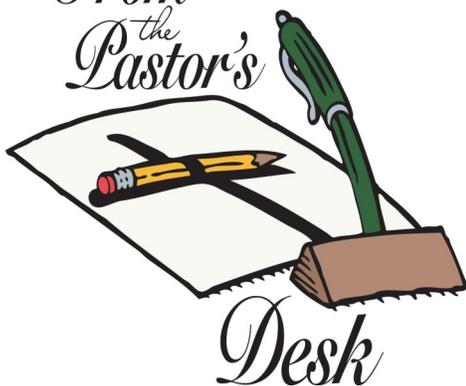




*From  
the  
Pastor's*



*Desk*

## Consecration Sunday is Coming to Grace This Fall!

Jesus summed up the spiritual connection between money and faith with these words from Luke 12:34: *Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.* By saying this, Jesus is reminding us to avoid the trap of earthly treasures by keeping ourselves spiritually focused on God's true treasure! So I'm wondering...

Would it be possible for us at Grace Lutheran to follow the example of [Broadway United Methodist Church](#) in Indianapolis? They took a hiatus from their traditional helping ministries and sent "roving listeners" out into the neighborhood to see what people were doing there and then helped connect them to the church. What would happen if we did that?

Too often in our churches we focus on needs -- the assumption that something is missing. In our families as well as our congregations, we start by searching for solutions to scarcity: how to curb our spending, meet our material needs, or balance our budgets. While these are worthwhile and necessary, I do wonder: What if that approach takes us in the wrong direction?

According to social policy expert [John McKnight](#), "You don't know what you need until you know what you have." As a leading proponent of asset-based community development (ABCD), McKnight suggests flipping the script when trying to work for change in communities: start by discovering the assets, gifts and resources in a community, rather than focusing on what people lack.

One thing that has jumped out at me in my months of serving as the senior pastor at Grace—people here have gifts, talents and enthusiasms. So how can we start with these assets in seeing our faith community in a different way?

One expert in the field puts it this way: *While we each must shape our own theology of money, at the core is our response of gratitude to God's generosity. At stake is who God is: God is generous, gracious, loving and merciful.*

By now many of you are familiar with my quote from Hudson Taylor: *God's work, done in God's way, will never lack God's supply!* Yes it is important that we take care of our material assets: budgets, buildings, endowments. But if we take another look, can we appreciate the nonmaterial assets? Can we appreciate how our vision and mission are also assets; how they keep us fixed on our goals and keep us from wandering off course.

Beloved in Christ, as we prepare for this fall's Consecration Sunday, I pray you will no longer ask: What does the church need in order to pay its bills? And start asking: What is God calling me to do and give?

In Christ's Resurrected Joy!

**Pastor Kevin Jensen**

Key points in this article are from David P. King, the Karen Lake Buttrey Director of *Lake Institute on Faith & Giving*.

# Palm Sunday



# Serving Grace May 2023

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 9:00 AM

Position	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Greeters (2)	Dawn Geppert and Audrey Konold	Boone and Caron Collins	Graduates	Ken and Jean Beug
Ushers (4)	Gene Konold	Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Clay Lange and David Lyons	Dale & Mary Ellen Kreutz
Assisting Ministers	Tim Potts	Garland Dobler	Tim Patmore	Tim Patmore
Lesson Reader (1)				Melissa Pankratz
Serving Communion	Darlene Mullins	Brandy Nikkila		Bonnie Lange
*Coffee Hosts (3)	Gene & Audrey Konold and Mick & Connie Hurlburt	Dawn Geppert and Tessa & Al Gunderson	GLC Council Graduation Reception	
Sunday Acolytes	Lily Wilson and Jenika Leonhardt	Mason McGillivray and Lane Duprel	Elle King 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.



### May Serving Grace Members

Aga, Karel  
 Bostrom, Dorothy  
 Brunner, Mildred  
 Bunkowske, Matt & Carrie  
 Cammack, Calvin and Kristin  
 Christians, Eldon and Kathy  
 Erion, Linda  
 Geppert, Dan and Dawn  
 Hemmah, Allen and Linda  
 Hultman, Rick  
 Keeton, Michelle and Jennifer  
 Konold, Gene and Audrey

Koontz, Chris and Shawn  
 Lange, Clay and Cinthia  
 Little, Rick and Kris  
 McKay, Candy  
 Mortenson, Einar and Gail  
 Nohava, Randy and Brenda  
 Raforth, John and Eileen  
 Rasch, Deb  
 Ritten, Marie  
 Swenby, Donald and Cynthia  
 Tysdal, Mike and Darleen  
 Williams, Jared and Andria

# Serving Grace June 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 June before May 22.

Position	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Greeters (2)	David and Lydia Gibson	Doug & Brandy Nikkila	Lynette Kvanvig	
Ushers (4)		Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Dale & Mary Ellen Kreutz
Assisting Ministers	Garland Dobler	JD Williams	Kim Webber	Tim Patmore
Lesson Reader (1)				
Serving Communion		Lynette Kvanvig		
*Coffee Hosts (3)		Lynette Kvanvig		
Sunday Acolytes	Madeline and Olivia Vliem	Pate Gunderson and Brinley Heikes	Kwynnlee and Kerrigan Meland	Torin Monahan and Levi McPherson

Baldwin, Pat and Robin  
 Boy, Dan and Sheri  
 Chowen, Dennis  
 Collins, Dan and Caron  
 Crawford, Larry and Bonnie  
 Jewell, Dick and JoAnn  
 Jost, Brian and Aimee  
 Kotab, Gordon and Marlene  
 Kotab, Christian  
 Lisko, Russell and Patsy  
 Lyons, David

Mechling, Ruth  
 Mechling, Shawn  
 Preszler, Elmer  
 Rasmuson, Dean  
 Rossow, Bill  
 Schulz, Darlene  
 Stroschein, Mary Ann  
 Tesch, Bob  
 Tucker, Lennie and Katina  
 Weidenbach, Al and Pam  
 Williams, Larry



### PROJECTOR OPERATORS IN MAY

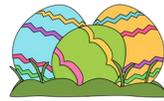
1st Sunday: Deb Haivala  
 2nd Sunday: Deb Haivala  
 3rd Sunday: Debbie Patmore or Bob Tesch  
 4th Sunday: Michelle Williams

### ALTAR GUILD IN MAY

Ruth Smit and Joanne Keeton



# Egg Drop



**2023 YEAR TO DATE**

**OFFERINGS**

\$

**EXPENSES**

\$

**BUDGET**

**\$63,968.76**

Check  
it  
Out!



**APRIL ATTENDANCE**

**Sundays**

April 2 - 162  
April 9 - 210  
April 16 - 121  
April 23 - 133  
April 30 - 137

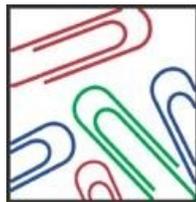
**Wednesdays**

April 12 - 35  
April 19 - 44  
April 26 - 56



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Ardean Erickson, Pastor Will Olsen, Sharon Rank, Judy Rupe, Kathy Christians, Marjorie Jutting, Cindy Milek and the families of Eva Sigman, Harold Wite (Eileen Raforth's brother), Stanley Dobler and Diane Cordova.

**On-going prayers:** Ed Pickar, Donzetta Strandjord, Donna Larson, Jody Wilke, Dale Kreutz, Morgan Myers, Ramona Hultman, Tori Tetrault, Bill Molitor, Ally Tedder, Marcia Potts, Larry Schemmel, Robert Johnson, Joy Conway, Dawn McCarthy, Eleanora Miller, 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 June  
newsletter is *Monday, May 22nd.***

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).

SOUTH DAKOTA SYNODICAL  
36<sup>TH</sup> Annual Convention

Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA 

June 21, 22, 23, 2023

*“All Are Welcome”*

*Let all that you do be done in love.  
1 Corinthians 16:14*

Wednesday, June 21 7:30 pm Chapel in the Hills Vespers Service  
Thursday, June 22 9:00 am—7pm  
Friday, June 23 9:00 am to noon  
Registration: \$50 if paid by June 1; \$65 if paid June 1 or later  
(one voting member per unit)

**Some of the Speakers:**

Katie Luther, aka...	Diana Glover
Kelly Patterson	Treasured Lives, on sex trafficking
Pastor Jonathan Steiner	Associate to the Bishop
Jesse Schmidt	Better Business Bureau of South Dakota on scams
Peg Holmquist	Good Shepherd Clinic, Our Savior's, Spearfish
Kathy McHenry	Executive Director of Lutheran Planned Generosity of SD
TBD	Churchwide Representative
<b>BANQUET SPEAKER</b>	Lily Mendosa, Red Skirt Society

**LOVE OFFERINGS:** Monetary donations for Youth & Family Services  
Personal and feminine hygiene products for Woyatan  
**SILENT AUCTION PROCEEDS** Katies Fund (one item per Unit, please)

**Calvary Lutheran Church**  
5311 Sheridan Lake Road, Rapid City SD 57702

Find the newsletter, registration, and more at [sdsynod.org/ministries/welca](https://sdsynod.org/ministries/welca)

REGISTRATION FORM

# SD Women of the ELCA 36<sup>th</sup> Synodical Convention

June 21-23, 2023

Calvary Lutheran Church, 5311 Sheridan Lake Road, Rapid City SD

Please **Circle** one:    Voting Member    Non-Voting Member  
(One voting member per unit)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ Conference \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fee: \$50 before June 1, 2022    \$65 after June 1, 2023**

includes Thursday noon meal and Thursday evening Banquet meal

*Wednesday eve Indian Taco dinner by Woyatan at Calvary Lutheran—if yes, add \$10 by June 19*

**Register online at:** <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/6654314>.

**On-site registration starts at 3 pm Wednesday, June 21st**

***Direct any questions to Darla Toben 605-880-3506 [dgtoben@jtctel.com](mailto:dgtoben@jtctel.com)***

***Mail-in registration to Darla Toben 47906 171<sup>st</sup> St, Clear Lake SD 57226***

*You are invited to bring an  
Offering, Love Offering, and/or  
one Silent Auction item per unit.*

### OFFERING

Half to Churchwide

Half to SD Women of the ELCA

### LOVE OFFERINGS

Monetary donations

for Youth & Family Services

Personal and feminine hygiene  
products for Woyatan

### SILENT AUCTION PROCEEDS

Katie's Fund

### You are responsible for your own lodging.

Blocks of rooms are available at these Rapid City hotels under the name: **SD Women of the ELCA**  
*All are 2 queen beds and all serve a continental breakfast*

**Comfort Inn & Suites**, 915 Fairmont Blvd.  
1-605-718-4444    **\$152.15 + tax**  
(officers are staying here)  
14 double rooms available

**Quality Inn**, 7150 Cathedral Drive Rapid City  
1-605-341-9300    **\$139.00 + tax**  
7 double rooms available

**Super 8 by Wyndham**, 2520 Tower Rd  
10 double rooms available    **\$129.00 + tax**  
(To reserve a room at the Super 8, please call  
Darla Toben at 1-605-880-3506)



# First Holy Communion



**Back Row: Colt Duprel, Landry Wilson  
Front Row: Tillie & Lainea Karrels, Coral Nikkila, Layton Wilson,  
Braxton Bahe, Braylee Blakeman and Ava Williams**

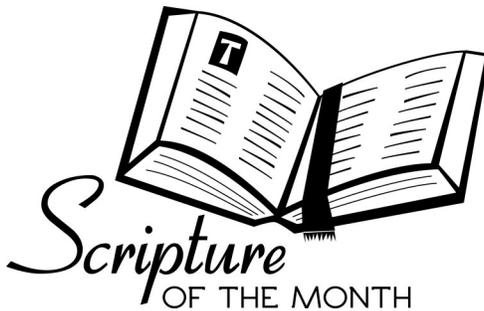


May 7

Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

May 14

Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:8-20  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21



May 21

Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

May 28

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
John 20:19-23

**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.

May 7 - In honor of the Pastor's daughter, Kendra Jensen's 22nd birthday

May 14 -

May 21 - In honor of Ward and Garland Dobler's 30th wedding anniversary.

May 28 - Rachel Circle, in memory of Eva Sigman.

**Offering Information**

Send your offering to PO Box 577, Sturgis, SD 57785, or drop off at the church in the Cross box outside the Office

**To Use Venmo:**

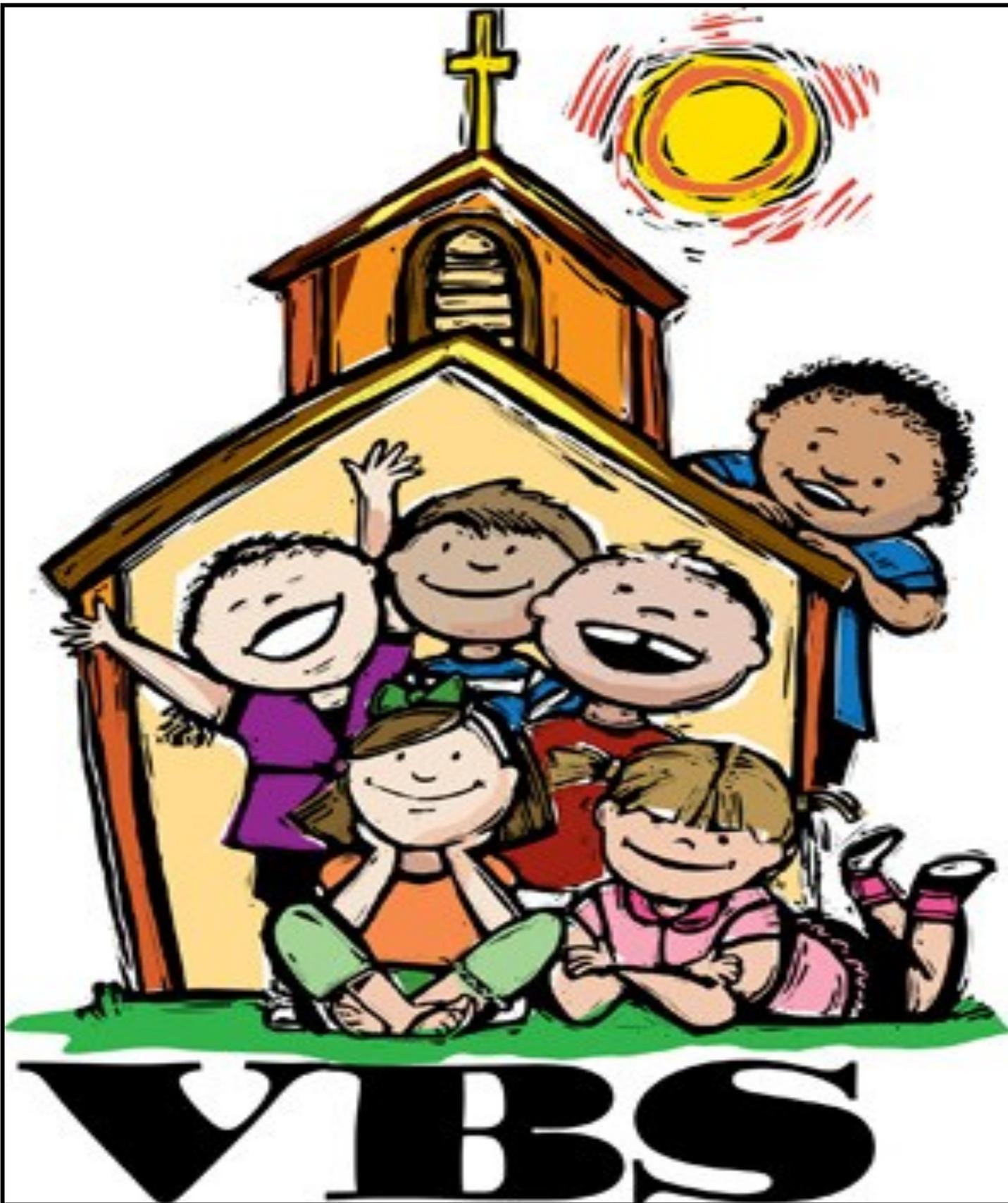
1. Scan the QR code with your smartphone.
2. Login or setup your account (first time only).
3. Make your gift.



**The Red Bucket Ministry  
For the 2nd Quarter**

**Pine Ridge Ministry Center**

Leave a donation in the Red Bucket located in the back of the church and your donation will help their Day Center provide a safe warm place with food, coffee, showers and laundry for their local residents in need.



**Kids! Come one, come all to this summer's VBS.  
Save the date - June 19-23, 9am - 12pm for Ages -  
Next Fall Kindergarten-6th. Registration form on back.**

Grace Lutheran Church  
1061 Sherman Street, PO Box 577  
Sturgis, SD 57785 (605-347-2713)  
Church Website: [www.sturgisglc.org](http://www.sturgisglc.org)

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**CONSENT AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY**  
**JUNE 19-23 / 9 AM – 12 PM**

Please complete form and turn into the church office.

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in all activities of Grace Lutheran Church.  
(student's name)

I understand all events will have adult supervision. In consideration of the benefits to be derived from these activities, I hereby voluntarily waive any claim against Grace Lutheran Church, the sponsors, and the owner/or driver furnishing transportation to the event. I further agree to direct my son/daughter to conform to the fullest with the directions and instructions of the sponsors in charge. This consent and release is in effect until I give Grace Lutheran Church written notice to the contrary.

ADDRESS INFORMATION:

Parents names: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade child just finished: \_\_\_\_\_

Does she/he have any allergies or allergic reaction to any medication or food? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no If yes, explain

\_\_\_\_\_  
Who is authorized to pick your child up? \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PHOTO RELEASE AGREEMENT:** please check one statement below. Names would not be released.

\_\_\_\_\_ I authorize Grace Lutheran Church to include my child(ren) in pictures for church promotional use.

\_\_\_\_\_ I DO NOT authorize Grace Lutheran Church to include my child(ren) in pictures.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Brexten Daniel Pudwill

Parents: Shawn and Danilee Pudwill

Sponsors: Caleb & Sara Chapman and Kevin & Trisha Pudwill





# Lorraine Lillian Bahe

Parents: Peyton and Courtney Bahe

Sponsors: Emily Rohrer and Chase & Loni Phillips





# May BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Randy Hanson
- 2 Darlyne Kopren
- 3 Debbie Patmore  
Alvin Bunkowske
- 6 Bob Kaufman  
Ava Williams
- 7 Brandon Caneva
- 9 Paulette Meland  
Chris Pankratz  
Kimberly Petersen
- 10 Kermit Johnson  
Seth Hoppe  
Maranda McGillivray

- 13 Destiney Aga  
Randy Aga
- 15 Elizabeth Loughlin  
Jeremy Pickar  
Vance Shryock
- 16 Jacob DeKraai
- 17 Tera Potts
- 18 Sue Whitford
- 20 Karsey Meland
- 21 Makenna Rock
- 23 Laurie Aga  
Korbin Meland

- 24 Cindy Mullen
- 26 Carter Williams
- 27 Mason McGillivray  
Gage Shoun
- 28 Moxie Anderson
- 29 Misty Myers
- 30 Kelly Magdanz
- 31 Rick Hultman  
Owen Koontz



# May ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mick & Connie Hurlburt
- 6 Jerry & Ann Bertolotto
- 12 Tim & Tonya Atyeo  
John & Jenifer Paul
- 17 Larry & Bonnie Crawford

- 19 Jared & Andria Williams
- 20 Roger & Donna Ivers
- 22 Ward & Garland Dobler
- 24 Russell & Patsy Lisko  
Steve & Loree Westbrook

- 25 John & Debra Rasch
- 26 Randy & Brenda Nohava
- 30 Luke & Elizabeth McPherson

# Grace Lutheran News and Events

## May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	2 	3 8:30 am Quilting  5:30 pm Mutual Ministry Team Mtg.	4 9:30 am Bible Study  5:30 pm Council Meeting	5	6 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
7 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour/ Journey With Jesus 10:30 am Choir	8 <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	9  6:30 pm GLCW Executive Meeting 7:00 pm GLCW Meeting	10 8:30 am Quilting  5:30 pm Altar Guild Meeting	11 9:30 am Bible Study  3:45 pm Education Mtg.	12	13
14 <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:00 am Worship (HC) with Pastor Steiner 10:00 am Coffee Hour/ Journey with Jesus 	15 <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	16  5:30 pm Worship Meeting	17 8:30 am Quilting	18 9:30 am Bible Study	19 	20 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
21 <b>HS Graduation</b> 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Graduation Reception/Journey with Jesus  	22 <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	23 GLCW Circles  1:30 pm Martha/Rachel Circle  5 pm Mary Circle	24 8:30 am Quilting	25 9:30 am Bible Study	26	27
28 9:00 am Worship (HC) w/ Pastor Neugebauer 10:00 am Coffee Hour	29 <b>Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED</b>  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	30	31 8:30 am Quilting			