



Rally Kindness in Sturgis

Lots of leather has already started showing up in Sturgis with this year's Rally soon getting underway. So, does wearing leather make us gruff and hard-hearted? Not in the least—as this story shows.

Recently, a boy set up a lemonade stand during the Sturgis Rally and raised more than \$32,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by offering free drinks to bikers. Moved by his generosity, motorcyclists freely gave donations and then united to get a dirt bike for him, showcasing the immense spirit of giving and camaraderie that defines the Rally.

Bikers, known for their tough exterior, lined up to support the cause, demonstrating the caring heart of the motorcycle community. So, this raises a question—how do leather and the Bible go together?

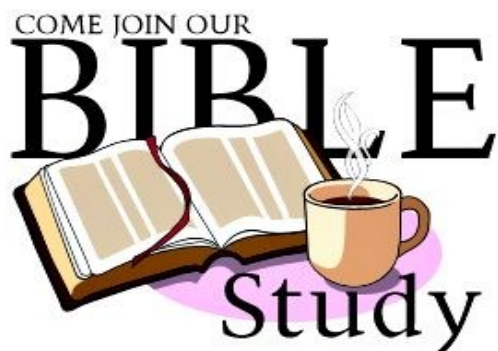
In chapter 3 of Colossians, St. Paul urges his readers to put on a wardrobe worthy of their new life in Christ. *As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.* Paul told them to take off the grave clothes of their old life, and put on the baptismal gown of Christ's forgiveness, hope and love.

This is important advice for Christians in a divided world where online speech is often peppered with disrespect and outright hate. Paul reminds us we are God's "chosen ones, holy and beloved," Paul urges us to put on clothing to show compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.

So, how does leather fit into the picture? The above story about the boy with the lemonade stand gives a clue. No matter how we dress on the outside, we are ultimately designed for new life on the inside! Thanks to our faith in Christ, we give of ourselves for the sake of others.

We must also "bear with one another" and "forgive each other as the Lord has forgiven us." That means accepting others for who they are, with all their faults and weaknesses, with tattoos and leather, or not! And through it all we encourage each other on to live up to the image of God within each of us. If there's an outer garment to choose that pulls it all together, Paul says, it's love, "which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

Love them like Jesus, ><> Pastor Kevin



Come and join our weekly Bible Study on Mark, returning Thursday, **September 10, at 9:30 am** in the Rose Room. All are welcome.



Men's Prayer Breakfast will be returning **Saturday, September 12,** at 8am at Uncle Louie's restaurant in Sturgis. All men are invited to attend.

Serving Grace August 2026

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 9:00 AM

Position	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Greeters (1)	Lynette Kvanvig	Debra & Grace Brandsrud	Bob Tesch	Rob & Karen Jordan	Kimberly Peterson & Danny Tedder
Ushers (4)	Russell & Patsy Lisko	Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Boone and Caron Collins	
Assisting Ministers	Tim Potts	Tim Patmore	Maddie Anderson	JD Williams	Garland Dobler
Lesson Reader (1)	Carolyn Ruff		Paul Haedt	Dick Ruby	Kimberly Peterson
Serving Communion (1)	Terri Huntley & Garland Dobler		Paul Haedt	Lynette Kvanvig	
*Coffee Hosts (3)	The Kotab Family	Rally Breakfast	Shawn & Ruth Mechling and Kris Little		Cindy Gehringer
Sunday Acolytes	Kwynnlee & Kambria Meland	Willow & Coral Nikkila	Christian Pankratz & Sawyer Shryock	Landry & Layton Wilson	Sawyer Shryock & Torin Monahan

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



August Serving Grace Members

Bisson, Paul and Mary
Blakeman, Jenna and Jesse
Calhoon, David & Webber,
Kim
Casteel, Clayton and Janice
Collins, Sharon
Gehringer, David and Cindy
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 &
Luke
Myers, Tim and Misty

Ritten, Marie
Ruby, Dick
Ruff, Carolyn
Schaefer, Lorayne
Schummer, Kenya
Shuck, Denise
White, Lyla
Workentine, Doris

Serving Grace September 2026

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 24th.

Position	Sept 6	Sept 13	Sept 20	Sept 27
Greeters (1)				
Ushers (4)	Russell & Patsy Lisko	Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Boone and Caron Collins
Assisting Ministers	Kim Webber	Tim Potts	Tim Patmore	Garland Dobler
Lesson Reader (1)				
Serving Communion	Terri Huntley			
*Coffee Hosts (3)			Mick & Connie Hurlburt and Gene & Audrey Konold	
Sunday Acolytes	Christian Pankratz and Brennan Aldren	Braylee Blakeman and Ava Williams	Christian Pankratz and Sawyer Shryock	Pate and Rye Gunderson

Aga, Lynn and Karmen
Boy, Sandra
Chapman, Dan and Lynelle
Christians, Eldon and Kathy
Crawford, Larry and Bonnie
Dschaak, Ethan and Shanna
Greslin, Don and Judy
Haedt, Paul
Halverson, David and Shirley

Halverson, Sonja
Hemmah, Allen, Linda, and Cole
Humble, Jeannie
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: Deb Haivala
2nd Sunday: Debbie Patmore
3rd Sunday:
4th Sunday: Michelle Williams
5th Sunday: Bob Tesch

ALTAR GUILD IN AUGUST

Darlene Mullins & Cherie and Greg Huiner

2026 YEAR TO DATE

OFFERINGS

\$164,917.48

EXPENSES

\$154,924.06

BUDGET

\$168,379.19



JULY ATTENDANCE

Sundays

July 5 - 95

July 12 - 125

July 19 - 96

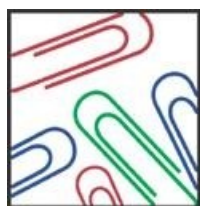
July 26 - 105

PRAYER REQUESTS



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jessica Magdanz, Tommi Jo Casteel, Todd Yurk, George Lisko, Otto Magdanz, Marcia Potts, Dennis Johnson, and the families of Holly Gunderson and John Lovald.

On-going prayers: David Gibson, Ted Sigman, Ken Beug, Bree Mack, Boone Collins, Ruth Mechling, Danny Chapman, Dan Zeiner, Paulette Walker, Ron Monson, Jody Wilke, Ethan Dschaak, Bud Rank, Dale Kreutz, Morgan Myers, Ally Tedder, and Larry Schemmel, our homebound members and those serving in the military.



FROM THE
CHURCH
OFFICE

Deadline to submit items for the September , newsletter is *Monday, August 24th.*

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.

August 2

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



August 23

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

August 9

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

August 16

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

August 30

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

9 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

The radio broadcast calendar for 2026 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.

August 2 - Arvid, Paul, Becky & Stephanie, in memory of Arvelle Meland

August 9 - In honor of Boone and Caron Collins Anniversary

August 16 - For all of our home listeners

August 23- In honor of Sam Jensen's birthday

August 30 -Eldon & Kathy Christians, in loving memory of their daughter Katie

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 3rd Quarter

Raise the Roof for Grace Lutheran

Leave a donation
in the Red Bucket
located in the back
of the church and
your donation will
help Grace Lutheran
replace our leaking
and aging roof.



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL

RETURN SEPT. 16, 2026 @ 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



7 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 16

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 2026-2027
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.

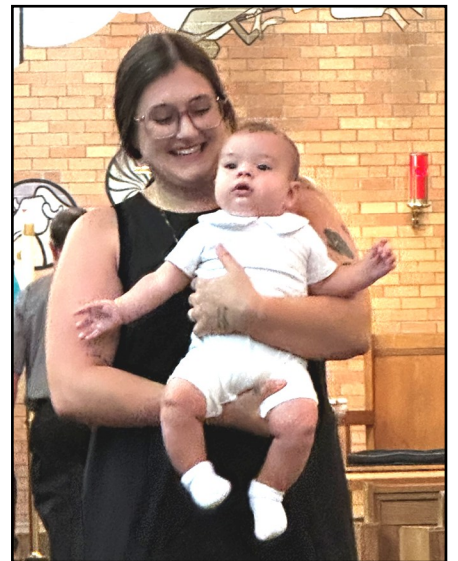
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ Date _____



Nash Paul Estes

Parents: Hugo & Brynn Estes

Sponsors: Koby & Halli Dobler





FEBRUARY 2026 – AUGUST 2026 PLANNED GENEROSITY

your life can make a difference

AUGUST 2: Did you know August is National Make-A-Will Month? By creating your will this month, you can get peace of mind for the future, protect your family, and even support the future of (insert congregation name here). Nearly 67% of American adults don't have a will, and we're sharing this FREE, online will-writing tool from Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota so that 100% of our congregation can protect the people and causes they love. Visit www.lpgsd.org to create a private account and complete your will in just a few minutes.

AUGUST 9: Who needs a will? Even though only 1/3 of Americans have a will, the answer is that anyone over 18 should have a will and updated powers of attorney. An estate plan isn't just for the wealthy—it's for anyone who wants to make their own decisions about their finances and healthcare, both now and after their death. Visit www.lpgsd.org to find a FREE tool to create your own personalized documents.

AUGUST 16: Why National Make-a-Will Month? August has been set aside to recognize the importance of making a will as an act of faithful stewardship and love for the people and ministries we care about most. In appreciation for your support of their ministry partners, Lutheran Planned Generosity of SD is offering an online will-writing tool here: www.lpgsd.org. It's simple, private and 100% FREE. Create your own personalized will, revocable trust, powers of attorney and funeral directives, all according to the laws of your state of residence. (Feel free to share with children and grandchildren wherever they live.) For assistance or information, contact Kathy McHenry at 605.274.5030 or kmchenry@sdsynod.org.

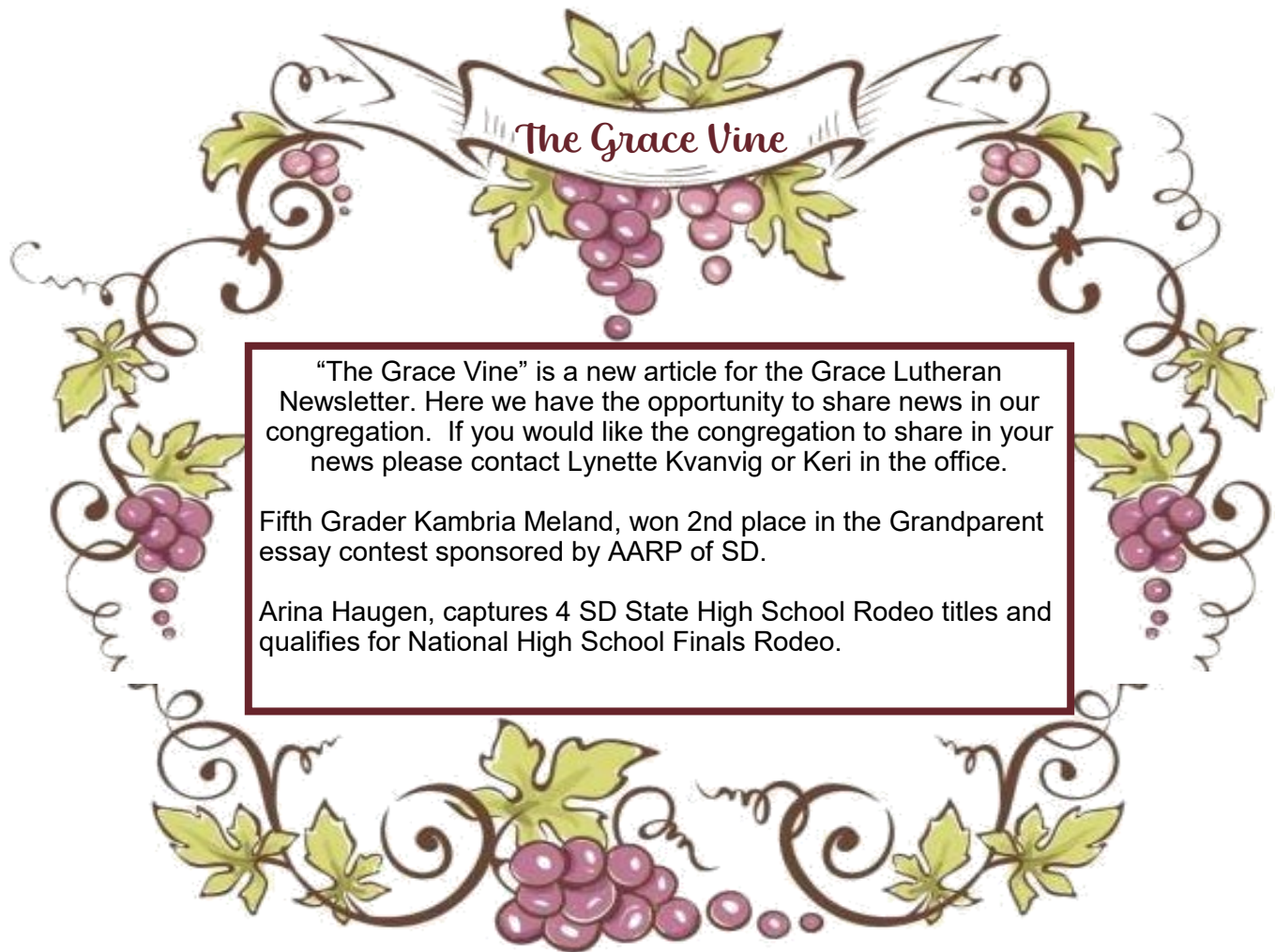
AUGUST 23: National Make-a-Will Month. In observation of National Make-A-Will Month, Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota is sharing a FREE will-writing tool to help steward your family, finances, and faith! Estate planning is an important step on your faith journey and empowers you to thoughtfully manage the resources God has entrusted you with. It can even be used to create a gift from your estate in support of (insert name of congregation) and your favorite ministries. Visit www.lpgsd.org to make a will at no cost and practice good stewardship this month.



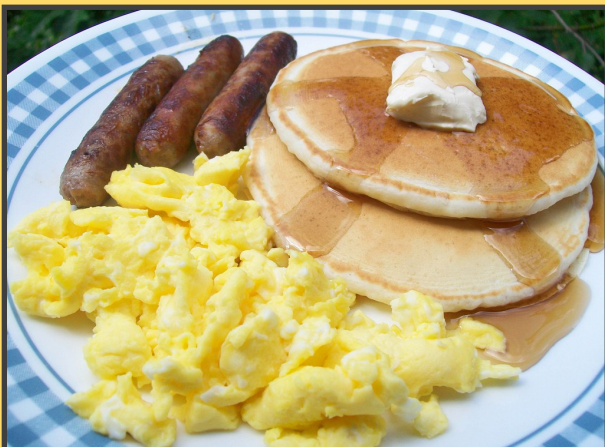
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\$12 Rally Breakfast



6:30 am - 11 am

Daily

Aug. 8-14

**Just \$12 at Grace Lutheran Church
Downtown -1061 Sherman St, Sturgis**



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



We need your help to build School Kits. Just like the Personal Care Kits Grace collected during Lent, let's all help collect items for our Fall School Kits Project. Bring any or all items on the specified list.



ONE pencil sharpener



FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; **no loose leaf paper**



ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other



FIVE **unsharpened** #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band



ONE pair of **blunt** scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)



ONE 2 ½" eraser



FIVE **NEW** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

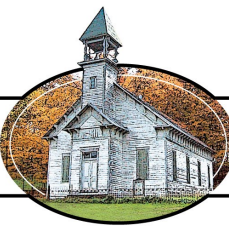


ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons no larger boxes



ONE sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

CHURCH COUNCIL



Grace Lutheran Council Meeting July 9, 2026

Present: Robin Baldwin, Diana Bauer, Jarred Curry, Jeff DeKraai, Terri Huntley, Heather Kreutz, Kelly Magdanz, Debbie Patmore, Casey Raftevold, Bob Tesch, Jeremy Vliem.

Absent: Paul Haedt, Chris Pankratz.

Guest: Bob Haivala

Bob Haivala, representing the Stewardship committee, and the council discussed how the Council and the Stewardship committee can work together to increase the membership of GLC.

Meeting called to order: by Pres. Tesch at 5:30 p.m.

Opening Devotions: were given by Jarred.

Motion by Jeff, 2nd by Jarred to accept the agenda. MP

Motion by Jeff, 2nd by Debbie to approve the Secretary's minutes. MP

Treasure's report: was presented by Robin.

Old Business:

- Bob will get two more bids for the roof project.
- New committee was appointed to do the church audit. Pam Weidenbach, Mary Ann Stroschine, Debbie Haivala.
- WNL Meals. Church council members will help serve WNL meals in September, October and November. Quilters have offered to make meals every 1st Wednesday of the month.

New Business:

- Keri will take vacation August 7 – 16, 2026.
- Money Counters:
 - August 2 – Paul and Casey (Terri will be back up)
 - August 9 – Kelly and Terri
 - August 16 – Bob and Diana
 - August 23 – Jarred and Jeremy
 - August 30 – Bob and Heather
 - September 6 – Terri and Bob
- No August meeting.

Next meeting is September 3.

Motion to adjourn by Kelly, 2nd by Heather MP

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m. closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Diana Bauer



GLCW Minutes – July 14, 2026

Deb Patmore called the July 14th meeting to order in Jesus' name with 11 in attendance. After devotions and singing, the minutes were approved as corrected.

The treasurer's report showed:

April

Income: \$40

Expenses: \$3002 (BH Pioneer, roof campaign and Bear Butte Conf. Spring Gathering offering)

May

Income: \$24

Expenses: \$0

June

Income: \$22

Expenses: \$236.86 (UPS Shipping for Personal Care Kits, Augsburg)

Balances:

GLCW: \$19,158.30

Mission Investment \$23,975.55

Lynette Kvanvig, Courtesy Chairman, reported sending 8 cards.

Old Business:

- Sept. 11-12 is the Outlaw Ranch Fall Retreat. Belle Fourche and the Conference Board are in charge. After discussion about a change of venue and shortening the retreat to one day, all agreed we would prefer to keep the format the same – 2 days at Outlaw Ranch.
- Rally Breakfast setup is Friday, Aug. 7 at 8:00 a.m. Price is \$12. Cindy Gehringer is donating homemade jelly. We will buy two new fans (pedestal and box).
- Lutheran World Relief School Kits will be assembled this fall. Lynette Kvanvig moved to buy 20 drawstring backpacks. Motion carried. All should begin to collect supplies. The list is in the GLCW booklet.
- A donation to the piano fund was tabled until we find out the final amount.

New Business:

- Cindy Gehringer, Shirley Halverson, Lynette Kvanvig, and Terri Huntley will organize a Pie Fundraiser for the roof. All pie bakers should contact one of these ladies.
- Meals for the fall WNL will be partially provided by the Quilters on the 1st Wednesday, GLCW on the 2nd Wednesday, and the Council on the 3rd Wednesday. Please call the church if you will volunteer to organize a meal for any other Wednesday of the month.

The next meeting is Tuesday, August 18. Ruth Smit is the hostess. We will have a Bible Study led by Pastor Carla and a Rally Breakfast report.

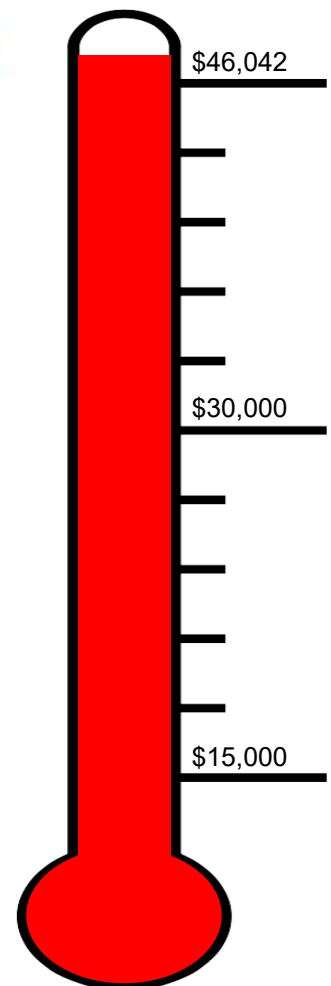
The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and the singing of the table grace. Lynette Kvanvig served as the hostess.

Marlene Kotab, Secretary



Raise the Roof for Grace Lutheran

Leave a donation in the
Red Bucket located in the back
of the church and your donation
will help Grace Lutheran replace
our leaking and aging roof.





WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE KEYBOARD
IN THE ENTRY AND EARMARK YOUR GIFT
TOWARD THE PIANO FUND.

ALL DONATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED TO
REPLACE OUR SANCTUARY PIANO.



August

BIRTHDAYS

5 Lindsey Anderson

6 Richard Ruby

8 Taber Baldwin
Jenna Blakeman
Douglas Nikkila

9 Daniel Avery
Brice Rock

10 Rodney Heikes

11 Diana Hayes
Charlotte Wilson

12 Jenifer Paul
Cinthia Lange

14 Allyson Tedder

16 Marlene Kotab
Lynette Kvanvig
Leo Selting

17 Bryce Leonhardt
Cherie Huiner

18 Jeslyn Deserly
Blake Williams

20 Vicki Monahan

21 Nancy Collins
Tim Patmore

22 Bonnie Lange

24 San Monahan

27 Linda Hemmah
Kaidyn Meyers
Andria Williams
Jake Wolf

28 Dean Rasmuson
Peyton Bahe

31 Michelle Shryock



August

ANNIVERSARIES

6 Bob & Deb Haivala

11 Boone & Caron Collins

17 Tim & Debbie Patmore

18 Danny & Lynelle Chapman

19 David & Cindy Gehringer

23 Paul & Mary Bisson

26 Chris & Melissa Pankratz

Grace Lutheran News and Events

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour	3 Pastor's Day Off	4 	5	6	7 Christian Motorcyclists' Association →	8 6:30am - 11 am Rally Breakfast
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16 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour	17 Pastor's Day Off	18 1:30 pm GLCW Meeting 5:30 pm Worship Meeting	19 8:30 am Quilting	20	21 	22
23 Back to School Blessing 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour	24 Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline	25	26 8:30 am Quilting	27 	28	29
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