



Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter

MAY 2022

Palm Sunday





Egg Drop



Serving Grace May 2022

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 9:00 AM

Position	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Greeters (2)	Randy Carlson	Mike and Darleen Tysdal	Randy Carlson	Randy Carlson	
Ushers (4)	David Lyons, Ranae Pickar and Bonnie Lange	Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Dale & Mary Ellen Kreutz	
Assisting Ministers	Tim Patmore	Tim Potts	Garland Dobler	Tim Patmore	Kim Webber
Lesson Reader (1)	Garland Dobler	Dennis Chowen			
Serving Communion	Dawn Geppert and Garland Dobler				
*Coffee Hosts (3)	Breakfast with the "Boys"	Dawn Geppert	Diana Bauer and Eileen Raforth	Education Committee Graduation Reception	
Sunday Acolytes	Brinley Heikes and Danica Dschaak	Kerrigan and Korbin Meland	Madeline and Olivia Vliem	Faith King and Lane Duprel	Elle and Faith King

*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.



May Serving Grace Members

Aga, Karel
Albreght, Ronda
Bergman, Brian and Angela
Bostrom, Dorothy
Cammack, Calvin and Kristin
Christians, Eldon and Kathy
Cruickshank, Shawn and Cindy
Ennis, Arlene
Erion, Sam and Linda
Geppert, Dan and Dawn
Hammond, Colleen

Hemmah, Bev
Hemmah, Allen, Linda, and Cole
Hultman, Rick
Keeton, Michelle and Jennifer
Koontz, Chris and Shawn
Lange, Clay and Cinthia
Lee, Christine
McKay, Candy
Mortenson, Einar and Gail

Nohava, Randy and Brenda
Pletan, Pam
Raforth, John and Eileen
Rasch, Deb
Ritten, Marie
Swenby, Donald and Cynthia
Tysdal, Mike and Darleen
White, Betty
Williams, Jared and Andria
Ziegenbein, Conni

Serving Grace June 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 June before May 23.

Position	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
Greeters (2)	Donna Trigg and Randy Carlson			
Ushers (4)		Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Dale & Mary Ellen Kreutz
Assisting Ministers	JD Williams	Tim Patmore	Kim Webber	Tim Potts
Lesson Reader (1)				
Serving Communion				
*Coffee Hosts (3)				Marlene, Gordon and Christian Kotab
Sunday Acolytes	Quintin Kelly and Danny Tedder	Talen and Tenlee Koontz	Jenika Leonhardt and Arina Haugen	Mason McGillivray and Blake Williams

Aga, Ray
Baldwin, Pat and Robin
Boy, Dan and Sheri
Boy, Kevin and Alex
Chowen, Dennis
Collins, Dan and Caron
Crawford, Larry and Bonnie
Elmore, Barb
Evens, Matthew & Stephanie
Haivala, Barb & Madagame,
Tim

Jewell, Dick and JoAnn
Jost, Brian and Aimee
Kleven, Marguerite
Kotab, Gordon and Marlene
Kotab, Christian
Lyons, David
Mechling, Ruth
Mechling, Shawn
Moncur, Dean
O'Dea, Kathy
Preszler, Elmer

Rasmuson, Dean
Rossow, Bill and Myrna
Schulz, Darlene
Sigman, Ted and Eva
Stroschein, Mary Ann
Tesch, Bob
Tucker, Lennie and Katina
Weidenbach, Al and Pam
Williams, Larry
Zylstra, Willem and Angela

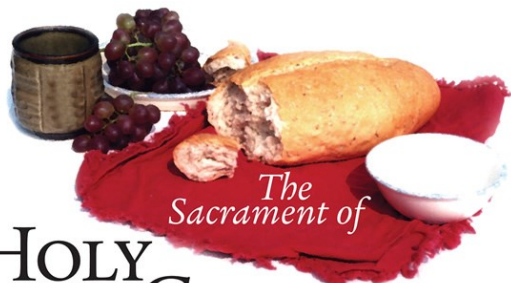


PROJECTOR OPERATORS IN MAY

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

ALTAR GUILD IN MAY

Ruth Smit and Joanne Keeton



HOLY COMMUNION

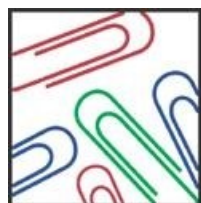
Holy Communion will be held on the first, third, and fifth Sundays.



The Red Bucket Ministry For the 2nd Quarter

Morgan Myers Medical Fund

Leave a donation in the Red Bucket located in the back of the church and your donation will help the Myers family during Morgan's recovery.



FROM THE
CHURCH
OFFICE

Deadline to submit items for the June newsletter is *Monday, May 23rd*.

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

\$59,261.72

EXPENSES

\$42,562.89

BUDGET

\$73,388.36

Check
it
Out!



APRIL ATTENDANCE

Sundays

Apr 3 - 78

Apr 10 - 160

Apr 17 - 211

Apr 24 - snow

Wednesdays

Apr 6 - 39

Apr 13 - NO WNL

Apr 15 - 60

Apr 20 - 19

Apr 27 - 25



Funerals & Committals

April 22 - Katie Niederwerder

April 25 - Colleen Hammond

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.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Dale Kreutz, Graylee Layne Turbiville, Tiffany Nicastle, Boyd and Rita Swenson, Ernie Miller, Lorayne Schaefer, Morgan Myers, Ramona Hultman, Teddy Sigman, Tori Tetrault and the families of Marguerite Kleven, Katie Niederwerder and Keith McKay.

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)



**Kids! Come one, come all to this summer's VBS.
Save the date - June 20-24, 9am - 12pm for Ages -
Next Fall Kindergarten-6th. Registration form on back.**

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
CONSENT AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY
JUNE 20 -24 / 9 AM—12 PM

Please complete form and turn into the church office.

_____ 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:

Parents names: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____ Student's Birthdate: _____

Grade child just finished: _____

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

Who is authorized to pick your child up? _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

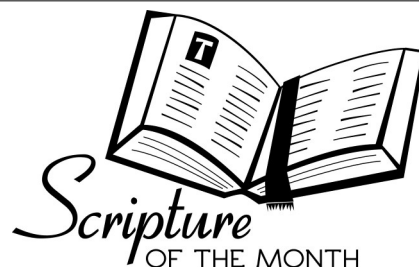
PHOTO RELEASE AGREEMENT: please check one statement below. Names would not be released.

_____ I authorize Grace Lutheran Church to include my child(ren) in pictures for church promotional use.

_____ I DO NOT authorize Grace Lutheran Church to include my child(ren) in pictures.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ Date _____

May 1
 Acts 9:1-6[7-20]
 Psalm 30
 Revelation 5:11-14
 John 21:1-19



May 22
 Acts 16:9-15
 Psalm 67
 Revelation 21:10,22- -22:5
 John 14:23-29

May 8
 Acts 9:36-43
 Psalm 23
 Revelation 7:9-17
 John 10:22-30

May 15
 Acts 11:1-18
 Psalm 148
 Revelation 21:1-6
 John 13:31-35

May 29
 Acts 16:16-34
 Psalm 97
 Revelation 22:12-14,
 16-17, 20-21
 John 17:20-26

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.

May 1 - Candy McKay, in memory of her husband, Brian McKay's birthday.
 May 8 - Mike and Darleen Tysdal, in loving memory of their mothers.
 May 15 -
 May 22 -
 May 29 -

**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!

The Church Council would like to thank the Constitution Committee and the Congregation for all of the work on getting a Constitution approved by the South Dakota Synod and the Congregation.

Thanks to all who made the Easter Egg project a success. You blessed many families.

We thank all the teachers who helped with the youth education program this year. We also thank the musicians, the Williams family who have helped with the projector and sound for our services, and the Patmores and Bergs who have provided such delicious meals all year.



Hello,

I am writing today seeking volunteers to assist a disabled person in Sturgis. NeighborWorks® Dakota Home Resources has been hosting the Paint the Town program since 1994. The program paints the home of a community member at no cost. Paint is reimbursed by South Dakota Housing Development Authority, NeighborWorks® purchases supplies and gathers volunteers to paint the home. The program requires that the home be owner-occupied and that the owner is unable physical and financially to paint the home themselves. This year we have arranged to paint the home of a disabled woman residing on 2nd St. in Sturgis. If you are able to assist in this project please call Paul at 605-717-3977. Thank you in advance.

**Thank You,
Paul Kuhn, Grant Writer**

NeighborWorks Dakota Home Resources: | www.nwdhr.org |

795 Main Street | Deadwood, SD 57732 | (605)-578-1401 | Fax - (605) 578-1405
Direct Dial; 605-717-3977



Synod Assembly Registration Opening Soon!

"I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or ***imagine***..." - Ephesians 3:18-20

Dare to ***imagine*** and experience the fullness of God at this year's Synod Assembly, **June 3-4, 2022** at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. Grace Lutheran needs representatives!

Registration will open for voting members, visitors, and displayers on **April 13, 2022**.

SOUTH DAKOTA SYNODICAL
35TH Annual Convention



“COME BOLDLY”

“Let us, therefore, approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and
find grace to help in time of need.”
Hebrews 4:16

Inspirational Speaker: VJ Smith, author of “The Richest Man in Town”
Banquet Speaker: Pastor Cassandra Lamb, SDSU

Love Offering & Silent Auction Proceeds *
Lutheran University Ministry, all campuses

June 23-24, 2022

First Lutheran Church 337 8th Street Brookings SD 57006

*Encourage members of your Unit to bring a silent auction
donation with them.

Women of the ELCA: Please read the newsletter for more details about the 35th Convention

REGISTRATION FORM

SD Women of the ELCA 35th Synodical Convention

June 23-24, 2022

First Lutheran Church

337 8th St, Brookings SD 57006

Please Circle one:

Voting Member	Non-Voting Member
(One voting member per unit)	

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email

Congregation _____ Conference _____

Registration fee: \$35 before June 1, 2022 \$45 after June 1, 2022
(includes Thursday Evening supper and Friday Banquet)

Register online at: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/3977038>
and use discount code EARLYBIRD for \$10 off before June 1

Registration starts at noon Thursday, June 23rd

Make your own room arrangements. Each has a limited number of rooms at this price:

Quality Inn – 605-692-9471 \$85+tax; \$75+tax for one queen

Brookings Inn – 605-692-9471 \$85+tax

Comfort Suites University – 605-937-5867 Double queen suites \$169+tax

Brookings Holiday Inn Express & Suites – 605-692-9060

Standard room \$149.95+tax; Suites \$169.95+tax

June 22 & 23 prices. Use "SD-WELCA" when booking. Prices good through June 1 at each hotel. There are several other hotels in Brookings if choosing to make reservations.

Offerings: ½ to Churchwide ½ to SD Women of the ELCA

Love Offering: LUMin Lutheran University Ministries, all campuses

Silent Auction Proceeds: LUMin, all campuses

- Masks optional
- AC will be in use; dress accordingly.

See page 5 of this newsletter for some of the Pre-Convention Activities.

Direct any questions to Darla Toben 605-880-3506 dgtoben@itctel.com
Mail-in registration to Darla Toben 47906 171st St, Clear Lake SD 57226

WINTER/SPRING 2022 PLANNED GENEROSITY



Lutheran Planned Generosity
of South Dakota

MAY 1: *This is about generosity.* It's not about fundraising or duty or obligation. Jesus called us to be the light of the world, set on a hill, with the world watching to see how our faith leads us to respond. If your faith is calling you to lead by example with generosity in the coming year, Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota can help. Call 605.274.5030 or email lpqsd@sdsynod.org to make a plan that makes a difference.

MAY 8: *Give to ministry and get cash back!* Fund a gift annuity through a donation of cash, securities or other assets and receive a fixed payment for life. At 78, you'll receive 6% per year. You also have the peace of mind knowing that after receiving a lifetime of tax-advantaged payments, any remainder will support the ministries of your choice. Contact Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota (605.274.5030 or lpqsd@sdsynod.org) for more information.

MAY 15: *Putting stock in something that matters.* A gift of appreciated investments could offer the opportunity to decrease taxes and even increase the size of your gift to ___insert church/organization name here___. This strategy can even allow you to reset the cost basis in those investments you want to keep as a part of your portfolio. Call Kathy McHenry at Lutheran Planned Generosity of SD at 605.274.5030 or email kmchenry@sdsynod.org for more information.

MAY 22: *Plan for your future like you plan for your vacation.* Did you know that most people spend more time arranging a single vacation than they spend on estate planning over an entire lifetime? Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota is a free service offered by the South Dakota Synod of the ELCA that can help you walk through this process. Call 605.274.5030 or email lpqsd@sdsynod.org for more information.

MAY 29: *Setting an example.* A Christian preamble to your will or trust might be the last opportunity you have to share your faith and set an example of stewardship for those you love. We have sample language to share with your attorney that can be customized into your final message as an introduction to your will or trust. Contact Lutheran Planned Generosity of SD at 605.274.5030 or visit www.lpqsd.org for more information.



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

From the Bishop's Desk

Dear SD Synod,
Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! Driving across the State I can see that we are pretty dry. I pray for rain and moisture to water our parched lands. I also lift up prayers for our ranchers and farmers. It's not only the land that is parched, but spirits can run dry too.



Rev. Constanze Hagmaier
Bishop of the South Dakota
Synod, ELCA

You may remember that in the very first months of my term you were invited to a farm summit in Mitchell SD. We shared in the joys and challenges of farming and ranching, learned about resources, and were assured that God's always close at hand. At the same time of the farm summit, I also collaborated with Lutheran Social Services in SD. We partnered to offer Mental Health First Aid training to our leaders so that they can learn about the first signs of distress. But we also developed a web-based tool called Psychological First Aid. It is designed with your neighbor in mind. You can take this web-based training at your pace and at your time. It strives to equip you with what you need to read early warning signs of mental health issues, and gives you tools to be a good neighbor to your neighbor. Please watch for the link to come your way soon via our synod's e-news. If you currently do not receive the e-news, please sign up at www.sdsynod.org.

Last but not least, many ask about how to best support the Ukrainian refugees. At this time your monetary gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) or Lutheran World Relief (LWR) are the best help you can provide as they aid relief efforts on the ground. Our ministry partner LSS is in close communication with the federal government to see how to best assist refugees that will find their way to the United States. Watch your e-news for regular updates.

Journeying with you,
Bishop Constanze Hagmaier

"Do not fear..."

Rev. Renee Splichal Larson

When we are anxious about the future, we place our trust in God. There is hardly a more anxious time for a congregation than when it is without a pastor. Yet, times of transition are part of the cycle of life in a congregation. It is a wilderness time when we fully lean on God and the Spirit's guidance. We do the same as Synod staff, as your partner in ministry. When I look at the "accepting names" section on our call process page on our website, it could be easy to be overwhelmed and discouraged. Where will the pastors and deacons come from, Lord? How will you sustain ministry in your Church?

But then I am reminded of the words of God in the book of Isaiah, chapter 41, verse 10:

"Do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."

These words of promise are meant to assure us of God's presence and help. We need not fear the future for God is with us. Even in times of transition, ministry happens and the Gospel is proclaimed! People step up and realize they may have gifts they have never discovered, and we get creative about ways we do ministry and find leadership. Know that those of us who serve in the Synod office are constantly remembering you in prayer and are working on ways to sustain ministry, especially in our more remote congregations. Pr. Alan Blakenfeld's call is one way we are doing this.

As I look back at 2021, I see that we had 38 Ministry Site Studies, and in turn issued 38 letters of call as a synod. That doesn't mean that every open call was filled, and some congregations certainly wait longer than others, but it does mean that God is faithful and calls are happening.

If and when you or your congregation is anxious, turn again to these words and promise from God:

"Do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."



May

BIRTHDAYS

1 Randy Hanson

2 Darlyne Kopren

3 Debbie Patmore

6 Bob Kaufman
Ava Williams

7 Brandon Caneva

9 Paulette Meland
Chris Pankratz
Kimberly Petersen

10 Kermit Erion
Seth Hoppe
Maranda McGillivray

13 Destiney Aga
Randy Aga

15 Elizabeth Loughlin
Jeremy Pickar
Vance Shryock

16 Jacob DeKraai
Dode Lee

17 Tera Potts

18 Sue Whitford

20 Karsey Meland

21 Makenna Rock

23 Laurie Aga
Korbin Meland

24 Cindy Mullen

26 Carter Williams

27 Mason McGillivray
Gage Shoun

28 Moxie Anderson

29 Misty Myers

30 Kelly Magdanz

31 Rick Hultman
Owen Koontz



May

ANNIVERSARIES

1 Mick & Connie Hurlburt

6 Jerry & Ann Bertolotto

12 Tim & Tonya Atyeo
John & Jenifer Paul

17 Larry & Bonnie Crawford

19 Jared & Andria Williams

20 Roger & Donna Ivers

22 Ward & Garland Dobler





24 Steve & Loree Westbrook

26 Randy & Brenda Nohava

30 Luke & Elizabeth McPherson

Grace Lutheran News and Events

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am Worship (HC) with Pastor Neugebauer 10:00 am Breakfast with the "Boys" 10:30 am Choir	2	3	4 8:30 am Quilters	5 6:30 pm Council Meeting	6	7
8 Mothers Day 9:00 am Worship with Pastor Neugebauer 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Choir 	9	10 GLCW - 7:00 pm Meeting	11 8:30 am Quilters	12	13	14
15 9:00 am Worship (HC) with 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Choir	16	17 5:30 pm Worship Meeting	18 8:30 am Quilters	19	20	21 
22 High School Graduation 9:00 am Worship with Pastor Neugebauer 10:00 am Graduation Reception 10:30 am Choir 	23 Newsletter Deadline	24 GLCW - Circles 1:30 pm Rachel 7:00 pm Mary	25 8:30 am Quilters LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	26	27	28
29 9:00 am Worship (HC) with Pastor Thalacker 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Choir	30 OFFICE CLOSED 	31				