:

1. Open Council Seats-Two members of the congregation expressed interest to fill the open council seat. The council decided not to take a vote tonight but to table it until next meeting so that they have time to verify the interest.

2. Choir Room – LeRoy provided updates on the choir room. The lighting is being worked on to retrofit to the existing fixture locations. Carpet has been ordered and can be installed after the lighting is complete.

New Business:

1. Staff Support -

a. Administrative Assistant – Kat is in the process of interviewing. A new job description was developed. Denise Biller motioned to approve the description. Steve Schlenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. After asking Kat Anderson to leave the room, Staff Support had a discussion. Travis Schultz on behalf of Staff Support motioned to provide back pay (September through December) of \$3,000 and an additional \$300 per pay period (February through May) going forward to Kat Anderson for taking on the additional duties of the Youth Director until one is hired. Denise Biller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

c. Lindsey Moeller motioned that the church financial audits be carried out by a 3rd party, starting with 2023. Denise Biller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

d. Adam Wientjes motioned to move staff reviews to the Executive Committee and Staff Support Committee instead of doing peer/coworker reviews. Dylan Jordan second the motion. Motion carried.

e. Pastor Cheryl had sent a letter from her leasing company to request that the church pay for the \$950 early termination fee at the apartment she was renting in Watertown. Travis Schulz motioned to deny the request citing the agreement when she gave notice of her retirement. Terra Koistinen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. BeFrienders & Visitations – after discussion, it was decided that at the moment, we would not consolidate the BeFriender's program with Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. It was also decided that nursing home weekday services would cease until an interim pastor was chosen.

3. Grant Requests – Kat Anderson listed the grants that she was going to request on behalf of the church for capital improvement and education.

4. Call Committee – Lindsey and Denise stepped up as members of council to be on the call committee. Paul Henrichs reported that his daughter, Brooke, also wanted to be on the call committee. The members of the council are going to start conversations with members to join the call committee which can have up to 10 members per the GLC Constitution.

Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council Meeting on Thursday February 8th, 2024



Continued...

5. Ukraine Fund –

a. Pastor Cheryl submitted a letter to council requesting that the Refugee Fund be transferred to Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer along with the remaining gift cards and have LCOOR be the stewards/managers of the account. Travis Schulz motioned to deny the request to transfer because of the 3rd party audit that is planned. Steve Schlenner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. Dylan Jordan motioned to create a process for funds to be accessible to the current refugees that came in under Pastor Cheryl. Paul Henrichs seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kat Anderson will create a funding request form in the meantime so that there is still opportunity to serve the refugees as the church intended.

Committee Reports:

Education, Youth, & Family – There will be no changes to Wednesday school with the exception of Ash Wednesday. The NOLA trip is cancelled after conversations with parents. They instead are looking into a youth retreat or camp closer to home. Lock in on February 23rd. Kids sing Palm Sunday.

Foundation– Grant requests are due February 15th. They meet March 4th to award the grants. Wyatt Sprouse volunteered to take the open council seat on the Foundation Board. Thank you to Gena Urevig for being a council representative on the Foundation Board for your terms!

Fellowship & Outreach – Chili cook-off January 20th went well. Celebration of Love coming up February 10th. The Easter Egg hunt is in the beginning planning stages. 1st Responders' Meal is on May 17th. If any members can help, contact Denise, Darcy, Terra, or Kat.

Finance & Stewardship – Car Show planning in the works and details are coming together. The Jamboree has been cancelled. SCRIP sales are going good. It would be nice to have more people sign up on the RaiseRight App.

Mission – Mission of the Month is Hope in God/Divine Providence.

Memorial – Denise will be council representative on Memorial Committee.

Preschool – New laptop was purchased to replace the current one as it started to malfunction. Registration for Fall will open soon, and graduation planning is underway.

Property – Working on lighting in multi-purpose room. There's a section in the Narthex by the brown doors that has failing mortar & cement. LeRoy has been getting on the roof to seal it with caulk but there needs to be a more permanent solution to prevent leaks.

Safety – Would like to add more cameras so that all entrances are covered.

Worship & Music– Kids sing on Palm Sunday.

LeRoy Bullis motioned to adjourn the meeting; Paul Henrichs seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kat Anderson

Car Show in the Works



The Grace Lutheran Stewardship & Finance Committee is planning a car show & carnival for June 8th! This will hopefully be an annual fundraiser to replace the Jamboree, and the timing is perfect. June is a great time for fellowship with others in the community, especially outdoors!

The Car Show & Carnival tentatively has the following planned:

- Car Show with top 15 cars earning a trophy
- Carnival for kids of all ages to play games and win prizes
- Silent Auction in the fellowship hall
- Meal in the fellowship hall
- Concession type stands where GLC groups can earn for their cause
- Ride around the lake to end the day



Financial Report - January 2024

Expense Report			
For Period: 01/01/2024 to 1/31/2024			
	January	YTD	Budget
Description		Amount	
Benevolence	300.00	300.00	2,884.20
Payroll	15,174.22	15,174.22	226,284.36
Office Expenses	1,670.40	1,670.40	22,600.00
Worship	-	-	34,050.00
Altar Guild	-	-	1,200.00
Education, Outreach & Stewardship	762.14	762.14	12,895.00
Management	3,021.08	3,021.08	72,900.00
Property	690.02	690.02	20,400.00
Designated Gifts	4,433.08	4,433.08	
Total Expenses	26,050.94	26,050.94	393,183.56

Contribution Report		
Posted Contributions For Period: 01/01/2024 to 1/31/2024		
	January	YTD
General Fund	13,982.06	13,982.06
Emergency Assistance Fund	90.00	90.00
World Hunger	60.00	60.00
Initial Envelope	141.00	141.00
Christmas	4.00	4.00
Building Maintenance	1,200.00	1,200.00
Loose Offerings	337.00	337.00
Foundation	50.00	50.00
Altar Flowers	40.00	40.00
Memorial-Preschool	60.00	60.00
Memorial-Church	25.00	25.00
Serving Groups Meals	50.00	50.00
Wednesday Meals	139.00	139.00
NOLA Youth Gathering	2625.00	2625.00
Total	18,803.06	18,803.06

To the Preschool:

Grace Lutheran Church Women,
 Fran Schaefer in Memory of: Marge Van Well, Peggy Hamrick, Brian Kaiser, Bob Haan, Dr. Mark Butterbrodt, Howard Easthouse, Robert Miller, George Heller, Steve Amerhiem, Jessica Fischer, Ron Dylla, Denise Sodka, and Brenda Brandenbuerger

To Memorial:

In memory of Lana Norgaard- Art & Marcia Jelsma,
 Harry Roberts from Darlene & Tony Bresson

To One Roof Fund/Emergency:

Bonnie & Michael Oletzke, Fran Schaefer

To Dorcas Quilters:

Scott Mohror & CJ Peters in memory of
 Sharlee Kjellsen

Altar Flower Sponsors:

Donna Johnson, Wil Morlock, Darcy Raethz,
 Denise Biller

Building Use:

Watertown Banquet

Choir Room:

Rhonda Bradberry, Mark Briley, Claudia Frentz, Karyl Strohus, GLCW

Youth Group Trip:

GLCW, Larry & Janet Little, Fundraisers



Reconciled Account Balance General Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$29,287.59
Income	\$16,004.60
Expenses (General)	(\$26,050.94)
Ending Bal. 1/31/24	\$19,241.25

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					¹ <i>Office Closed</i>	²
³ 8:30am Sun. Service 9:30am Coffee 9:45am Sun. School 11am Contemporary	⁴ 1pm DORCAS Quilters 5:30pm Banquet Meal	⁵ 4:30pm TOPS	⁶ 11am TOPS 5:30pm Family Meal 6pm Dinner Church 6:30 Confirmation & Wednesday School 7:30pm Youth Group	⁷	⁸ <i>Office Closed</i>	⁹ 9-4 Craft Fair
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³¹ EASTER SUNDAY ONE SERVICE 8:30am No Sunday School				Check with the office for times		"The Lord Is my shepherd, I lack Nothing." Psalm 23:1



Hello!

We have had another awesome month at Grace Lutheran Preschool! We have still been working hard to learn all the letters in the alphabet, and are getting close to the end!

This month we are having fun learning about colors and the rainbow. My friends have had so much fun mixing colors and seeing all the cool colors they can make!

I can't believe it is getting closer and closer to the end of the year. We have been having an absolute blast together.

-Miss Maia :)



Preschool Registration is Now Open

Registration for the 24-25 school year is open!

Miss Maia is ready to take applications for any child 3-years-old and older who is completely potty trained by the time school starts in September. Scan the QR Code to register for Preschool. \$25 Registration fee must be paid to hold the students spot.



3 - YEAR - OLDS

TUESDAY & FRIDAY

MORNING CLASS

9AM-11AM

AFTERNOON CLASS

1PM - 3PM

4 - YEAR - OLDS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY &
THURSDAY

MORNING CLASS

8:30AM-11:30AM

AFTERNOON CLASS

1PM - 4PM

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A message from the Executive Committee

Sent via email on 1/29/24 to all with an email address in the church system.

Hello,

It is with great regret that we inform the members of Grace Lutheran Church that Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett has resigned from her position of Senior Pastor. Her last day of calling, for Grace Lutheran, was Sunday, January 28, 2024.

We thank God for the time and efforts Pastor Cheryl provided for Grace Lutheran. Although we will miss her dearly, we offer our prayers of support as she begins her season of retirement. Any questions or responses may be directed to the church office or by contacting any of our Executive Committee Members at the following :

Mark Briley- President	Adam Wientges- Vice President	Dylan Jordan- Secretary
308-660-2323	605-520-0566	605-520-4547
mwbriley@outlook.com	wientjes04@gmail.com	dcjordan94@l791.com

If you did not receive this message, please contact the office to update your email address.



This is a wonderful opportunity to give a monetary gift in honor or memory of someone special. This money will help defray the cost of Palms for Palm Sunday and flowers and green plants that will be used for Easter worship services. A list of all the contributors will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletins. The suggested donation is \$10, but you may give as much as you wish. Please be aware that you are donating money for these plants as they will be delivered to Grace's Christian Care Members. In order for your name to be on the list of donors, your form(s) must be turned into the office by **Sunday March 17th, 2024**

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

I/We _____

I/We are Donating: ☐ \$10 or \$_____ towards the cost of palms, Easter flowers and green plants ☐ check ☐ cash

My/Our gift is: ☐ in memory of ☐ in honor of ☐ to the Glory of God _____ check number

Please check the correct line below.

☐ my wife; ☐ my husband; ☐ my mother; ☐ my father; ☐ my grandfather; ☐ my grandmother; ☐ my grandson; ☐ my granddaughter

☐ my son; ☐ my daughter; ☐ our mother; ☐ our father; ☐ our grandfather; ☐ our grandmother; ☐ our grandson; ☐ our granddaughter

☐ our son; ☐ our daughter; ☐ our parents; ☐ our grandparents

Person or Persons name on this line.

More forms are available in the office

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March 24



March 31

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announcements for other Holy Week
services

TIME TO DESIGNATE YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS! DEADLINE IS MARCH 31ST!

The Grace Gleanings are better in color! View on our website at
glcwn.org/gleanings