



# GRACE GLEANINGS

Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter

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## Grace Lutheran Celebrates 140 years of Blessings and Grace



**Bishop Constanze Hagmaier provided the message and a blessing for the future of Grace.**

Grace Lutheran celebrated it's 140th Anniversary in September beginning with a Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting on Friday the 15th and continuing with an open house on Saturday and a special worship service on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Constanze Hagmaier of the South Dakota ELCA Synod gave a special anniversary message during the service.

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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**Many from the community attended the Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting on Friday, September 15th, staying for coffee afterwards.**



**L to R: Pastor Laura Overbo, Bishop Constanze, Pastor Cheryl and Acolyte Olivia Anderson each had a part in the Worship.**



## We love our Volunteers

Many hands were involved in preparing the 140th Anniversary meal baking homemade bread, preparing the ham for the scalloped potatoes and ham, making the glazed carrots and preparing a luscious salad with an Asian dressing. Picture at left are Denise Biller in the background, Darcy Raethz, Bonnie Oletzke, Darlene Bressen and just barely seen Marlene Holzwarth. Thank you to ALL who helped in so many ways.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The 140<sup>th</sup> celebration was a wonderful day for Grace Lutheran. The time together to worship and celebrate and time for fellowship was just so special and memorable.

We read in Psalm 150: *<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! <sup>2</sup>Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!*

With joy and great delight, we certainly did Praise the Lord on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Celebrations are an important part of church anniversaries because it provides younger people and those new to the congregation a way to learn about the history.

They learn about the important undertakings and accomplishments of the past, and Grace Lutheran has many.

They learn how others have been faced with trials and mistakes, as Grace Lutheran has, to learn from those warning signs, and how they too can overcome setbacks.

They learn about the traditions, morals and values that built the church which gives them a feeling of loyalty for their efforts.

After the people were delivered out from slavery in Egypt, God had Moses declare a special day of remembrance. The day of Passover was to remind the people how the Lord had rescued them from their suffering.

In the New Testament, we are reminded of that night in which Jesus was betrayed, suffered, and died to rescue us from slavery. Those very words spoken are used in the Words of Institution during Holy Communion. Jesus wants us to remember our past, so we can look to our future in our eternal home with trust and joy.

So it is important to remember, and in remembering what God has done for us, to celebrate.

Paul wrote to the Philippians 4 saying, *<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Remembering the past is not to repeat the mistakes but to build a better future. We should not live in the past as Paul writes in Philippians 3: *<sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.*

We now press on to the goal, doing the will and work of our Lord as the mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran.

Knowing how the founders and leaders of Grace Lutheran have trusted in God and been innovative and courageous, we are empowered to do the same for the future. Our lives and how people live all around us is changing. The church must adjust right along with it to relate to those changes and the needs of the people today.

We can hold on to our traditions but also find new ways to relate to the needs of our community. Grace Lutheran was instrumental in the past to provide for the church and our neighbor, even to send 50 families to begin a start up congregations, our daughter church LCOOR and starting Luther Hospital.

Grace can continue this blessed tradition, trusting to be the people of God for the needs of our neighbor now and in the future as we remember God's goodness, we recognize God's grace remembering God will be with us as we meet the challenges for the seasons to come.

<sup>1</sup> *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:*

<sup>2</sup> *a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;*

<sup>3</sup> *a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;*

<sup>4</sup> *a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*

<sup>5</sup> *a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;*

<sup>6</sup> *a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away;*

<sup>7</sup> *a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;*

<sup>8</sup> *a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.*

<sup>9</sup> *What gain have the workers from their toil? (Ecclesiastes 3:1-9)*

The gain as Paul tells us is, *"the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."*

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You!

Pastor Cheryl

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

The Grace Lutheran Church Council meeting was held on Thursday August 10th, 2023, at 6pm with Dylan Jordan presiding in Mark Briley's absence. Also present: Adam Wientjes, LeRoy Bullis, Terra Koistinen, Travis Schulz, Lindsey Moeller, Dylan Jordan, Ted Frost, Steve Schlenner, Sherry Jongeling, Ronda Lorenz, Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, and Kat Anderson. Absent: Kelly Evjen, Adam Wientjes, Gena Urevig, and Mark Briley.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Sherry Jongeling and seconded by LeRoy Bullis. Motion carried. Lindsey Moeller 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 \$20,044, the weekly giving average was \$4,009, and the average weekly worship attendance was 80 for the month of June. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Lindsey Moeller and seconded by Rhonda Lorenz. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report** – Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett continues to visit care centers and assisted living homes. She had 4 home visits, 1 funeral, and has started confirmation classes at the end of August. At the time of the meeting Wednesday Night Dinner church had begun and is going well.

### Old Business:

Youth & Family Director- Longer discussion was held on why Mr. Casper is not employed here since it had to be rushed through at the last meeting due to incoming severe weather.

140<sup>th</sup> Celebration (Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 2023) – Ribbon cutting Friday, Open House on Saturday, and our large celebration on Sunday. Everything is coming together nicely. The wooden crosses were paid for by an anonymous donor as well as a family member of the Jongelings. They will be a wonderful gift to our congregation.

Open Council Seats- JoAnn Spartz is joining the council, although she was unable to attend the meeting. Motion to approve JoAnn by Adam Wientjes, seconded by Travis Schulz.

### New Business:

Office Hours-Kat asked that the office hours be changed to 9-5 to accommodate her staying late for committee meetings as well as Wednesday School. Adam Wientjes motioned; Dylan Jordan seconded. Motion carried.

Church Services-It had been mentioned to Pastor by congregation members that we should have one service year-round. Pastor brought this to the attention of the council. They will look at the numbers of both services over the next month to see if that is something that should be done.

Pastor's Insurance Plan-Plans need to be selected online the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October. Kat proposed that it stays the same and we add vision insurance. Adam motioned to approve; Dylan seconded. Motion carried.

Upcoming budget-Kat let the council know that the first drafts of the budget will be presented at next month's meeting. If there is something they would like increased or decreased, they should keep an eye on it and mention it to Kat to include.

Haven Center-Haven Center asked for our support. The council is willing to hear from them and what they do before deciding. An informational meeting will be arranged.

Negotiations & Evaluations – A task force is being created to review all church employees on their performance as well as looking at reasonable compensation. The task force should include an executive committee member, a council member, a staff support member, and a member of the congregation at large.

### Committee Reports:

**Education, Youth, & Family** – Dylan thanked Pastor, Kat, and Rhonda for their help with making Sunday and

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# Grace Lutheran Financial Report

## Contribution Report

Posted Contributions For Period: 01/01/2023 to 08/30/2023

<i>Fund Description</i>	<b>August</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b> <i>Amount</i>
1 General Fund	19,367.50	151,254.06
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	135.00	1,135.00
17 Altar Flowers	120.00	1,425.00
18 Radio Broadcast	480.00	2,020.00
20 Misc. General Fund	15.00	9,020.00
21 Loose Offerings	341.00	3,029.21
26 Lutheran Outdoors		120.00
27 Grace Lutheran Preschool	-	410.00
31 Postage Donation	-	5.00
35 Emergency Assistance Fund	110.00	965.00
65 GLCW - Nordefest Plus	-	5.00
76 REFUGEE	650.00	7,001.50
77 Mission of the Month		85.00
Education		40.00
Wednesday Night Meals	200.00	200.00
*** Facility Use Donation		2,875.69
*** Thrivent Choice Dollars		1,722.00
*** Misc Fundraising	85.00	4,585.96
	<b>21,503.50</b>	<b>189,509.42</b>

### Expense Report

For Period: 01/01/2023 to 07/31/2023

<i>Description</i>	<b>July</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b> <i>Amount</i>	<b>Budget</b>
Benevolence	209.08	1,463.56	2,508.96
Payroll	14,859.57	137,182.23	241,041.25
Office Expenses	1,197.46	8,138.58	18,200.00
Worship	240.00	6,606.48	33,970.00
Alter Guild	33.56	218.83	1,100.00
Education, Stewardship & Management	7,902.56	39,247.23	67,100.00
Property	905.30	9,097.41	13,000.00
Designated Gifts	150.00	32,569.70	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>25,497.53</b>	<b>234,524.02</b>	

### Reconciled Account Balance-Gen Fund

Beginning Balance	\$	8,239.26
Income	\$	22,575.16
Expenses(General)	\$	(25,485.49)
<b>Ending Balance 8/30/23</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,328.93</b>

**The next Grace Council meeting  
is 6:00 pm Thursday,  
October 12th**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
**FINANCIAL  
SUPPORT**

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.  
You now can give online at [glcwn.org](http://glcwn.org)  
Under the Give tab.

### 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 Oct 1 during  
Load the truck. We now have  
a credit card machine for your  
convenience.  
*Watertown Fruit by Grace pro-  
ceeds go to General Fund*



## COUNCIL (continued from pg 3)

Wednesday school successful in addition to the other parents and volunteers.

**Foundation**-Lindsey reported that the Foundation started meeting again after the summer break. The investment banker came to give a report and things are going well with the new bank.

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

**Finance & Stewardship** – Looking into a t-shirt fundraiser. Steve Schlenner is looking into options. Also looking into hosting an annual car show.

**Preschool** – Classes started on September 5<sup>th</sup> and everything is going well.

**Property** – Hallway between kitchen and fellowship hall had a drop ceiling and new lighting installed.

**Worship & Music**- Rhonda reported that they are going to start bringing back the praise band.

Lindsey Moeller motioned to adjourn the meeting; Rhonda Lorenz seconded the motion.  
The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Anderson

### Sign up to Paint a Welcome Pumpkin Sign

Crafters can sign up now for a craft class on Wednesday evening, October 18 beginning at 6:30 pm. You have a choice to paint a pumpkin like any of the six shown to the right, a fun Welcome Pumpkin board, or bring your own design idea to paint and decorate. The class is designed to give parents time for a craft while their child is in Wednesday school or any individuals a chance to attend Wednesday worship and stay for an extended time of fellowship. The welcome boards are approximately 16" X 18" The cost of the class is \$15. Please register by October 10th to ensure enough materials are purchased. Paint, boards and decorating materials will be provide but you may also bring your own materials for decorating. Call the office to sign up: 605-886-5737.



Learn to Cochet  
6:30 pm  
October 25th  
Fellowship Hall

### Buy Scrip Gift Cards and support the church

Every time you purchase a Scrip Gift Card on every-day purchases like groceries, gas, dining out, your morning coffee addiction, you help raise money for Grace Lutheran. Using Scrip gift cards instead of cash or credit cards returns between 3 to 5% of the amount into the general fund. For each dollar you purchase for a scrip card, you receive the full amount. Currently available are Walmart, County Fair, Hy-Vee, Target and now available now are Applebee's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Pizza Ranch and Starbuck. If you are thinking of a gift card for Christmas or a birthday, we can order your favorites. Contact Kat at the office to order. The cards are available after the Sunday service, Wednesday Dinner Church or anytime at the office.

**Scrip Cards make Great Christmas Presents!**

### New Office Hours

**Grace Lutheran Office hours  
have changed  
Office Houses are now  
9 am to 5 pm  
Monday thru Thursday.  
Wednesday the office  
remains open until 7 pm.**

## Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 5th, 2023

The Grace Lutheran Church Foundation Board of Directors met on September 5 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 Paster Cheryl Bassett, Peggy Hulscher, and Kat Anderson.

Will Morlock called the meeting to order.

Approve Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2023 meeting, made by Lindsey Groon, seconded by Rich Dunn, motion passed.

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 July 31, 2023. A motion to approve the treasure report was made by Joy Nelson, seconded by Larry Picht, motion passed.

### Rental Property:

Larry reported that all is going well with no vacancies. He also reported that they trimmed the lilacs by the five plex. The water bill with 525 2<sup>nd</sup> St SE seems to be high for the last couple of months.

Update on the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The crosses have been delivered. The cost of the meal is \$5 per ticket. The foundation has offered to the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee that we will pay the difference for the cost of the meal and the tickets sold. We will be voting on the amount of the difference in our October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Paster Cheryl made a request for \$1,000 to fund. the Wednesday night Dinner Church. A motion to approve the request was made by Rich Dunn, seconded by Krisma Dewitt, motion passed.

Report from church staff and council: Wednesday and Sunday School will start. Preschool started today. John has left employment with Grace Lutheran Church.

Nordfest: Making the lefsa will start next week. Krisma stated that they will need volunteers to help making lefsa and other items that will be sold.

Our next meetings will be Monday, October 2nd, 2023, 5:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

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

***Welcome to the  
Family of God!***

***September 10, 2023  
Tylen Theodore Pahl***





## Remembering

~ Carol Rust ~  
September 22, 2023



### Memorials and Gifts

**To the Flower Fund:** In memory of Allen Kasperson's Heavenly Birthday from Karen Kasperson; In celebration of their 20th Wedding Anniversary from Cal and Nyra Brown; In memory of Lorraine Perkins heaven birthday from her daughter Carol Henrichs; In loving memory of their daughter Kim, son Gary, and son-in-law Lynn from Sharon & James Goble.

**To the Radio Fund:** In memory of Allen Kasperson's Heavenly Birthday from Karen Kasperson; In memory of Maurice & Ruth Brekke and Dale Brekke from Ronald Brekke; In Honor of their Wedding Anniversary from Randy & Lorraine Shuller; In loving memory of Farol, Jim & Jeremy Hendrickson from Janie Stainson.

**To Wednesday Meal:** From Larry & Janet Little; From Harley & Marilyn Petersen;

**To the Choir Room:** A Gift from the GLCW;

**To the General Fund:** From GLCW; From Barbara & Dennis Milbrandt in Honor of the 140th Anniversary; From John Sangl; a Memorial for Carroll Hansen from Dee Haugan.

**To Grace Foundation:** In Honor of Grace's 140th Anniversary from Wendy Lohr; In Honor of Grace's 140th Anniversary from Harley Petersen.

## Faith and Blue forum Sunday, October 8th

The local Law Enforcement of Watertown will be at Grace for their *Faith and Blue* event Sunday, October 8th at 9:30 am at coffee in Fellowship Hall. The event is 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 will answer questions and share the activities of the department. Everyone is encouraged to come share a cup of coffee and offer their support for our local law enforcement.



**Lefse making is progressing at Grace Lutheran Church.** Each Monday and Tuesday morning a large group of volunteers are on hand to make the Lefse in readiness for Nordefest Plus. Pictured above are Dee Haugan and Dale Peterson both at the grills frying.

At Right, Sherry Jongeling is rolling out the Lefse to fry. After the product is fry, it gets dusted with flour and then packaged for sale.

The Lefse is sold at Nordefest Plus on October 28th. Other ethnic favorites for sale are Rosettes, donuts, and Eggs Rolls

**Chairmen are asking if anyone can make the FLATBROD at home and bring it that day. Other specialty items are welcome, just contact the chairmen.**



### 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.**



### Blessing of the Quilts and Kits Held

The church was filled with beautiful quilts for the blessing on Sunday, September 24th. Each year the quilters make and donate several handcrafted quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They box them up for the LWR truck that will be here on Sunday, October 1.

Baby, School and Personal Care kits will be boxed up on Wednesday evening September 27th and prepared to load on the truck as well.

### God's Work Our Hands Sunday Oct 1

On Sunday October 1 at 1:30 pm the LWR truck will be at Grace Lutheran to load the quilts and kits. Other congregations from the area also bring their boxed quilts and kits to the Grace parking lot for loading.

**Volunteers are NEEDED to help with loading at 1:30 pm October 1.**



### New Member Sunday October 22nd

If you are a new member at Grace, we would love to officially welcome you with a Potluck on October 22nd following the 11 am worship service. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to pass. Plates, napkins, and utensils, coffee and lemonade will be available. Please come and let us welcome you!

### WANTED—NEW MEMBERS

**Forms are available in the church office**

Have you been attending Grace Lutheran for a while and would like to become a member? Or are you new to town and looking for a church family. New Member Forms are available at the church office to complete for any who would like to join Grace Lutheran. We would love to welcome you and on October 22, we will have New Member Sunday along with a Potluck meal following the 11 am worship. We hope you and all members will join us as we welcome you into the Grace Lutheran church family.

### Wednesday night meals for Dinner Church

We are looking for parents and volunteers to take a turn to prepare the Wednesday night meal, serve, and clean up. For those who would like to donate food for the meals, we welcome the donations. For those who would like to help, but can't afford if a grant was received from Grace Foundation to purchase the food so a family just needs to check with Kat in the office to purchase the items. Parents can serve alone or team up; you can do one part of cooking, serving or clean-up or all. A sign-up Genius is available at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CA4AA23AAFE25-wednesday>

### ANNOUNCEMENTS!

In the past, Grace Lutheran used the cell phone app **"remind"** for announcements for Confirmation, Wednesday/Sunday school, and Youth Group reminders!

We have switched to our new Church Management Software to send out reminders and church notices by Emails and Cell Phone Text

We need your updated information for these announcements as well as church weather cancellation.

Email or Text your email address and cell number to KAT to be added to this important list and receive notices

Or call the office at 605-886-5737

To unsubscribe from REMIND Text @LEAVE

### Update for Announcements & Gleanings

☐ Please update my contact information for church announcements and reminders.

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number(s) to Text a **REMINDER** to: \_\_\_\_\_

Our new church management software can now Email or text groups of people and we would like to add your cell number to the contact information to send out reminders or winter storm related messages in the case of closing for your convenience.

Thank you for providing your number so we can keep you updated!



# Nordefest Plus is October 28th!!

Sponsored by the Grace Lutheran Church Women.

## Lefse workshops continue in October at 8 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to peel potatoes, rice potatoes and mix the ingredient on Mondays mornings. On Tuesday volunteers mix, ball, roll, fry and dust/floor the Lefse to package it. Both men and women are asked to come and join in the fun of lefse-making.

## LEFSE WORKSHOPS at 8:00 a.m. October 2 & 3; 9 & 10

OTHER WORKSHOP DATES TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER

Include: DONUTS—October 17th beginning at 5 pm

ROSETTES—October 24th at 8 am

We need someone to make FLATBROD and bring that day.

Please direct your questions to

**Kris DeWitt 605-677-8545 or Geri Mohror 605-881-1197  
or Carol Henrichs 605-237-2804**



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

Helpers are needed to set up the jewelry for display prior to the days activities and assist in selling. If you can help with set up or selling, please contact the office.

**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.

*Helpers are needed to set up prior to Nordefest Plus and sell from 8 am to 1 pm.*



## CRAFTERS & NEEDLEWORKERS!

The Gift Shop will be open 9:30 am to 1 pm during Nordefest Plus in the lower level of the classrooms. They are in need of Home-crafted gifts, quilts, gift baskets, hand towels, dish towels, dish rags, scrubbers, craft items, table runners, and linens of yesteryear. Home-crafted gifts make wonderful gifts and help with this great fund-raiser! Please drop them off at the office of Grace in advance.

Things that sold well last year include embroidered dishtowels, things for baby (sweaters and blankets), aprons and handmade greeting cards.

**For more information Contact:  
Darlene Bresson, Gift Shop Chair.**



**Be sure to shop at the Gift Shop**





Hello! We have had an awesome first month of school! We are learning how to write our names, emotions, and about a new letter every week! It has been so much fun getting to know each other. We also had some dress up days during homecoming week, which was a blast!

All of my classes are super excited that it is finally fall, and that it is almost Halloween! We can't wait to dress up and learn about fall, pumpkins, and spiders in October!

If you feel called to donate, we are always in need of yummy snacks! There is also many items on our amazon wish list! [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

We still have spots in all of our classes! If you or someone you know wants to enroll your child please contact Miss Maia or Kat for more info!



### THANK YOU!

There are no words to express how much I appreciate everyone and all that they did to make the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Grace Lutheran such a wonderful Celebration. A special thank you to Bishop Constanze Hagmaier for her message, Pastors Dan and Laura Overbo for sharing their time and their service time with Grace, to Jack Holmquist for filling in for Pastor Dan, and to the LCOOR for sharing their choir and bell choir and directors.

A HUGE shout out of appreciation to the 140<sup>th</sup> committee for putting in all the work and being there for all three days: Geri Mohror, Darlene Bresson, Esther Bakeberg, Bonnie Oletzke, Wil Morlock, Sherry Jongeling, Darcy Raethz, Denise Biller, and Kat Anderson.

Thanks also to Laura Atwood for coming to play the organ, to the Harmonizers for their special offering during the meal, to pianist Isaak Montemayor and Becky Sprouse for leading the congregational hymns.

To all those who prepared and served the meal, or helping in whatever way, thank you for all your work. And especially for those who stayed after to finish cleaning up. I so appreciate that extra gift given when all are tired.

I also want to acknowledge all who attended, making this truly and awesome worship service to rejoice in the beautiful blessings God has granted to Grace over the 140 years. And last but not least, thank you to the ushers and especially the confirmation students who did a fabulous job of ushering and acolyte, I am so proud of you. There is no way to name everyone, but truly I appreciate all the efforts big and small in putting this together. God Bless you all.

Pastor Cheryl





**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**

**Help plan our activities and learn about our trip to the New Orleans Youth Gathering in 2024**



**At Left, those attending Youth Group enjoyed the courtyard firepit and smores on September 20th.**

Youth have been meeting at 7:30 on Wednesday to read and discuss passages of scripture and make plans for the 2024 Youth Gathering in New Orleans. They will be holding fund raisers for the future trip.

## **Rally Sunday/Rally Wednesday kick off classes at Grace**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” was the theme for this years Sunday/Wednesday school Rally Days. Pictured at right are students at Sundays school Rally enjoyed a parachute game along with face painting and other fun activities.

New this year is the Wednesday night meal from 5:30 to 6:15 pm for Wednesday night students. This schedule change and meal offering provides busy parents just getting off work and students with after-school activities an opportunity to eat before classes and Wednesday night worshipers a time of fellowship. A free-will offering is taken each week but is NOT required for the meal

Dinner Church and Wednesday school opening begins at 6 pm as all meet around tables in Fellowship Hall for the meal and worship. During dinner church, the Wednesday school reading is heard with songs and everyone joins in prayers. On October 18, those attending can participate in Holy Communion during worship.



Volunteers are needed to prepare the meal, clean up, provide the food, or donate. Sign up individually or as a team by contacting Pastor Cheryl, the office, or on the sign-up sheet during the meal. You can also sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CA4AA23AAFE25-wednesday>.

Wednesday school and confirmation classes begin at 6:30 pm. If you are unable to attend Sunday mornings, we encourage you to give 6 pm Wednesday dinner church a try and children time to learn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” during the 6:30-7:30 pm classes. Let’s make Wednesday night Church Night once again.





## ANNIVERSARY

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chorus and bell choirs combined with Grace Lutheran's to provide special music from the balcony as seen pictured above. .

Pastor's Laura of LCOOR joined Grace's Pastor Cheryl, and Bishop during this special service and assisted with Holy Communion. (Jack Holmquist filled in for Pastor Dan who was ill.) LCOOR share a history as a Godspeed Service was held for 212 members who were released from Grace to establish a daughter church. Approximately 50 families took on the responsibility for this start-up ministry with the financial backing of Grace Lutheran on Nov 6, 1960.

The support of LCOOR in this long standing relationship gave an extra dimension to the joy and celebration of this Anniversary.

Many enjoyed the meal and time of fellowship following worship and the special anniversary cake which include a frosting picture of the church.

A digital presentation of all the confirmation students through the years was made. A particular slide can be made available by emailing the year to Pastor Cheryl.

An updated brief history of Grace Lutheran was completed by Marcia Jelsma and is now on our website under the ABOUT tab. Go to [glcwn.org](http://glcwn.org) to read this fascinating history. **Pictured at right is Krisma Dewitt with the anniversary cake.**



**A large number attended the 140th Anniversary Meal following the celebration Worship Service September 17th. The music group Harmonizers dropped by and provided a few songs while waiting to be served.**





# Nordefest Plus

***Saturday - October 28th***

*Grace Lutheran Church ~ 202 2<sup>nd</sup> St SE ~ Watertown, SD*

**9:30 am to 1:00 pm**

***Lefse sells at 9:30 until GONE!***

**ETHNIC FOODS: and so much more**



Rosettes – Donuts  
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## **Lunch & Entertainment**

**Homemade Pies ~ Homemade Soups**



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# **“GOT IT AT GRACE”**

## **Fall Craft and Vendor SALE**

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 to Start  
Your Christmas Shopping  
For Crafts of all sorts and types:**

*We have extended the shopping time  
**one extra hour***

*for your shopping convenience!*

If you are a crafter or vendor and need an Application to secure  
a booth this year

you can email: [gracevendorfair@yahoo.com](mailto:gracevendorfair@yahoo.com)



**Your Favorite Vendors:**  
*Will be on hand.*



*Find all your  
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in one place!*



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## October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY</b> 8:30 – Traditional Worship 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am 140th Committee Wrapup 9:45-10:45 am Sunday School 11 am Contemporary Worship 1 pm Service at Edgewood 1:30 – 2:30 Load the LWR Truck	<b>2</b> 8 am Lefsa Mixing 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET 5:30 pm Grace Foundation meets	<b>3</b> 8 am Lefsa Making 4:30 Tops/ Basement 8 am Lefsa Making Noon Wm Ministerial Association meets at Hwy 6 4 pm Chamber – Ukrainian Forum at the Event Center 4:30 Tops/ Basement 6 pm Outreach & Fellowship Committee Meeting	<b>4</b> 10:30 am Service at Avantara 11:00 TOPS/ Basement 5:30 – 6:15 Wednesday Meal 6 pm Dinner Church & Wed school Opening 6:30 pm Wednesday school Confirmation 7:30 Youth Group	<b>5</b> 2 pm Rostered Pastor Zoom meeting	<b>6</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:30 – Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship w/ <b>Faith and Blue Forum</b> 9:45-10:45 am Sunday School 11 am Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion	<b>9</b> <b>Native American Day</b> OFFICE CLOSED 8 am Lefsa Mixing 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	<b>10</b> 8 am Lefsa Making Noon Wm Ministerial Association meets at Hwy 6 4 pm Chamber – Ukrainian Forum at the Event Center 4:30 Tops/ Basement 6 pm Outreach & Fellowship Committee Meeting	<b>11</b> 10:00 am Service at HRise 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 Confirmation 7:30 Youth Group	<b>12</b> 10:00 am Service at Stonebrook 5pm Finance and Stewardship committee 6 pm Grace Council meeting	<b>13</b> <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b> 9 am to 3 pm OFFICE CLOSED	<b>14.</b> Pastor Off
<b>15</b> Student Nancy McClanahan conducting services 8:30 – Traditional Worship 9:30 am – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 – 10:45 Sunday School 11 am Contemporary Worship	<b>16</b> 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	<b>17</b> 4:30 Tops/ Basement Noon – Wm Ministerial Assn meeting and Gideon Appreciation luncheon for Pastors 1:30 pm Mission Committee meets 5 pm Education Committee Meeting 6 pm First Communion Class (1) 5 pm Donut Making	<b>18</b> 10 am Service at Town View 10:30 am Service at Jenkins 11:00 TOPS/ Basement 5 pm Grace Executive Committee 5:30 – 6:15 Wednesday Meal 6 pm Dinner Church & Wed school Opening w Communion 6:30 pm Wednesday school Confirmation 6:30 pm Craft Class 7:30 Youth Group	<b>19</b> 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle 11 am Committal Service for Donna Mae Schulte	<b>20</b> OFFICE CLOSED <b>Gleanings Deadline</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22 New Member Sunday</b> 8:30 – Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship w/ 9:45-10:45 am Sunday School 11 am Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion and Baptism of Rylee Schimmel <b>Noon – Potluck</b>	<b>23</b> 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	<b>24</b> 8 am Rosettes making 4:30 Tops/ Basement 6 pm First Communion Class (2)	<b>25</b> 11:00 TOPS/ Basement 5:30 – 6:15 Wednesday Meal 6 pm Dinner Church & Wed school Opening 6:30 pm Wednesday school Confirmation 6:30 Crochett Class 7:30 Youth Group	<b>26</b> Set-up for Nordefest Plus	<b>27</b> OFFICE CLOSED 5 pm Wedding Rehearsal	<b>28</b> <b>Nordefest Plus</b> 9:30 am to 1 pm 2 pm Wedding of Jazmin Zweifel & Tyler Farpella
<b>29 – Reformation Sunday</b> 8:30 – Traditional Worship 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:45-10:45 am Sunday School 11 am – Contemporary Worship <b>4 – 6 pm Trunk or Treat</b>	<b>30</b> 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET	<b>31 Halloween</b> 4:30 Tops/ Basement	<b>Pastor Cheryl Works on Monday from Home and can be contacted at 605-237-1501 or E-mail: cherylgrace@midconetwork.com</b> <b>Office Hours at Grace ~ Tuesday through Thursday ~ or anytime by appointment. You are welcome to Contact Pastor directly anytime</b>			

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

**Important Upcoming Dates**

October 1st—1:30 pm Load LWR Truck w/Quilts & Kits  
October 6th—6 pm Outreach Committee meets  
October 8th—9:30 am Faith and Blue Forum  
October 12th—5 pm Finance & Stewardship Meets  
October 17th— 1:30 pm Mission Committee meets  
5 pm Education Committee meets  
6 pm First Communion Class (1)  
October 22— New Member Sunday—Potluck at Noon  
October 24th—6 pm First Communion Class (2)  
October 28th—Nordefest Plus Festival 9:30 am to 1 pm  
October 29th—Trunk or Treat 4 to 6 pm  
November 5—All Saints Day and First Communion  
November 12th—Foundation Sunday  
November 20th—Confirmation Serves the Banquet  
December 10th—2 pm Christmas Program for  
Wednesday & Sunday School children

**First Communion Classes**

**start Tuesday October 17th & 24th**

Children in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade on up are invited to First Communion Classes on Tuesday evening October 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Students are required to participate in two classes. Those unable to attend at this time, please contact pastor. Any youngster who has not yet taken First Communion class in second grade on up is encouraged to register with Pastor Cheryl by October 10th at 605-237-1501 or byEmail: [cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com](mailto:cherylgracelc@midconetwork.com). The students will take their first communion on All Saints Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Bring the kids out for Trunk of Treat**

**4 and 6 pm on Sunday October 29th**

***Come Join Us!***

**Decorate your trunk in a non-spooky way  
and provide treats for the kids!**

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