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GRACE GLEANINGS

Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Graduating Senior attend May 21st Recognition Service

Some of the 2023 graduating seniors attended the annual Senior Recognition service at Grace Lutheran on Sunday, May 21st.

Parents and family of the graduates were asked to come forward and lay hands on their child as prayers for guidance and protection were said over them as they continue on this transition from high school to the next phase in their journey of life.

Prayers of blessing were given and each family communed together during the service.

See additional senior information can be found on page 11.

At right, left to right are Clarissa Ruiz-Raigoza, Brianna Johnson, Ronald Begalka, Adicyn Johnson, and Mallory Bisgard.



At Left parents and family came forward to lay hands over their student with a blessing and prayer for wisdom, guidance and protection as they pursue their interest in life and a reminder the prayers of their faith family goes with them.

We Thank God for Our Volunteers!

Law Enforcement/First Responder Appreciation Lunch Held by Volunteers

The annual Law Enforcement/First Responder lunch was held on May 18th at Grace Lutheran Church. A walk-through style lunch with meals available for delivery and take out was made available to Departments that were served included Watertown Police Department, Codington County Sheriff's Office, dispatchers, jailers, DCI agents, Watertown Fire & Rescue, and South Dakota Conservation Officers. All who came were very appreciative of the meal and a chance for fellowship among other men and women in uniform. No picture was available but we thank God for our Volunteers who helped were Kat Anderson, Geri Mohror, Ted Frost, and LeRoy Bullis.



May 31, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Job learned many things while questioning God. One was that he came to know that God is working behind the scenes – through His people: *“²⁰In a moment they die; at midnight the people are shaken and pass away, and the mighty are taken away by no human hand. ²¹For his eyes are upon the ways of mortals, and he sees all their steps.”*

Paul speaks of this to the Corinthians of how we are like a body. With many members and as the body of Christ, we have many talents and gifts that work together to be one for the good of the Lord's work.

It has been a long process to bring Ukrainian refugees to Watertown. It takes time to submit applications, wait for approval of their travel permits, arrange for travel, take to make applications and job interviews, and to welcome them to our community. All these things take time and also volunteers to do the work.

We have an amazing group of people in our family at Grace Lutheran who has stepped up to help with this work of caring for the alien and refugee as we are directed by God to do in Deuteronomy 10: *“¹⁹You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”* and Leviticus 19 *“³⁴The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.”*

God is at work here at Grace Lutheran. I have seen that over and over in the past three years. It has been a joy and a blessing to watch this congregation come together for the good of Grace and others.

On Tuesday evening, June 6th at 6 pm there will be a potluck “meet and greet” for the Ukrainian families that are already here. It will be a time to explain the process and what you can do to help welcome the next refugee families that will be coming soon.

Support for this effort is coming from other churches and organizations and this information will be shared during this time. There will also be a Q & A session.

I hope you will come and hear all that the Lord has places in our hands and volunteer with a future activity. The effort is much easier when we share the work of welcoming and settlement together, as Paul writes: *“¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”* (Philippians 2)

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You!

Pastor Cheryl



Igor Tokariev, wife Liubov, sons Davyd and Ramir arrived in Watertown in the early morning hours of May 23rd. The boys received these beautiful signature quilts from Darcie Montemayor for their bunk beds and many other gifts of welcome.

“Meet and Greet” to be held June 6th for Ukraine Refugee Families

Ihor Pavlovich Tokarev, his wife Lyubov, and children Ramir and Davyd, ages 7 and 10, arrive May 22nd and are enjoying their apartment and new life in Watertown, SD.

Vasyl Molod, arrived Thursday, April 27th and is staying with Pastor Cheryl and husband Scott at Wilmot, and now working at Valley Queen in Milbank.

Everyone is invited to attend a potluck “Meet and Greet” on Tuesday evening, June 6th in the Fellowship Hall. Other Ukrainian families living in the Watertown area are also invited to attend as well as their sponsors, churches and anyone interested in assisting with additional families coming soon.

If you would like to donate gift cards, or perhaps purchase script through Grace for HyVee, County Fair, or Walmart, that would be very much appreciated. Providing rides for the first couple of weeks is also needed and appreciated. The families need to make applications at the social security office, school, and work to start out. All of the refugees want to support themselves as quickly as they can. For any who are unable to volunteer or help financially, please remember to keep them in your prayers as they travel and transition to our community.

Please join us on Tuesday evening, June 6th with a dish to pass and a welcoming smile. There will be time for information about the Ukraine Efforts and a time for Q & A.

Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2023

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The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday May 11th, 2023 at 6pm with Mark Briley Presiding. Also present was LeRoy Bullis, Travis Schulz, Lindsey Moeller, Dylan Jordan, Steve Schlenner, Marian Raml, Adam Wientjes, Kayla Mohling, Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, Josh Casper, and Kat Anderson. Absent were Kelly Evjen, Gena Urevig, Terra Koistinen, Sherry Jongeling, Ted Frost, and Rhonda Lorenz. A guest, Heidi Kuhlman was also present. The meeting began with scripture and prayer by Pastor Cheryl.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Lindsey Moeller and seconded by Dylan Jordan. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for the April 13th, 2023 meeting was made by Adam Wientjes and seconded by Travis Schulz. Motion carried.

Heidi Kuhlman from Blessings Big & Small presented what her Christian store has to offer the church, highlighting price matching and fundraisers.

Items:

Financial Report – Kat Anderson reported the total monthly income to the general fund was \$47,317.76 which included a transfer from savings to pay for the LED Sign, the weekly giving average was \$4,909, and the average weekly worship attendance was 100 for the month of April. Monthly giving was down year over year for April. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Adam Wientjes and seconded by Kayla Mohling. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett continues to visit care centers and assisted living homes. April was a busy month with Palm Sunday, Easter, Confirmation and the Jamboree. Sunday school just ended and Josh has started work on April 17th. Pastor noted that she is using a vacation day on May 14th to attend her grandson's graduation.

Youth & Family Report – Josh has been settling in. He was able to meet the youth group kids and get ideas on what they want to work on and do this summer. He has started a list of fundraising ideas. Monday the 15th starts his weekly bible study at 9am.

Old Business:

Ukraine Refuge Sponsorship – The family of Igor was delayed due to paperwork issues, but as of the day of this meeting that has been cleared and arrangements will be made to get them here safely. Vasyl, the single young man, is here and living with Pastor Cheryl in Wilmot. He got a job at Valley Queen Cheese in Milbank. 140th Celebration (Sept. 16th & 17th 2023) – Meeting on May 21 between services. They are currently exploring advertisement and food options.

Constitution Update – Mark is working with the SD ELCA.

Utilization of Choir/Multipurpose Room – Mack Concrete said they will still honor the quote from December. LeRoy Bullis estimates that the lighting project will be around \$2,500. There is funding from GLCW and private donations that would be able to take care of the lighting.

New Business:

Edward Jones account signer update- With Cindy retired, the accounts at EJ needs new signers. Kat, along with volunteers Mark Briley and Lindsey Moeller, will become the new signers. Motion made by Dylan Jordan and seconded by Steve Schlenner. Motion carried.

Homeschool group proposal – The homeschool group would like to use the church every Thursday in the fall semester with the understanding that they will have to cancel if there is an event or funeral. Motion for approval by Kayla Mohling. Seconded by Adam Wientjes. Motion carried.

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Grace Lutheran Financial Report

Contribution Report

Posted Contributions For Period: 01/01/2023 to 04/30/2023

<i>Fund Description</i>	April	Year-to-Date <i>Amount</i>
1 General Fund	16,472.22	69,950.94
3 Christmas Supper	-	30.00
5 Initial Envelope	5.00	272.00
7 Lent	1,772.00	2,437.00
10 Christmas	-	57.00
11 Building Maintenance Donation	-	50.00
12 Missionary Sponsorship	-	15.00
13 World Hunger	123.00	552.00
17 Altar Flowers	140.00	845.00
18 Radio Broadcast	320.00	1,195.00
20 Misc. General Fund	185.00	8,025.00
21 Loose Offerings	438.15	1,490.21
26 Lutherans Outdoors	50.00	120.00
27 Grace Lutheran Preschool	100.00	220.00
31 Postage Donation	-	5.00
35 Emergency Assistance Fund	95.00	465.00
65 GLCW - Nordefest Plus	-	5.00
76 REFUGEE	768.00	3,580.00
77 Mission of the Month	15.00	15.00
*** Facility Use Dona-	35.00	1,235.00
*** Thrivent Choice Dollars	1262.00	1,722.00
*** Misc Fundraising	946.49	1,263.49
	22,726.86	93,549.64

Expense Report

For Period:
01/01/2023 to
04/30/2023

<i>Description</i>	April	Year-to-Date <i>Amount</i>	Budget
Benevolence		627.24	2,508.96
Payroll	16,160.20	68,205.65	241,041.25
Office Expenses	1,026.27	4,187.26	18,200.00
Worship	960.00	3,187.45	33,970.00
Altar Guild	-	185.27	1,100.00
Education, Stewardship & Management	3,471.13	23,932.98	67,100.00
Property	2,201.72	5,893.05	13,000.00
Designated Gifts	27,264.59	29,010.18	
Total Expenses	51,083.91	135,229.08	384,895.21

<i>Reconciled Account Balance</i>	
Beginning Balance	\$ 12,854.94
Income	\$ 47,317.76
Expenses(General)	\$ (51,083.91)
Ending Balance 4/30/23	\$ 9,088.70

The following is taken from an article in Crosswalk.com from August 19, 2021

5 Valuable Lessons from Paul on the Benefits of Giving

by Heather Adams

Giving impacts how effective a church will be in reaching out to the local community and into the world beyond. Our tithes and offerings can turn into rich blessings for others.

Studying what the Apostle Paul wrote in his letters opened my eyes to the potential benefits of giving for everyone involved.

Paul urged his readers to make giving a natural and regular part of their Christian walk. He saw it as a way for believers to care for each other and to stay unified in purpose. Not only that, Paul understood the importance righteous giving has on a Christian's future. The teachings of Jesus, such as Luke 12: 32-34, were never far from his thoughts.

Paul wanted his readers to see Jesus' motivations for giving:

- His love for God and for us
- His compassion for our needs
- His desire to share what He has

The Apostle hoped that by seeing this model, believers would feel inspired as he did to look at giving not as a burden, but an opportunity to become more Christlike. Paul's letters modeled what it looks like to "live to give."

Lesson #1: God's Blessings Equip Us To Give To Others

Lesson #2: The Act of Giving Is More Important Than the Amount

Lesson #3: Having the Right Attitude About Giving Matters to God

Lesson #4: The Habit of Giving Changes Us for the Better

Lesson #5: Giving Should Be an Ongoing Activity

I clearly see now how much his desire to follow Jesus compelled him to "pour himself out."

The next Grace Council meeting is 6:00 pm Thursday, June 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

COUNCIL (continued from pg 3)

Synod Assembly – need volunteers for assembly. Dylan Jordan is going to check his schedule.

Ideas for Stewardship – Mark Briley asked the council for ideas on increasing stewardship. He would like ideas at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Education, Youth, & Family – Last day of Sunday School was May 7th with singing. Last day of Wednesday school was May 10th.

Foundation – Lindsey reported it was the last meeting until September. A visit from the Foundation's new bank explained how the assets were doing since the switch. All is well.

Fellowship & Outreach – An ice cream social is in the works for August.

Finance & Stewardship – Exploring ways to increase stewardship, especially over the summer.

Mission – May's mission of the month is Joy Ranch. June's is Church on the Street.

Preschool – Graduation is set for May 30th with a fundraising meal to follow. Preschoolers sang on May 7th. An updated employee handbook is being worked on by Kat Anderson.

Property – A quote is being written for the Balcony Railing project. Monday LeRoy Bullis is meeting to get a quote from a parking lot pavement company.

Executive – Approval to create a Venmo account for Grace Church and Preschool.

Safety – All is well.

Worship & Music – New music is coming for praise team.

Non-Agenda discussion – Marian Raml brought to the councils' attention the "Decline to Sign" petition and wanted to hang a flyer in the church from Life Defense Fund. Because of the political nature (petition) a motion was made by Dylan Jordan and Seconded by Marian Raml "To make awareness of the Decline to Sign campaign." Voting was unable to decide. Item moved to next meeting so that it can be on the agenda, research can be done by council members, and more members can be present to vote. Information can be found on the website www.LifeDefenseFund.com. **Congregational input is welcome and encouraged.**

Marian Raml motioned to adjourn the meeting, Lindsey Moeller seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Anderson

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.

Funding to Renovate Choir Room To a Multipurpose Room

Funds have been received to fill in the pit and update the lighting of the choir room to renovate it as a multipurpose room, but additional funds are needed for finishing work and carpeting. If you would like to donate to this project, you can make a designated offering to the Multipurpose Room Fund in your offering envelope or online at glcwn.org/ give and select from the list or stop at the office.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD!

*Briane Nicole Johnson
Jaxson Bradley Johnson
& Emily Roberta-Rose Johnson*



May 7, 2023

Church on the Street is Mission of the Month

Welcome to Church on the Street. It is our mission to take the gifts of the Church out to the people who, for whatever reason, cannot come inside.

We build relationships as God did through listening, asking questions, being present and consistent, and showing compassion to all of God's people. We believe that every human being, regardless of whether they are housed or unhoused, deserves a community where they feel at home. We look a little different than most churches, but where it matters we are exactly the same.

There are several ministries within Church on the Street including: Laundry with Love, Undercover Closet, Fruits of the Freezer, Health and Healing and Partners in Christ which includes: Faith Through Frames, Journey of Hope, SD ELCA Synod, Bishop Dudley Hospitality House and Augustana University Sign Language

Mission Trip to Church on the Street July 8th

Grace youth and families will once again serve those who live on the streets on Saturday, July 8th in Sioux Falls. We encourage all members, young and old to travel with us on this mission close to home.

During the month of June, we will collect donations for Church on the Street, Food items of Protein bars, peanut butter, jelly, bags or boxes of cereal, instant potatoes, pancake mix, pancake syrup, white rice and cans of soup; and quarters of case for Laundry with Love to be taken with on this mission trip in July.

Church on the Street is a ministry of the South Dakota Synod and holds church services on the second Saturday of the month. For more information check out churchonthestreetsf.org or Facebook.



Summer Bible Study begins June 21st

Summer Bible Study begins evenings of June 21st with a study created by Ray Vander Laan entitled "Death and Resurrection of the Messiah." Historian and teacher Ray Vander Laan teaches how confronting evil can be loudly proclaiming the name of Jesus or quietly caring for someone in need. Each study will focus on passages of Scripture along with DVD video filmed on location in and around the Holy Lands. The study contains 30 personal Bible studies for between-session learning along with questions for reflection and ten group discussion meeting to be held at 7 pm on Wednesday evening during the Summer.

The ten sessions include: When Storms Come; Piercing the Darkness; Gates of Hell—Caesarea; City of the Great King (2 parts); The Lamb of God; The Weight of the World; Roll Away the Stone; Power to the People; and Total Commitment. To sign up, contact Pastor Cheryl

A HUGE Thank you to everyone who has helped in so many ways with our Refugee families

A huge thank you goes out to Linda Williams, Joy Freimark, Lil Jutting, Sherry and Gary Jongeling for all they did to furnish and prepare the apartment for Igor Tokariiev and family, to Darlene Bresson for traveling to Minneapolis to pick up Igor, his wife Liubov, sons Ramir and Davyd and Kris DeWitt, Inez Chandler, Phyllis Jongeling, Anita Gabriel, Dorothy Schooley, Pam Raeder (LCOOR), Darcie Montemayor, Claudie Frentz, Lorraine Schuller, Rob & Carol Wagner and everyone who donated food and household items, unloaded furniture, and helped in so many ways. It could not have been done without you. They were excited to be at home in a safe place and loved all the special touches offered so much they ran room to room to see everything the first night they got there.

I know we have missed some people but a huge thank you to everyone who helped in so many special ways. Know you are very appreciated.

THRIVENT INSURANCE MEMEBERS

If you have a Thrivent Insurance policy and are able to receive a Thrivent Action Team Grant, please let the office know. The \$250 grant you can apply for is a huge help to our fund raising events. We apply for them to pay for the cost of food and supplies. They have been used to purchase quilting supplies, Sunday/Wednesday school supplies, Preschool supplies and a variety of other projects. Please check with your Thrivent agent to see if you qualify. Kat would be happy to help you with the application process.

LWR Monthly Mission Kit Request for June is Towels:

For baby care kits: hand towel, dark color recommended. For personal care kits: light-weight bath size towel. Please bring your towels in June for your offering for the LWR kits.



Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board Meeting, Monday, May 1, 2023

The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board of Directors met on May 1 2023, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

Present: Bonnie Oletzke, Joy Nelson, Larry Picht, Rich Dunn, Will Morlock and Lindsey Groon. 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 April 3, 2023 meeting, made by Lindsey Groon, seconded by Larry Picht, motion passed.

Mark Sivertson and Mike Paulson with American Bank and Trust, gave us a report on investments for the Grace Lutheran Church Foundation.

Peggy Hulscher reported the financial summary for month ending March 31, 2023. A motion to approve the treasure report was made by Rich Dunn, seconded by Joy Nelson, motion passed.

Rental Property:

Larry reported that all is going well with no vacancies

Review of Grant for 2023. All the grants have been distributed except for the preschool.

Report from church staff and council: Josh started on April 17th. The Easter egg hunt went over well in the church on Palm Sunday. The new computer for the office has been purchased and set up.

Our next meetings will be Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church. This will be our first meeting after taking the summer off.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rich Dunn and seconded by Joy Nelson, seconded, motion passed.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Hey Fruit Lovers! Order Today!

The longest winter is over, and spring is in the air. Our supplier was waiting to make sure they'd have a crop before taking orders. But now is the time to order fresh fruit for delivery in late June. Orders need to be in by June 9th on Apricots, Blueberries, Dark Sweet Cherries and Rainier Cherries. Shipping will be around June 22nd. To order, email gracefruit22@gmail.com or call Darlene before June 9th.

Fruit	Weight	Price
Apricots	20#	\$40.00
Blueberries	10#	\$48.00 (12 pints)
Blueberries	½ flat	\$27.00 (6 pints)
Blueberries	1 pint	\$5.00
Dark Sweet Cherries	18#	\$75.00
Rainier Cherries	15#	\$100.00

Orders DUE by June 9
Contact Darlene or
Email:
gracefruit22@gmail.com

Watertown Fruit by Grace will be set up in the Narthex to sell fruit and nuts on June 11th. There is also candy available. If you are interested in apples in the fall for August or October, let Darlene know.

Remembering

Mildred "Millie" Brickman ~ May 31, 2023

Amanda Rehder ~ May 5th, 2023

Arden Hanson ~ May 18, 2023

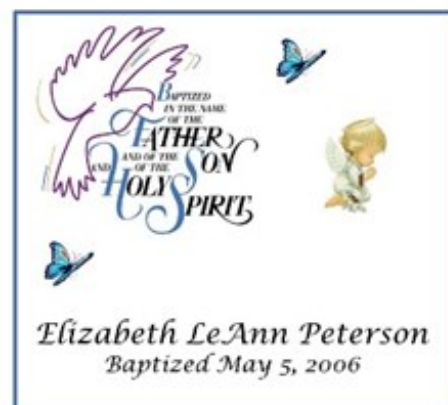


Be sure to get your Quilt Block in for the Special 140th Anniversary Commemorative Grace Lutheran Quilt

To commemorate the 140th anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church in September, the congregation is invited to help make a special quilt! This beautiful quilt will be approximately 60" X 80" and made of 7 ½" blocks. You are asked to take on 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 can take 1 block to create a design in whatever way you wish to memorialize your family and Grace Lutheran. 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.



Memorials and Gifts

To Preschool: From Fran Schaefer as memorial for Teresa Endres, Andy York, Bob Schaefer, Dick Rossow, Armin Hamileman, Linda Lenaers, Maxine Owen, Jenny Pies, Bob Steffen and Ron Torgerson.

To the Flower Fund: From Geri Mohror in memory of her mother and mother-in-law and in honor of all Mothers at Grace; From Sharon Goble in honor of James Goble's Birthday and their 49th Anniversary; From Kris DeWitt in memory of her parents Edward and Racheal Westgard. **To the Radio Fund:** From the Schmeling Radio Fund in loving memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling.

To the Ukraine Sponsor Fund: From Darlene Bresson; From Sharon Goble for groceries; from Jennifer Moos; From Ethel Hanse; HyVee Gift Cards from J; Ann DeBerg Walmart Gift Card from Karen Kasperson; Gift Cards from Ann Murfield;

To General Fund: From John Sangl (x2)

To Fellowship Fund From Donna Johnson

To Memorial Fund: A Memorial for Shirley Jacobson from Burnette Foss.

To GLC Foundation: A memorial for Bob Schaefer from Marie Adams.

From the GLC Foundation: To 140th Anniversary Celebration; To the Ukraine Fund for rent assistance; To the office computers and printer; To Capital Improvements for the Choir Room Renovation.

To See the picture of this newsletter in color, Go to glcwn.org and look for the Gleanings under Resources or on our Facebook page.



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.

Grace Preschool Hold Graduation



Grace Preschool held their graduation for 21 young people on Tuesday, May 30th.

Bent But Not Broken **Harper's Heroes Fundraising**

For 10 year old Harper Evjen

Saturday—June 17—11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Diagnosed with a severe and rapid progressive form of Scoliosis

A fund raiser will be held for Harper Evjen on Saturday, June 17th from 11 am to 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall of Grace Lutheran. Harper, the daughter of Chris and Kelly, was recently diagnosed with a severe form of Scoliosis. The only option for this severe form is spinal surgery to preserve her mobility and allow her to continue to grow as normally as possible. Continued surgeries may be necessary. The fund raiser day will include a free will donation meal, same day chance drawing, bake sale, 50 square board for prizes, Harper bracelets, music and cheer demonstration.

Donations can also be sent to Dakotah Bank under "Harper's Heroes". Bake sale items will be appreciated. For more information contact Darcy Raethz or Denise Biller.



Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
202 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD



Confirmands made Affirmation of their Baptism on April 30, 2023

Congratulations

*From your church family
at Grace Lutheran Church*

Left to right: Ashlynn Christine Andrews,
Daughter of Bill Andrews & Tanya Andrews;
Kimberly Ruiz-Raigoza,
Daughter of Gladys Raigoza Lara & Jose M. Ruiz Ochoa;
Tigh Bryant Koistinen,
Son of Chad & Terra Koistinen;
Clarissa Ruiz-Raigoza,
Daughter of Gladys Raigoza Lara & Jose M. Ruiz Ochoa;
Adriene Nicole Schulz,
Daughter of Travis & Chelsea Schulz

Register today for July VBS "Keepers of the Kingdom"

Grab your armor and your trusty steed and get ready for a medieval time at *Keepers of the Kingdom!* based on Ephesians 6:10–18 during the 9:30 am to 12 Noon sessions July 24th to 28th VBS at Grace Lutheran Church.



Children learn how they can be part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son. And they will be equipped with the armor of God as they train to become Keepers of the Kingdom who stand strong in the battle for truth!

But we are not meant to fight this battle alone! God, the ruler of the good kingdom, has given his kingdom keepers spiritual armor to wear.

Be sure to register your children by June 16 for this fun and exciting time of learning about the Armor of God. A registration form is included in this newsletter or at the church office. Please return it by June 16 to order materials. Friends are always wel-

come at Grace Lutheran Church—202 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD

Hear ye, hear ye!
Welcome, Keepers of the Kingdom
- We are engaged in an epic battle between two spiritual kingdoms for the hearts and minds of our youth. Every day, our kids are bombarded with lies about who they are and where their salvation comes from. **Huzzah!**

2023 Graduating Seniors

Ronald Begalka

Son of Timothy & Rhonda Begalka



After graduating from Deuel High School in Clear Lake, Ronald plans to attend college at Dakota State University in Madison, SD playing football. His favorite memories at Grace are Lock-ins on Friday nights and Bible school at Joy Ranch.

Mallory Bisgard

Daughter of Jacob & Anna Bisgard



Mallory plans to attend college at the University of South Dakota at Vermillion for Psychology following graduation from Watertown High School. Her favorite memories of Grace are confirmation classes and Lock-ins.

Adicyn Johnson

Daughter of Jamie & Rachael Johnson

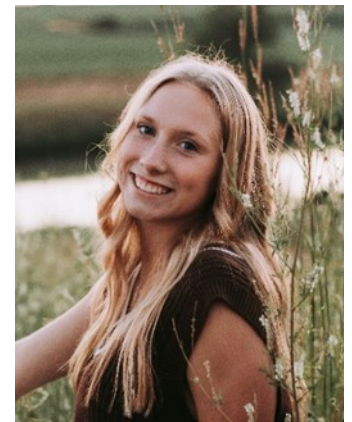


After graduating from Watertown High School, Adicyn is undecided about her plans for the future.

Her favorite memory of Grace includes "lock-ins."

Brianna Johnson

Daughter of Bradley & Angela Johnson



Following graduation, Brianna will be attending the University of Nebraska in Lincoln for forensic science. Her favorite memories of Grace are: "All of the church camps at Joy Ranch and all of the lock-ins!"

Christopher Park

Son of Chester Jr. & Nikole Park

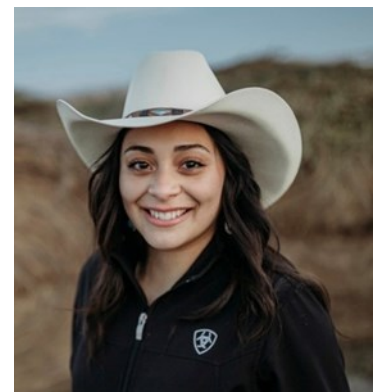
After graduating from Watertown High School Christopher will attend Dakota State University at Madison, SD for Cyber Operations. His favorite memories at Grace are "making new friends and meeting new people at the confirmation classes."



Clarissa Ruiz-Raigoza

Daughter of Gladys Raigoza Lara & Jose M. Ruiz-Ochoa

After graduation from Watertown High School Clarissa is planning to attend Inver Hill Community College in Minnesota to pursue a Business degree. The Posada was a great memory of Grace "and one I will always remember."



Ethan Aichele-Bohling

Son of Aaron Bohling & Kristen Aichel

Samantha Berg

Daughter of Jason & Tanizha Berg

Lane Brandenburger

Son of Gene & Gretchen Brandenburger

Keegan Carter

Son of Heather Carter

Kali Gasper

Daughter of Tyler & Krisha Gasper

Jaydon Morris

Son of Dondra & Jason Morris

Dylan Norgaard

Son of Darrin & Ashlee Norgaard

Jordan Nygaard

Son of Janelle & Troy Nygaard

Aysia Pahl

Daughter of Alyssa & Tony Pahl

Lilian Revalee

Daughter of Jessica Revalee

***Congratulations Seniors!
From you church family
at Grace Lutheran.***

2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

July 24-28 – 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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: _____				

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CHILDREN'S NAME(s)				
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Grade going to be in this school year	Birth Date
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Any health concerns:

Grace Lutheran Church

Pastor Cheryl: (605) 231-1501
Office Phone: (605) 886-5737

June 2023

Pastor Cheryl Office Hours at Grace
On Wednesdays with various Tuesday's and Thursday's – Call prior to check
You are welcome to Contact Pastor **directly anytime** at 605-237-1501
or E-mail: cheryl@graceclc.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					OFFICE CLOSED 5 pm Wedding Rehearsal	4:30 pm Wedding Of Sandra Reid & Michael Hanks
4 8:30 am Worship 11 am – 1 pm 100 year Birthday Celebration for Phyllis Jongeling 1 pm Service at Edgewood	5 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	6 4 pm Ukraine Volunteers & Committee meeting 4:30 Tops/ Multipurpose Room 6 pm Potluck "Meet and Greet" Igor Tokaiev and family and Refugee families in our community plus time for information and Q & A	7 10:30 am Service at Avartara 11:00 TOPS/Multipurpose Room 6 pm Midweek service 6:30 pm Youth Group Meets 5 pm Grace Executive Committee	8 10:00 am Service at Stonebrook 5pm Finance and Stewardship committee 6 pm Grace Council meeting	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10
11 8:30 – Worship w/ Communion	12 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	13 4:30 Tops/ Multipurpose Room	14 10 am Service at Hi Rise 11:00 TOPS/Multipurpose Room Faith and Family trip to Canaries Game in Sioux Falls	15 Gleanings Deadline 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle	16 OFFICE CLOSED 3 pm Commital service for Allen Kasperson	17 Sew Day in the basement 9 am to 3 pm Fund Raiser Event 11 am to 3 pm for Harper Ewen
18 FATHER'S DAY 8:30 am Worship	19 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	20 9 am Morning Coffee Bible Study 4:30 Tops/ Multipurpose Room 6 pm Outreach Committee	21 10 am Service at Town View 10:30 am Service at Jenkins 11:00 TOPS/Multipurpose Room 6 pm Midweek Worship Service w/Holy Communion 6:30 pm Youth Group Meets 7 pm "Death & Resurrection of the Messiah" Bible Study	22	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24
25 8:30 – Worship w/ Communion 9:30 am – 140th Anniversary Committee meeting	26 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	27 9 am Morning Coffee Bible Study 4:30 Tops/ Multipurpose Room	28 11:00 TOPS/Multipurpose Room 6 pm Midweek Worship Service 6:30 pm Youth Group Meets 7 pm "Death & Resurrection of the Messiah" Bible Study	29	30 OFFICE CLOSED	

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June 18~ 2023

Summer Worship Schedule — Sunday Worship Service at 8:30 am. Wednesday at 6 pm

Important Upcoming Dates

- June 3—4:30 pm Wedding of Sandra Reid and Michael Hanks
- June 4—11 am to 1 pm 100th Birthday Celebration for Phyllis Jongeling
- June 6th—6 pm—Potluck and “Meet & Greet” our Refugee families.
- June 14—Faith and Family Day at the Sioux Falls Canaries game
- June 17—11 am to 3 pm Fundraising Activities for 10 year old Harper Evjen.
- July 8—Mission Trip to Church on the Street in Sioux Falls for Youth and all members
- July 24-28—Vacation Bible School at Grace Lutheran 9:30 am to Noon

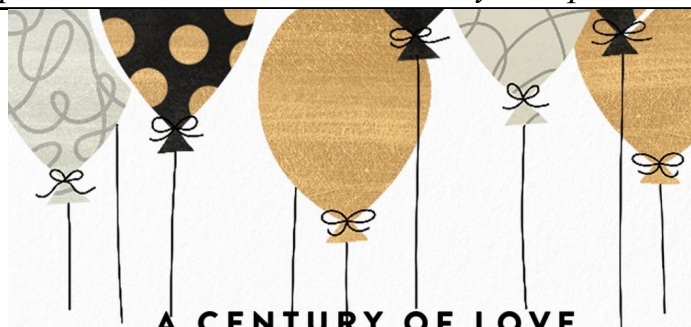
Youth Group meets all Summer

Each Wednesday night at 6:30 pm

Come enjoy fellowship with other youth

Bring your friends—Have a meal!

All 7th thru 12th graders are welcome!



A CENTURY OF LOVE

LET'S CELEBRATE PHYLLIS
(JOHNNY) JONGELING TURNING
100!!

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
202 2ND ST SE
WATERTOWN, SD
JUNE 4TH 11AM-1PM

A LIGHT LUNCH AND CAKE WILL BE SERVED

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND PLEASE SEND A
MESSAGE TO PHYLLIS AT
THEJONGELINGS@GMAIL.COM

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