



*From
the
Pastor's*



Desk

The Rally Can Help us Get Ready for Consecration Sunday

The Rally is upon us and we are grateful to God for the opportunities to witness to the love of Christ through our Rally Breakfasts, hosting the Christian Motorcycle Association events and Sunday worship.

It is interesting, the word “rally” is only used twice in the Bible that I was able to find. Nehemiah 4:20 “Rally to us wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet. Our God will fight for us.” Psalms 60:4 “You have set up a banner for those who fear you, to rally to it out of bowshot.”

If we think about it, those two Old Testament passages fit. We are called to rally around the gospel like the Israelites of old were called to rally at the sound of the trumpet. And we have banners all over Sturgis during our Rally.

So, how does the Rally help us to get ready for Consecration Sunday? Here's how: Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money we give in the offering plates or online as merely a way to pay the bills. Rather, we are called to see our financial contributions as a way to help us grow spiritually by supporting our church's mission and ministry by giving a percentage of our incomes.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. We will learn that our giving is in response to the question, “What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?”

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday on October 15, everyone will be called upon to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Everyone who completes an Estimate of Giving Card at worship will be responding to God's grace. And don't worry if you don't want to fill out a card, we will handle things in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

During morning worship our guest leader, Mr. Brad Scott from Spearfish, will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, and then give all in attendance a chance to make their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

Our follow-up will be through email and letters--not to pressure--but to make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit all who are willing to grow spiritually through our Consecration Sunday worship and activities. After worship that Sunday, we will celebrate with a catered meal to thank God for helping us to respond with our gifts of our time, talents and treasures.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

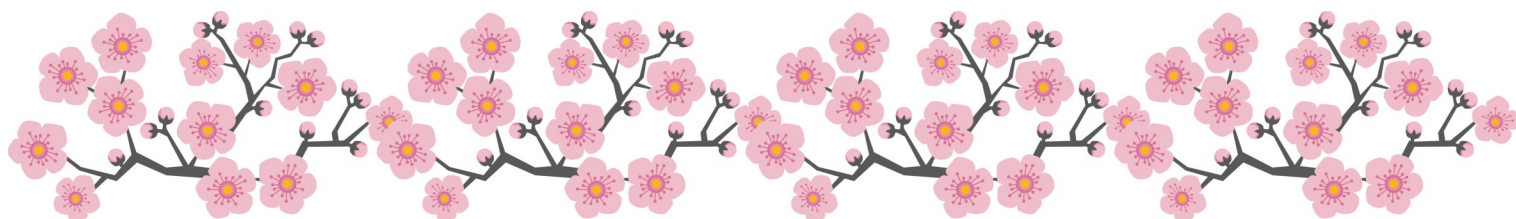
><> Pastor Kevin

Serving Grace August 2023

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 9:00 AM

Position	Aug 6	Aug 13	Aug 20	Aug 27
Greeters (2)	Dan and Sheri Boy	The Shryock Family	Sue Whitford, Sharon Collins, Jeannie Humble and Karen Hansen	Lynette Kvanvig
Ushers (4)	Darlene Kopren	Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Clay Lange and David Lyons	Dale & Mary Ellen Kreutz
Assisting Ministers	Tim Patmore	Tim Patmore	Garland Dobler	Tim Potts
Lesson Reader (1)	Tim Patmore	Paulette Meland	Gary Meyer	Lydia Gibson
Serving Communion	Dan Boy	Sheri Boy	Lynette Kvanvig	Lynette Kvanvig
*Coffee Hosts (3)	Rally Breakfast No Coffee Hour	Darlene Mullins, Diana Bauer and Janet Johnson	Mick & Connie Hurlburt and Gene & Audrey Konold	Sue Whitford, Sharon Collins, Jeannie Humble and Karen Hansen
Sunday Acolytes	Jolei Avery	Tenlee and Talen Koontz	Madeline and Olivia Vliem	Pate Gunderson and Brinley Heikes

*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.



August Serving Grace Members

Aldren, Emma
 Bisson, Paul and Mary
 Blakeman, Jenna and Jesse
 Calhoon, David and Webber, Kim
 Casteel, Clayton and Janice
 Collins, Sharon
 Gabriel, Larry
 Hurlburt, Mick and Connie
 Kaufman, Bob and Marie
 Kopren, Darlyne
 Kotab, Gordon and Marlene
 Kotab, Christian
 Kreutz, Dale and Mary Ellen

Kreutz, Vivian
 Kvanvig, Lynette
 McPherson, Elizabeth and Luke
 Myers, Tim and Misty
 Ritten, Marie
 Ruby, Dick
 Schaefer, Lorayne
 Schummer, Kenya
 Shuck, Denise
 White, Lyla
 Workentine, Doris
 Zeiner, Dan and Ramona

Serving Grace September 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 September before August 21st.

Position	Sept 3	Sept 10	Sept 17	Sept 24
Greeters (1)	Hope Reder, Darlene Mullins and Janet Johnson	Linda Erion and Vicki Monahan	Russell and Patsy Lisko	Lynelle Chapman
Ushers (4)	Doug and Brandy Nikkila	Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Clay Lange and David Lyons	Dale & Mary Ellen Kreutz
Assisting Ministers	JD Williams	Tim Pots	Tim Patmore	Garland Dobler
Lesson Reader (1)			Carolyn Ruff	Kent Kreutz
Serving Communion	Char Wilson	Darlene Mullins	Dennis Chowen	Tessa Gunderson
*Coffee Hosts (3)		Dawn Geppert	Brandy Nikkila	Kent & Heather Kreutz and Ruth Smit
Sunday Acolytes	Kwynnlee and Kerrigan Meland	Torin Monahan and Levi McPherson	Willow Nikkila and Arina Haugen	

Aga, Lynn and Karmen
Anderson, Kevin and Janis
Boy, Sandra
Chapman, Dan and Lynelle
Christians, Eldon and Kathy
Crawford, Larry and Bonnie
Dschaak, Ethan and Shanna
Duprel, Lindsey
Greslin, Don and Judy
Halverson, David and Shirley
Halverson, Sonja
Hayes, DeWayne
Hemmah, Allen, and Linda

Jost, Brian and Aimee
Keeton, Russ and Joanne
Konold, Gene and Audrey
Kreutz, Kent and Heather
McKay, Candy
Monahan, San and Jennifer
Monahan, Vicki
Pudwill, Shawn and Danilee
Rock, Brice
Shryock, Nick and Michelle
Smit, Ruth
Vliem, Jeremy and Cindy



PROJECTOR OPERATORS IN AUGUST

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

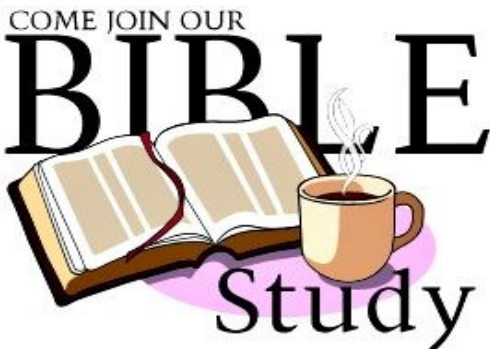
ALTAR GUILD IN AUGUST

Darlene Mullins and Paulette Meland



Back to School Blessing Sunday August 27 @ 9 am

All Students and Education Staff are invited to bring their backpacks, briefcases, or tote bags to the worship service. Let's start the new school year with a special blessing and surrounded by prayer.



Come and join our weekly Bible Study on Mark, returning Thursday, September 14, at 9:30 am in the Rose Room. All are welcome.



Men's Prayer Breakfast will be returning Saturday, September 16, at 8am at Uncle Louie's restaurant in Sturgis. All men are invited to attend.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL RETURN SEPT. 13, 2023 @ 5PM



5 p.m.
PreK - 4th grade



5 p.m.
5th - 6th grade



5 p.m.
7th - 8th grade



5:30 p.m.
All are Welcome



6:30 p.m.
All are Welcome



6:30 p.m.
9th - 12th grade

Please complete a Registration Form on back or at www.sturgisglc.org and return it to the office or bring it with you Wednesday September 13

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

YOUTH MINISTRIES CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM 2023-2024
Please print & return completed form to church or email gracelutheran@rushmore.com

_____ 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:

Parent's names: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____ Phone 3: _____

E-mail: _____ Student's Birthdate: _____

Grade child is in: _____

Does she/he have any allergies or allergic reaction to any medication or food? ___yes___no. If yes, explain

Approved Persons to pick up your child: _____

Name of family Physician: _____ Phone: _____

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

_____ I authorize Grace Lutheran Church to post pictures of my minor student on the church website.

_____ I DO NOT authorize Grace Lutheran Church to post pictures of my minor student on the church website.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ Date _____

2023 YEAR TO DATE

OFFERINGS

\$116,786.13

EXPENSES

\$154,847.30

BUDGET

\$149,260.44

OVER/SHORT

(\$38,061.17)



JULY ATTENDANCE

Sundays

July 2 - 97

July 9 - 112

July 16 - 105

July 23 - 100

July 30 - 110



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Elmer Preszler, Gary Karli (David Lyons brother-in-law), Paulette Walker, Teena Sigman, Kelly Collins, Cindy Milek, Ted Sigman, George Lisko, Pastor Will Olsen, and Sharon Rank.

On-going prayers: Ed Pickar, 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 September newsletter is *Monday, August 21st.*

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.



OUTLAW RANCH VOLKSMARCH

Outlaw Ranch along with the Black Hills Volkssport Club is sponsoring a volksmarch at Outlaw Ranch east of Custer on Saturday, September 2nd. Start time will be from 8:30 until 11:30 with finish by 2:30. There are two distances of 5k (3.1 miles) and 10k (6.2 miles). All walkers will be required to pay a \$3 registration fee. The new trails have been improved over the last year and this walk gives walkers a chance to see more of Outlaw's property. For more information you can contact Pastor Duane Neugebauer at 303-489-9313 or donman1948@gmail.com.

Grace Lutheran Church Outdoor Worship Service

Join us for an Outdoor Worship Service,
Family Fun, Games, and a Potluck Picnic
on the church lawn!

Sunday, August 20, 2023

5:30 pm - Potluck Picnic, 6:30 pm - Worship
Bring food, a friend and a lawn chair!!

**Grace Lutheran Church 1061 Sherman St. Sturgis, SD 605-347-2713*



Grace Lutheran Fall Bazaar

1061 Sherman Street, Sturgis

Saturday, October 21, 2023

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Call Connie Hurlburt at 605-347-1174 or email conniehurlburt@yahoo.com to reserve a \$25 table or to donate items for the country store.

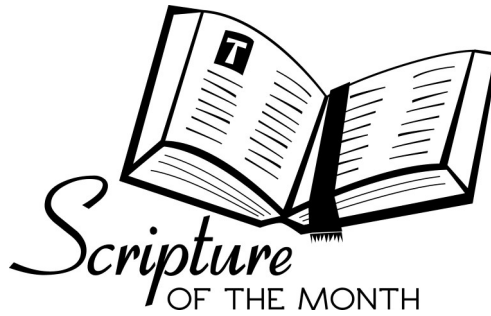
Our Bazaar supports local home businesses, makers, bakers, and artists who would like to display their crafted, handmade, and unique products.

August 6

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 13

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33



August 20

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:[10-20]21-28

August 27

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

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.

Aug 6 - Jean Kopren memorial.

Aug 13 - In honor of Sam Jensen's 24th birthday, Pastor Kevin & Carla's son.

Aug 20 - In memory of Katie Christians Niederwerder.

Aug 27 -

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

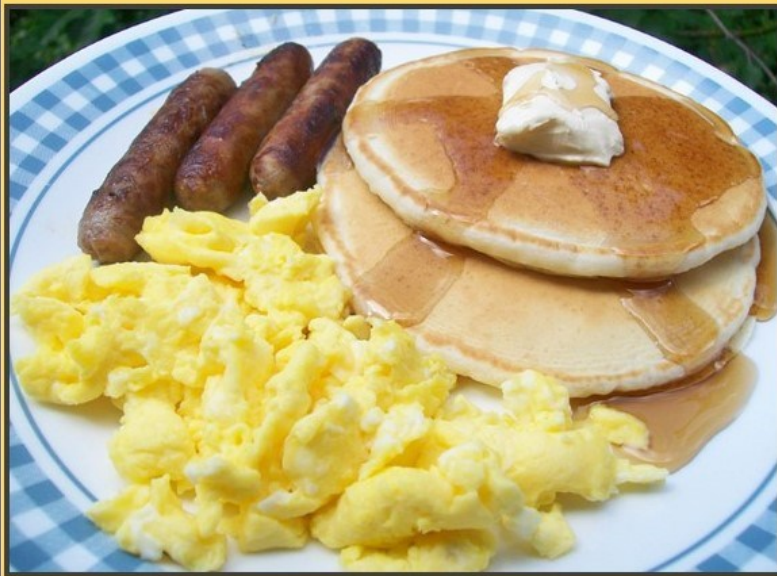
To Use Venmo:

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



Thank You to
Brandy Nikkila & her
father, and Clay Lange
for mowing the church
lawn in July.

\$10 Rally Breakfast



6:30 am - 11 am

Daily

Aug. 5-11

**Just \$10 at Grace Lutheran Church
Downtown -1061 Sherman St, Sturgis**



The Red Bucket Ministry For the 3rd Quarter Believers Fellowship

Leave a donation in the Red Bucket located in the back of the church and your donation will help Believers Fellowship Church rebuild their church that burned down in May.



August BIRTHDAYS

4 Carl Erickson
Meghan Duprel

5 Lindsey Anderson
Jared Reimer

6 Arlene Ennis
Richard Ruby

8 Taber Baldwin
Jenna Blakeman
Douglas Nikkila

9 Daniel Avery
Brice Rock
Lindsey Duprel

10 Rodney Heikes

11 Diana Hayes
Charlotte Wilson

12 Jenifer Paul
Cinthia Lange

14 Allyson Tedder

16 Marlene Kotab
Lynette Kvanvig

18 Jeslyn Deserly
Steve Westbrook
Blake Williams

19 Dean Vilhauer
Breanna Vilhauer

20 Vicki Monahan

21 Nancy Collins
Tim Patmore

22 Bonnie Lange

24 San Monahan

25 Susan Heibult
Eleanora Miller

26 Bryan Cooley
27 Derek Taniguchi
Linda Hemmah
Kaidyn Meyers
Al Roth
Andria Williams
Jake Wolf

28 Dean Rasmuson
Peyton Bahe

29 Ashley Clark

31 Jessica Davies
Michelle Shryock



August ANNIVERSARIES

2 James & Irene Heinert

6 Bob & Deb Haivala

11 Boone & Caron Collins

17 Tim & Debbie Patmore

18 Danny & Lynelle Chapman

23 Paul & Mary Bisson

26 Chris & Melissa Pankratz

Grace Lutheran News and Events

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 6:30am - 11 am Rally Breakfast
<p>6 6:30am - 11 am Rally Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 am Worship (HC)</p> <p>Christian Motorcyclists' Association</p>	<p>7 Pastor's Day Off 6:30am - 11 am Rally Breakfast</p>	<p>8 6:30am - 11 am Rally Breakfast</p>	<p>9 6:30am - 11 am Rally Breakfast</p>	<p>10 6:30am - 11 am Rally Breakfast</p>	<p>11 6:30am - 11 am Rally Breakfast</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>14 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>15 5 pm GLCW Meeting</p>	<p>16 8:30 am Quilting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p>20 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour</p> <p>5:30 pm GLC Picnic 6:30 pm Outdoor Worship Service</p>	<p>21 Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>22 5:30 pm Worship Meeting</p>	<p>23 8:30 am Quilting</p> <p>5 pm Sturgis Free Community Picnic at Rally Point</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 Back to School Blessing Service 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>28 Pastor's Day Off</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 8:30 am Quilting</p>	<p>31</p>		