



Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter

JULY 2022

Welcome to the GLC Family



Pictured: Mildred Brunner, Lydia Dawson, David Gibson and Janet Johnson
Not Pictured: Robert and Carolyn Ruff

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VBS



**Thank you to all who helped make
VBS a success this year!!**



JUNE 20-24
53 KIDS
TONS OF FUN

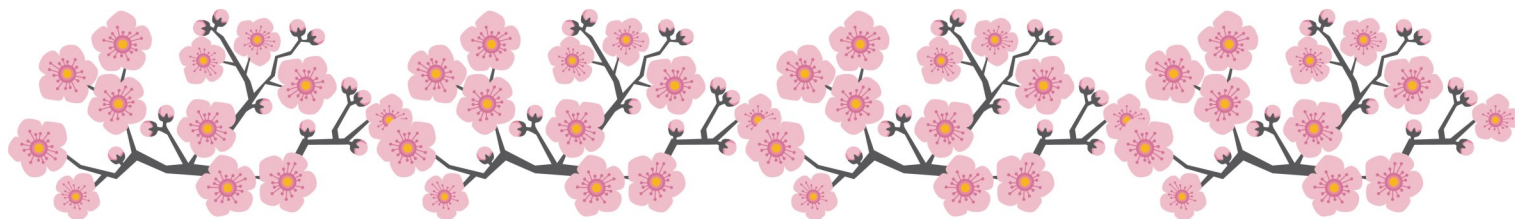


Serving Grace July 2022

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 9:00 AM

Position	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Greeters (2)	Mike & Darlene Tysdal	Hope Reder	Debbie Patmore	Ann Bertolotto	Kim Petersen & Family
Ushers (4)	Clay & Cindy Lange	Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Dale & Mary Ellen Kreutz	
Assisting Ministers	JD Williams	Garland Dobler	Tim Patmore	Kim Webber	Tim Potts
Lesson Reader (1)	Gary Meyer	JD Williams	Tim Patmore	Bonnie Lange	Gary Meyer
Serving Communion	Kerri Kinzell and Bonnie Lange				
*Coffee Hosts (3)	Mick and Connie Hurlburt and Tim and Tonya Atyeo				
			Darlene Mullins, Janet Johnson and Paulette Meland	Ann Bertolotto and Bonnie Lange	Tim and Debbie Patmore
Sunday Acolytes	Levi McPherson and Hayden Rock	Brinley Heikes and Danica Dschaak	Kerrigan and Korbin Meland	Madeline and Olivia Vliem	Lily Wilson and Lane Duprel

*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.



July Serving Grace Members

Adam, Laura
Aldren, Kelly & Jennifer
Alexander, Carla & Enninga, Roland
Bertolotto, Jerry and Ann
Carlson, Randy & Petrowske, Denise
Collins, Todd and Nancy
DeKraai, Jeff and Darla
Engebretson, Dave and Jackie
Gutsche, Janet

Henderickson, Mike & Colleen
Hertol, Elnor
Hultman, Rick
Kaiser, Linda
Kinzell, Kerri
Malloux, Kathleen
Meyer, Gary and Liane
Morgan, Joan
Morgan, Dan
Petersen, Kimberly

Potts, Tim and Marcia
Reder, Hope
Rush, Grant
Selting, Robert and Carmen
Smith, Glynda
Tesch, Norma
Tysdal, Mike and Darleen
Ward, Jeff and Shellie
White, Betty
Williams, J.D. and Michelle

Serving Grace August 2022

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 August before July 24.

Position	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Greeters (2)	Darlene Kopren		Lynette Kvanvig and Doris Workentine	
Ushers (4)		Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Dale & Mary Ellen Kreutz
Assisting Ministers				
Lesson Reader (1)	Darlene Kopren			
Serving Communion			Connie Hurlburt and Lynette Kvanvig	
*Coffee Hosts (3)	GLCW Rally Breakfast		Mick and Connie Hurlburt and Lynette Kvanvig	Kotab Family
Sunday Acolytes	Elle and Faith King	Quintin Kelly and Danny Tedder	Talen and Tenlee Koontz	Jenika Leonhardt and Arina Haugen

Adam, Ronald
Aldren, Emma
Bisson, Paul and Mary
Blakeman, Jenna and Jesse
Calhoon, David and Webber, Kim
Casteel, Clayton and Janice
Christen, Mary
Collins, Sharon
Gabriel, Larry
Hall, Clint and Judi

Hurlburt, Mick and Connie
Kaufman, Bob and Marie
Klein, LeRoy and Cindy
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
Pletan, Pam
Ritten, Marie
Ruby, Dick
Schaefer, Lorayne
Schummer, Kenya
Shuck, Denise
Vilhauer, Dean and Candis
White, Lyla
Workentine, Doris
Zeiner, Dan and Ramona



PROJECTOR OPERATORS IN JULY

1st Sunday: Bob Tesch
2nd Sunday: Michelle Williams
3rd Sunday: Debbie Patmore
4th Sunday: Bob Tesch
5th Sunday: Bob Tesch

ALTAR GUILD IN JULY

Connie Hurlburt and Shawn Mechling



The Red Bucket Ministry For the 3rd Quarter

Annie Calhoon
African Outreach Mission

Leave a donation in the Red Bucket located in the back of the church and your donation will help Annie.

Here is a message from Anne:

I am currently in Colorado Springs doing missionary training at Youth With a Mission. I will be going on an outreach this summer to Northern Africa for 2 months.

Thank you and God bless you,
Annie Calhoon



Holy Communion will be held on the first, third, and fifth Sundays.



FROM THE
CHURCH
OFFICE

Deadline to submit items for the August newsletter is *Monday, July 18th*.

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 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 347-2713 or e-mail us at gracelutheran@rushmore.com.

2022 YEAR TO DATE

OFFERINGS

\$85,170.95

EXPENSES

\$61,443.80

BUDGET

\$110,082.54



JUNE ATTENDANCE

Sundays

June 5 - 80

June 12 - 75

June 19 - 86

June 26 - 83

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.



Prayer Requests



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Ed Pickar, Bud Rank, Joanne Keeton, Dale Kreutz, Boyd and Rita Swenson, Ernie Miller, Morgan Myers, Ramona Hultman, and Tori Tetrault.

On-going prayers: Bill Molitor, Ally Tedder, Dode Lee, Larry Schemmel, Robert Johnson, Marcia Potts, Joy Conway, Dawn McCarthy, Eleanora Miller, Marjorie Jutting, our homebound members and those serving in the military. (*Notify the office of changes*)

Weddings

June 17 - David & Jennifer Sherman

July 3

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6:[1-6]7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20



July 24

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15[16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

July 10

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 17

Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 31

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

9 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

The radio broadcast calendar for 2022 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.

July 3 - Rachel Circle, in memory of Colleen Hammond

July 10 -

July 17 - In memory of "Punk" Bauer

July 24 - In honor of Gordon and Marlene Kotab's anniversary and Christian's birthday

July 31 -

**YARD WORK
HELP
NEEDED**



It is that time of the year again where we are in need of volunteers to help mow and weed-eat the church lawn weekly. Please sign up in the church entrance or call the church office 347-2713.

Thank You!

Thank You to the
Gunderson, Williams,
Tysdal and Meland
Families and
David Lyons for mowing
the church lawn in
May and June.



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

From the Bishop's Desk

Dear South Dakota Synod,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

Thank you for your participation in the 2022 South Dakota Synod Assembly.

Together we imagined ministry in our time and space. If you missed this year's assembly, please talk to your pastor, deacon, and voting members. They will be able to share with you about the manifold ways we were church together for almost two days. It is my hope that you will find rest throughout the summer months before ministry gears back up for Fall and Winter activities. Journeying with you in Christ,

Rev. Constanze Hagmaier
Bishop of the SD Synod



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Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA

On the Road Again – or off – could be both!

Once again, I have the pleasure to hop in my truck and head out to visit another of the great congregations in the South Dakota Synod. In the churches that I have been, 13 so far, one thing is happening in all of them; even though the people may not see it, the Holy Spirit is at work in and through the people, congregation and community! What fun it is for me to point this out to the good folks that I visit with. You see, at times of stress and fear, both of which are present for churches in transition, they don't see the positive mission that is going on right in their midst. So, if you are one of the congregations in transition at this time just know that you are not alone, Jesus is walking with you! The Bishop and synod staff care about you and we too walk with you as you continue to spread the Gospel of

Jesus in your homes, churches and communities.

Blessings to you all,
Pr. Alan Blankenfeld
Rural Ministry Liaison for the SD Synod

Lutheran Disaster Response

Now for some positive and uplifting news about the ELCA and Lutheran Disaster Response. Beaver Valley Lutheran Church sustained significant damage from a confirmed EF-1 tornado on Memorial Day very early in the morning. Before noon Bishop Hagmaier and Pastor Alan were at the church, the Bishop called LDR and the process was started on getting aid for the church. We are excited to inform you all that LDR will be providing \$12,000 directly to BVLC and an additional \$10,000 to the SD Synod that will also go on to BVLC! This is church together as we will continue to walk with Beaver Valley. If you feel so moved, you can donate to the special offering fund for Beaver Valley at sdsynod.org/donate.

You're Invited!

South Dakota Synod Farm to Table Dinner

Bishop Constanze Hagmaier and the South Dakota Synod invite you to join us for our inaugural Farm to Table Dinner, to be held on Sunday, August 21, 2022. This event in support of rural ministry will be held at Messiah Lutheran near Flandreau, home church of Pastor Alan Blankenfeld, our first rural liaison.

Through two-week immersions in rural congregations across the state, the rural liaison offers a sounding board to members of the community, listening to struggles, offering life and energy to churches that support families and youth in joy and crisis far beyond their own walls and membership.

Here are comments from some of the places Pastor Alan has visited this year:

"The Rural Liaison's care for our grieving school and community after the accidental death of a young man was a real blessing. He spent time on the ranches, and made a 6-hour road trip in support of the girls' basketball team. The door is always open - we would welcome him back with open arms."

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"Pastor Alan's presence is a life-giving, life-supporting transfusion. The boost can be transformative and allows the community to be re-energized."

"The responsibility was lifted off my shoulders for that two weeks. I felt supported, like I wasn't doing it alone. The attitude of the church community changed, with a new spark. Sometimes, it's nice for God's helper to have skin in the game."

Pastor Alan was himself a farmer for more than 30 years before entering ministry. This work has made a tremendous difference that needs to continue and expand. With your help, we can make it happen, and make a difference across South Dakota.

Limited tickets available through July 12 at \$100/person or a reserved table for eight at \$750.00.

Visit www.sdsynod.org/dinner for additional details and to purchase tickets or make a contribution. Questions? Interested in sponsorship opportunities? Call Kathy McHenry at 605-274-5030.

Someday Might Be Too Late

Thinking about a will or trust makes nearly everyone a world-class procrastination expert. There's no can easier to kick down the road than setting an appointment with an attorney and committing plans for all our worldly possessions to a legal document. "I'll get to it **someday**, after _____" or "We'll have more time **someday**, when _____ is done."

I'm sharing very personal thoughts this month, in hopes that each of us are motivated to do the hard work and stop counting on **someday**. My dad recently had heart incident that earned him a helicopter ride and a few days in the hospital (and thankfully, a full recovery). Behind all of the expected worry and stress was a very real, very practical concern.

I knew my parents had been working on amendments to their estate plan for years, but nothing has been finalized. The decisions are complicated and emotional, and easy to ignore. In those initial moments when the future looked bleak, thoughts of the potential nightmare of settling an estate without clear, legal instructions and guidance were unavoidable.

I'm incredibly grateful that my sweet, ornery dad is still with us. The grief of losing a parent can be unbearably hard. But wading through business decisions and questions and potential arguments without guidance because someone planned on a **someday** that didn't come, makes it so much harder. Can we all agree to make a difference by making **today** our **someday**?

If you'd like to know more about how to create a legacy plan honoring your family and your faith, visit www.lpgsd.org or contact Kathy McHenry, Executive Director of Lutheran Planned Generosity of SD at (605) 274-5030 or kmchenry@sdsynod.org.



1 Kasey Shoun

2 Ethan Dschaak
Gavin Shoun

3 Laine Karrels
Katina Tucker
Celena Sjomeling

6 Kerrigan Meland
Matteus Cummings
Linda Johnson

7 Roger Ivers

9 Jamie Dietz
Cassidee McPherson

11 Mary Ellen Kreutz
Michelle Williams

13 Kyle Hencke

15 Karmen Aga
John Lovald
JoLei Avery

16 Elnor Hertel

19 Diana Bauer

20 Clayton Casteel

21 Bill Rossow

22 Pam Pletan
Audrey Konold

23 Caleb Chapman
Christian Kotab

24 Amanda Kelly

28 Kent Kreutz
Tim Potts

30 Mary Christen
Eva Sigman

31 Paul Bisson



1 Jeff & Darla DeKraai
Gary & Barbara Reimer

7 Thomas & Kelly Magdanz Jr.

9 Gary & Liane Meyer

12 Rodney & Shannon Heikes

17 Lonnie & Patricia Weidenbach

18 Daniel & Dadra Avery

21 Joe & Lindsey Duprel

24 Lynn & Karmen Aga

26 Gordon & Marlene Kotab
Kelly & Jennifer Aldren

30 Marlowe & Helen Kinkade

Grace Lutheran News and Events

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 9:00 am Worship (HC) with Pastor Johnson 10:00 am Coffee Hour	4 OFFICE CLOSED 	5	6 8:30 am Quilters	7 6:30 pm Council Meeting	8	9
10 9:00 am Worship with Amber Wichmann 10:00 am Coffee Hour	11	12 6:00 pm GLCW Meeting	13 8:30 am Quilters	14	15 	16
17 9:00 am Worship (HC) with Pastor Neugebauer 10:00 am Coffee Hour	18	19 5:30 pm Worship Meeting	20 8:30 am Quilters	21	22	23
24 9:00 am Worship with Pastor Neugebauer 10:00 am Coffee Hour <hr/> 31 9:00 am Worship (HC) with Pastor Steiner 10:00 am Coffee Hour	25 5 pm Education Meeting Newsletter Deadline	26	27 8:30 am Quilters 	28	29	30