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GRACE GLEANINGS

Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Several enjoyed the annual Country Gospel Jamboree April 16th Local musicians accompanied by Terry Foster and The Classics

There was Good food—Good Entertainment—Good Fun at the third annual jamboree featuring Terry Foster and the Classic's. The event is a fund raising activity for Grace Lutheran with a delicious meal for purchase to eat in or take out, silent auction and a format for local musicians to gather and perform with a backup band.

Sharing their talents for the third year in a row were Justin and Cory Hansen and Don Armstrong, picture above with the Classics. Other entertainers who performed were Jan Sandbakken, Isaak Montemayor, and Morris Blocker.

See additional pictures on page 7.



Marilyn and Harley Petersen, pictured above, were the "Dinner for Two" winners of the chance drawing in conjunction with the Jamboree. On a \$5.00 chance they won a dinner for two for each month for a year to: Minervas, 2nd Street Station, Guadalajara, Dempseys, Mavericks, El Tapatio, Lone Pine Bar & Grill, Perkins, Harrys, Senor Max's, Watertown Brewing, Applebees. Congratulations Petersens' *Enjoy your meals.*



Bobbi Brown, pictured at left with her daughter Brooklyn, oversaw the serving of the Dinner Church for the pastors attending the Spring Theological at Grace Lutheran on April 11th.

The dinner was the first evening event of the 3-day South Dakota ELCA Synod Spring Theological hosted by the Prairie Coteau Conference for pastor from across South Dakota to gather, hear speakers and presentation, and worship together.

We thank God for all our volunteers who willingly give of their time and talents to be church together and support the mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran Church each and every day.



April 25, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Spring. Where is it?

We wait and wait. Now that the snow is finally melted it would be nice to be outside but the breeze that blows often feels like it's coming off an iceberg.

Our refugee family is experiencing waiting due to corrections that had to be made on their immigration form. There is not a correction document to file, you just must start over and that takes time. Waiting is very difficult. But they have been in difficult situations before, as most of you have been.

It must have been very difficult for the disciples to wait during those three days after Jesus died on the cross wondering what was next before His resurrection. When Jesus returned to "open their eyes" and give them the gift of the Holy Spirit, they found themselves once again waiting, as they watched Him ascend into heaven. It took them a little time to gather their thoughts and move forward even as they watched Him vanish.

¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (Acts 1)

Of course, filled with the Holy Spirit they were like most enthusiastic pastors just coming out of seminary with their newly called placements eager to proclaim the gospel with great joy and excitement to save the world: ²⁰ And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it. (Mark 16)

Waiting is difficult. But at times it is beneficial, especially for our faith. It helps us appreciate the things we wait for and obtain and to realize true value of an object waited for or an opportunity desired.

Waiting strengthens our trust in God. Psalm 27 tells us, ¹⁴ "Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!"

To wait means you believe God hears you and has your best interest at heart, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Waiting provides time to refocus your thoughts and reevaluate your need considering God's will which asks you to serve others by putting their needs above your own.

Our society has made it difficult to wait with internet and cell phones that give immediate answers and fast turn around to receive a desired object before you have time to determine if there is a better solution or more important purpose for your interest.

Pre-telephone times, when people wrote letters and waited for a response, created a cultural advantage for learning to wait in society.

Waiting is beneficial as God may even have something better planned for you as in the song, "Unanswered prayers," by Garth Brooks.

God uses waiting to change you from being impatient, anxious or self-centered, to become humble, thankful, and opens your eyes to the blessings you have already been given, freeing your heart from fears.

It comes as a blessing of faith.

The disciples had to wait for the Holy Spirit to come upon them on the first Pentecost day. When they did, they were filled with faith and trust to proclaim the risen Christ and do His will.

When we wait for God to answer, our faith is strengthened, and we are filled with faith and trust to do God's will, even when that will is not what we hoped for or comes as an unanswered prayer.

Waiting, learning to trust in God and His perfect timing give you a sense of peace. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14)

It is a peace that comes over you, beyond human understanding and pushes the anxiety and fear away.

So today, wait upon the Lord, and you will receive His blessing.

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You! ~ Pastor Cheryl

Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2023

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

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

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Marian Raml and seconded by Rhonda Lorenz. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes for the March 9th, 2023 meeting was made by Dylan Jordan and seconded by Lindsey Moeller. Motion carried.

Items:

Financial Report – Kat Anderson reported the total monthly income to the general fund was \$20,525.10, the weekly giving average was \$5,131, and the average weekly worship attendance was 85 for the month of March. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Sherry Jongeling and seconded by Steve Schlenner. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett continues to visit care centers and assisted living homes. The community lent lunches went well during March. First communion classes were held and 3 children received 1st communion on Maunday Thursday. There were 2 services on Good Friday and 3 on Easter including one in Spanish. Pastor Cheryl got the okay from council to move to one service May 28-September 3rd.

Old Business:

Ukraine Refuge Sponsorship – The family is going to arrive April 30th and the young single man is going to arrive April 27th. We can start moving things into the apartment on the 24th at Noon. Helpers are being sought to help move in.

140th Celebration (Sept. 16th & 17th 2023) – Meeting on April 23 between services

Constitution Update – Mark Briley is going to check with Crystal and Pastor Eric to make sure we are good to go with the next steps, which would be a congregational meeting.

Utilization of Choir/Multipurpose Room – With the approval of the congregation, through the survey, the council motions to approve moving forward with the choir room repurposing with partial funds from the Foundation Capital Improvement grant and partial funds through designated donations. Motion made by LeRoy Bullis, Seconded by Travis Schulz. Passed with a vote. The council also wants to form a group of parents to have input on a possible need for a nursery again and where it should be.

New Business:

New Hire – Josh Casper is starting on Monday April 17th as a full time Youth and Family Director. He comes with a robust background and everyone is excited for him to start.

Worker's Compensation – informed the council that worker's compensation is being utilized due to an injury.

Snow Clearing Contract – The contract with Stadheim is up. Kat Anderson presented the council with a new contract with a 3 year term from them. The rates are remaining the same. Motion made by Dylan Jordan and seconded by Travis Schulz to keep Stadheim. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Education, Youth, & Family – Next meeting will be set up once Josh Casper is settled. Preschool and Sunday School are singing on May 7th. Last day of Sunday School is May 7th.

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Grace Lutheran Financial Report

Contribution Report

Posted Contributions For Period: 01/01/2023 to 03/31/2023

<i>Fund Description</i>	March	Year-to-Date <i>Amount</i>
1 General Fund	15,488.69	53,478.72
3 Christmas Supper	-	30.00
5 Initial Envelope	-	266.00
7 Lent	615.00	665.00
10 Christmas	-	57.00
11 Building Maintenance Donation	-	50.00
12 Missionary Sponsorship		15.00
13 World Hunger	120.00	429.00
17 Altar Flowers	80.00	705.00
18 Radio Broadcast	235.00	875.00
20 Misc. General Fund	5,040.00	7,840.00
21 Loose Offerings	350.49	1,052.06
27 Grace Lutheran Preschool	60.00	120.00
31 Postage Donation	-	5.00
35 Emergency Assistance Fund	130.00	370.00
65 GLCW - Nordefest Plus	-	5.00
76 REFUGEE	2,539.00	2,812.00
*** Facility Use Donation	-	1,200.00
*** Thrivent Choice Dollars	1025.00	1,485.00
*** Misc Fundraising	1428.00	1,745.00
	27,111.18	73,204.78

Expense Report

For Period: 01/01/2023 to
02/28/2023

<i>Description</i>	March	Year-to-Date <i>Amount</i>	Budget
Benevolence	209.08	627.24	2,508.96
Payroll	15,234.49	52,045.45	241,041.25
Office Expenses	1,605.85	3,160.99	18,200.00
Worship	958.45	2,218.45	33,970.00
Alter Guild	27.58	185.27	1,100.00
Education, Stewardship & Management			
	12,319.69	19,983.61	67,100.00
Property	1,367.67	3,701.10	13,000.00
Designated Gifts	678.85	3,111.59	
Total Expenses	32,401.66	85,033.70	

The next Grace Council meeting is 6:00 pm Thursday, May 11
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

<i>Reconciled Account Balance-Gen Fund</i>	
Beginning Balance	\$ 24,731.50
Income	\$ 20,525.10
Expenses(General)	\$ 32,401.66
Ending Balance 3/31/23	\$ 24,731.50

The Mission Committee has chosen Joy Ranch as the Mission of the Month for May

May's Mission of the Month is Joy Ranch of South Dakota is both a non-profit organization and an actual 126 acre ranch located a few miles outside of Watertown, South Dakota on Lake Lyle. It is home to over 20 horses, a flock of ducks, generations of cats, a donkey named Eeyore and two goats. Founded in 1989 by Joy Nelson, the organization's core mission is to help challenged individuals get a chance to meaningfully connect with horses. Typical recipients of this program include everyone from foster children to those with life-altering conditions, disabilities or diseases. Joy Ranch of South Dakota hosts numerous kids camps through out the summer. Activities include pontoon rides, swimming in Lake Lyle, horse drawn wagon rides, trail riding, playing basketball, outdoor games on Main Street, popcorn and movies, smores' around the campfire and lots more.



COUNCIL (continued from pg 3)

Foundation – One more meeting in May. Last meeting they approved the Capital Improvement projects for the church as well as a few others.

Fellowship & Outreach – Marian Raml updated that Law Enforcement Luncheon will be held on May 11th and invitations will go out to Watertown and surrounding counties on April 25th.

Finance & Stewardship – Looking into card readers to have at the church and one to send with for Fruit & Nut sales when they are at vendor shows. QR codes have now been added to the bulletin that brings the person who scans it to glcwn.org/give for online donations. They can choose from a dropdown list and designate a fund to give to including general, youth, memorial, radio & flower, and refugee sponsorship. The Finance committee also would like to move back to counting money on Sundays after church. Kat has instructions written and will train whoever volunteers to do it. Two people should count the money together before Kat does, as this is a standard practice in most churches. There was also discussion of passing the offering plate again and doing training with the confirmation class for it.

Mission – In April they are collecting baby care supplies or monetary donations for the purchase of those things. May's mission of the month is Joy Ranch.

Memorial — Meet every other month-no update.

Preschool – Graduation is set for May 30th with a fundraising meal to follow. Preschoolers will sing on May 7th.

Property – Projects on the horizon – Original Narthex ceiling replacement, parking lot resurfacing, balcony railing solution, choir room repurposing. The Capital Improvement Grant funds will be disbursed among the projects. There will be additional fundraising efforts as needed. The committee is going to look for parking lot contractors. The leak in the Narthex was fixed right away by the roofing company and they will pay for the ceiling to be repainted.

Executive – Hired Josh Casper as new Youth & Family Director. Approved Kat Anderson to be paid a stipend for retirement on the May 15th pay date as it marks 6 months in the role.

Safety – Security cameras have started being installed at entrances of the church.

Steve Schlenner 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.

Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board Meeting, Monday, April 3, 2023

The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board of Directors met on April 3 2023, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

Present: Bonnie Oletzke, Joy Nelson, Larry Picht, Rich Dunn, Will Morlock, Becky Knadle, Krisma Dewitt 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 March 6, 2023 meeting, made by Joy Nelson, seconded by Rich Dunn, motion passed.

Peggy Hulscher reported the financial summary for month ending February 28, 2023. A motion to approve the treasure report was made by Becky Knadle, seconded by Rich Dunn, motion passed.

Rental Property:

Larry reported that all is going well with no vacancies

Review of grant requests that were put on hold.

- Larry Picht made a motion to grant \$7,200 for Ukrainian refugees, seconded by Krisma Dewitt, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Becky Knadle to grant \$3,500 for an office computer and color printer/copier, seconded by Bonnie Oletzke, motion passed with one no vote.
- A motion was made by Larry Picht to grant \$1,400 to the 140th Anniversary Committee, seconded by Joy Nelson, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Becky Knadle to grant \$21,000 to the property committee, seconded by Rich Dunn, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Krisma Dewitt to grant \$2,500 to the Watertown Banquet, seconded by Joy Nelson, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Joy Nelson to grant \$1,000 to Watertown Transit, seconded by Becky Knadle, motion passed.

Report from church staff and council: It was reported that the Easter egg hunt went over well in the church on Palm Sunday. The new sign is working well.

Our next meetings will be May 1, 2023, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church. This will be out last meeting until September, 2023.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rich Dunn and seconded by Lindsay Groon, seconded, motion passed.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Three Youngsters Complete First Communion Classes



Three young people completed their First Communion Classes and partook of communion at the Maundy Thursday, April 6 at Grace Lutheran Church.

Those participating were at left, Genesis Galilea Antunez George, daughter of Eydi and Eli George, below left, Taelee Noreen Edwards, daughter of Robbi and Taylor Edwards, and below right Audrey Renee Anderson, daughter of Kat and Zach Anderson.



Remembering

Denton

Bob Schaefer

April 17, 2023



Jamboree continued...



Pictured left are Denise and Ryan Biller, Elizabeth and Austin along with Darcy Raethz who headed up the Jamboree noon meal cooking burgers and brats on a cold blustery day.

Pictured at right is Jan Sandbakken of Wilmot who came to share her beautiful voice singing a few old time favorites.



Not pictured are Isaak Montemayor leading with guitar and Morris Blocker from Wilmot who provided some polka music on his Ukulele with the Classics to back him up. Thanks to all who took the time to come and share their beautiful music.



Grace Lutheran Church was the site of the SD Synod ELCA Spring Theological Dinner Worship on April 11. Nearly 100 pastors from across the state and visitors attend the first session of the conference as pictured above. The 3 day conference continued at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer.

At right were the youth servers who helped: l to r: Brom Koistinen, Adriene Schulz, Tigh Koistinen, Hannah Kennedy, Colin Sauer, Clarissa Ruiz-Raigoza, and Brooklyn Brown.



A heartfelt thank you to all who helped with the recent events at Grace.

Thank you to the guys and gals who helped with the mid-week Lenten meals – even though we had a lot of chili – it was delicious and very appropriate with our weather in March!

Thank you to the ladies who helped with the caramel rolls on Palm Sunday and those who helped with the Easter egg hunt and face painting. Wasn't it fun to see all the people and all the happiness in the Fellowship Hall? All the work was worth it when a young mother from the neighborhood came with her young daughter to deliver a thank you note for the activities on Palm Sunday. Obviously her heart was touched by Grace reaching out to her family and welcoming them to our church home.

Thank you to all who helped with the Easter Brunch – and those who came! Wasn't it wonderful to share the joy of Easter with your family and friends?

Thank you to the adults – and our wonderful youth – for helping with the Theological Dinner! Together we pulled off a big success!

Thank you to all who made our Country Gospel Jamboree a big success! We didn't have a lot of people, but those who were here had a great time! Thanks to all who helped in the kitchen, who made and/or donated things for the silent auction, and those who sold tickets for the Dinner for 2. Harley Peterson was the winner, and Marilyn said they will enjoy having a "date" night every month. How wonderful! Thank you to those who came, who had lunch with us and who purchased items from the silent auction or who purchased tickets for the Dinner for 2.

And last, but certainly not least, thanks to all who helped prepare and serve the Banquet on the 17th. I heard a lot of compliments from our guests!

Together, we are making Grace Lutheran a vibrant and warm congregation – and people will *want* to come to be a part of it. God Bless all of you! Darlene Bresson

Children enjoy Palms and Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday was an extra joyous occasion at Grace! After regularly scheduled worship at 8:30 with the waving of the palm fronds, children from the community, along with parents and grandparents, gathered in the Fellowship Hall. The air was sweet with excitement for the Easter Egg Hunt! Confirmation and Youth Group students, with leadership of Carol Henrichs and Becky Sprouse, hid tons of eggs for the children to find all over the church. There was a prize for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd most eggs found along with special eggs that could be traded for a small prize such as bubbles or chalk. While the egg hunt was being executed, Darlene Bresson and her team were busy selling caramel rolls as a GLC fundraiser. At the 11am service the Sunday



Receiving the First Place Prize for finding the MOST Easter Eggs was Paysen Boerger.

School children sang and paraded around the sanctuary with their palm fronds. Hosanna!!! It was a wonderful blessing to have the children in church. Thank you to everyone that helped make the event possible, especially the GLC Foundation that sponsored the outreach of



Genesis George at left getting her face painted by Clarissa Ruiz-Raigoza, center, and Kimberly Ruiz-Raigoza, right.



mailed postcard invitations to Watertown residents and Carol Henrichs & Sherry Jongeling for donations of eggs, filler, and prizes!

Kat Anderson

Waving palms in the processional and while singing along with a tiny tot Easter egg hunt in amongst the balloon patch were all part of the fun children had during the Palm Sunday festivities.



Be sure to get your Quilt Block in to be included in the Special 140th Anniversary Quilt to Commemorate Grace

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.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

were received recently and designated for the Grace Lutheran Church General Fund. Thank you to the following people who have directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars:

Jake Bisgard, Art Jelsma, Marcia Jelsman, Lana Norgaard, Leslie Bronson, LeRoy Bullis, Lorraine Christians, Diane Drake, Harold Klucas, Julianne Klucas, Janet Little, Ed Morrison, Sharon Morrison, Eugene Noeldner, Leone Noeldner, Neil Pies, Nina Pies, Dorothy Schooley, Steven Vogt, Scott Bassett, Larry Picht, Karen Riter, Steve Schlenner.

If you have a Thrivent life insurance account you can director your Choice Dollars to Grace Lutheran. Ask your agent for more information.

Memorials and Gifts

To Preschool: From Conda Willaims;

To the Flower Fund: From Conda Williams; From Pastor Cheryl & Scott Basset in loving memory of Joe Rondeau on his 8th heavenly birthday; From Gwen & Fred Peshman in loving memory of Matthew Kuttner; from Donna Johnson in loving memory of her son Chris Johnson on his 2nd heavenly birthday.

To the Radio Fund: From Pastor Cheryl & Scott Bassett in loving memory of Joe Rondeau on his 8th heavenly birthday; In loving memory of Gilbert Kittleson & Jennifer Kittleson from wife and mother Joan Kittleson and family; From Louise McPeek for Laverne's 81st Birthday and his health improvement and for Laverne & Louise's 58th Wedding Anniversary; From the Schmeling Radio Fund in loving memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling.

To the Ukraine Sponsor Fund: From John Sangl; From Dick & Judy Everson; From James & Sharon Goble; From Terry Anderson; From John Sangl;

To General Fund: From AJ Sherrill, A memorial for Bob Schaefer from JoAnn DeBerg; From John Sangl;

To Parking Lot Fund: From Dick & Judy Everson;

To Choir Room Renovation: From Harley Petersen

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.

Changes—Changes—Changes! Life is about Change:

Please update our records to keep you informed!

If you have changed to a cell phone—
please send us your cell phone number

If you have MOVED—
please send us your change of address.

If you have an email or are a snow bird returning after winter—Let us know so we can keep in touch:

605-886-5737 or

Email: gracelc@midconetwork.com

Preschool – 6th Grade

Sunday School - 9:45 am - 10:45 am / Wednesday School – 6pm – 7:30 pm

Join us for Family Worship on Wednesday Nights at 7:00 pm

Noisy Offering / Music / Communion



Last Wednesday School / May 10

Last Sunday School / May 7th

Hope you all have a great summer!!!



Grades 7-12

7:30-9:00 pm

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

Friends are always welcome!!

**Last Youth Group before Summer
May 10th**

Hope you all have a great Summer!!!!

Summer Youth Group meets starting May 31st

**Beginning May 31st Youth Group
will be meeting at 6:30 pm.**

-Come plan the summer—Have a meal—

Enjoy fellowship with other youth

Bring your friends

All 7th thru 12th graders are welcome!

THANK YOU!

A huge Thank you to Becky Sprouse for
leading our Youth the last
couple of years during
some very difficult years.

We are grateful
for your service.

Thank you!

**Pastor Cheryl and Grace
Lutheran Church.**



Tidbits from Grace Preschool



Hello from the classroom!

We did it – we made it to the end of an impressive school year! Last September, I was so unsure of what this school year would look like with it being my 2nd year teaching, but we had THE BEST TIME! We laughed so much and learned new things! The 3-year-old students completed their year and each of my 4/5-year-olds completed their Kindergarten screening – which means we will be celebrating with a Graduation party!



Graduation is coming up extremely fast, we will have it on May 30th from 5:30 to 7:30 with supper to follow for all graduates and their families. The students must be in the room by 5:15 to get ready. We will start in the sanctuary then we will go to the fellow ship hall for supper and dessert! The preschool is asking for donations. Please contact Kat in the office if you wish to help! She has the amounts needed for the party!

Supplies needed for the party:

- Baked goods
- Pasta Salads
- Hamburger (80/20)
- Chips
- Juice
- Monastery donations to other purchase supplies.

Miss Danni has been working hard to get every little detail done before school is all the way done! With this school year ending, we would like everyone to keep in mind that open enrollment is upon us! You can contact the Grace Lutheran Preschool Facebook page or the churches website (under the education tab) to sign up.

Miss Danni wants to take a minute to thank everyone for their continuous support! It's because of you we can run a successful early education program here at Grace Lutheran. The donations, love and support do not go unnoticed, Miss Danni is so appreciative of everything you do for our classroom.

The classroom will be quiet for the summer months, but come fall you will hear bursts of laughter, little feet running in the hall, and lots of music again coming from the room. We wish you all a happy summer! Thanks for everything!

-Miss Danni

Important dates:

May 4th 4s Zoo Day- 8:30am to 3:30pm

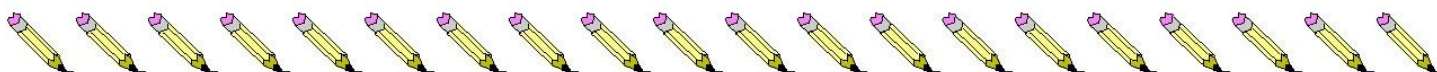
May 5th 3s Zoo Day- 8:45am to 2:20pm

May 7th 11am to 12pm Preschool Sunday (students' program during church).

May 25th 4s last day of school

May 26th 3s last day of school

May 30th Preschool Graduation - 5:30pm to 7:30pm





GROW AT GRACE

GRACE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL WATERTOWN

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

At Grace we are devoted to creating a kind and safe classroom where every child feels loved, valued, and important. In this classroom we make messes, have dance parties and laugh a lot while growing in faith and life. This is our happy place where memories are made and friendships that last a lifetime.

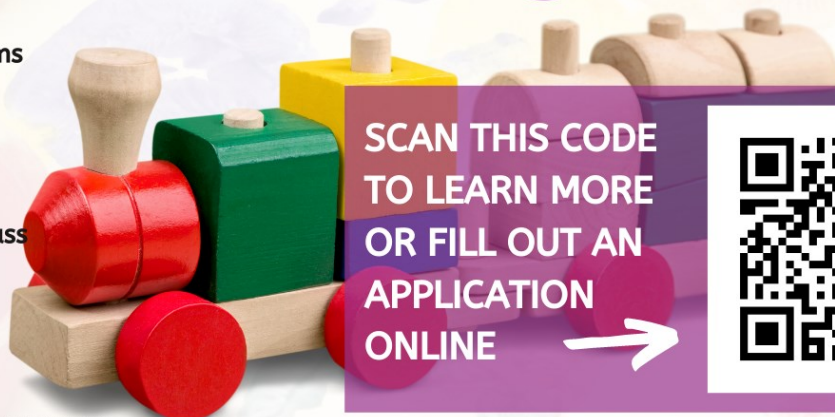
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\$24-\$55/WEEK**

- ✓ 2, 3 & 5 day week programs
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- ✓ Flexible payment options
- ✓ Morning and afternoon class options

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“Keepers of the Kingdom” theme for July Vacation Bible School

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 welcome 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!

Ukraine Refugees Updates

Ihor Pavlovich Tokarev, his wife Lyubov, and children Ramir and Davyd, ages 7 and 10, have been approved to travel to the US but corrections had to be made to their I 134a applications which has delay their departure from Poland. We are working on new arrangements for travel and we hope they will be handled soon and the family will arrive in Watertown.

Many have volunteered household furnishing for the Tokarev family. Their apartment has been furnish and ready for them. Additional donations can still be made to purchase items they may need when they arrive. If you can donate gift cards, or perhaps purchase script through Grace for HyVee, County Fair, or Walmart, that would be very much appreciated.

Any who our like to providing rides for the first couple of weeks is also needed and appreciated. The family will need to make applications at the social security office, school, and work to start out. Lee Gable has volunteered to be a translator when needed.

Vasyl Molod, will arrive on Thursday, April 27th in Minneapolis. He will be staying with Pastor Cheryl and husband Scott at Wilmot to get settled in and he obtains employment.

Two additional families will be coming at a later date. 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.

Updates will be made during the Sunday worship services.

Joshua Casper joins Grace Lutheran staff as Fulltime Youth and Family Director

Joshua Casper joined the staff at Grace Lutheran Church as the full-time Youth and Family Director April 17th. Josh is a member of the South Dakota Army National Guard serving as a military chaplain. He completed a Bachelors degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus on Business and Religion and is currently enrolled in a MDiv program through Liberty University.



Prior to coming to Grace Lutheran, Josh was the Interim Youth and Family Coordinator at First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. He has received training in Behavioral Therapy -Master Resiliency, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills and as a First Responder Chaplin/Peer Support.

He currently lives in Sioux Falls but he and his wife Michaela will be moving to Watertown mid-May.

Josh will be installed as the Youth and Family Director during the 11 am Worship service May 7th. Be sure to come welcome him to Grace Lutheran Church.

Monday Morning Coffee Bible Study

Beginning May 15 at 9 o'clock
Have Coffee with Josh, Youth & Family Director
each Monday morning as you study the text for
the upcoming Sunday.

Bring your Bibles—Bring your Friends.
All are welcome ~ in the Conference Room

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: _____				

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)			Grade going	
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	to be in this school year	Birth Date
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Any health concerns:

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: _____			

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** _____

ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE (REQUIRED) _____

MEMBER? YES NO (please circle one) If not would you like to become a Member? YES NO

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

CHILDREN'S NAME(s)

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

M or F _____

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

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

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

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOTE the changed dates for Communion for May due to Pastor gone on the 14th.	1 5:30 pm Foundation Meeting 5:30 pm BANQUET	2 6 pm Preschool Committee meeting 4:30 Tops/Multipurpose Room	3 10:30 am Service at Avantara 11:00 TOPS/Multipurpose Room 6 pm Wednesday school 7 pm Midweek service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets 5 pm Grace Executive Committee	4 NOON Service for NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2 pm Rostered Ministers Zoom Meeting 6 pm Senior Meal w/Pastor	5 Home School 8 am to Noon OFFICE CLOSED 1 pm Service for Amanda Raider at Wright Comes Funeral Chapel	6 <div> Pastor Cheryl Off May 13-14th </div>
7 PRESCHOOL SUNDAY 8:30 am Traditional Worship 9:30 AM – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 Sunday school 11 am Worship Preschool Sunday & Children Singing w/ installation of Josh Casper (youth & family) 1 pm Service at Edgewood COMMUNION THIS SUNDAY	8 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	9 Noon – Watertown Ministerial Association Meets at Hy-Vee 4 pm Ukraine Volunteers & Committee meeting 4:30 Tops/ Multipurpose Room 6 pm Outreach & Fellowship committee meets 6 pm English 2 nd Language class meets for Refugees	10 10 am Service at Hi Rise 11:00 TOPS/Multipurpose Room 6 pm Wednesday school 7 pm Midweek Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets	11 10:00 am Service at Stonebrook 5pm Finance and Stewardship committee 6 pm Grace Council meeting	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13 <div> Pastor Cheryl Off May 13-14th </div>
14 MOTHER'S DAY 8:30 – Worship/Jack Holmquist Supply 9:30 am – Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am – 140 th Anniversary Meeting 11 am Worship/Jack Holmquist Supply NO COMMUNION	15 Gleanings Deadline 9 am Coffee Bible Study 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	16 PCC Pastor meet 4:30 Tops/ Multipurpose Room 6 pm English 2 nd Language class meets for Refugees	17 10 am Service at Town View 10:30 am Service at Jenkins 11:00 TOPS/Multipurpose Room 7 pm Midweek Worship Service NO Youth Group Meets	18 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle Law Enforcement/ First Responders Luncheon 11 am to 1 pm Committee Service for Arden Hanson at Hayti Noon	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20
21 SENIOR RECOGNITION DAY 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am – Coffee Fellowship 11 am Worship Service w Senior Recognition. COMMUNION THIS SUNDAY Bike Blessing Sunday Meal at Noon/ Blessing at 12:30	22 9 am Coffee Bible Study 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	23 4:30 Tops/ Multipurpose Room 6 pm English 2 nd Language class meets for Refugees	24 11:00 TOPS/Multipurpose Room 4 pm BeFriends meeting 6 pm Education Committee meeting 7 pm Midweek Worship Service NO Youth Group Meets.	25 <div> Pastor Cheryl Off May 22nd – 23rd </div>	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND <i>Start of summer worship schedule</i> 8:30 am Worship	29 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	30 4:30 Tops/ Multipurpose Room 5:30 – 7:30 pm Preschool Graduation and fund raiser meal	31 11:00 TOPS/Multipurpose Room 7 pm Midweek Worship Service 7:30 pm Youth Group Meets.	Pastor Cheryl Office Hours at Grace By 10 am Tuesday thru Thursday - Work from Home Monday You are welcome to Contact Pastor directly anytime at 605-237-1501 or E-mail: cheryl@gracelc.com or midconetwork.com		

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May 14 ~ 2023

Summer Worship Schedule begins May 28th—One Worship Service at 8:30 am.

Important Upcoming Dates

Due to Pastor being gone on the 14th NOTE the dates for
Communion services on the calendar

- May 4th—National Day of Prayer Service at
Noon in the Sanctuary
6 pm Senior meal with the Pastor
- May 7th – Preschool Sunday AND Wednesday/
Sunday school children singing at the 11 am
service with Installation of Youth and Family
Director Josh Casper
- May 14th – Mother's Day
Pastor Off – Jack Holmquist supply
- May 15th—9 am Coffee and Bible Study with
Josh Casper—All are Welcome!
- May 21st - Senior Recognition Sunday
NOON meal followed by Blessing of the Motor-
cycles at 12:30 pm
- May 28th – Pentecost Sunday—wear RED!
Summer worship schedule begins
One Service at 8:30 am.
- May 30—5:30—7:30 Preschool Graduation
- May 31—6 pm Summer Midweek Worship
6:30 pm Summer Youth Group meets

Blessing of the Motorcycles

In the Parking Lot of
Grace Lutheran Church
*202 Second Street SE,
Watertown, South Dakota*

~ May 21st ~

There will be a Noon meal
& Blessing at 12:30 pm
After the Blessing, there will be
a ride around Lake Kampeska.

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