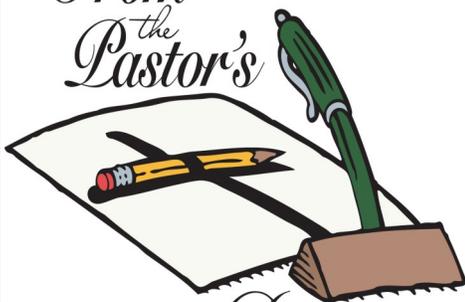




*From
the
Pastor's*



Desk

Crossing the Lake for Healing

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. Mark 5:1-2

Jesus had just crossed the lake with his disciples when they stepped onto the shore of the Gerasene's and came face-to-face with the man everyone in the region feared. He lived naked among the tombs,

howling through the night. **People had tried to chain him, but he broke free again and again. He was, by every standard of the day, hopeless.**

The Bible says he had a legion of demons, but today we might say he was schizophrenic, perhaps addicted, perhaps bipolar, perhaps many other things as well. What is most striking is that Jesus even went see to him at all. This was Gentile territory, a graveyard—unclean, off-limits for a Jewish rabbi. The kind of place to avoid. But Jesus doesn't avoid people the world has written off. He crosses boundaries to get to them.

That's what it takes to do addiction ministry. It means going where others won't—because it's hard, because it's messy, and because addicts rarely bring much money or prestige to a church. How can Grace Lutheran chose that path—to run toward hurting people while others run away? And pondering that leads us into the second part of the story.

Jesus commands the demons to leave the man and go into a herd of pigs that run off a cliff and drown in the sea. When the townspeople heard what happened, they came running. They found the man clothed, calm, and in his right mind. You'd expect them to celebrate, to be amazed and impressed. But instead, the text says, "They were afraid." And then they asked Jesus to leave. **They ask Jesus to leave! Why?**

Because they saw what it cost them. All those pigs—gone. In their eyes, one man's restoration wasn't worth it. It was too unsettling, too expensive, too dangerous. What would be next? Our society still does this.

Addiction is a health issue, yet we keep spending far more to punish than to heal. How do we deal with addiction? Three out of four people suffering from addiction do not have access to treatment or the medications that could bring healing. In 2024, the U.S. spent \$44.5 billion on drug enforcement and incarceration—less than half that on treatment and recovery. We imprison more people than any other developed nation, most for drug-related offenses, and disproportionately people of color.

Instead of investing in healing, we chain people up and put them away. It's the same thing the Gerasenes did! How can we look at the cost of compassion and decide it's not worth it? How can we tell Jesus to leave?

Every time a congregation chooses to run toward the hurting instead of away, it is walking in the footsteps of Jesus. The Gerasene man's story is a reminder that real healing will cost us something. But the alternative—sending Jesus away—is far more costly.

After you ponder this **let me know what your ideas are for Grace to become more involved in addiction ministry.** Maybe such action could lead us to some healing waters and a special time of Thanksgiving!

Love them like Jesus,
><> Pastor Kevin

Serving Grace November 2025

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 9:00 AM

Position	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30
Greeters (1)		Char Wilson	Debbie Patmore, Terri Huntley & Sheri Boy	Tim & Debbie Patmore	
Ushers (4)		Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Boone and Caron Collins	
Assisting Ministers	Tim Patmore	Tim Potts	Kim Webber	Tim Patmore	JD Williams
Lesson Reader (1)	Tim Patmore	Rick Little	Sandy Molitor	Kimberly Petersen	
Serving Communion	Terri Huntley	Dennis Chowen	Darlene Mullins	Sandy Molitor	
*Coffee Hosts (3)	Terri Huntley and Dan & Sheri Boy		Ruth Smit, Bonnie and Cindy Lange	No Coffee Hour Thanksgiving Meal for GLC Seniors	Berg, McGillivray & Patmore families
Sunday Acolytes	JoLei Avery & Torin Monahan	Braylee Blakeman & Ava Williams	Landry & Layton Wilson	Blain McGillivray & Torin Monahan	Braylee Blakeman & Ava Williams

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

~ WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE ~

Position	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19
WNL Meal Hosts	Tim and Debbie Patmore	Tim and Debbie Patmore	Tim and Debbie Patmore
Wednesday Night Acolytes	Braxten and Josslyn Bahe	Bryson Potter and Jett Leonhardt	Kwynnlee and Kambria Meland, & Eekiah Beug

November Serving Grace Members

Avery, Dan and Dadra
Bauer, Diane
Berg, Randy and Connie
Brunner, Mildred
Caneva, Brandon
Haugen, Tyler and Dee
Hencke, Bryan and Tammy
Huiner, Greg and Cherie
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

Nohava, Randy and Brenda
Rossow, Bill
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 2025

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 24th.

Position	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 24	Dec 28
Greeters (1)	Tim & Debbie Patmore			Baldwin Family	
Ushers (4)		Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons		Boone and Caron Collins
Assisting Ministers	Kim Webber	Garland Dobler	Tim Potts		JD Williams
Lesson Reader (1)	Graland Dobler	Tim Patmore	Sandy Molitor	Kimberly Petersen	
Serving Communion (1)	Graland Dobler	Sandy Molitor		Tessa Gunderson & Robin Baldwin	
*Coffee Hosts (3)	Ward & Garland Dobler and Casey & Heidi Raftenvold			NO COFFEE HOUR CHRISTMAS EVE	
Sunday Acolytes	Blaisely Haugen and Torin Monahan	Willow and Coral Nikkila	Pate and Rye Gunderson	Kwynnlee and Kambria Meland	Blain McGillivray and Torin Monahan

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

Huntley, Terri
Lyons, David
Molitor, Sandy
Morgan, Joan
Myers, Tim and Misty
Patmore, Tim and Debbie
Rasch, Deb
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: Deb Haivala
3rd Sunday: Bob Tesch
4th Sunday: Debbie Patmore
5th Sunday: Michelle Williams

ALTAR GUILD IN NOVEMBER

Mikayla Wilson and Heather Kreutz

Confirmation 2025



Pictured above: Pastor Carla Nelson, Mason McGillivray, Burke Potter, Owen Aldren, Madeline Vliem, Danny Tedder, Tenlee Koontz and Pastor Kevin Jensen.

2025 YEAR TO DATE

OFFERINGS

\$215,393.39

EXPENSES

\$222,749.14

BUDGET

\$224,125.00



OCTOBER ATTENDANCE

Sundays

Oct 5 - 101

Oct 12 - 116

Oct 19 - 107

Oct 26 - 192

Wednesdays

Oct 1 - 48

Oct 8 - 42

Oct 15 - 32

Oct 22 - 53

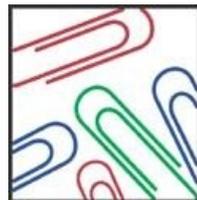
Oct 29 - 44

**PRAYER
REQUESTS**



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Ada Dobler (Ward & Garland Dobler's granddaughter), Marlan Larson, Renee Geppert, John Raforth, Thane and Tim Tetrault, Bree Mack, Lynn Aga, Ardith McFarland, Ted Sigman, Kaylynn Goergen, Myles Hupp, Barb Haivala, George Lisko, Laurie Adkins-Heydon and the families of Eileen Raforth and Phil Lietz (Ruth Smit's Brother).

On-going prayers: Ruth Mechling, Danny Chapman, Donzetta Strandjord, Dan Zeiner, Paulette Walker, Ron Monson, Jody Wilke, Ethan Dschaak, Bud Rank, Dale Kreutz, Morgan Myers, Ally Tedder, Marcia Potts, Larry Schemmel, and Roger Ivers, 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 December, newsletter is *Monday, November 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.

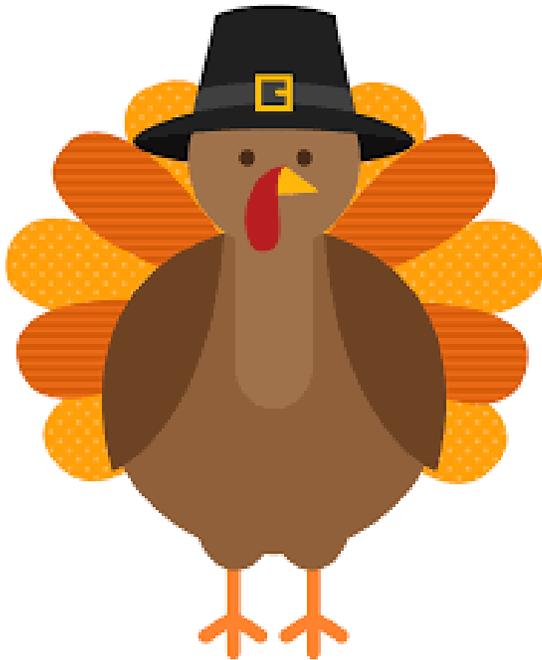
See special events on Facebook.



Has your address or phone number changed?

Please let Keri know at 605-347-2713 or e-mail us at gracelutheran@rushmore.com.

Thanksgiving Dinner



Sunday November 23, 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 17,
to the church office 605-347-2713.**

Following the dinner, please join in decorating the church for Christmas. All are invited to help.



**FALL BACK
SUNDAY
NOV. 2, 2025**

To America's Veterans
Thank You
Nov. 9th, 2025 Military Appreciation Sunday

WELCA
Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Thankoffering

Sunday, Nov. 16 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.

Church Office Closings

The church office will be closed on these dates:

Monday November 3

**Thurs & Fri November 27, 28
Thanksgiving**

**Thurs & Fri December 25, 26
Christmas**



GUIDELINES FOR USHERS

GREETING:

- Arrive at least 20 minutes prior to the service.
- Turn the lights on. The panel of switches should have the top row and the two switches on the right of the second row turned on. These are the chancel and nave light switches. The two to the left on the second row are for dimming/brightening the main lights. Hold these switches up to make sure the lights are bright for the Sunday service. If a video is presented, dim the lights until the end of the video, and then turn them back up.
- 2 Ushers welcome the worshipers at the front doors while the other 2 ushers greet worshipers with a bulletin inside. Please keep the front doors shut.
- Standing at each side of the aisle, please offer children's busy bags to all young children. Stand near the pews to prevent congestion at the back of the church. You may usher people to their seats. Never seat anyone during a prayer, but wait until the prayer is finished.

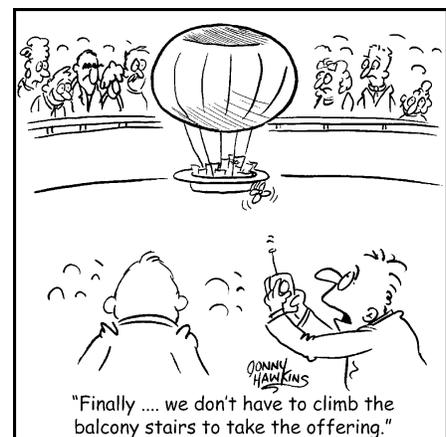
WORSHIP SERVICE:

- After the service begins, one of the ushers must count the worshipers (including all the children and the worship leaders). Do this from the balcony. Record the number on the clipboard in the drawer in the table at the back of the church.
- Offering plates are in the ushers' cabinet. Have the plates uncovered and ready. Come forward as soon as it is time for the offering. Offering should be received starting from the front and proceeding to the back. Two ushers should be on the outside aisles and two ushers in the center aisle. After the offering, two ushers shall bring the plates to the front and give them to the acolytes.
- Be alert for any emergency.

COMMUNION/AFTER SERVICE:

- During communion, ushers should put down the kneelers in the front pews and begin ushering communicants to the altar rail first and then to the front pew. Two ushers should stay in the center aisle on each side by the front pew to usher people to the rails and two should usher communicants from each pew. Time them getting to the front so they don't have to wait long in the aisle. (When communion is continuous, only two are needed to usher communicants from their pew.)
- After the service, pick up any papers/trash left in the pews and put hymnals in their proper place and place all bibles between the hymnals and in front of the Other Song Book.

To volunteer to usher you can sign up in the church entry or call Keri at the church office at 605-347-2713.



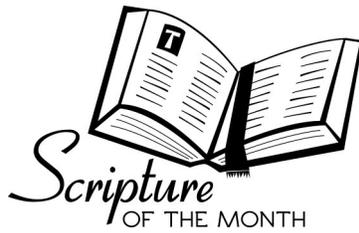
November 2

Isaiah 1:10-18

Psalms 32:1-7

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10



November 23

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

November 9

Job 19:23-27a

Psalms 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

November 16

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalms 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

November 30

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

9 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

The radio broadcast calendar for 2025 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 2 - Jean Kopren Memorial

Nov 9 - Darlene Mullins, in loving memory of Arlie Mullin.

Nov 16 - Denise Petrowske, in loving memory of Maxine Sauduig.

Nov 23 - Vicki Monahan & family, in loving memory of Ray & Peggy Glassman.

Nov 30 - Janet Johnson, in loving memory of Bob Johnson.

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
Scoopers Sam's Closet and
Stallion Closet**

Leave a donation in the Red Bucket located in the back of the church and your donation will help support Sam's Closet in Sturgis and the Stallion Closet in Piedmont to help students in need with food, school supplies and clothing.





What's Happening at Love INC Sturgis

Church of the Week: Grace Lutheran Church



For over a century, Grace Lutheran Church has been a faithful presence in our community, living out Christ's call to serve others.

Pastor Kevin Jensen shares how their annual Rally Breakfast brings people together in fellowship and generosity—serving more than 1,300 meals and raising over \$10,000 to support local ministries and nonprofits. Their vibrant Vacation Bible School welcomes up to 50 children each year, planting seeds of faith and joy.

Most recently, Grace Lutheran launched *Wednesday Night Live*, an outreach inviting area youth to share a meal, build relationships, and grow in their understanding of God's love.

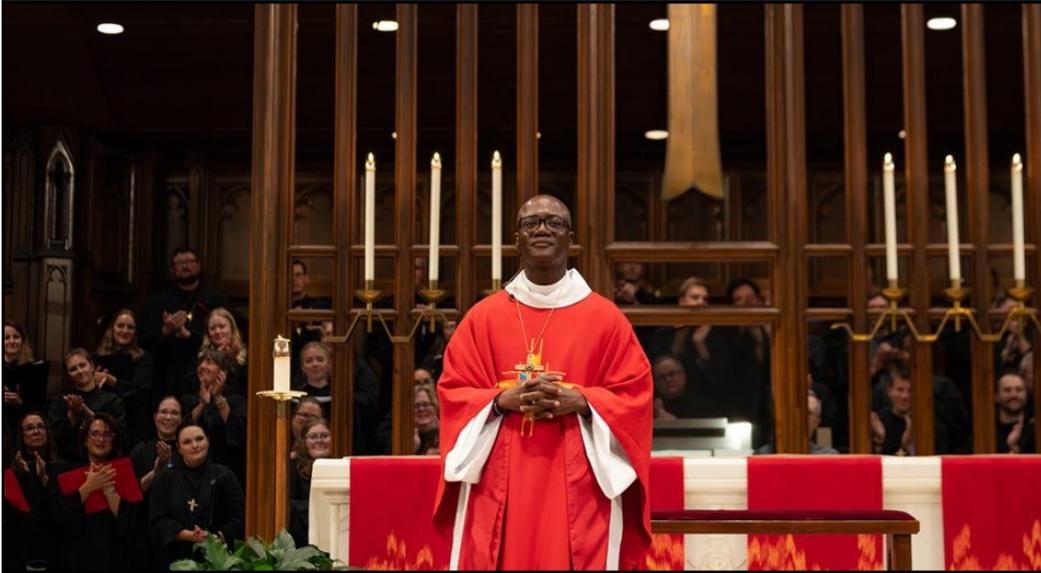
We're grateful for Grace Lutheran's heart for service and their commitment to being the hands and feet of Christ in our community!

Answering the call

Yehiel Curry is installed as

ELCA presiding bishop

By [John Potter](#) October 5, 2025



When Yehiel Curry was installed as presiding bishop of the ELCA on Saturday, Elizabeth Eaton, the former presiding bishop, led the assembly in welcoming Curry. “Yehiel, bishop in the church of God, we have looked forward to your coming with great joy,” she exclaimed to a diverse, colorfully dressed and enthusiastic assembly at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

“With all my heart,” Curry began before pausing emotionally. After Eaton went to his side and placed a hand on his arm, he continued. “I thank you for your welcome. I hope to serve among you in Christ’s name. And in the joy of the Spirit, may the peace of God be upon this house and this assembly.”

Throughout the service, a variety of hymns and songs were led by the National Lutheran Choir and musicians from the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod and St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. Members of the ELCA Conference of Bishops, members of the Church Council and ecumenical, interreligious and global guests participated in the processional.

CeCee Mills, secretary-elect of the ELCA, began the installation with an African tradition, the pouring of libations in honor of “the God that created us and in recognition that we are because of the ancestors who preceded us and in the hope of those who will come,” she said. “This ritual recognizes and shows respect for those who have come before and who have paved the way, and those who are yet to come.”

Eaton, who presided at the service, then led an acknowledgement that the assembly was gathered on the ancestral homelands of the Dakota people.

Curry was introduced to the assembly by representatives of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, where he served as bishop prior to being elected to a six-year term as presiding bishop. “Grounded in mission, he gave us the charge to ‘Go, therefore,’ and invited us to smile, embracing the joy of God’s calling and trusting that our labor in the Lord is not in vain,” said one synod representative.

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Kevin Vandiver, pastor of Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Washington, D.C., delivered the sermon, emphasizing that God calls everyone to serve in different and sometimes unlikely ways. “Whether we are clergy or lay, all of us have wrestled with this concept of call,” he said. “The truth is that everybody gets a call. Even Jesus is not exempt.”

For Curry, that call to ministry took shape as he became first mission developer and then pastor of Shekinah Chapel in Riverdale, Ill., and it continues now. “There came a call over the portals of heaven into the earth, round about the South Side of Chicago, at 61st and Woodlawn,” Vandiver said.

“Who would’ve thought that that young boy growing up on the South Side of Chicago would grow also in wisdom and stature and somebody would put their hand on him and say, ‘We want you to be a lay mission developer’?” Vandiver continued. “Who would’ve thought in that moment that we’d be sitting here today? Look what the Lord has done!”

“It is our call too”

Sue Rothmeyer, current secretary of the ELCA, presented Curry for installation. Leaders from various church bodies lay hands on him, a sign of the church’s unity, embodying its prayer for the Holy Spirit to guide and sustain him.

“The office of presiding bishop is now committed to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” Eaton said to Curry. After a blessing and prayers, she removed from around her neck the pectoral cross, the common symbol of the office of bishop in the ELCA, and presented it to Curry, placing it around his neck.

Curry stood as Eaton presented him to the assembly for a standing ovation. Curry, Eaton and others then offered communion to the assembly.

Following the service, a public reception was held for those hoping to greet Curry. At an evening banquet, Curry introduced his family.

“I’m going to do something that is probably a little different,” Curry said. “I am going to cede most of my time so that you can meet my wife and children.” His wife, LaShonda Hicks-Curry, and their daughters, Shekinah, Ashirah and Shemiah (the last of them a recent graduate of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago), each offered remarks.

Curry also lifted up his mother and recognized his siblings. “I stand on her shoulders, and nine of my 10 siblings are here, so I’m going to ask the rest of my family to stand.”

He then invited various groups from across the church to stand in recognition. “May we leave this place and understand that we’re more connected than we realize,” Curry said.

For those present, the moment may have brought to mind Vandiver’s earlier message: “It is not just the call of Bishop Curry—it is our call too.”

In an uncertain age, when the church is on the precipice of change, Vandiver said, those across the ELCA must stand alongside Curry and “remember that we have something to say, we have something to offer.”

“It is a call that you may have to say yes to every day, even when it seems like all heck is breaking loose. But—*ring, ring*—there is a call coming from the portals of heaven. It’s for you.”



GLCW Minutes Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2025

President Deb Patmore called the meeting to order in Jesus' name with 7 members present. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Lynette Kvanvig, courtesy chairman, sent 5 cards.

Old Business:

- Volunteers are needed for nominations for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Mission Action. Elections will be in November. Women are needed to help keep the Grace mission work going, so all are encouraged to step up and help the work of the church.

New Business:

- The 2026 budget was reviewed. A donation of \$250 to Compass Point was added. Pastor requested that separate checks be written to the School of Mines and Black Hill State for their campus ministries. We will vote on the budget at a later meeting.
- Nov. 16 is Thankoffering Sunday. The women will fill the volunteer spots. Many spots are filled, but there is still a need for ushers. Greeters will be Deb Patmore and Sheri Boy. Hostesses are Ruth Smit, Cindy Lange, and Bonnie Lange.
- Diana Bauer and Ruth Smit are the funeral chairmen for the last quarter. All women should check the volunteer list in their GLCW booklets to see if they are on for this quarter.
- All women should review their information in the GLCW booklets and send any revisions to Deb Patmore.
- The Senior Thanksgiving Dinner is Sunday, Nov. 23rd followed by the decorating of the church. Please come help at 12:15 or after the dinner.
- The next meeting is Nov. 11 a 1:30 p.m. Deb Patmore is the Hostess and Pastor Carla will lead the Bible Study. Shirley Halverson will check into a possible program from Compass Point or CISS.

Marlene Kotab, Secretary

Matt Kreutz will present a program about Compass Point at the Nov. 11th GLCW meeting. All women should attend this important presentation.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Pastor Kevin and the entire congregation of Grace Lutheran church for the overwhelming support and love shown during our time of need. In the wake of Robert's illness and passing, your prayers, comforting words and acts of kindness have provided us with immense strength and solace.

Your presence at the funeral service and the heartfelt messages we received truly reminded us of the power of community and faith. It is a blessing to be part of such a loving church family.

Thank you for your compassion, your prayers and for standing with us as we celebrated the life of our beloved Robert R. Ruff. ~With love and gratitude, Carolyn Ruff and the Robert R Ruff Family

Dear Grace Church, Thank you so much for the cards and treats during Pastor appreciation month. We appreciate being appreciated. Special thanks to the WNL children for the wonderful skit and goodies. Blessings in this season of Thanksgiving. ~Pastor Kevin and Pastor Carla



Oct. 21, 2025, Worship Committee Minutes

Members present at the Oct. 21st meeting were Chris Pankratz, Christian and Marlene Kotab, Marcia Potts, Ruth Mechling, Kris Little, Pastor Kevin Jensen, and Tim Patmore. Pastor gave a devotion. The agenda was approved.

Old Business:

- Confirmation is Oct. 26. The confirmation students will help with the volunteer duties including helping with the children's sermon.
- Marlene will research a Military Appreciation litany for Sunday, Nov. 9.
- The WELCA Thankoffering Sunday is Nov. 16. All Grace Women are asked to bring an offering forward during the service and many will serve during the service.
- The Senior Dinner is Sunday, Nov. 23 at 11:30 a.m. We will decorate the church after the dinner. The choir will practice right after church.
- There is no WNL on Nov. 26 because of Thanksgiving or on Dec. 31 because of New Year's Eve.
- Marcia will find 5 families to read during Advent for the lighting of the wreath. A new song will be used – "Advent Song" by Mary Lu Walker.
- The Community Christmas Concert is on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center Theater.
- The Children's Christmas Program is Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 6:00 p.m. All children should be at every Wednesday night practice at 5:00 in November and at 4:45 beginning Dec. 3.
- Sunday, Dec. 21 is the Christmas Music Service. Anyone may volunteer to contribute a song for the service. (Contact Marlene.)
- The Christmas Eve Service is at 5:00 p.m. Tim Patmore will do sound and Tim Potts will be the Assistant Minister.
- We appreciate Tim's new responses to the prayers of intercession.
- Marcia will be the accompanist on Christmas Eve. We still need a pianist on Nov. 30.

New Business:

- Liturgies for November – 2: Service of the Word, 9- Remembering the Promise, Military Recognition, 16 – Women's Thankoffering, Spoken Liturgy, 23 - #7, 30 - #10. On Sundays, we will announce the liturgies we are using so that our radio audience can follow in their hymnals at home.

The next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 5:30 p.m.



CHURCH COUNCIL



Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting October 2, 2025

Present: Diana Bauer, Jeff DeKraai, Terri Huntley, Kelly Magdanz, Debbie Patmore, Bob Tesch.
Absent: Robin Baldwin, Jarred Curry, Paul Haedt, Heather Kreutz, San Monahan, Chris Pankratz, Jeremy Vliem, Pastor Kevin Jensen, Pastor Carla Nelson.
No Meeting was held due to not having a quorum to conduct a meeting.
Deb Patmore gave devotions.

Informal motion by Jeff to table all business in the agenda. 2nd by Deb. Motion passed.

Money Counters for November:

Nov. 2 – Pam W and Debbie Patmore

Nov. 9 – Kelly and Diana

November 16 – Bob and Terri

November 23 – Bob and Kelly

November 30 – Bob and Diana

December 7 – Pam W and Debbie

Secretary, Diana Bauer



GLC Education Meeting - 10/15/2025

- Confirmation is on October 26th
- Education Committee Serves the fellowship reception following service
- Deb Patmore and Pastor Carla will help serve cake. If others are available to help/clean up after fellowship, please do!
- Tessa will order 1 1/2 Marble Cakes with the words "Congratulations Owen, Tenlee, Mason, Burke, Danny & Madeline" on it in red and she will deliver them to the church Saturday night.
- Tessa will pick up 2 red tablecloths, plates, and 6 gift bags for cards for the confirmands
- Tessa will create a WNL Holiday Schedule to be handed out to kids and emailed out to parents on Wednesday, October 22nd (it is attached here as well)
- Thanksgiving Dinner at the Church for 60+ year olds will be on Sunday November 23rd
- High School Youth Group, Confirmands and their parents are encouraged to help from 10am-1:30pm
- Michelle will have food at the church that kids and parents will prepare before the meal. She could also use a few volunteers who would be willing to make and cut turkeys ahead of time and bring the day of. Michelle will hand out more information to the High School Youth and Confirmands soon.
- There will not be WNL on Wednesday, November 26th for Thanksgiving break
- We would like to get a headcount for those interested in attending Outlaw Ranch next summer by December 1st so we can reserve spots early.

- Vicki will be handing out Reverse Advent boxes that the kids will be encouraged to put coins in each day in December. The kids can then donate their box of coins in the offering plate during the Christmas Eve worship service or when they are in church next after Christmas.
- The Christmas Program will be on Wednesday, December 17th at 6pm
- Marlene has created a program but would like help from all teachers during rehearsals
- All kids ages Pre-K through 6th grade will be a part of a group for the program so are encouraged to attend all practices and the night of the program.
- Practices will be held from 4:45-5:45 on Wednesday, December 3rd, 10th and 17th
- The Music Worship Service will be on Sunday, December 21st
- All kids ages Pre-K through 6th grade will be singing during this service
- There will not be WNL on December 24th, but all are encouraged to attend worship service at 5:30pm. There will not be WNL on December 31st.
- WNL will start back up on January 7th with an Epiphany Party during regularly scheduled WNL times.
- Pastor Carla has a plan for the evening but will need help from all teachers for the night
- The kids have been talking with Marlene each week on the possibilities of places to give their weekly offerings to. Because many kids have mentioned wanting to give it to animals, we would like to look at the possibility of taking the kids to the Sturgis Animal Shelter in January or February to hand the donations over in person and see what their gifts can do to help. We will discuss this further once we get closer to the time.

The next meeting of the GLC Education Committee will be held on Wednesday, November 12th at 4:30pm.



Advent Festival


Outlaw Ranch


Friday, December 5-Sunday, December 7

A fun weekend for families to eat, sing, make crafts, and find that perfect Christmas tree.



Register online:
losd.org/events-and-retreats



LIVING NATIVITY @ OUTLAW RANCH
 Join us for our Annual Fundraiser

DECEMBER 14 3:00-6:00 pm

living nativity · bake sale · photo backdrop · cocoa



November

BIRTHDAYS

1 Lorayne Schaefer
Levi Sjomeling

2 Brennen Aldren

3 Allan Weidenbach

4 Tessa Gunderson

5 Tim Atyeo

6 Arvid Meland
Rosalie Wolf

7 Allen Hemmah
Brandy Nikkila

8 Michael Erion
Teddy Sigman

9 Deb Haivala

10 Zachary Bergman
Morgan Myers

11 Clay Lange
Allen Hemmah

12 Darla DeKraai

14 Dale Kreutz

15 Garland Dobler

16 Lynelle Chapman

17 Jan Weimer

19 Cole Hemmah
Heather Kreutz
Tenlee Koontz
Kaylynn Goergen

20 Grant Rush

24 Todd Collins

27 Catherine Selting

28 Josslyn Bahe

29 Pete Wilson



November

ANNIVERSARIES

21 Rick & Kris Little

23 Pete & Mikayla Wilson

Grace Lutheran News and Events

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 
2 All Saints Day 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Choir	3 Pastor's Day Off OFFICE CLOSED	4 	5 8:30 am Quilting 5 pm Kids Alive/ Confirmation 5 pm Adult Bible Study 5:30 pm WNL Meal 6:30 pm WNL Service 7 pm HS Youth Group	6 9:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Council Meeting	7	8 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
9 Military Appreciation 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Choir	10 Pastor's Day Off	11 1:30 pm GLCW Meeting 	12 8:30 am Quilting 4:30 pm Education Mtg. 5 pm Kids Alive/ Confirmation 5 pm Adult Bible Study 5:30 pm WNL Meal 6:30 pm WNL Service 7 pm HS Youth Group	13 9:30 am Bible Study	14	15 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
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23 9:00 am Worship (HC) w/ Pastor 10:30 am Choir 11:30 Thanksgiving Meal for Seniors 1:00 pm Decorate church for Christmas	24 Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline	25	26 NO WNL ACTIVITIES	27 OFFICE CLOSED 	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
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