



*From
the
Pastor's*



Desk

Doodling & Gifts

In amongst kids drawings of cats, stars, and church buildings, I came across this: **“Sometimes life is going good. Sometimes life is going bad. Jesus is with you with both.”** This quote comes from a Children’s Doodle Book that someone shared with me from one of the pews at Grace.

Another quote: **“God loves us all the same. Be kind to everyone, especially kids you don’t like. God wants you to do good things for people without expecting anything in return.”** One more: **“Let God be with us in our hearts forever, through our tough times and our good times on earth. Ask God for forgiveness of our sins.”**

In pondering this I was led to a passage in 1 Corinthians 13: *(St. Paul writes) “If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.*

Paul does a wonderful job in this passage of writing about God’s gift of love to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. We also used this same passage to talk about love in our confirmation class on Ash Wednesday/Valentine’s Day. We had fun that evening pondering how to write love notes and what this passage means.

In the class we also talked about how God knows our hearts. God likes watching us choose to do good things toward others. But when we don’t have love for other people, or when we do nice things for selfish reasons—God is not pleased.

Beloved in Christ, the Bible tells us that God is love and that God wants us to be kind to people because we love God and God loves us.

Love them like Jesus,
><> Pastor Kevin



Holy Week Schedule

Grace Lutheran Church

Palm Sunday Service, March 24

9:00 am Sunday

Children and Adult Choir Presentation

Maundy Thursday Service, March 28

6:30 pm Thursday

Living Last Supper Performance by GLC Confirmation Students

Good Friday Services, March 29

12:00 pm Friday

Alliance of Churches Crosswalk

(Begins at Presbyterian Church and ends at Grace Lutheran)

6:30 pm Friday

“Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?” Service

Presented by GLC High School Youth Group

Easter Sunday, March 31

6:30 am Sunday

Easter Sunrise Service at Lion’s Club Pavilion

7:30 am Sunday

Easter Breakfast at Grace Lutheran

9:00 am Sunday

He Is Risen Traditional Worship Service

Serving Grace March 2024

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 9:00 AM

Position	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Greeters (1)	Tim and Debbie Patmore	Randy Carlson and Denise Petrowske	Ruth Smit	Jeff and Christina Christiniana	
Ushers (4)		Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Boone and Caron Collins	
Assisting Ministers	Kim Webber	Tim Potts	Tim Patmore	Garland Dobler	Kim Webber
Lesson Reader (1)	Tim Patmore	Gary Meyer	Dick Ruby	Kent Kreutz	Kimberly Petersen
Serving Communion	Tim Patmore	Randy Carlson	Garland Dobler	Heather Kreutz	
*Coffee Hosts (3)	Cindy Gehring and Brandy Nikkila	Deb & Bob Haivala and Diana Bauer	Ward & Garland Dobler and Kent & Heather Kreutz		Easter Breakfast
Sunday Acolytes	Madeline Vliem and Braylee Blakeman	Danny Tedder and Levi McPherson	Kwynnlee Meland and Willow Nikkila	Torin Monahan and Christian Pankratz	Mason and Blain McGillivray

*Coffee Hosts– please bring 4 dozen cookies each, help set up, serve and clean up. Worship helper instructions are located in the front entryway.

~ WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE ~

Position	March 6	March 13	March 20
*WNL Meal Hosts	GLC Quilters	GLCW	GLC Youth
Wednesday Night Acolytes	Mason and Blain McGillivray	Lily and Landry Wilson	Braxten Bahe and Quintin Kelly

March Serving Grace Members

Aga, Lynn and Karmen
 Anderson, Kevin and Janis
 Bahe, Peyton and Courtney
 Berg, Randy and Connie
 Blakeman, Jenna and Jesse
 Calhoun, David & Webber, Kim
 Chapman, Dan and Lynelle
 Dobler, Ward and Garland
 Gutsche, Janet
 Haivala, Bob and Debbie

Heikes, Rod and Shannon
 Keeton, Russ and Joanne
 Kreutz, Kent and Heather
 McFarland, Ardith
 McGillivray, Brandon and Maranda
 Mullins, Darlene
 Pickar, Ranae
 Pudwill, Shawn and Danilee
 Räftevold, Casey and Heidi

Rock, Brice
 Ruby, Dick
 Sjomeling, Jason & Celena
 Walker, Paulette
 Weitzel, Larry and Ann
 Wolf, Jake and Rosalie

Serving Grace April 2024

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 9:00 AM

Serving Grace sign up board is located near the entrance of the church.
If your name is listed below, please sign up for April before March 25th.

Position	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Greeters (2)	Nikkila Family	Lorayne Schaefer and Kenya Schummer		
Ushers (4)		Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Boone and Caron Collins
Assisting Ministers				
Lesson Reader (1)	Bryan Mahoney	Bryan Mahoney		
Serving Communion	Diana Bauer	Brandy Nikkila		
*Coffee Hosts (3)	Bryan Mahoney	Bryan Mahoney		Kristi & Calvin Cammack and Einar & Gail Mortenson
Sunday Acolytes	Lily and Landry Wilson	Braxten Bahe and Quintin Kelly	Jett and Jenika Leonhardt	Khiana Williams-Oviatt and JoLei Avery

Atyeo, Tim & Tonya
Bauer, Diane
Caneva, Brandon
Dschaak, Ethan & Shanna
Gunderson, Al and Tessa
Haugen, Tyler and Dee
Humble, Jeannie

Johnson, Janet
Karrels, Amanda
Magdanz, Thomas & Kelly
Malloux, Kathleen
Meland, Arvid & Paulette
Molitor, Sandy
Monahan, San & Jennifer

Monahan, Vicki
Patmore, Tim and Debbie
Vliem, Jeremy and Cindy
Walker (Weisz), Chaska
Weisz, Rich and Cheryl
Wilson, Char



PROJECTOR OPERATORS IN MARCH

1st Sunday: Debbie Patmore
2nd Sunday: Deb Haivala
3rd Sunday: Debbie Patmore
4th Sunday: Bob Tesch
5th Sunday:

ALTAR GUILD IN MARCH

Melissa and Madison Pankratz

Cross Walk

Good Friday
March 29
12 - 1 pm

Five Stations
Begin at:

First Presbyterian Church
Kinkade's Funeral Chapel
Sturgis Christian Church
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
End at Grace Lutheran Church

*Presented by local clergy and
Sturgis Alliance of Churches*



*Hosanna,
Hosanna,
in the Highest!*

**Children join in the
Palm Sunday Palm Parade
and sing for the service
9 am Sunday March 24**

He is Risen

Sunrise Service
6:30 am
Lion's Club
Park Pavilion

Sunday March 31
Traditional Service
9 am
Grace Lutheran
Church



2024 YEAR TO DATE

OFFERINGS

\$45,882.34

EXPENSES

\$45,066.51

BUDGET

\$42,633.34



FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

Sundays

Feb 4 - 109

Feb 11 - 98

Feb 18 - 129

Feb 25 - 125

Wednesdays

Feb 7 - 46

Feb 14 - 123

Feb 21 - 75

Feb 28 - 64



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Laurie Adkins-Heydon, Judy Siegford, Myles Hupp, Ron Monson and Paulette Walker.

On-going prayers: Bud Rank, Sharon Rank, Jody Wilke, Dale Kreutz, Morgan Myers, Ally Tedder, Marcia Potts, Larry Schemmel, Joy Conway, our homebound members and those serving in the military.
(Please notify the office of changes)



FROM THE
CHURCH
OFFICE

Deadline to submit items for the April newsletter is *Monday, March 25th.*

Please send your newsletter items to Keri at gracelutheran@rushmore.com.
Let us send you an email with a link to our newsletter when it's posted to our website.
If you are interested, please send your email address to the office at:
gracelutheran@rushmore.com or call Keri at 605-347-2713.

Did you know... Our website contains the weekly worship bulletins, monthly newsletter, sermon broadcast, monthly calendar, Council and Committee minutes, and much more. For a printed copy, see the info rack at the entrance of the church.

Check it out at: www.sturgisglc.org.

See special events on Facebook.



Has your address or phone number changed?

Please let Keri know at 605-347-2713 or e-mail us at gracelutheran@rushmore.com.

The **Power** **of** **the** **Cross**

Christ's Passion, Our Redemption



15th Community Easter Cantata

**Palm Sunday, March 24
and Tuesday, March 26
7:00 p.m.**

**Grace Lutheran Church
1061 Sherman Street, Sturgis**

Sponsored by the Sturgis Area Arts Council



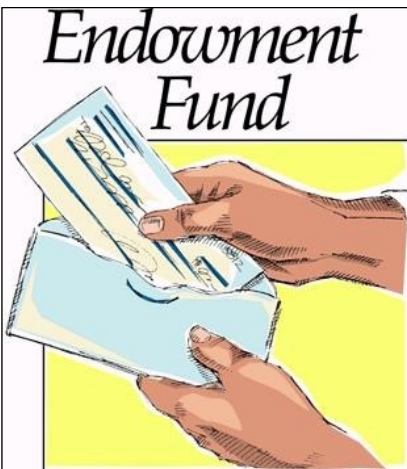
EGG DROP COMING TO A YARD NEAR YOU!!

Friday March 29

GLC Church Council plans to egg your yard or a yard of your choice with Resurrection Eggs and candy too. A minimum donation of \$20 to benefit an AED is requested.

Call the church office at 605-347-2713.
Reservation deadline is Friday March 22.

Grace Lutheran Endowment Fund Seeks Applications



There are 5 specific purposes that Endowment fund grants money for:

1. Capital Improvement or building program of Grace Lutheran Church
2. College scholarships to a Lutheran college or Seminary
3. Scholarships for camping, leadership conferences or special programs
4. Gifts to local or state missions
5. Gifts to the ELCA for mission work

Applications are available in the church office.

Submissions are due March 31 and funds will be distributed in April.

The Endowment Fund was established in 1993 with the goal of providing a perpetual fund that would benefit Grace Lutheran and its members for decades to come. The principal of the fund cannot be spent, so it is only the earnings that are paid out each year. All gifts are welcome – whether it is by a check you can write today, or with funds you'd consider leaving through your estate. Please consider the Grace Lutheran Church Endowment Fund in your gift planning! (The application is found on the following page.)

Application for Grace Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Non-profit: Yes or No

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Amount of Request: _____ Total project Costs: _____

Purpose of Request:

Please attach any additional information that you would like to share.

Estimated number of people that will be assisted: _____

Type of Request: (no one of the fives purposes shall receive more than \$1,000.)

- a) Capital improvement or building program of Grace Lutheran Church
 b) College scholarship for member or their children to attend Lutheran College or Seminary
 c) Scholarships to members of GLC for camping, leadership conferences or special programs
 d) Gifts to missions, local & state, social service agencies, institutions/individuals in need
 e) Gifts to ELCA for mission work & missionary education, in US or overseas

Would you or a representative be willing to attend a church service to tell us how your request will be used?

_____ yes _____ no

Signed: _____

Title or Office _____

Date: _____

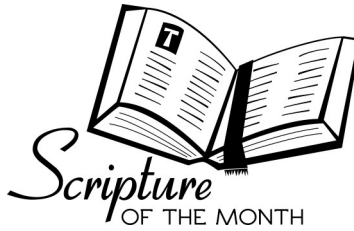
Feel Free to add documents or information that relates to this request for funds.

Please Return by March 31, 2024 to:

**Grace Lutheran Church
Endowment Committee
P.O. Box 577, Sturgis, SD 57785**

March 3

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22



March 24

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1--15:47

March 10

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 17

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

March 31

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

9 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

The radio broadcast calendar for 2024 is posted on the bulletin board in the entryway of the church. You are invited to place your name on the date you wish to sponsor. You may also call the office 347-2713 to reserve a date. The cost per broadcast is \$65. Partial sponsorships are invited and encouraged.

- Mar 3 - In memory of Chris (Bob) Mechling's birthday, love his children.
- Mar 10 - Ranae Pickar, in loving memory of Ed Pickar's birthday.
- Mar 17 - Sandy Molitor, in loving memory of Bill Molitor's birthday.
- Mar 24 - Ardith McFarland, in memory of her grandson Casey McFarland.
- Mar 31 -

Offering Information

Send your offering to PO Box 577,
Sturgis, SD 57785,
or drop off at the church Office
Mon - Fri 8 am - 12 pm / 1 pm - 5 pm

To Use Venmo:

1. Scan the QR code with your smartphone.
2. Login or setup your account (first time only).
3. Make your gift.



**The Red Bucket Ministry
For the 1st Quarter**

**Camp Scholarships
for all 5th Grade Students**

Leave a donation in the Red Bucket located in the back of the church and your donation will help send all of our 5th grade students to summer camp at Outlaw Ranch.



Lutheran Campus Ministry Presents

Souper Chili Cookoff!



March 17 at 5pm
**Trinity Lutheran
Church**
402 Kansas City St

Sign up to
compete!



Contact Pastor Carla 605-670-8416 for tickets

FALL/WINTER 2023/2024 PLANNED GENEROSITY PROMOS FOR BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER October 8 – March 10

(NOTE: Most of these pieces are not date-specific and may be used whenever time and space permit.)



Lutheran Planned Generosity
of South Dakota

MARCH 3: *Putting stock in something that matters.* A gift of appreciated investments could offer the opportunity to decrease taxes and even increase the size of your gift to Grace Lutheran. This strategy can even allow you to reset the cost basis in those investments you want to keep as a part of your portfolio. Call Kathy McHenry at Lutheran Planned Generosity of SD at 605.274.5030 or email kmchenry@sdsynod.org for more information.

MARCH 10: *Giving beyond the checkbook.* What if you could make the impact of your generosity even greater? Writing a check might be the simplest way to make a gift. But it may also be the least tax-efficient. A charitable gift of appreciated investments, real estate or grain might make sense for you. If you'd like to know more about these tax-saving strategies for generosity, contact Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota at 605.274.5030 or visit our website at www.lpgsd.org.

your life can make a difference

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Lutheran Outdoors Camp Registration Is OPEN!!

Spots are filling up fast!
Register today for the Early Bird Discount.



Visit losd.org/outlaw



Spring Forward

Daylight Saving Time

Begins March 10!
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead!

Save the Dates Tuesday's April 23 & 30 at 6 p.m.

Join Pastor Kevin in the Rose Room for two 90 minute classes on **Biblical Healing**

Pastor will be using the Johari Window. What is the Johari Window? It is an instrument to better understand yourself and your relationship with others. Come and learn how Love on the Cross can heal your heart and your relationships.



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Sturgis Golden K Annual Spring Fund Raiser

All you can eat Soup Supper for \$10.00!
Includes soup, salad, bread, dessert

Sunday March 24th from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
at the Sturgis Community Center

All proceeds benefit our local youth projects!



Annual Potato Feed

Baked Potatoes with Toppings and Salad, Coffee, Cold Drinks and Conversation

Monday, March 25th from 4:30-6:00 at the Sturgis Community Center

Free Will Offering to help those in need



Sturgis Alliance of Churches



March

BIRTHDAYS

1 Gary Meyer
Jennifer Gabriel

2 Jared Williams

3 Dadra Avery

4 Ruth Smit
Jocelyn Nohava
Ramona Zeiner
Jennifer Aldren
Lorraine Bahe

5 Shirley Halverson

6 Sawyer Shryock

7 Karel Aga
Pat Baldwin

8 Sharon Collins
Tammy Hencke

9 Doris Workentine
Owen Aldren

10 Joy Conway
Norma Tesch

12 Gary Reimer
Elizabeth Aga

13 Pastor Carla
Michelle Keeton

14 Daniel Zeiner

15 Emily Meyer

16 Beverly Hemmah
Dee Haugen

18 Koyer Kelly

20 Marie Kaufman
Quintin Kelly
Courtney Bahe

21 Dennis Chowen

23 Sullivan Jost

24 Ray Aga

25 Robert Jordan

27 Sandra Molitor

28 Debbie Merritt

29 Connie Hurlburt
Robin Baldwin

31 Jennifer Keeton
John Paul



March





ANNIVERSARIES

13 Tim & Misty Myers

19 Eugene & Audrey Konold

Grace Lutheran News and Events

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
3 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:30 Choir	4 Pastor's Day Off	5 6 pm Altar Guild Mtg.	6 8:30 am Quilting 5 pm Kids Alive 5 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm WNL Supper 6:30 pm HS Youth 6:30 pm WNL Service	7 9:30 am Bible Study	8	9 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:30 Choir	11 Pastor's Day Off	12 1 pm GLCW Exec. Meeting 1:30 pm GLCW Meeting	13 8:30 am Quilting 5 pm Kids Alive 5 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Supper 6:30 pm HS Youth 6:30 pm Lenten Service	14 9:30 am Bible Study	15	16 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
17 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:30 Choir 	18 Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline	19 5:30 pm Worship Meeting	20 8:30 am Quilting 5 pm Kids Alive 5 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Lenten Supper 6:30 pm HS Youth 6:30 pm Lenten Service	21 9:30 am Bible Study	22	23 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
24 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour 7 pm Easter Cantata	25 Pastor's Day Off	26  7 pm Easter Cantata	27 8:30 am Quilting NO WNL ACTIVITIES	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Last Supper Service hosted by the GLC Confirmation Students	29 GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 pm - Alliance Crosswalk 6:30 pm Reverse Advent Service Presented by GLC High School Youth Group	30
31 EASTER 6:30 am Sunrise Service @Lions Club Pavilion 7:30 am Easter Breakfast @ GLC 9:00 am Worship (HC) 