



GRACE GLEANINGS

Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Grace Lutheran Church to Celebrate 140th Anniversary

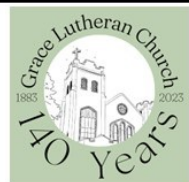
A special worship service will be held on Sunday, September 17th, at 10:30 am to celebrate our 140th anniversary. Bishop Constanze Hagmaier of the South Dakota ELCA Synod will give a special anniversary message during the service. The chorus and bell choirs of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and Grace Lutheran's will combine for this special anniversary service and offer Glory of God.

LCOOR is the daughter church of Grace Lutheran as on Nov 6, 1960, the congregation was bursting at the seams. At the time, a Godspeed Service was held for 212 members, who were released to establish a daughter church. Approximately 50 families from Grace Lutheran took on the responsibility for a start-up ministry launching what became Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer on the north side of Watertown. Pastor's Dan and Laura of LCOOR will join Grace's Pastor Cheryl during this special service and assist with Holy Communion

Other activities will be held for the anniversary. All are welcome for coffee and fellowship at 9 am on Sunday morning. Following the service, a dinner will be held at noon in Fellowship Hall for \$5.00 in advance and \$6.00 at the door.

Leading up to the special event, the Watertown Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting at 10 am on Friday, September 15. An open house will be held on Saturday, September 16, from 2 to 4 pm in Fellowship Hall for all those who would like to stop and visit. Letters of invitation have been sent out to past Pastors of Grace and employees, but these events are open to everyone.

The first meeting to organize a Lutheran Church in Watertown was held on Sept. 19, 1883. On Dec. 22, 1883, the First Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized in a room over the Merchants Bank of Watertown. The dedication of the first church building, a 30 x 40 ft structure with no basement, was held on Sept. 26, 1886. In 1917 plans began for a new church building. On Aug 1, 1920, the cornerstone of the present sanctuary was laid, and the name changed to Grace Lutheran Church the following May. (Continued on pg 5)



Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA) 140th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, Sept 15, 2023

10:00 am Watertown Chamber's
Ribbon Cutting for the next 140
years

Saturday, Sept 16, 2023

2:00 – 4:00 pm Coffee & Fellowship

Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023

9:00 am Coffee

10:30 am Worship

12:00 pm Lunch served



Ps Cheryl
Rondeau-Bassett

For I know the plans I have
for you, declares the Lord,
plans to prosper you and not
to harm you, to give you a
future and a hope.
Jeremiah 29:11.



100-year celebration of the laying of the
cornerstone of the current church was held in 2021



Courtyard



Easter celebration with our
children

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August 29, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." (Isa 40:8)

On September 17th we will hold our 140th Anniversary Celebration. This is an opportunity for you to share with others the joy and happiness you have found in your faith family here at Grace Lutheran.

It is a time to look back at your history to discover or rediscover all the achievements there have been made by the members and leadership over those 140 years.

It is an occasion to review the blessings you have received through the shared work of so many over the years who worked hard to build the church to the point it was bursting at the seams and needed to form a daughter church.

It is a time to share your faith with others and foster new friendships by hearing their stories that connect you with those of the past and sustain you in the future.

There are several times during the celebration coffee fellowship will be available for you to come and visit pastors, employees, and members from past years. This is an important part of the celebration as you join with those who have shared values and common interest to reinforce the mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran. I urge you to take the time to do so.

Yes there will be conversations about some of the issues and problems Grace has endured over the year as well, but I would encourage you to stop any of those conversations in their tracks as Paul write to the Ephesians, *"Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear."* (4:29)

This is a time to celebrate, not tear down.

In the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1, *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..."* and continues in verse 14 and 15 to say; *"I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by."*

So that all should stand in awe before Him. That is what we will do as we join in celebration of God's goodness and Grace for 140 years.

The most exciting piece of the celebration for me (over and above the nervousness) will be the Sunday worship service as Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer gathers with us at Grace Lutheran bringing their choirs and their pastors to join us in praise to God for His many blessings and the relationship that was formed together so long ago.

LCOOR Pastors Dan and Laura Overbo have graciously agreed to join me in the service and SD Synod ELCA Bishop Constanze Hagmaier will proclaim the good news of Christ Jesus. It is a time of excitement for all the family of Grace Lutheran who have been a solid rock of faith.

As we heard last Sunday in text from Matthew 16:13-18 Jesus responds to Peter... *"on this rock I will build my church... and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it..."*

The rock Jesus talks about it the solid faith of a believer, not just Israel... but Jesus was a "light to the Gentiles" and it is the community of faith, like Grace Lutheran, that is the solid faith His church is built on.

A community transformed over 140 year by the renewing of our minds, to discern what is the will of God, to trust in His plan for this world, and to live in love for all people.

In that community of different faithful believers have been many various gifts. Gifts that worked together, sharing and caring for others as Jesus taught, and through that diversity, the church continues to be a solid rock.

That is the community of faith that is Grace Lutheran, who faithfully have stood on the solid rock of the Word of God for 140 years and will continue to do so for another 140 years, for the Word of God endures forever.

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You!

Pastor Cheryl

140TH ANNIVERSARY CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR PRACTICE:

For the 140th Anniversary of Grace Lutheran our daughter church will combine their choir and bell choir with ours to offer up two beautiful hymns during the celebration worship. ANYONE who has been or would like to be a part of the choir or bell choir for this combined performance is asked to be at practice on September 6th and 13th.

Bells practice at 7:15 pm and choir at 7:30 pm each week. On September 6th practice will be at LCOOR and the 13th will be at Grace.

Minutes of the Grace Lutheran Council Meeting on Thursday, August 10th, 2023

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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 was LeRoy Bullis, Gena Urevig, Terra Koistinen, Travis Schulz, Lindsey Moeller, Dylan Jordan, Ted Frost, Steve Schlenner, Sherry Jongeling, Ronda Lorenz, Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, and Kat Anderson. Absent were Kelly Evjen, Adam Wientjes, and Mark Briley. A guest tonight was Maia Brooks, the new preschool teacher.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Lindsey Moeller and seconded by Rhonda Lorenz. Motion carried. Steve Schlenner motioned to approve the minutes; Ted Frost seconded. Motion carried.

Items:

Financial Report – Kat Anderson reported the total monthly income to the general fund was \$29,013, the weekly giving average was \$5,803, and the average weekly worship attendance was 77 for the month of June. A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Dylan Jordan and seconded by Sherry Jongeling. Motion carried. Kat brought up that the Radio Checking was getting low due decreased special event sponsors. A motion to transfer from the Radio Fund to the Radio Checking was made by Dylan Jordan 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 3 home visits, 2 funerals, a committal service, a healing prayer service, started a new Bible study series, as well as VBS facilitation and committee meetings. Acolyte and usher training will be on August 30th. She noted that we will be taking Labor Day weekend off and there will be a video sermon provided by the Synod. Wednesday school/ Wednesday Worship will include a meal this year starting at 5:30, worship at 6, which will also be the opening for Wednesday school.

Old Business:

Ukraine Refuge Sponsorship – Igor had car troubles; a grant was put in to help with repair cost. Igor is paying the remainder of the bill on his own.

140th Celebration (Sept. 16th & 17th 2023) – Marcia Jelsma turned in the church history which we are very grateful for her hard work. Quilt squares are starting to get turned in but we need more.

New Business:

Youth & Family Director – Josh Casper no longer works for Grace.

Sunday School/Wednesday School plan – Pastor and Kat will get the materials ready for the Christian Education classes and work with the teachers. The theme this year is "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". The Education committee met in late July to discuss plans including Dinner Church on Wednesdays. The committee is hoping that we will see more congressional involvement with the education of our Youth since they are so important to us and the life of the church.

Committee Reports:

Education, Youth, & Family – See above

Fellowship & Outreach – August 20th Pie and Ice Cream Social at 9:30 after church

Finance & Stewardship – The new credit card reader for the Fruit program has arrived. SCRIP is doing very well.

Preschool – Open house on August 30th. Maia starts full time on the 16th to prepare her classroom.

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Grace Lutheran Financial Report

Contribution Report

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

| <i>Fund Description</i> | July | Year-to-Date |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| | | <i>Amount</i> |
| 1 General Fund | 28,770.38 | 131,886.56 |
| 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 | 20.00 | 50.00 |
| 13 World Hunger | 150.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 17 Altar Flowers | 180.00 | 1,305.00 |
| 18 Radio Broadcast | 25.00 | 1,540.00 |
| 20 Misc. General Fund | 440.00 | 9,005.00 |
| 21 Loose Offerings | 278.00 | 2,688.21 |
| 26 Lutheran Outdoors | | 120.00 |
| 27 Grace Lutheran Preschool | 25.00 | 410.00 |
| 31 Postage Donation | - | 5.00 |
| 35 Emergency Assistance Fund | 200.00 | 855.00 |
| 65 GLCW - Nordefest Plus | - | 5.00 |
| 76 REFUGEE | 961.50 | 6,351.50 |
| 77 Mission of the Month | | 85.00 |
| Education | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| *** Facility Use Donation | | 2,875.69 |
| *** Thrivent Choice Dollars | | 1,722.00 |
| *** Misc Fundraising | 743.00 | 4,500.96 |
| | 31,832.88 | 168,005.92 |

| <i>Reconciled Account Balance-Gen Fund</i> | |
|--|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 1,782.86 |
| Income | \$ 30,281.67 |
| Expenses(General) | \$ (23,825.27) |
| Ending Balance 7/31/23 | \$ 8,239.26 |

The next Grace Council meeting is 6:00 pm Thursday, September 14th

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



Buy Scrip Gift Cards and support the church

Every time you purchase a Scrip Gift Card you help raise money for Grace

Lutheran on everyday purchases like groceries, gas, dining out, your morning coffee addiction 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, you receive the full amount on your scrip card. 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 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 service or anytime at the office.

Expense Report

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

| <i>Description</i> | July | Year-to-Date | Budget |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | | <i>Amount</i> | |
| Benevolence | 209.08 | 1,254.48 | 2,508.96 |
| Payroll | 17,009.92 | 122,322.66 | 241,041.25 |
| Office Expenses | 708.43 | 6,941.12 | 18,200.00 |
| Worship | 1,020.00 | 6,366.48 | 33,970.00 |
| Alter Guild | - | 185.27 | 1,100.00 |
| Education, Stewardship & Management | 2,874.71 | 31,344.97 | 67,100.00 |
| Property | 828.84 | 8,192.11 | 13,000.00 |
| Designated Gifts | 1,174.29 | 31,922.00 | |
| Total Expenses | 23,825.27 | 208,529.09 | |

COUNCIL (continued from pg 3)

Property – Still waiting on a rain day for the cement to be poured in multipurpose room. A new suspended ceiling will be installed in the kitchen hallway to cover up the water damage from the leaky roof. The Air Conditioner in the Sanctuary wasn't working – Andor is coming to look at it. It's a very old unit and we need to look at replacement soon.

Dylan Jordan motioned to adjourn the meeting; Lindsey seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Anderson

ANNIVERSARY (continued from pg)

The present brick building was dedicated on July 10, 1921.

Over the years, Grace Lutheran has been community minded in mission and outreach. In 1909, the idea of Luther Hospital was developed with the opening of what was later renamed Memorial Hospital which merged with St Anne's Hospital and later became Prairie Lakes Hospital.

The rich heritage of Grace Lutheran included radio broadcast beginning on Dec 1, 1935, which reached its 2500th consecutive regular broadcast over KWAT on their Centennial Celebration of 100 years of Grace on September 18th, 1983, and continues to this day. The first drive-in service was held on June 19, 1955, at "Melody Theater" and later East Park Drive-in. Church additions for an education wing, new narthex and fellowship hall were built over the years as well as remodeling the sanctuary in 1975.

Over the years, they have supported missionary overseas and sponsored refugee families: two family from Viet Nam in 1978, a Polish family in 1990 and currently are sponsoring two families from Ukraine.

Four sons of Grace Lutheran have become pastors and 15 pastors have been ordained at Grace.

The public is invited to attend this time of celebration as we rededicate our mission and ministry to our Lord and Savior for the next 140 years.

God's Work Our Hands Wednesday September 27th

GLCW (Grace Lutheran Church Women) collects materials for kits for World Relief each year and are then put together on God's Work Our Hands day. The date this year will be Wednesday evening, September 27th beginning at 6:30pm. This will provide an opportunity for Confirmation students to help put them together and carry up to the hallway.

Materials for the kits can be purchased prior to that date and left in the tubs in the Narthex. Please check the needs as several supplies have already been donated. A monetary donation can be made for GLCW to purchase any items they are short on. All members are asked to assist in combining these kits on September 27th to send to World Relief.

School kits

FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose leaf paper; ONE 30 centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other; ONE pencil sharpener

ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well); FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band; FIVE black or blue ball-point pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band; ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons; ONE 2 1/2" eraser (NOTE: The book bags have been purchased.)



Baby Care Kits



TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®); TWO long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet); TWO receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square; FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred; ONE jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap; TWO pairs of socks; ONE hand towel, dark color recommended; TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars; TWO diaper pins or large safety pins

Personal Care Kits

ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended; TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*; ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging; ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging



On Wednesday, September 27th at 6:30 pm, volunteers are encouraged to join together in the basement to put the kits together. The process includes working in one of the lines for either school, baby care, or personal care where all the materials are laid out and each person goes down the line to pick up the items for one kit. The work is not hard and with many people, goes quickly. God's Work will be done through the many volunteer hands of His people.

On October 1st, these kits will be loaded in trucks that pick up the kits from the many congregations in the area. The truck is schedule to be at Grace between 1:30 and 2 pm. Your help will be needed on that day as well. Watch more details on the time for loading and plan to help as you are able.

We love our Volunteers

As a Back to School special event, the Outreach and Fellowship Committee held a Pie & Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 20th. Those attending enjoyed several varieties of pies which were donated for this special time of fellowship. Terra Koistinen, pictured second from left, headed up the social, recruiting members of her family to help. Her mom, Marlys Jensen, Terra's aunt Marlene Spieker baked many of the pies. Helping serve were Terra's children Brynn, Brom, Tigh, and husband Chad. The special event was well attended with \$85 in free will donations. Thanks to Terra and family for their gift of serving.

Picture at right are left to right: Marlys Jensen, Terra, Brynn and Brom Koistinen.



Memorials and Gifts

To Preschool: From Fran Schaefer in memory of North Dakota Policeman Jake Wallin, Pat Wensing, Juliet Hansen, Gelaine Dahl, Leona Horn, Katie Olson, Marie Jankard and Rodger Gross..

To the Flower Fund: In memory of Joe Rondeau from Pastor Cheryl and Scott Bassett; In memory of Pat Morlock from husband Will Morlock.

To the Radio Fund: In memory of Joe Rondeau from Pastor Cheryl and Scott Bassett; In memory of Pat Morlock from husband Will Morlock. In memory of Roy & Doris Schmeling from the Schmeling Radio Fund

To General Fund: Memorials given for Judy Everson from Arvid Koppang

To Grace Foundation: A Memorial for G. Dahl from Aj Sherrill; A memorial for Judy Everson from Leigh Carstensen. A memorial for Judy Everson from Robert & Carol Wagner.

YOU ARE NEEDED on Grace's Committees

Grace Lutheran Church is overseen by the church council but there are several committee to handle specific activities of it's mission and ministry . These committees include council representative as well as members of the congregation.

At this time, there are several committees with congregational member vacancies and are in need of being filled namely: Fellowship & Outreach; Mission; Finance & Stewardship and Property are those with opening.

Your help is needed for this very important work of Grace Lutheran. If you are able to fill one of these spots, please contact pastor or stop at the office. Thank you!



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.

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
Under the Give tab.

Remembering

~ William Nash ~

August 1, 2023

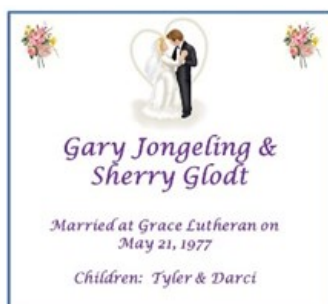


ANNIVERSARY QUILT BLOCKS DEADLINE EXTENDED

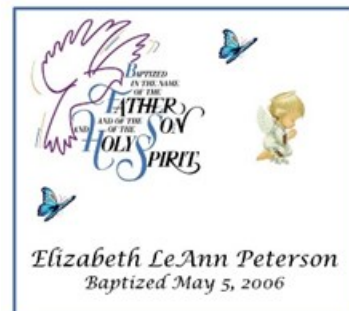
We want ALL families to be included in this 104th Commemorative Quilt

The quilt committee for the 140th anniversary quilt deadline has been extended to give more time for families and elderly to complete their quilt blocks. Darlene Bresson stated: "The 140th committee decided to extend the deadline indefinitely for the quilt blocks. We received 50 blocks and they are beautiful and so creative! But as a commemorative quilt, we wanted more people/families to participate. There are a few women who will make blocks for you, so contact Darlene at 605-421-1258 or Denise Biller 605-377-5106 to order yours."

Several quilt blocks have been on display in the narthex following worship on Sunday to help with ideas and to take orders. The design can be sewn, embroidered, or use cloth paints just bring your ideas and someone will help.



The design can be sewn, embroidered, or use cloth paints just bring your ideas and someone will help. Blocks are available at the church office and will be sewn together to display as soon as it is completed.



Changes—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: gracecl@midconetwork.com or call 605-886-5737.

Cut Cost by saving on Postage

Many people read the Gleanings online at Facebook or the Grace website (glcwn.org) For those who do, we are asking you to let us know and we will remove you from the Gleaning mailing list. Just fill out the clip out below or use the printed copies at the church to leave in the offering plate or the office. With our new church management software, you can have your Gleanings email or texted to you.

If you want to continue to receive the Gleanings by mail—that's great—you don't have to do a thing. We will not remove you and you will continue to get your Gleanings newsletter mailed to you each month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

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

We will no longer use this app but switching 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 remove me from the Gleanings mailing list and Add me to the Gleanings Email List

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.

We have two months to prepare! You can help!
The most popular item for sale will be the LEFSE.



The first lefse workshops are September 11th & 12th at 8 a.m.

We need potato peelers, ricers and mixers on Mondays and mixers, ball-makers, rollers, turners, and dusters/floor-workers on Tuesdays. The lefse workshops will run for five consecutive weeks. Both men and women can come and join in the fun of lefse-making.

LEFSE WORKSHOPS at 8:00 a.m.

September 11& 12; 18 & 19; 25 & 26 and October 2 & 3; 9 & 10

OTHER WORKSHOP DATES TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER

Include:

DONUTS—October 17th in the evening

FLATBROD—Morning of October 17th

ROSETTES—October 24th

You are Welcome to Come and

Learn how to make these traditional treats



Please direct your questions to

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

Other Nordefest Plus needs

Helpers are needed for the jewelry store to set up jewelry for display prior to the day and assist in selling as is needed for Grandma's Attic. Other needs include items for the bakery, ethnic delicacies (Scandinavian, German, Asian and others), rummage items for "Grandma's Attic" and jewelry. The gift shop can use quilts, gift baskets, hand towels, dish towels, dish rags, scrubbers, craft items and linens of yesteryear. Everyone can help make the 2023 Nordefest Plus a successful event. You can donate items or money and/or you can work preparing lefse, donuts, flatbröd, Krumkake, or rosettes. It takes all of us working together to achieve what has become GLCW's most successful effort at fundraising. Please consider volunteering.

What is Nordefest Plus?

The Nordefest Plus Festival is about Ethnic food and is held the last weekend in October. Formed in 1883 as a Scandinavian church, the focus was on more Scandinavian foods but over the years has expanded to include other Ethnic favorites and encourages others to include theirs.

The festival also includes several booths, such as: Lefse, donuts, ethnic delicacies, baked items, a gift shop, jewelry room, coffee bar, lunch bar, and Grandma's attic (which is used items for sale). It is put on by the Grace Lutheran Church Women. They are always looking for items to sell and welcome people to help.

WANTED—JEWELS

for NORDEFEST PLUS

We would appreciate any jewelry donations for the booth at Nordefest Plus. This includes watches, necklaces, bracelets, rings, brooches, earrings, scarves, belts, and purses. etc. — old, new, and in-between! Thank you for your help!



MAKE DONATIONS TO GRANDMA'S ATTIC

As you are cleaning out your closets and attics this fall, please consider donating gently-used, but still useful, items to the Nordefest Plus for Grandma's Attic.

No clothes, please.

You may drop your items off at the church no sooner than, Oct. 18th.



CRAFTERS & NEEDLEWORKERS!

Nordefest Plus is just around the corner and the Gift Shop can use your talents! Home-crafted gifts make wonderful gifts and a great fund-raiser!

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

Thank you in advance,



Darlene Bresson, Gift Shop Chair.



News from Grace Lutheran Preschool



Miss Maia has been working hard setting up her classroom. This summer a fresh coat of paint was applied, the carpets were cleaned, and the tile floor has been waxed. So fresh and clean for the new group of preschoolers at Grace! Wednesday August 30th an open house for the preschoolers to meet their teacher is from 6-8pm.

Miss Maia does have an Amazon Wishlist created if anyone would like to help update the preschool with cool new learning materials and decorations! Go to:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2QY6LBAC1WBGT?ref=wl_share

She is also in need of: Playdough, Watercolor Paint sets (12 total), and snack items.

There are openings available for all 3 classes—Please contact Kat or Miss Maia if you would like to enroll your student!

- ⇒ Morning 3s (Monday & Thursday)
- ⇒ Morning 4s (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday)
- ⇒ Afternoon 4s (Monday-Friday)



A HUGE Thank

Thank you to ALL who have helped with the fresh fruit program this summer. The last summer fruit went out the door this week.

Unloading the truck, dividing the boxes, selling, and carrying fruit to the customer's vehicle.

I am so very grateful for those who volunteered to help and so thankful that our work was able to help Grace financially.

God's blessings to all! Darlene

Watertown Fruit by Grace

WANTED—NEW MEMBERS

Forms available are available in the church office

Have you been attending Grace Lutheran for a while and would like to become a member? New Member Forms are available at the church office to complete for any who would like to join our church family. 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.

Dried Fruits and Nuts are Available

anytime in the Grace office with a wide variety to choose from as well as munchies and several kinds of candies. Stop by and check it out.

We now have a credit card machine for your convenience. *Watertown Fruit by Grace proceeds go to the General Fund*

Youth Group grades 7th thru 12th meet on Wednesdays

at 7:30 pm in the Youth Room

Come early for a meal 5:30—6:15 pm

Dinner Church at 6 pm

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



Registration for Sunday/Wednesday School is ONLINE

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” is the theme for this year's Sunday/Wednesday school activities.

Rally Days are: September 6th – Wednesday School Rally Day beginning at 6:30 pm

Worship and Wednesday school Opening begin at 6 pm.

September 10th – Sunday School Rally Day beginning at 9:45 am.

This year you can register ONLINE at glcwn.org/Education/students and look for the Online Registration forms to fill out for each child 3 yr to 6th grade. Choose the correct form either Wednesday or Sunday.

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

Parents and volunteers are needed to prepare the meal, serve the meal, and clean up after the meal. Donations are also welcome to start the program and purchase food. Parents can serve alone or team up with another family to purchase, prepare and/or serve a meal. A sign-up Genius is available for this at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CA4AA23AAFE25-wednesday> or contact Kat in the office.



Also new, children who come at 5:30 for the meal can help with the evening prelude before the service learning action songs from VBS and other faith formation materials.

Bible Presentations will be at 6 pm, September 6th for Wednesday Students and 11 am for Sunday students. In baptism parents promise to make sure children receive instruction in the Christian faith and to hear the Word of God in worship in God's house. Grace Lutheran wants to help you with this responsibility by offering a Bible to children in PK, or beginning 2nd and 7th grades.

Wednesday night activities begin with Dinner Church

Midweek services will start up once more on Wednesday, September 6th as dinner church. The evening service will be combined with the opening exercises for Wednesday school and begin at 6 pm. Dinner Church is worship with a meal. The meal will begin at 5:30 pm and served in Fellowship Hall where all will gather around tables to eat and worship.

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Wednesday dinner church is not just for children and youth but the whole family and all who want to attend midweek worship and hear the Word of God proclaimed. Each week an order of service will be provided with a reading, singing, prayers, a short message, and a meal.

The prelude will include time for the children to learn action songs to sing. All children, youth, families, and members are welcome to come and participate in this very informal time of worship and praise.

Dinner church is more than a church potluck. It is based on Jesus' teaching of healing and eating with all people and meeting them where they are. We often read about Jesus' ministry taking place through meals, not just in the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His disciples, but in many gospel stories and stories of the early church.

We encourage you to give it a try beginning at 6 pm each Wednesday evening. Come relax and enjoy the evening while your children attend the various faith formation activities of Grace. Let's make Wednesday night Church Night once again.

Grace Lutheran Church

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September 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Pastor Cheryl Office Hours at Grace ~ Tuesday through Thursday ~ You are welcome to Contact Pastor directly anytime at 605-237-1501 or E-mail: cheryl@graceclc.com | | | | | | |
| 3 8:30 am Worship Kristina Dawitt to lead service | 4 Labor Day Holiday OFFICE CLOSED | 5 1 pm GLCW Exec Board meets 4:30 Tops/ Basement 5:30 pm Foundation meeting | 6 Rally Wednesday 10:30 am Service at Avantara 11:00 TOPS/ Basement 5:30 – 6:15 Wednesday Meal 6 pm Dinner Church & Wed school Opening w/Bible Presentation 6:30 pm Wednesday school Rally Day 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:30 Youth Group | 7 8 am to Noon Home Schooler | 1 OFFICE CLOSED | 2 Pastor off September 1-3 |
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| 10 Rally Sunday 8:30 – Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:30 am – Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am – 140 th Anniversary Committee Meeting 9:45 – 10:45 Sunday School Rally Day 11 am Contemporary Worship w/Bible Presentation, Teacher Installation, Holy Communion & Baptism | 11 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET | 12 4:30 Tops/ Basement Noon – Wtn Ministerial Assn meeting and Gideon Appreciation luncheon for Pastors 6 pm Outreach & Fellowship Committee Meeting | 13 10:30 am Service at HRise 11:00 TOPS/ Basement 5 pm Grace Executive Committee 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 | 14 8 am to Noon Home Schooler 10:00 am Service at Stonebrook 5pm Finance and Stewardship committee 6 pm Grace Council meeting | 15 OFFICE CLOSED Gleanings Deadline 10 am – Chamber Ribbon Cutting for 140 th Anniversary Followed by Coffee | 16 140th Anniversary 2 – 4 pm Open House w/ Coffee Fellowship |
| 17 140th ANNIVERSARY 9 am 140 th Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School ONE SERVICE ONLY 10:30 am 140 th Anniversary Worship w/Communion Noon – 140 th Anniversary Meal 2 pm Service at Edgewood | 18 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET | 19 4:30 Tops/ Basement | 20 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 6:30 pm Wednesday school 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:30 Youth Group | 21 8 am to Noon Home Schooler 9:30 am Elizabeth Circle | 22 OFFICE CLOSED | 23 Noon to 3 pm Olivia Rudebusch Birthday Party |
| 24 - BLESSING OF THE QUILTS & KITS. 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. | 25 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 pm BANQUET | 26 4:30 Tops/ Basement | 27 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 6:30 pm God's Work Our Hands 7:30 Youth Group | 28 8 am to Noon Home Schooler | 29 OFFICE CLOSED | 30 |

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Wednesday Evening Dinner Church Service at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall

Important Upcoming Dates

September 6th – Wednesday meals start-5:30 to 6:15 pm
Dinner Church begins at 6 pm

Wednesday School Rally Day starts at 6:30 pm

September 10th – **Sunday School Rally Day** at 9:45 am.

Sun/Wed school teacher installation at the 11 am

September 15th – 10 am Ribbon Cutting for 140th

September 16th – 2 to 4 pm - 140th Open House Coffee

September 17th – 10:30 am - 140th Anniversary Worship

Noon – Lunch will be served. \$5 in advance; \$6 at door.

September 24th – Blessing of the LWR Kits and Quilts

September 27th – God's Work Our Hands putting kits
together 6:30 pm

October 1st—1:30 pm Load LWR Truck w/Quilts & Kits

October 8th—9:30 am Faith and Blue Forum

October 22– New Member Sunday—Potluck

October 28th—Nordefest Plus Festival

140th Anniversary Open House
September 16th 2 –4 pm
Sunday Coffee September 17—9 am



Sunday Coffee Fellowship

The family of Grace Lutheran invites
everyone to join us for Coffee Fellow-
ship each Sunday morning beginning at
9:30 am In Fellowship Hall.

Come get to know each other!

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