



# GRACE GLEANINGS

Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter

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*November, 2023*

## “Got it at Grace” Fall Craft/Vendor Fair expands hours for Saturday November 4th

Thirty crafters and vendors will be set up for shopping at the annual “Got it at Grace” Fall Craft/Vendor Fair on Saturday November 6th from 9 am to 4 pm. The fair will be one hour longer this year to provide more shopping time. The Gift Shoppe, the Jewelry Store, and Grandma’s Attic of Grace Lutheran will be open.

Other booths secured for the day include: Tastefully Simple; Denise Thingelstad with paper crafts; Randy & Deb Bailly with wood items; Jewelry by Julie with hand crafted jewelry, crocheted scrubbies; Prairie Stix & Mama B's with home décor & Christmas décor; Creative Crafts of SD with hand burned wood clocks, crochet “critters”; Scented Creations with candles, soap, car fresheners & was melts; Super Sew with travel pillowcases, notebook covers, cozies, kitchen & baby items; Watertown Flowers with fresh flowers, fall décor; Christine Smith with sweater mittens, handwoven rugs; Tina's Crafts & Color Street with holiday signs, towels, color street; Scentsy; Signature Home Style; Jennifer Boyce with suncatchers, earrings, Afghans, crochet bags, magnets, hats; Kiddin' Around with handmade doll clothes & children’s

## Saturday is the 34th Annual Nordefest Plus

The 34th annual Nordefest Plus is this Saturday, October 28th at Grace Lutheran Church. If you love Scandinavian food including lefse, you’ll need to get here early. Doors are open from 9:30 am until 1 pm. The many volunteers of Grace have been busy baking and making the traditional delights for several weeks to provide for this annual event.

Besides great ethnic food, there will be concessions that feature caramel rolls first thing in the

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clothing & accessories; Ultra Designs with handmade jewelry; Giggles & Grins; Paparazzi; Jewelry; Creative Treasures with lanterns, mason jars, clay pots, dice snow people; Kathleen's Kitchen with baked goods & candy; Sandi Benthin with hanging dish towels; Made by Moen with woodworking, signs, shirts, glass etching; Pampered Chef; and Giggles & Grins with gnomes, fall & Christmas crafts.

The Craft Vendor Fair is a great way to shop locally for all those Christmas decorations and presents without the hassle of delivery issues.

Concessions will be available through out the day. On the menu will be chili, ham sandwiches, fruit salad and apple crisp just to name a few items.



## We Thank God for Our Volunteers!

After boxing up the Lutheran World Relief kits and quilts, they were hauled up to the hallway to await the LWR truck on Sunday, October 1. The many boxes were then hauled out to the semi awaiting on the street to loading with the help of a number of volunteers of all ages. Several other congregations brought their boxes to Grace to load and all helped each other on a rather hot day. **Thank you to all who helped with this important mission of God’s Work, Our Hands project.**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1*

The ELCA National Youth Gathering will be held next July in New Orleans for thousands of young people across the US. The Youth Gathering has been listed as "A Life Changing Faith Formation Event" of the ELCA over the years. A number of our youth will be going. Registration is due as I write so I don't have the total number yet.

What does it mean to be the church together for young high school students?

As youngsters, they come to Wednesday and Sunday school with others who attend. They develop friendships and get to know one another in a new way.

They attend worship services with their families to noticing others and fulfilling their requirements for confirmation ushering and as an acolyte.

But how do they understand what it is to be church together?

For that matter – what is it to be the community of believers and why is it important?

Galatians 6:2 tells us: *"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."*

As adults, we know how important that is when we lose a loved one, or devastation hits and takes everything we have. The church comes around us to support, comfort, and encourage us in our time of need. Hopefully young people do not have those experiences.

Hebrews 10 says: *"<sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

Meeting together is a way to encourage each other, and young people love to chat about all that is happening in their lives on youth group nights. For them, so much has happened from experiencing shutdowns from a pandemic, the ultra-competitive pressure of achieving, the increased rate of anxiety and threats of terrorism and violence, to hearing about the invasion of Ukraine and now the war in Israel. It's hard to be provoked to love when you are living in a world of fear, anxiety and mixed messages over social media.

Hebrews understood what therapist today use to help teens during trying times: talk therapy. According to a 2021 article *What is Teen Counseling?* in Family Therapy by Kathryn Rudling, LCSW, it explains how talking helps teens "understand and express their feelings, identify and solve problems and develop healthy coping mechanisms."

Adults who have long conversations over beverages with friends or family members know they feel better once they vent or get something off their chest. It is the encouragement we naturally need and the reason God created community for His people.

At the Youth Gathering, our youth will experience many things, meet new people, and create life-long friendships. There will be discussions and thought-provoking speakers. They will be made aware of the differences and similarities we find in the people of the world through daily themes of action, awareness, and advocacy that they can then talk about.

*"Action projects could be painting something, cleaning up a park or performing other physical work. Advocacy projects could be neighborhood organizing, community building or working with global partners such as ELCA World Hunger. Awareness projects could be diving into New Orleans culture and learning how food, history and music tie into the community."* (ELCA materials.)

It will be a long bus trip there and several days of activities where they will meet together, eat together, and worship together, as the early church made a habit of. (Acts 2: 46-47)

This trip will require a lot of support for the youth, their families, and the adult leaders who go, emotionally as well as financially. The first fund raiser will be held on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> with a Breakfast brunch from 9 to 11 am. I hope you will plan to attend and offer that encouragement in whatever way you are able for as Paul writes to the Romans:

*"<sup>45</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>46</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."* (15)

Let us pray the experience of the National Youth Gathering will be a good and pleasant time of learning about how God's people live together in unity, loving one another and living for Christ in community.

*Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You!*

*Pastor Cheryl*

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

Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council Meeting on Thursday October 12, 2023

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday October 12th, 2023, at 6pm with Mark Briley presiding. Also present: Adam Wientjes, Dylan Jordan, LeRoy Bullis, Terra Koistinen, Travis Schulz, Lindsey Moeller, Ted Frost, Steve Schlenner, Kelly Evjen, Ronda Lorenz, Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, and Kat Anderson. Absent: Sherry Jongeling, JoAnn Spartz

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Adam Wientjes and seconded by Dylan Jordan. Motion carried. Adam Wientjes motioned to approve the minutes; Rhonda Lorenz seconded. Motion carried.

## Items:

**Financial Report** – Kat Anderson reported the total monthly income to the general fund was \$22,499, the weekly giving average was \$4,300, and the average weekly worship attendance was 76 for the month of September. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Adam Wientjes and seconded by Kelley Evjen. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report** –Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett continues to visit care centers and assisted living homes. She had 2 home visits, 1 Baptism, 1 funeral, and continues to teach confirmation and do the opening for Wednesday and Sunday School.

## Old Business:

Open Council Seats-There is still an open council seat. We also need to start thinking of those whose term ends in January to fill their seats.

Upcoming Budget- The 1<sup>st</sup> Draft of the budget was presented. Kat Anderson instructed the council to take it home and look it over and to come back with any recommendations before the next meeting in November.

Negotiations/Evaluations – The task force met and came up with numbers for the increase for salary. An increase to Kat Anderson's salary was motioned by Dylan Jordan and seconded by Lindsey Moeller. Increase to Pastor Cheryl's compensation package was motioned by Steve Schlenner and seconded by Rhonda Lorenz.

## New Business:

Volunteer Appreciation – A note of appreciation was signed by members of the council

Church Services-We will stay at 2 services in the Winter. For Christmas eve there will be no morning service but a 4pm & 6pm Candlelight service. Christmas day there will be a 10am service. New Year's Eve will also have 1 10am service.

150<sup>th</sup> Fund-There is money left over from the 140<sup>th</sup> Grant that was received from the Foundation. The Foundation would like us to invest it for the next celebration rather than return the money. Dylan Jordan motioned that Kat Anderson is to open an investment account in the church's name for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Terra Koistinen seconded. Motion carried.

## Committee Reports:

**Education, Youth, & Family** – The Christmas program has been picked out to be performed on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm with a reception to follow. Pastor Cheryl gave an update on the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Lindsey is going to come talk to the kids this week as that is where she attended the Youth Gathering when she was in youth group.

**Foundation**-Foundation would like Grace Lutheran to invest the leftover funds from the 140<sup>th</sup> for the 150<sup>th</sup>.

**Fellowship & Outreach** – Trunk or Treat on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm. Need members of the church to decorate trunks and

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# Grace Lutheran Financial Report

## Contribution Report

Posted Contributions For Period: 01/01/2023 to 09/31/2023

<i>Fund Description</i>	<b>September</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b> <i>Amount</i>
1 General Fund	20,001.32	151,887.88
3 Christmas Supper	-	30.00
5 Initial Envelope	-	277.00
7 Lent	-	2,437.00
8 Easter	-	710.00
10 Christmas	-	57.00
11 Building Maintenance Donation	-	50.00
12 Missionary Sponsorship	-	50.00
13 World Hunger	90.00	1,090.00
17 Altar Flowers	80.00	1,385.00
18 Radio Broadcast	320.00	1,860.00
20 Misc. General Fund	1,085.00	10,090.00
21 Loose Offerings	1,116.00	3,804.21
26 Lutheran Outdoors	-	120.00
27 Grace Lutheran Preschool	70.00	480.00
31 Postage Donation	-	5.00
35 Emergency Assistance Fund	130.00	985.00
65 GLCW - Nordefest Plus	-	5.00
76 REFUGEE	500.00	6,851.50
77 Mission of the Month	-	85.00
Education	-	40.00
Wednesday Night Meals	291.00	491.00
*** Facility Use Donation	-	2,875.69
*** Thrivent Choice Dollars	-	1,722.00
*** Misc Fundraising	-	4,500.96
	<b>23,683.32</b>	<b>191,889.24</b>

### Expense Report

For Period: 01/01/2023  
to 09/31/2023

<i>Description</i>	<b>September</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b> <i>Amount</i>	<b>Budget</b>
Benevolence	209.08	1,672.64	2,508.96
Payroll	14,221.53	151,413.46	241,041.25
Office Expenses	1,563.85	9,702.43	18,200.00
Worship	660.00	7,266.48	33,970.00
Alter Guild	11.45	230.28	1,100.00
Education, Stewardship & Management	2,334.49	41,581.72	67,100.00
Property	155.03	9,252.44	13,000.00
Designated Gifts	1,285.53	33,855.23	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>20,440.96</b>	<b>254,974.68</b>	

### Reconciled Account Balance-Gen Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 5,328.93
Income	\$ 23,010.12
Expenses(General)	\$ (20,440.96)
<b>Ending Balance 9/31/23</b>	<b>\$ 7,898.09</b>

## Thank you



**The next Grace Council meeting is  
6:00 pm Thursday,  
November 9th**

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



### QUILTERS ARE WANTED!

The Dorcas quilters invite you  
to join them in making quilts  
and fellowship on Monday afternoons  
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 cut-  
ting 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.**



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hand out candy.

**Finance & Stewardship** – Presented the budget, spoke about Fruit & Nut fundraiser doing so well.

**Preschool** – Met on October 10<sup>th</sup>. A good meeting and discussed fundraisers.

**Property** – LeRoy called Mack Concrete to make sure we are still on their list. We are but are low on it because it is an indoor job.

**Safety** – An accident on the property has been reported and an incident report was turned in to insurance.

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

Dylan Jordan motioned to adjourn the meeting; Gena Urevig seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Anderson

### Dried Fruits, Nuts & Candy

are Available anytime in the office at Grace with a wide variety to choose from as well as munchies and several kinds of candies. Stop by and check it out from 9 am to 4 pm Mon—Thurs & Wed evening until 7 pm and available during Nordefest Plus and the Fall Craft/Vendor Fair. We now have a credit card machine for your convenience.

*Watertown Fruit by Grace  
proceeds go to General Fund*

### Welcome to the Family of God!



October 22, 2023

Rylee Renae  
Schimmel

### Remembering

~ Charles "Chuck" Pedersen ~

October 2, 2023

~ Dorothy Schooley ~

October 20, 2023



### Committals

Michael G. Beck  
October 12, 2023

Donna Mae Schultz  
October 19, 2023

## Christmas Shopping made easy with Scrip Gift Cards

If you regularly purchase Gift Cards for Birthdays or Christmas, you can purchase them through Grace Lutheran and support Grace. Each time your purchase Scrip – Grace receives between 3 to 5% or more of the amount for the general fund. We have gift cards available for Walmart, County Fair, Hy-Vee, Target, Applebee's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Pizza Ranch and Starbuck. If you have others you generally purchase, just ask Kat who will be happy to order them for you. Scrip is a great fundraiser for the Grace Lutheran mission plan. Please consider using them for your next purchases. The cards can be bought after the service or anytime at the office 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Thursday and until 7 pm on Wednesday.

### Memorials and Gifts

**To the Flower Fund:** In loving memory of Edward Williams, twin brother of Edwin Williams from Linda Williams; In honor of Pat in what would have been their 55th Anniversary from Will Morlock; in honor of Loren's heavenly birthday on the 17th from Marlene Holzwarth; In loving memory of our mother, Irene Anderson from Diane Hanson from her children Harry, Diane, Rick & Dixie;

**To the Radio Fund:** In loving memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling" from the Schmeling Radio Fund; In honor of Pat in what would have been their 55th Anniversary from Will Morlock

**To Wednesday Meal:** From the Grace Foundation

**To the Emergency Assistance Fund:** A Gift from Bonnie Oletzke; A Gift from Dee Haugan.

**To the Memorial Fund:** In memory of Dorothy Schooley from Art & Marcia Jelsma.

## **Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 2nd, 2023**

The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board of Directors met on October 2, 2023, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

Present: Bonnie Oletzke, Becky Knadle, Joy Nelson, Larry Picht, Rich Dunn, Will Morlock, 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 September 5th, 2023 meeting, made by Joy Nelson, seconded by Rich Dunn, motion passed.

Peggy Hulscher reported the financial summary for month ending August 31, 2023. A motion to approve the treasure report was made by Larry Picht, seconded by Becky Knadle, motion passed.

Rental Property:

Larry reported that all is going well with no vacancies. The water leak with 525 2<sup>nd</sup> St SE has been repaired.

Update on the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

All went well. It was recommended that the profits from the 140<sup>th</sup> be put into an investment account for the 150<sup>th</sup>.

Foundation Sunday will be November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Report from church staff and council:

Nordfest will be October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Vendor Fair will be November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

New members will be introduced on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 with a pot luck to follow.

Our next meetings will be Monday, November 6th, 2023, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rich Dunn and seconded by Joy Nelson, motion passed. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

### **Grace Mission Committee gathers support in several ways**

Matthew 28:19 says to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" The Grace Lutheran Mission Committee gathers support for several local and international missions, not just through the Mission of the Month.

#### **MISSION COMMITTEE FUND RAISERS**

##### **PENNYS FOR MISSION**

If you have pennies left over from various shopping expenditures, and would like to unload them, the Pennys for Mission Can will be in the Narthex to drop them in or you can drop them off at the office. The penny's eventually do add up and will be used for the various missions of Grace Lutheran Church.

##### **DONATE POP CANS TO MISSIONS**

The Mission Committee has a recycling shed next to the garage at Grace Lutheran. Recycled pop and beverage cans can be dropped unbagged in the small building for the committee to take to recycling. If you have a large bag full of cans, they can be placed between the garage and the recycling house. The funds received from recycling goes to support the missions of the Grace Lutheran Mission Committee.

##### **Mission Of the Month**

Each month the Mission Committee selects a different opportunity to highlight as a mission. For October they have selected Coats and Snow Pants for the Mission of the Month for October. Coats for children will be taken to the school to have spare coats available for those who do not have one. Adults coats will be given to Access Ministries to be given to those in need. If you have a coat or snow pants you no longer need and would like to donate it, please drop it off in the food drive tub by the front door. For November, the Mission of the month will be: Food Pantry – Beacon and Salvation Army – They have a list of items online of their needs. The October Beacon Center needs are: mac'n' cheese/easy mac; ramen; kids pajamas (newborn–2T; oatmeal; milk (any kind); toilet paper; "trick-or-treat" supplies. You can also go directly to give online on their website. The Salvation Army will have an online sign up for bell ringers. They also take donated goods and food shelf items as well as a need for volunteers.



## Three local officers attend the Faith and Blue forum October 8th

Cpl. Cody Trumm, Captain Steve Rehorst and Officer Chad Stricherz of the local Law Enforcement of Watertown were at Grace during the 9:30 am coffee in Fellowship Hall Sunday, October 8th, for the *Faith and Blue* Forum event. This is the third year the forum has been held in conjunction with a national effort to reinforce connections and build bridges to more inclusive communities.

Faith & Blue is based on the premise that strong communities are built through mutual respect and understanding. Law enforcement and faith institutions are key pillars of each community, and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive.

During the forum they answer several questions of those attending and share statistics and activities of the department. The forum was well attended and enjoyed by many.



## NORDEFEST PLUS (continued from pg 1)

morning with pulled pork sandwiches, barbeques, homemade vegetable beef soup and homemade Knefla, along with homemade pies available for lunch.

Entertainment is featured throughout the day. Bake Sales items will be available in the morning. Egg Rolls must be ordered ahead by calling the office.

Shopping opportunities are also available during the day at the Gift Shoppe, Jewelry Store, and Grandma's Attic in the basement (which opens at 8 am). The Jewelry Store has a huge variety of handbags, watches, necklaces, bracelets, rings, brooches, earrings, scarves, neckties, belts and so much more.

Nordefest Plus is held annually the last Saturday of October at Grace Lutheran Church.

## NATIONAL DAY OF GIVING is NOVEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> You can Give online at [glcwn.org](http://glcwn.org)

National Day of Giving takes place on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, which occurs every fourth Thursday of November. This year, it takes place on November 28. You can make a one time gift offering to Grace Lutheran Church using our website tool. Look for the tab named Giving at [glcwn.org](http://glcwn.org). This enables you to give financial gifts online, one time, monthly or on a recurring gift, anytime, from anywhere. On the Giving page, you may chose an account to give to and enter the amount. You can also provide gift details in the memo for a memorial, in celebration of, or if an appreciation gift for a memorial or a special designation. Please include the processing fee so it is not be charged to the church. You will be asked to confirm all the information before processing.

There are several accounts listed: National Youth Gathering, Flower, Radio, Memorial, Parking Lot, Refugee, Multi-Purpose, or you can give to the General Fund.

\$100

Fund

NOLA Youth Gathering Fund

Frequency

One-time

Weekly

Monthly

Every 15

+

Split your gift

Give to more than one fund

Continue to give \$100.00



## God's Work Our Hands Day Used to Support Lutheran World Relief

The faithful work of Dorcas Quilters once again provided many items for Lutheran World Relief to make Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits, School Kits and so many quilts. Dorcas members come every Monday to tie, serge, and welcome any who would like to join them. Donations are given to help make quilts and kits for LWR including sheets and blankets, fabric, t-shirts, school supplies, towels, soap, tooth brushes, and on and on. Hours are spent sewing tops and cutting blocks for hundreds of different quilt pieces. For 2023 it included:

- 347 quilts
- 145 school kits
- 103 baby care kits
- 75 personal care kit

Many volunteers gave of their time on a hot Sunday afternoon, October 1 to haul and load the semi. Some are pictured at right and on page one.

From here the items go to areas where there have been natural disasters, refugee camps, and areas of extreme poverty. In 2018, the baby care kits and personal care kits went to Nicaragua and Guatemala. In 2019 our quilts went to Burkina Faso (a country in Western Africa, close to Mali, Ghana, Liberia), and in 2020 our baby care kits went to Ecuador. It takes quite a while for the quilts and kits to show up on the LWR report of where they have been sent.



**Planning a trip for the winter—Attending activities and unable to attend Worship?**  
**You can still give to Grace with auto payments from your bank— just fill out the form Below!**

### AUTHORIZATION FOR

### SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Customer Id #</b> _____		<b>DATE</b> _____	
<b>Effective date of authorization:</b> ____/____/____			
<b>Type of authorization:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change payment amount <input type="checkbox"/> Change payment date <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic payment			
Last Name _____		First Name _____	
Address _____			
City _____		State _____	Zip _____
Email Address _____			
<b>Payment Frequency:</b> ? one-time    ? Recurring (select one)-    ? Weekly ? Monthly ? Annual ? Other _____			
Date of one time payment: ____/____/____ Amount : \$ _____			
Date of first payment: ____/____/____    Amount of recurring payment: \$ _____			
<b>CHECKING / SAVINGS</b>	Please debit payment from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (staple a voided check below)		<b>Routing Number:</b> _____ <b>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</b>  <b>Account Number:</b> _____ <div style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">             1234567890123 1234567890123              Routing Number      Account Number      Check Number           </div>
	I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.  Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____		

*If using a checking account, please attach a voided check over the credit card section.*



# Nordefest Plus is SATURDAY- October 28th!

Sponsored by the Grace Lutheran Church Women.

***Lefse is made and ready for sale beginning at 9:30 am.***

Lefse demonstration will also be going on during the morning in Fellowship Hall.

***Stop by and learn how to roll out the dough!***



**Oooey – Gooney Caramel Rolls  
9:30 am til they are GONE!**

Other items for purchase include: Rosettes,  
Donuts, and baked sale items.  
Then stay for Concessions including: chili, ham sandwiches,  
fruit salad, apple crisp and so much more!

**Don't miss those delicious caramel rolls  
available at the opening of the event until Gone!**



## **Start your Christmas Shopping at the Grace Jewelry Store**

The Jewelry Store will be Open on October 28th from 9:30 am to 1 pm during Nordefest Plus and again on November 4th during the Craft Vendor Fair.

A large selection of jewelry is available as well as hand bags, watches, necklaces, bracelets, rings, belts, brooches, earrings, scarves, neckties and more.

**Be sure to stop at the Grace Jewelry Store in the first Classroom during Nordefest Plus from 9:30 am to 1 pm**

## **Looking for a Unique Gift Look in Grandma's Attic!**



Grandma's Attic has everything from cups to plates, craft items and crafters books, a variety of baskets, picture & frames and So Many Christmas decorations! Take the elevator to the basement of Grace Lutheran.

**Stop at Grandma's Attic from 8 am to 1 pm.**

**And again during the November 4th Craft Vendor Fair**



## **Gift Shop is open at Nordefest!**

The Gift Shop will be open 9:30 am to 1 pm during Nordefest Plus in the lower level of the classrooms. They have available Home-crafted gifts, quilts, gift baskets, hand towels, dish towels, dish rags, scrubbers, craft items, table runners, and linens of yesteryear. Home-crafted items make wonderful gifts and help support this great fund-raiser!

***Be sure to stop by to find that unique and special gift you are looking for on your Christmas list.***

## **Changes—Changes Life is about Change:**

Please update our records to keep you informed! If you have changed to a cell phone—If you have MOVED—If you are a snow bird leaving for the winter, please let us know so we can keep in touch. Email your change of address to: [gracelc@midconetwork.com](mailto:gracelc@midconetwork.com) or call 605-886-5737.



# Notes and News from Grace Lutheran Preschool

Hello!

It has been another amazing month with the preschoolers! This month we have been learning about fall and pumpkins! We also have been learning a letter per week, so this month we worked on D-F!

We are all very excited to dress up for Halloween and to celebrate together as a class! We are also excited to decorate pumpkins!

We still have a variety of things on our Amazon Wishlist if you feel called to donate!

[Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

We also still have spots available in all classes! If you are interested please talk to Miss Maia or Kat for more information!



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## ***“Created to Be” Filling and Nutritious***

**On the menu:**  
Pancakes and Syrup  
Egg Bake—Sausage  
Hash Brown Potatoes  
Ham—Muffins  
Yogurt w/Fruit  
And more!



The Youth of Grace Lutheran going to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July, 2024 are holding a Fund Raising Breakfast Brunch on Sunday morning—November 5th from 9 am to 11 am.



**All Youth grade 7th thru 12th are encouraged to gather each Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Youth Room**  
**Come early for a meal 5:30—6:15 pm—Dinner Church at 6 pm**  
**OR Just Hangout from 6:30 to 7:30**  
**Bring your friends—Enjoy fellowship with other youth**

## Youth Planning Trip to Youth Gathering in New Orleans

Every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the National ELCA Youth Gathering.

The theme for the 2024 Gathering, is “Created to Be,” centered on Psalm 139:14. We have been created to be ourselves. Created by the Holy One. Since the last time the ELCA came together for an ELCA Youth Gathering, our young people have experienced several major life events. Still today, we are experiencing an ongoing public health crisis mixed with an economic and political crisis. However, we can rest assured that we are created to be in relationship with one another.

The Gathering’s mission of faith formation in young people is central to the Gathering. Our goal is to create environments and opportunities for faith formation through worship, interactive learning, Bible study, service and fellowship. While some of the experiences can be replicated at home, some are unique and special to the Gathering because of the size and scope of this ministry.

There are five core goals that we have for this ministry: affirmed & challenged in their faith, experience new perspectives, ponder their vocation, bond with their congregational group, and learn more about the ELCA and our partners.

Several Youth from Grace Lutheran are currently registering to attend the Gathering. Congregations throughout the Prairie Coteau Conference are chartering busses to travel together. Youth are planning their first fund raising event on Sunday morning, November 5th with a brunch in Fellowship Hall from 9 to 11 am. We invite and encourage you to attend and support their efforts for the trip.



## Students pack up the kits for LWR

Confirmation students along with fifth and sixth graders Wednesday school students and their teachers came to help put together the Lutheran World Relief kits and box them up, then moved them up to the hallway on Wednesday September 27th.

**Pictures l to r back front row: Audrey Anderson, Alizon Lima, Maria Lima, Carolann Clausen, Ollyver DeHaan, Noah Anderson, Vanessa Anderson. Back row: Pastor Cheryl Bryn Koistinen, Allison Henrichs, Melody Schulz, Olivia Anderson, Broolyn Brown, Soren Bisgard, Jensen Wientjes, and Brooke Henrichs.**



## Thank you!

Grace Lutheran Church  
 Sponsored a Blood Drive  
 on October 13th

American Red Cross  
 reported

There were 27 donors  
 4 first time donors  
 31 unites collected  
 93 potential lives saved.  
 The next Blood Drive  
 will be 11 am to 5 pm  
 Tuesday, December 12.

*One single blood dona-  
 tions can help save more  
 than one life.*



# "GOT IT AT GRACE"

## Fall Craft and Vendor SALE

We have  
extended the  
shopping time  
one extra hour

Grace Lutheran Church,  
202-2nd Street SE, Watertown

**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

### Great Place for Christmas Shopping

*Booths Include: Tastefully Simple; Denise Thingelstad with paper crafts; Randy & Deb Bailly with wood items; Jewelry by Julie with hand crafted jewelry, crocheted scrubbies; Prairie Stix & Mama B's – home décor & Christmas décor; Creative Crafts of SD with hand burned wood clocks, crochet "critters"; Scented Creations with candles, soap, car fresheners & wax melts; Super Sew with travel pillowcases, notebook covers, cozies, kitchen & baby items; Watertown Flowers with fresh flowers, fall décor; Christine Smith with sweater mittens, handwoven rugs; Tina's Crafts & Color Street with holiday signs, towels, color street; Scentsy; Signature Home Style; Jennifer Boyce with suncatchers, earrings, Afghans, crochet bags, magnets, hats; Kiddin' Around with handmade doll clothes & children's clothing & accessories; Ultra Designs with handmade jewelry; Giggles & Grins; Paparazzi; Jewelry; Creative Treasures with lanterns, mason jars, clay pots, dice snow people; Kathleen's Kitchen with baked goods & candy; Sandi Benthin with hanging dish towels; Made by Moen with woodworking, signs, shirts, glass etching; Pampered Chef; and Giggles & Grins with gnomes, fall & Christmas crafts.*

**Find all your unique gift needs in one place!**





# Grace Lutheran Church

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## November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> <b>Pastor Cheryl Works on Monday from Home and can be contacted at</b>  605-237-1501 or E-mail: <a href="mailto:cherylgrace@midconetwork.com">cherylgrace@midconetwork.com</a>  <b>Office Hours at Grace</b> ~ Tuesday through Thursday ~ or anytime by appointment. You are welcome to Contact Pastor <b>directly anytime</b> </div>						
<b>5 DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS – FALL BACK!</b> 8:30 – Traditional Worship <b>9 – 11 am Youth Gathering Fund Raiser Brunch</b> 9:45-10:45 am Sunday School 11 am Contemporary Worship 1 pm Service at Edgewood	6 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET meets	7 4:30 Tops/ Basement	8 10:00 am Service at HiRise 11:00 TOPS/ Basement 5 pm Executive Committee meets 5:30 – 6:15 Wednesday Meal 6 pm Dinner Church & Wed school Opening 6:30 pm Wednesday school 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:30 Youth Group	2 10:45 – 1 pm Home Schoolers Meet in Grace 2 pm Rostered Pastor Zoom meeting <div>Set up for the Craft/Vendor Fair</div>	3 OFFICE CLOSED 6 pm Wedding Rehearsal	4 “Got it at Grace” <b>CRAFTVENDOR FAIR</b> 9 am to 4 pm 4 pm Wedding of Lindsey Groon & Scott Moeller
<b>12 FOUNDATION SUNDAY</b> 8:30 – Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion 9:30 am – Coffee Fellowship Service by Grace Foundation 9:45 – 10:45 Sunday School 11 am Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion	13 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	14 4:30 Tops/ Basement Noon – Wtn Ministerial Assn meeting at Hwy 66 6 pm Outreach & Fellowship Committee Meeting	15 <b>Gleanings Deadline</b> 10 am Service at Town View 10:30 am Service at Jenkins 11:00 TOPS/ Basement 5:30 – 6:15 Wednesday Meal 6 pm Dinner Church & Wed school Opening w/ Communion 6:30 pm Wednesday school 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Craft Class - TBA 7:30 Youth Group	16 10:45 – 1 pm Home Schoolers Meet in Grace 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 KAT OFF
19 KAT OFF 8:30 – Traditional Worship 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship w/ 9:45-10:45 am Sunday School 11 am Contemporary Worship 5 pm <b>Thanksgiving Service</b>	20 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters <b>CONFIRMATION STUDENTS</b> serve the banquet 4:30 – 6:30 5:30 pm BANQUET	21 4:30 Tops/ Basement	22 11:00 TOPS/ Basement <b>NO</b> Wednesday evening activities No Dinner Church	23 <b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b> OFFICE CLOSED	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25
26 8:30 – Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:45-10:45 am Sunday School 11 am – Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion <b>Family &amp; Friends Church Decorating for Christmas</b>	27 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	28 4:30 Tops/ Basement	29 11:00 TOPS/ Basement 5:30 – 6:15 Wednesday Meal 6 pm Dinner Church & Wed school Opening 6:30 pm Wednesday school 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:30 Youth Group	30 10:45 – 1 pm Home Schoolers Meet in Grace		

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*Wednesday Evening Dinner Church Service at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall*

**Important Upcoming Dates**

November 4 – Fall Craft & Vendor Fair 9 am to 4 pm  
November 5 – First Communion and All Saints Sunday  
9—11 am Youth Gathering Fund Raising Brunch  
November 12th – Foundation Sunday  
November 15th—Craft Night at 6:30 - TBA  
November 19th – Thanksgiving Service at 5 pm  
November 20th – Confirmation Students Serve the Banquet  
November 22—NO Evening activities  
November 26th – Christmas Decorating after church  
for everyone to help.  
December 3 – Hanging of the Greens Sunday  
December 10 – Children's Christmas Program at 2 pm followed  
by a time for a reception  
December 17th – 6 pm Las Posadas  
December 24th – NO morning service.  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 4 and 6 pm  
December 25th – 10 am Christmas Service followed by delivery  
of the Christmas Dinner  
December 31st—One Service at 10 am.

**Thanksgiving Service**

***Let's Stock the  
Food Pantry Shelves***

Bring items to the 5 pm  
Sunday, November 19th  
Thanksgiving Service to be  
given to the  
Salvation Army Food Pantry.



*Drop them  
in the food  
pantry tub  
by the  
front door!*

***Grace Lutheran Church: God's Grace Experienced Daily***