



Guest Article— The Caterpillar Club

The following was written by South Dakota Bishop Emeritus, Norm Eitrheim. He currently lives at a retirement village in Sioux Falls.

When World War II ended, an Air National Guard Unit in Sioux Falls which was called the 175th Fighter Interceptor Squadron was started. The commanding officer was Joe Foss, a fighter ace who had shot down 26 Japanese aircraft.

Because of the Korean War, the squadron was placed on active duty on March 1, 1951. I was the parachute rigger for the squadron. Each pilot had their own fitted chute and every 30 days I would take their chute, unfurl it and hang it up in the drying tower for at least 24 hours. Then I would take it down and stretch it out on a long wooden table, weave the shrouds and fold the silks of each chute. It was done carefully because you held the fate of the pilot in your hands.

On May 10, 1951 Lt. Dwight Summy, who had been flying multi-engine craft was transitioning into a fighter plane, the P-51, called the Mustang. That day while flying in formation—he went into a spin and bailed out.

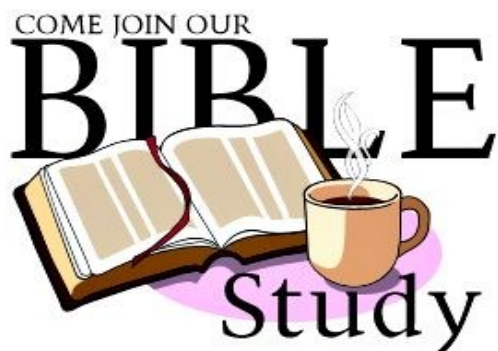
In the Air Force it was customary for the one who parachuted to give the one who packed his chute a fifth of whiskey. So I got a fifth from Lt. Summy, but I never sipped a drop of it; it was stolen from my unlocked locker the next day.

I received one other item. It was a plaque stating that I was a member of the “Caterpillar Club” and on the plaque was a metal plate with the name “Dwight Summy” etched on it. Every person who packs a chute that saves a person’s life becomes a member of the Caterpillar Club.

I had forgotten about the plaque until a few years ago when we were cleaning the basement and it was in the bottom of a box. Now it hangs on the wall in our den as a reminder of once saving a person’s life by doing your duty.

I pray we will all learn how to be part of the “caterpillar club” and bring others into the faith, so they too can, one day, become butterflies in Christ!

><> Love them like Jesus, Pastor Kevin



Come and join our weekly Bible Study on Mark, returning Thursday, **September 11, at 9:30 am** in the Rose Room. All are welcome.



Men's Prayer Breakfast will be returning **Saturday, September 13,** at 8am at Uncle Louie's restaurant in Sturgis. All men are invited to attend.

Serving Grace August 2025

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 9:00 AM

Position	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Greeters (2)		Lyla White	Lynette Kvanvig	Boone and Caron Collins	Linda Erion
Ushers (4)		Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Boone and Caron Collins	Bill Rossow
Assisting Ministers	Tim Patmore	Tim Patmore	Garland Dobler	JD Williams	Kim Webber
Lesson Reader (1)	Tim Patmore	Rick Little	Dick Ruby	Sandy Molitor	Gary Meyer
Serving Communion (2)	Terri Huntley	Dennis Chowen & Kris Little	Dan Boy & Paul Haedt	Sandy Molitor and Connie Hurlburt	Bonnie Lange and
*Coffee Hosts (3)	Rally Breakfast	Kent, Heather, Mary Ellen & Dale Kreutz			
Sunday Acolytes	Mason & Blain McGillivray	Tenlee Koontz & Pate Gunderson	JoLei Avery & Pate Gunderson	Torin Monahan & Danny Tedder	Tenlee Koontz & Kwynnlee Meland

*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
 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 & Luke
 Myers, Tim and Misty
 Ritten, Marie
 Ruby, Dick

Ruff, Bob & Carolyn
 Schaefer, Lorayne
 Schummer, Kenya
 Shuck, Denise
 White, Lyla
 Workentine, Doris
 Zeiner, Dan and Ramona

Serving Grace September 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 September before August 25th.

Position	Sept 7	Sept 14	Sept 21	Sept 28
Greeters (1)	Sharon Collins & Sue Whitford	Matt & Carrie Bunkowski		
Ushers (4)		Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Boone and Caron Collins
Assisting Ministers	Tim Patmore	Tim Potts	Tim Patmore	Kim Webber
Lesson Reader (1)				
Serving Communion				
*Coffee Hosts (3)		Sharon Collins, Sue Whitford & Crew		
Sunday Acolytes	Braxten Bahe & Danny Tedder	Braylee Blakeman & Ava Williams	Braylee Blakeman & Ava Williams	Christian Pankratz & Jett Leonhardt

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
Greslin, Don and Judy
Haedt, Paul

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

ALTAR GUILD IN AUGUST

Darlene Mullins and Lynette Kvanvig

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL

RETURN SEPT. 10, 2025 @ 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 10

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 2025-2026
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 _____

2025 YEAR TO DATE

OFFERINGS

\$151,124.63

EXPENSES

\$158,134.85

BUDGET

\$156,887.50



JULY ATTENDANCE

Sundays

July 6 - 96

July 13 - 89

July 20 - 109

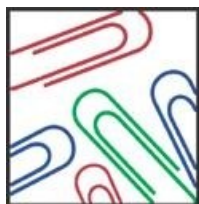
July 27 - 83

PRAYER REQUESTS



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Ardith McFarland, Lynn Aga, Ted Sigman, Robert Ruff, Kaylynn Goergen, Myles Hupp, Barb Haivala, George Lisko, and Laurie Adkins-Heydon.

On-going prayers: Ruth Mechling, Danny Chapman, Donzetta Strandjord, Dan Zeiner, Paulette Walker, John Raforth, Ron Monson, Jody Wilke, Ethan Dschaak, Bud Rank, Dale Kreutz, Morgan Myers, Ally Tedder, Marcia Potts, Larry Schemmel, Joy Conway, 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 September, newsletter is *Monday, August 25th.*

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.

Bear Butte Conference
WELCA Fall Retreat
Outlaw Ranch
Fri., Sept. 5 - Sat., Sept. 6
Check-in - 4-6:00 p.m.
Dinner - 5:30 p.m.
Hosted by Grace Lutheran

Rainbows of Grace

Celebrating God's Promises

Come enjoy a relaxing retreat as we embrace the grace of God through His rainbow of promises. Celebrate joy, peace, wellness, love, and hope.

----- Detach here and mail -----

REGISTRATION MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY AUGUST 15

Please be aware that no refunds will be issued (but substitutions are allowed).
Send your completed registration WITH PAYMENT (checks to BBC WELCA) to:
Kay Jenkins, 411 E. Idaho Street, Rapid City, SD 57701

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Church: _____ Dietary Restrictions: _____

Email Address: _____

Lodging
(Check your preference. Meals are included.)

____ Lodge \$76.75
____ Barn \$70.75
____ Cabin \$64.75

Program fee (ALL) **+\$5.00**

Due Aug. 15 Total: _____

Roommate(s) Request: _____

Commuter Registration
(Meals only, check all that apply)

____ Friday Supper: \$14.00
____ Saturday Breakfast: \$10.50
____ Saturday Lunch: \$12.25

Program fee (ALL) **+\$5.00**

Due Aug. 15 Total: _____

Bring a sleeping bag or bedding, pillow, towel, personal items, soap, Bible, flashlight, and indoor/outdoor clothing appropriate for the weather. There may be outdoor activities.

August 3

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14,
2:18-23
Psalm 49:1-12
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21



August 24

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

August 10

Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 17

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29--12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 31

Proverbs 25:6-7a
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

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.

- Aug 3 - Pastor Kevin, in honor of his mother Shirley Jensen's birthday.
- Aug 10 - In honor of Boone & Caron Collins' anniversary.
- Aug 17 - Eldon & Kathy Christians, in loving memory of Katie (Christians) Niederwerder.
- Aug 24 - Vicki Monahan and family, in loving memory of Tom Monahan.
- Aug 31 -

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 Companion Synod in Nicaragua

Leave a donation
in the Red Bucket
located in the back
of the church and
your donation will
help support
programs like
motorcycles for
pastors, Pochocuape
school, seeds of hope
and many more.



CHURCH COUNCIL



Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting

July 10, 2025

Present: Robin Baldwin, Diana Bauer, Jarred Curry, Jeff DeKraai, Paul Haedt, Terri Huntley, Heather Kreutz, San Monahan, Bob Tesch, Jeremy Vliem, Pastor Kevin Jensen, Pastor Carla Nelson.

Absent: Kelly Magdanz, Chris Pankratz, Debbie Patmore.

President Tesch called meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Devotions by Jarred

Secretary's report – Motion to approve Secretary's report by Pastor Carla, 2nd by Heather. Motion passes.

Adoption/Additions of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Jeff, 2nd Jarred with addition of parsonage driveway seal coat.

Treasurer's Report accepted.

Old Business:

1. Audit completed. (Committee composed of Pam Weidmann, Jenna Blakeman, Andrea Williams)
2. Tabled - online Directory

New Business:

1. Money counters

Aug. 3 – Pam Weidenbach and Terri

Aug. 10 – Terri and Bob

Aug. 17 – Heather and Diana

Aug. 24 - Paul and Jarred

Aug. 31 - Bob and Paul

Sept. 7 – Pam and Diana

Sept. 14 – Terri and Heather

Sept. 21 – Bob and Jarred

Sept. 28 - Jeremy and Jeff

Oct. 5 - Pam and Paul

2. Keri's vacation – Motion to approve Keri's vacation August 1 – 10, 2025. Motion by Paul to approve, 2nd by Terri. Motion carried.

3. Gutter covers tabled.

4. Motion by Jeff to accept and finalize DSP Security System (\$8916.76), 2nd Jeremy. Motion carried.

5. Motion to put Seal Coat on parsonage driveway (\$1096.00), use funds from undesignated memorial funds. 2nd Jerred.

Devotion List:

No August meeting

September 4 – Terri

October 2 – Debbie

November 6 – Heather

December 4 – Bob

January 8, 2026 – Kelly

Pastor's report: VBS was a success. Reminder of the upcoming retreat at Sacred Mountain Retreat Center on Sept. 20 from 6 – 9 p.m.

Pastor Carla made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd San.

President Tesch adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Next Meeting is September 4, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Secretary, Diana Bauer



GLCW Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, July 8, 2025

President Deb Patmore called the meeting to order in Jesus' name with 9 in attendance. Marlene Kotab offered the devotion and 2 songs were sung about friendship. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer gave the quarterly report (April – June). Balance at the end of June is \$27, 018.35 with \$26,222.85 in the Mission Investment Fund. Correspondence included a thank you card from Terry Huntley. Lynette Kvanvig, courtesy chair, sent 3 cards.

Old Business:

- VBS was held with approximately 48 kids and many helpers in attendance.
- The Rally Breakfast is Saturday, Aug. 2 – Friday, Aug. 8. \$10 per meal. David Lyons is the chairman with Boone and Caren Collins and Diana Bauer in charge of the dining room. Set-up is Friday, Aug. 1 at 8:00 am.

New Business:

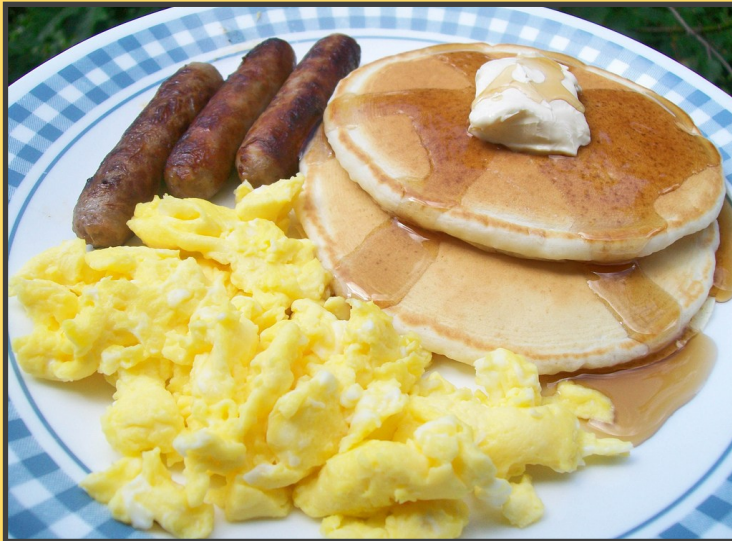
- Darlene Mullins and Janet Johnson are the 3rd Quarter Funeral Chairs. Paulette Meland's funeral was the only funeral during the 2nd quarter.
- Next month's GLCW meeting will be a potluck noon meal followed by Bible Study and a review of the Rally Breakfasts.



It's a
Potluck

**All Grace women are invited to a noon
potluck at the church on Tuesday, Aug. 12.**

\$10 Rally Breakfast



6:30 am - 11 am

Daily

Aug. 2-8

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

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



**September 7,
2025**



August

BIRTHDAYS

5 Lindsey Anderson
Jared Reimer

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

17 Bryce Leonhardt
Cherie Huiner

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

26 Bryan Cooley

27 Derek Taniguchi
Linda Hemmah
Kaidyn Meyers
Andria Williams
Jake Wolf

28 Dean Rasmuson
Peyton Bahe

29 Ashley Clark

31 Michelle Shryock



August

ANNIVERSARIES

2 James & Irene Heinert

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 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Christian Motorcyclists' Association 	2 6:30am - 11 am Rally Breakfast
3 6:30am - 11 am Rally Breakfast 9:00 am Worship (HC) Christian Motorcyclists' Association 	4 Pastor's Day Off 6:30am - 11 am Rally Breakfast 9 am CMA Worship	5 6:30am - 11 am Rally Breakfast 9 am CMA Worship	6 6:30am - 11 am Rally Breakfast 9 am CMA Worship	7 6:30am - 11 am Rally Breakfast 9 am CMA Worship	8 6:30am - 11 am Rally Breakfast 9 am CMA Worship	9
10 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour	11 Pastor's Day Off	12 12 noon—GLCW Potluck Lunch and Meeting	13 8:30 am Quilting	14	15	16 
17 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour	18 Pastor's Day Off	19 5:30 pm Worship Meeting	20 8:30 am Quilting	21 6 pm Evangelism Meeting	22	23
24 Back to School Blessing 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour	25 Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline 	26	27 8:30 am Quilting	28	29	30
31 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour						