



*From
the
Pastor's*



Desk

Love on the Cross

Love on the Cross will be our Lenten series this year. Lent begins on February 14, Valentine's Day, with our Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m. Please plan on coming at 5:30 p.m. for a meal, receiving the ashes, and reflecting on how Jesus gave his all on the cross for our sake.

Then, for the next five Wednesdays we will continue to have meals and Lenten services using the same theme—*Love on the Cross*.

So, right now I would like to answer some questions like: What is Lent? The cross-shaped ashes we impose on our foreheads this holy day are meant as a visible sign of our baptismal identity in Christ. The ashes in the shape of a cross proclaim that we are beloved children of God who are joined to the love of Jesus in life and in death.

Another question: Why is it associated with 40 days? Forty days has great significance in the Bible.

- In Noah's day, rain fell on the ground for 40 days.
- The prophet Jonah warned that in 40 days Nineveh would be no more.
- Moses spent 40 days & nights on Mt. Sinai after receiving the Ten Commandments. Exodus 24:17-18: *"Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights."*
- Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days and nights in the wilderness before his temptations.
- The resurrected Christ appeared to the disciples for 40 days.

Would you help people come by inviting friends and neighbors to come to Grace Lutheran Church to participate in *Love on the Cross*?

Will you pray from now until Ash Wednesday (and throughout Lent) that *Love on the Cross* will inspire spiritual growth in you and in the lives of others?

During Ash Wednesday and beyond, you will see a big heart on our wooden cross. It will be the best sign of a Valentine's Day promise of love from Christ our Lord!

During Lent, the sermons will center on "love." These worship services will help you to participate in the Spirit of Christ and share God's love with others.

Love them like Jesus,
><> Pastor Kevin

Serving Grace February 2024

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 9:00 AM

Position	Feb 4	Feb 11	Feb 18	Feb 25
Greeters (2)	Denise Petrowske and Randy Carlson	Jarred, Inga, Arminas and Adonis Curry	Norma Tesch	Ethan, Shanna, Dalyn and Danica Dschaak
Ushers (4)		Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Boone and Caron Collins
Assisting Ministers	Garland Dobler	Tim Patmore	Tim Patmore	JD Williams
Lesson Reader (1)	Kimberly Petersen	Blake Williams	Kimberly Petersen	Carolyn Ruff
Serving Communion	Sheri Boy	Darlene Mullins	Dan Boy	
*Coffee Hosts (3)	Ruth Smit, Eileen Raforth and Mary Ann Stroschein	Bob and Deb Haivala	Dschaak family, Monahan family and Linda Erion	Dan & Sheri Boy, Sandra Boy and Nick & Michelle Shryock
Sunday Acolytes	Khiana Williams Oviatt and JoLei Avery	Tenlee and Talen Koontz	Lily Meunier and Pate Gunderson	Kaydence and Owen Aldren

*Coffee Hosts– please bring 4 dozen cookies each, help set up, serve and clean up.

~ WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE ~

Position	Feb 7	Feb 14	Feb 21	Feb 28
*WNL Meal Hosts	Tim and Debbie Patmore	GLCW		GLCW
Wednesday Night Acolytes	Madeline Vliem and Braylee Blakeman	Danny Tedder and Levi McPherson	Kwynnlee Meland and Willow Nikkila	Torin Monahan and Christian Pankratz

February Serving Grace Members

Avery, Dan and Dadra
 Bisson, Paul and Mary
 Boy, Dan and Sheri
 Boy, Sandra & Plaggemeyer,
 Aisha
 Casteel, Clayton and Janice
 Collins, Sharon
 Gabriel, Larry
 Greslin, Don and Judy
 Hayes, DeWayne

Hencke, Bryan and Tammy
 Jorensen, Barney and Dawn
 Kelly, Matt and Amanda
 Kreutz, Dale and Mary Ellen
 Lange, Bonnie
 Lisko, Russell and Patsy
 Pankratz, Chris and Melissa
 Petersen, Kimberly
 Reder, Hope
 Shryock, Nick and Michelle

Shuck, Denise
 Smit, Ruth
 Stubstad, Carol
 Weimer, Jan
 White, Lyla
 Wiedmann, Ron and Gloria
 Wilson, Pete and Mikayla

Serving Grace March 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 March before February 23rd.

Position	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Greeters (1)					
Ushers (4)		Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Boone and Caron Collins	
Assisting Ministers	Tim Potts	Kim Webber	Tim Patmore	Garland Dobler	Kim Webber
Lesson Reader (1)		Gary Meyer	Dick Ruby		
Serving Communion					
*Coffee Hosts (3)		Deb & Bob Haivala			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

Aga, Lynn and Karmen
Anderson, Kevin and Janis
Bahe, Peyton and Courtney
Berg, Randy and Connie
Blakeman, Jenna and Jesse
Calhoon, 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

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



PROJECTOR OPERATORS IN FEBRUARY

1st Sunday: Debbie Patmore
2nd Sunday: Michelle Williams
3rd Sunday: Debbie Patmore
4th Sunday: Bob Tesch

ALTAR GUILD IN FEBRUARY

Mary Ellen Kreutz, Lynette Kvanvig &
Brandy Nikkila

2024 YEAR TO DATE

OFFERINGS

\$22,583.02

EXPENSES

\$22,464.41

BUDGET

\$21,316.67



JANUARY ATTENDANCE

Sundays

Jan 7 - 101

Jan 14 - 62

Jan 21 - 132

Jan 28 - 105

Wednesdays

Jan 10 - 41

Jan 17 - 33

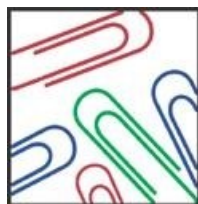
Jan 24 - 39

Jan 31 - 45



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Judy Siegford, Gordon and Christian Kotab, Myles Hupp, Ron Monson, Paulette Walker and the families of Neil Hultman and Bill Molitor.

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 March newsletter is *Monday, February 19th.*

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.

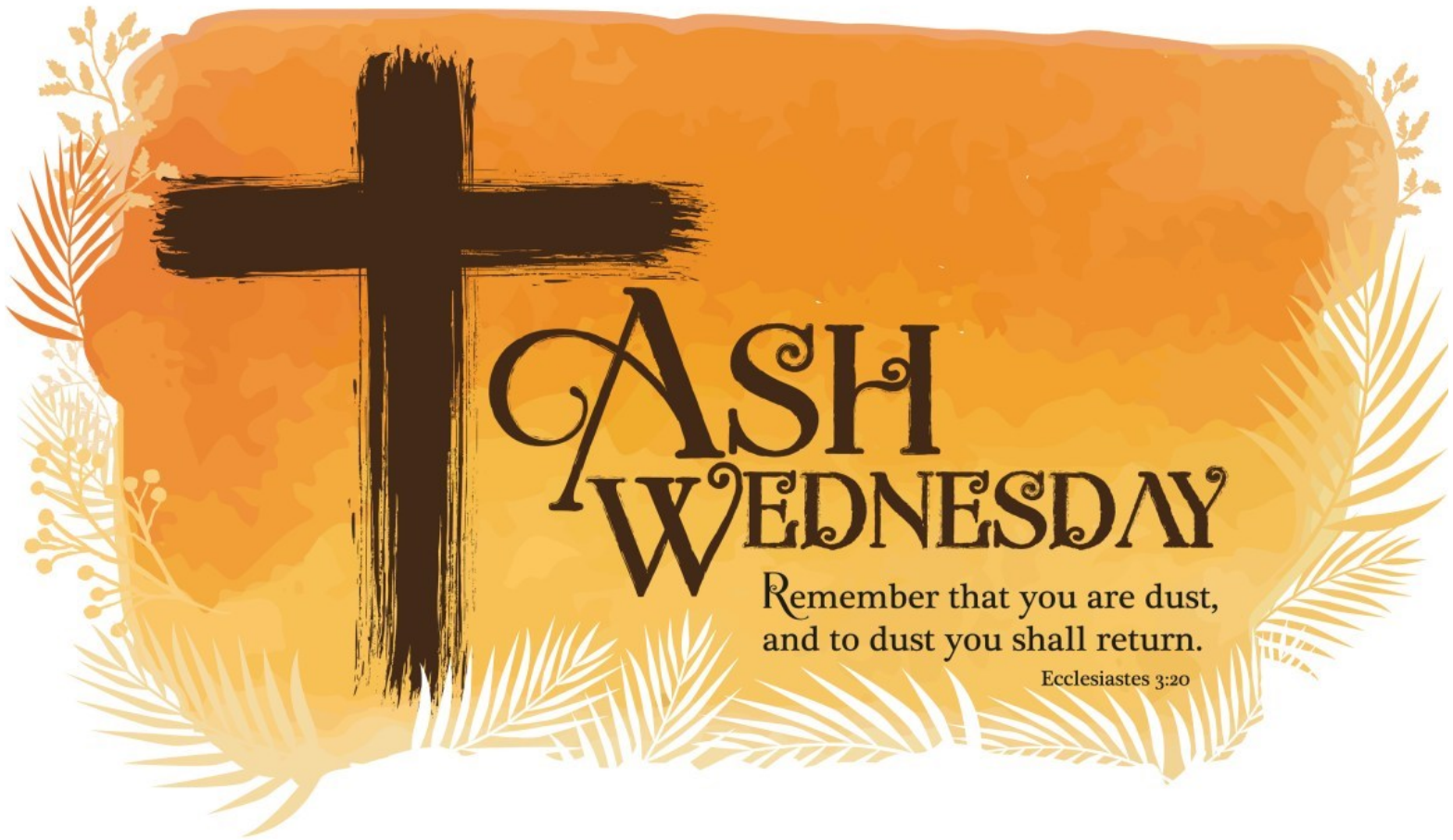
Check it out at: www.sturgisglc.org.

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.



**GRACE LUTHERAN
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
6:30 P.M.**

**COME AND TAKE TIME TO REFLECT ON
THE SACRIFICE OF
OUR LORD AND SAVIOR**

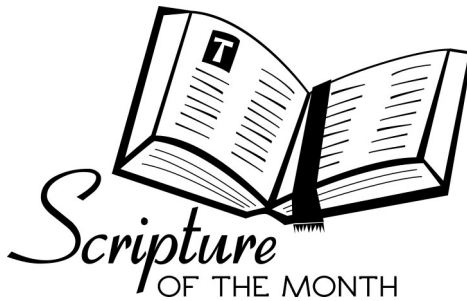
**LENTEN SUPPERS BEGIN AT 5:30
LENTEN SERVICES: FEB. 14-MARCH 20 AT 6:30**

February 4

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 11

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9



February 18

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

February 25

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

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.

- Feb 4 - Pastor Kevin's Baptismal Anniversary
- Feb 11 - Dawn Geppert, in appreciation of the option to listen on the radio when she is unable to attend in person.
- Feb 18 - GLCW, in memory of Ramona Hultman.
- Feb 25 - Char Wilson, in memory of Jerry Burnham.

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.



I want to thank everyone for all of the cards, texts and emails while I was under the weather. Also a big thank you to those who helped undecorate the church. ~Dawn Geppert

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.)



FEBRUARY 4: ***How much is enough?*** That sounds like a loaded question, doesn't it? But this isn't about creating some kind of guilt trip over the size of my gifts. Instead, I'm thinking about how much is enough for ME? Have I thought intentionally about the point where I have everything I need, and what is God's hope for anything beyond that amount? Not an easy thought process, but I'd love to hear your comments and to have you join me in considering these questions. --Kathy McHenry, Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota (605.274.5030 or kmchenry@sdsynod.org).

FEBRUARY 11: ***Spreading the Love Around.*** You might think that providing a meaningful charitable legacy means sacrificing your family's inheritance, but that doesn't have to be the case. The key might be paying less in taxes. With a little intentional planning, you can experience the joy of sharing your love with the people and charitable work you care about. Your life can make a difference! -- Kathy McHenry, Lutheran Planned Generosity of SD, 605.274.5030 or lpgsd@sdsynod.org.

FEBRUARY 18: ***Want to see lower taxes and increased income?*** Perhaps a charitable gift annuity is the answer. The benefits include a tax deduction; lifetime fixed payments of tax-advantaged income as high as 9.7% depending on your current age; and possible tax relief as well. Contact Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota at 605.274.5030 or visit our website at www.lpgsd.org for more information.

FEBRUARY 25: ***You make a difference.*** The words of gratitude and appreciation received at Lutheran Planned Generosity of SD from ministries and individuals that benefit from faithful, generous gifts are evidence of how your generosity makes a difference. Here are two examples: "This is so inadequate, but, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We now have the 'space to place new steps of change."

"I was just recently given the news that my seminary debt was entirely cleared. I am so grateful to all the generous donors who sponsored grants that have provided my family peace of mind." Call 605.274.5030 or visit www.lpgsd.org for information about how your life can make a difference.

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.

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February BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Addison Keeton | 11 Liane Meyer | 20 Carrie Bunkowske |
| 3 Dillard Enright | 13 Mary Bisson | 21 Daniel Morgan |
| 4 Betty White | 14 Patsy Lisko | 23 Christian Pankratz
Arina Haugen |
| 5 Marcia Potts
Joan Morgan | 15 Tonya Atyeo
Melissa Kohle | 25 Ann Bertolotto |
| 6 Kris Little | 16 Tim Myers
Braxten Bahe | 26 Gail Mortenson |
| 8 DeWayne Hayes | 17 Kathleen Mailloux | 27 Brandon McGillivray |
| 9 Sheri Boy
Brian Bergman | 18 Taesha Monahan
Kelly Aldren | 28 Chloe DeKraai |
| 10 Tillie Karrels | Blain McGillivray | 29 Shawn Mechling
Aisha Plaggemeyer |



February ANNIVERSARIES



7 Einar & Gail Mortenson

14 Kermit & Marge Erion- Johnson

21 Robert & Marie Kaufman

Grace Lutheran News and Events

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Council Meeting	2	3 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
4 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour/ Journey with Jesus 10:30 Choir	5 Pastor's Day Off	6	7 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	8 9:30 am Bible Study	9	10 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
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