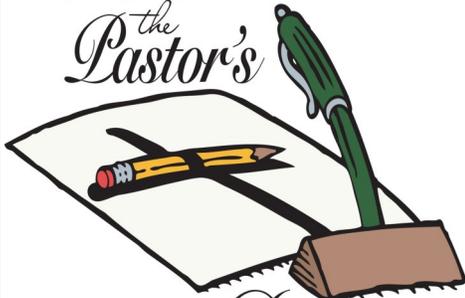




*From  
the  
Pastor's*



*Desk*

## Saints on the Way

As I am writing this we are preparing for All Saints' Sunday. And I am wondering—why do we tend to focus on the saints *in heaven*? Take a look at the Bible, and you see that the emphasis is on *the saints who are living right here on earth*. In his letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul writes, “I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints.” Whenever Paul speaks of saints, he

is usually talking about current members of the church, not just past ones! The Greek the word for church is *ekklesia*, and it means a group of people who've been chosen by God and set apart to be on the way with Jesus Christ. According to Paul, saints are holy people, but their holiness doesn't come from achieving some kind of moral perfection. Instead, they have a holiness that comes from being marked as God's people. Paul insists that God “chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.” In other words, to be holy does not mean we are better than other people. Just different. I like how biblical scholar Diana Butler Bass puts it. The church she serves is Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle. At that church newcomers are invited to take part in a program called “The WAY.” Pastor Bass writes: *It is not a quick membership class, but is instead a full year of mentoring and Christian formation. The goal is to help people come into a living relationship with Jesus. That's what it means to be On The WAY—following Jesus on the way to God.* Martha Hubbard goes into detail on what it means to be following Jesus on the way. In an article entitled *For All the Saints* in the July -August 1999 publication of *Presbyterians Today*—she writes: *Each year I celebrate All Saints' Day by writing a letter to one of the "saints" in my life, telling that person how he or she has helped me to be the person of faith that I am... One year I wrote my sixth grade public school teacher. I did not directly learn about faith from him, but his encouragement, support and love showed each day as I emerged from being a shy adolescent. His creative activities in the classroom helped me on the path to my future career.* Are you grasping how sainthood is more than just getting to heaven? As my wife, Pastor Carla likes to remind us—we go with Jesus—On The Way!

Love them like Jesus,  
Pastor Kevin

# Confirmation 2023



Back Row: Danica Dschaak, Olivia Vliem and Pastor Kevin Jensen  
Front Row: Arina Haugen, Brinley Heikes and Kerrigan Meland

# Serving Grace November 2023

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 9:00 AM

Position	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
Greeters (1)	Nikkila Family	Little, Mechling and Magdanz Families and Ruth Smit	Kaylynn Goergen and Dean Rasmuson	Ted Sigman
Ushers (4)	David Lyons	GLCW	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Dale & Mary Ellen Kreutz
Assisting Ministers	Kim Webber	Tim Potts	Tim Patmore	Tim Patmore
Lesson Reader (1)	Lydia Gibson	Mary Ann Stroschein	Kent Kreutz	
Serving Communion	Bonnie Lange	Diana Bauer	Brandy Nikkila	Brandy Nikkila
*Coffee Hosts (3)	Patmore, Berg & McGillivray Families	Lynette Kvanvig, Sheri Boy, Little, Mechling and Magdanz Families	No Coffee Hour Senior Thanksgiving Meal	
Sunday Acolytes	Braxten Bahe and Quintin Kelly	Jett and Jenika Leonhardt	Khiana Williams Oviatt and Jolei Avery	Tenlee and Talen Koontz

\*Coffee Hosts— please bring 4 dozen cookies each, help set up, serve and clean up. Worship helper instructions are located near the greeters' welcome table.

## ~ WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE ~

Position	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 29
*WNL Meal Hosts	Tim and Debbie Patmore	Tim and Debbie Patmore	Tim and Debbie Patmore	Tim and Debbie Patmore
Wednesday Night Acolytes	Tenlee and Talen Koontz	Lily Meunier and Pate Gunderson	Kaydence and Owen Aldren	Madeline Vliem and Braylee Blakeman

## November Serving Grace Members

Avery, Dan and Dadra  
 Bauer, Diane  
 Berg, Randy and Connie  
 Brunner, Mildred  
 Caneva, Brandon  
 Hencke, Bryan and Tammy  
 Kelly, Matt and Amanda  
 Koontz, Chris and Shawn  
 Lange, Clay and Cinthia

Little, Rick and Kris  
 Magdanz, Thomas and Kelly  
 McGillivray, Brandon and Maranda  
 Mechling, Ruth  
 Mechling, Shawn  
 Nikkila, Doug and Brandy  
 Nohava, Randy and Brenda  
 Rossow, Bill and Myrna

Swenby, Don and Cynthia  
 Weimer, Jan  
 Walker (Weisz), Chaska  
 Weisz, Richard and Cheryl  
 Weitzel, Larry and Ann  
 Wiedmann, Ron and Gloria  
 Williams, Larry

# Serving Grace December 2023

## 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 December before November 20th.

Position	Dec 3	Dec 10	Dec 17	Dec 24	Dec 31
Greeters (2)	Karrels Family	Tim and Debbie Patmore		AM - PM -	
Ushers (4)	Brandy and Doug Nikkila	Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	AM - Dale & Mary Ellen Kreutz PM -	
Assisting Ministers	Tim Patmore	Kim Webber	Garland Dobler	AM - Tim Patmore PM - Tim Potts	JD Williams
Lesson Reader (1)	Tim Patmore			AM - PM -	
Serving Communion		Tim and Debbie Patmore	Brandy Nikkila	AM - PM -	
*Coffee Hosts (3)		Deb & Bob Haivala and Marcia & Tim Potts	Al & Pam Weidenbach		
Sunday Acolytes	Lily Meunier and Pate Gunderson	Kaydence and Owen Aldren	Madeline Vliem and Braylee Blakeman	AM - Danny Tedder & Levi McPherson PM - Kwynnlee Meland & Willow Nikkila	Torin Monahan and Christian Pankratz

Atyeo, Tim and Tonya  
Baldwin, Pat and Robin  
Bostrom, Dorothy  
Collins, Dan and Caron  
Dobler, Ward and Garland  
Gunderson, Al and Tessa  
Haivala, Bob and Debbie  
Heikes, Rod and Shannon  
Keeton, Michelle & Jennifer

Lyons, David  
Meland, Arvid and Paulette  
Molitor, Bill and Sandy  
Morgan, Joan  
Myers, Tim and Misty  
Patmore, Tim and Debbie  
Raforth, John and Eileen  
Rasch, Deb  
Sigman, Ted

Stroschein, Mary Ann  
Tucker, Lennie and Katina  
Weidenbach, Al and Pam  
Williams, Jared and Andria  
Wilson, Char  
Wolf, Jake and Rosalie  
Workentine, Doris  
Zeiner, Dan and Ramona



### PROJECTOR OPERATORS IN NOVEMBER

1st Sunday: Debbie Patmore  
2nd Sunday: Michelle Williams  
3rd Sunday: Debbie Patmore  
4th Sunday: Deb Haivala

### ALTAR GUILD IN NOVEMBER

Mikayla Wilson and Heather Kreutz

# Welcome to the GLC Family



Pictured to the Left:  
Inga, Adonis, Jarred, and Arminas  
Curry, Pastor Kevin Jensen, Terri  
Huntley and Kaylynn Goergen

Pictured to the Below:  
Inga, Adonis, Jarred, and Arminas  
Curry with Sponsors Michelle,  
and JD Williams, Blake Williams, Terri  
Huntley, (Sponsor Eileen Raforth,  
not pictured), Kaylynn Goergen with  
Sponsor Dean Rasmuson



**2023 YEAR TO DATE**

**OFFERINGS**

\$172,168.91

**EXPENSES**

\$221,963.36

**BUDGET**

\$191,806.28



**OCTOBER ATTENDANCE**

**Sundays**

Oct 1 - 106

Oct 8 - 126

Oct 15 - 151

Oct 22 - 121

Oct 29 - 122

**Wednesdays**

Oct 4 - 43

Oct 11 - 40

Oct 18 - 45

Oct 25 - 40



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Richard Graves, John Wilcox, Steve Gutierrez, Judy Siegford, Ron Monson, Paulette Walker, Teena Sigman, Cindy Milek and the family of Darrel Swenson.

**On-going prayers:** Kelly Collins, Sharon Rank, Ed Pickar, Jody Wilke, Dale Kreutz, Morgan Myers, Ramona Hultman, Bill Molitor, Ally Tedder, Marcia Potts, Larry Schemmel, Robert Johnson, Joy Conway, Dawn McCarthy, our homebound members and those serving in the military. *(Please notify the office of changes)*



**Deadline to submit items for the December newsletter is *Monday, November 20th.***

Please send your newsletter items to Keri at [gracelutheran@rushmore.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:gracelutheran@rushmore.com).

# Thanksgiving Dinner



**Sunday November 19,  
11:30 a.m.**

The youth group will be hosting the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the Seniors of Grace. Anyone 60 years old or older is invited to attend.

**Please RSVP by November 10,  
to the church office 605-347-2713.**



**CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**

## **The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting is Nov. 19, 2023**

Immediately following the service, the 2024 Budget will be presented and a Nominating Committee for church council will be elected.



**Sunday, Nov. 12  
Women's Thankoffering**

The generous Thankofferings by all women of the church help support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization, justice and advocacy work, and so much more. Come celebrate the work of the Grace Lutheran Church Women.



# 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.)



NOVEMBER 5: **Setting an example.** A Christian preamble to your will or trust might be the last opportunity you have to share your faith and set an example of stewardship for those you love. We have sample language to share with your attorney that can be customized into your final message as an introduction to your will or trust. Contact Lutheran Planned Generosity of SD at 605.274.5030 or visit [www.lpgsd.org](http://www.lpgsd.org) for more information.

NOVEMBER 12: **Winners and Losers.** When you sell taxable assets (stocks, bonds, farm machinery, grain, or real estate) with a **Give it Twice Trust**, you'll win with a tax-free sale, lifetime income for you and/or your spouse, and income for your children after you're gone. The ministries you name as ultimate beneficiaries also win. The only loser is the IRS! Don't miss the opportunity to take advantage of these tools and the services offered by Lutheran Planned Generosity (605.274.5030 or [www.lpgsd.org](http://www.lpgsd.org)).

NOVEMBER 19: **Pass it on.** Would you like to know that your faithful support for the work of insert name of church/ministry will continue after you're gone? With intentional planning, it's possible to create an endowment that will make gifts each year, memorializing your faith and your family's legacy. Contact Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota at 605.274.5030 or [lpgsd@sdsynod.org](mailto:lpgsd@sdsynod.org) for ideas and information. *Your life can make a difference.*

NOVEMBER 26: **Thank you!** If you haven't heard it lately, listen up. "THANK YOU!" The gifts you share with this congregation matter. Whether your invaluable time, your unique talents or your generous financial support, never forget that you are appreciated and we couldn't do what we do without the blessings God shares through you. *Your life makes a difference!* Kathy McHenry, Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota, 605.274.5030 or [lpgsd@sdsynod.org](mailto:lpgsd@sdsynod.org).

DECEMBER 3: **One of the easiest gifts to make.** If you've decided that generosity should be a part of your estate plan, but don't want to amend your will or trust, a beneficiary change might be the solution. Did you know that you can leave a gift to (insert church name here) with a simple form provided by the company managing your investment account or insurance policy? Call Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota at 605.274.5030 or email [lpgsd@sdsynod.org](mailto:lpgsd@sdsynod.org) for more information on proper language and how to coordinate your plans to accomplish your wishes.

*your life can make a difference*

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### November 5

Micah 3:5-12

Psalms 43

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

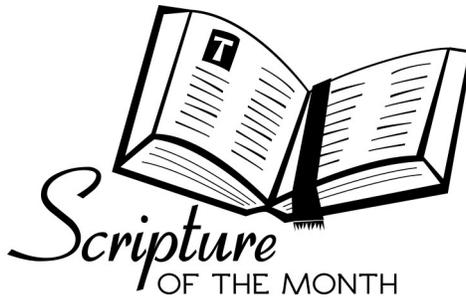
### November 12

Amos 5:18-24

Psalms 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13



### November 19

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalms 90:1-8[9-11]12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

### November 26

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

## 9 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

The radio broadcast calendar for 2023 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.

- Nov 5 -In memory of Chris (Bob) & Ruth Mechling's anniversary and in honor of Kris & Rick Little's 16th anniversary on Nov. 21st.
- Nov 12 -Elmer Preszler, in loving memory of Alma Preszler.
- Nov 19 -John and Eileen Raforth in honor of their 70th wedding anniversary.
- Nov 26 -Lynette Kvanvig, in memory of Boyd Swenson.

### 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 4th 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.





# November

## BIRTHDAYS

1 Lorayne Schaefer  
Levi Sjomeling  
Breanna Shoun

2 Brennen Aldren

3 Allan Weidenbach

4 Tessa Gunderson

5 Tim Atyeo

6 Arvid Meland  
Rosalie Wolf

7 Kainoa Pua  
Allen Hemmah  
Brandy Nikkila

8 Michael Erion  
Teddy Sigman  
Keegan Wilcox

9 Deb Haivala  
Kathy O'Dea

10 Zachary Bergman  
James Heinert  
Morgan Myers

11 Clay Lange  
Allen Hemmah

12 Darla DeKraai

14 Dale Kreutz  
Kaitlin Haier

15 Garland Dobler  
Lydia Gibson

16 Lynelle Chapman

17 Jan Weimer

19 Cole Hemmah  
Heather Kreutz  
Tenlee Koontz  
Kaylynn Goergen

20 Grant Rush

24 Todd Collins

26 Jeff Ward

27 Catherine Selting

28 Josslyn Bahe

29 Pete Wilson



# November

## ANNIVERSARIES

21 Rick & Kris Little

22 John & Eileen Raforth

23 Pete & Mikayla Wilson

26 Bill & Sandy Molitor

# Grace Lutheran News and Events

## November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 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	2  9:30 am Bible Study  5:30 pm Council Meeting	3	4 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast  
5 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:00 am Journey with Jesus 10:30 Choir	6 <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	7  	8 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	9  9:30 am Bible Study	10	11  
12 GLCW Thankoffering  9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:00 am Journey with Jesus 10:30 Choir	13 <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	14  6:30 pm GLCW Exec. Mtg. 7 pm GLCW Mtg.	15 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	16  9:30 am Bible Study  5:30 pm Consecration Committee Mtg.	17	18 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
19 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 Semi-Annual Congregational Mtg. 10:30 Choir 11:30 am Thanksgiving Meal	20 <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	21  5:30 pm Worship Meeting	22 8:30 am Quilting	23 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  	24 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	25
26 9:00 am Worship (HC) w/ Pastor Dan Johnson 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:00 am Journey with Jesus 10:30 Choir	27 <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	28 GLCW Circles  1:30 pm Martha/Rachel Circle  5 pm Mary Circle	29 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	30  9:30 am Bible Study		