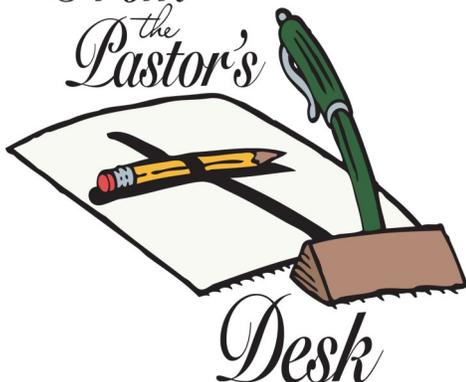




*From
the
Pastor's*



The Resurrection Promise

Enemies and friends of Jesus waited. On the third day after his crucifixion, even though the chief priests and Pharisees had posted guards—they were no longer guarding a dead body! The stone that had sealed the entrance of the tomb was rolled away. Sitting on it was an angel, whose appearance had jolted the guards into a state of shock as they “became like dead men.” And then the angel spoke to the women. *Do not be afraid, I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said* (Matt. 28:5–6).

Truly, the Resurrection was an unexpected event. Even though the Lord had foretold this, his disciples were unprepared. When the reports came in about our Lord’s resurrection, they struggled to believe it. But in the 40 days that our risen Lord appeared to his disciples and many others, the evidence of the world’s biggest miracle was starting to accumulate.

Eventually St. Paul wrote this: *For what I handed onto you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.*

1 Corinthians 15:3–8

So, what does the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ mean for us? When Paul wrote the above words, he said he was “one untimely born.” He wanted to meet the resurrected Jesus face-to-face upon this earth. Paul has certainly now met him in the heavenly realm. But what about us? Are we untimely born? I do not think very many of us would want to trade in our 21st century comforts for the harsh reality of living in the first century! But maybe we can find a way to share the love and forgiveness of Christ in a special way in the here-and-now!

I have been taking our Church Council through the LEAD (Living Everyday As Disciples) Playbook that we received at last year’s synod assembly. It is an excellent resource. The authors write: “Every Christian community is wondering how to be church right now. People are starving for deeper conversations about faith and life - but not turning to the church for answers. How do we move from the past, through this in-between time, into the future together?”

Eventually, our Council is going to form a cohort to join with lay leaders from other area ELCA churches in a three-year process. The journey will lead us into a renewed faith and into more meaningful connections in our neighborhoods. If you are interested in going on this journey, I want to hear from you. The adventure awaits! The resurrection calls for us to pray, listen deeply, and work together to build something new. Jesus is counting on us to bring his Good News out!

In Christ’s resurrected joy!

Pastor Kevin



Holy Week Schedule

Grace Lutheran Church

Palm Sunday Service

9:00 am Sunday, April 2

Children and Adult Choir Presentation

Maundy Thursday Service, April 6

6:30 pm Thursday

Last Supper Performance by GLC Confirmation Students

Good Friday Services, April 7

12:00 pm Friday

Alliance of Churches Crosswalk

(Begins at Presbyterian Church and ends at Grace Lutheran)

6:30 pm Friday

Reverse Advent Service

Presented by GLC High School Youth Group

Easter Sunday, April 9

6:30 am Sunday

Easter Sunrise Service at Lion's Club Pavilion

7:30 am Sunday

Easter Breakfast at Grace Lutheran

9:00 am Sunday

He Is Risen Traditional Worship Service

Serving Grace April 2023

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 9:00 AM

Position	April 2 Palm Sunday	April 9 Easter Sunday	April 16	April 23	April 30
Greeters (2)	Al and Tessa Gunderson	Monahan and Dschaak Families	Tim and Debbie Patmore	Bonnie Lange	Otto and Kelly Magdanz
Ushers (4)	Jesse and Jenna Blakeman	Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Dale & Mary Ellen Kreutz	
Assisting Ministers	Tim Patmore	Tim Potts	Garland Dobler	JD Williams	Kim Webber
Lesson Reader (1)		Brandon Caneva	Tim Patmore	Blake Williams	Paulette Meland
Serving Communion	Tessa Gunderson	Diana Bauer	Brandy Nikkila	First Communion	Tessa Gunderson
*Coffee Hosts (3)	Diana Bauer and Darlene Mullins	EASTER BREAKFAST Patmore, Berg and McGillivray Families	Otto and Kelly Magdanz	Education Committee	
Sunday Acolytes	Kwynnlee and Kerrigan Meland	Torin Monahan and Levi McPherson	Willow Nikkila and Arina Haugen	Holland and Isla Rohde	Alex Weingartner and Quintin Kelly

*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.

~ WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE ~

Position	April 12	April 19	April 26
*WNL Meal Hosts	Tim and Debbie Patmore	Tim and Debbie Patmore	Tim and Debbie Patmore
Wednesday Night Acolytes	Lily Wilson and Jenika Leonhardt	Mason McGillivray and Lane Duprel	Pate Gunderson and Lily Meunier

April Serving Grace Members

Aga, Kevin
 Assmus, Sharon
 Atyeo, Tim and Tonya
 Bauer, Diane
 Bogart, Shawn and Mikelyn
 Caneva, Brandon
 Crane, Rhea and Friedel, Mike
 Dschaak, Ethan and Shanna
 Gunderson, Al and Tessa
 Hertol, Elnor
 Johnson, Janet

Karrels, Amanda
 King, Cody and Julie
 Loughlin, Elizabeth
 Magdanz, Thomas and Kelly
 Malloux, Kathleen
 Meland, Arvid and Paulette
 Molitor, Bill and Sandy
 Monahan, San and Jennifer
 Monahan, Vicki
 Mullen, Duston and Cynthia
 Patmore, Tim and Debbie
 Shoun, Kasey and Amanda

Sigman, Teena
 Smith, Marty
 Vliem, Jeremy and Cindy
 Walker (Weisz), Chaska
 Weisz, Rich and Cheryl
 Wilson, Char

Serving Grace May 2023

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 May before April 20.

Position	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Greeters (2)	Dawn Geppert		Graduates	
Ushers (4)		Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Dale & Mary Ellen Kreutz
Assisting Ministers	Tim Potts	Garland Dobler	Tim Patmore	Tim Patmore
Lesson Reader (1)				
Serving Communion	Darlene Mullins			
*Coffee Hosts (3)		Dawn Geppert and Tessa & Al Gunderson	GLC Council Graduation Reception	
Sunday Acolytes	Lily Wilson and Jenika Leonhardt	Mason McGillivray and Lane Duprel	Elle King and JoLei Avery	Tenlee and Talen Koontz

Aga, Karel
Bostrom, Dorothy
Brunner, Mildred
Bunkowske, Matt & Carrie
Cammack, Calvin and Kristin
Christians, Eldon and Kathy
Erion, Linda
Geppert, Dan and Dawn

Hemmah, Allen and Linda
Hultman, Rick
Keeton, Michelle and Jennifer
Konold, Gene and Audrey
Koontz, Chris and Shawn
Lange, Clay and Cinthia
Little, Rick and Kris
McKay, Candy

Mortenson, Einar and Gail
Nohava, Randy and Brenda
Raforth, John and Eileen
Rasch, Deb
Ritten, Marie
Swenby, Donald and Cynthia
Tysdal, Mike and Darleen
Williams, Jared and Andria



PROJECTOR OPERATORS IN APRIL

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

ALTAR GUILD IN APRIL

Sue Whitford and Karen Hansen

JOIN US THIS EASTER SUNDAY!

The background of the flyer is decorated with various colorful illustrations of flowers and Easter eggs. There are tulips in shades of red, orange, and purple, along with daisies and other stylized blooms. Several Easter eggs are scattered throughout, featuring patterns like stripes, polka dots, and swirls in colors such as teal, purple, yellow, and pink. The entire design is framed by a thin blue border.

Easter Breakfast

**Ham or Sausage Egg Bake
Muffins Caramel Roll Fruit Cup
Juice-Coffee**

**April 9, 2023
Sunshine
Room**

**7:30-8:30
Sunday**

2023 YEAR TO DATE

OFFERINGS

\$43,510.33

EXPENSES

\$68,484.09

BUDGET

\$63,968.76



MARCH ATTENDANCE

Sundays

Mar 5 - 141

Mar 12 - 101

Mar 19 - 105

Mar 26 - 111

Wednesdays

Mar 1 - 79

Mar 8 - 63

Mar 15 - 46

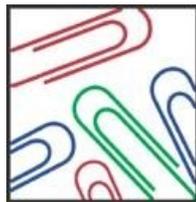
Mar 22 - 52

Mar 29 - 66



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Ed Pickar, Nic and Randy Hansen, Pastor Will Olsen, Debra Rasch, Sharon Rank, Judy Rupe, Donzetta Strandjord, Jon Christopherson, Kathy Christians, Marjorie Jutting, and Cindy Milek.

On-going prayers: Donna Larson, Jody Wilke, Dale Kreutz, Morgan Myers, Ramona Hultman, Tori Tetrault, Bill Molitor, Ally Tedder, Marcia Potts, Larry Schemmel, Robert Johnson, Joy Conway, Dawn McCarthy, Eleanora Miller, 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 May newsletter is *Monday, April 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?

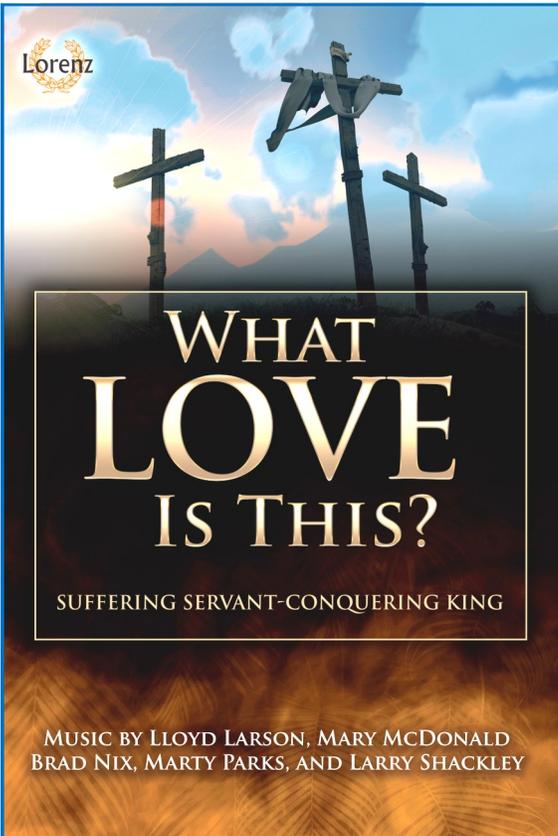
Please let Keri know at 605-347-2713 or e-mail us at gracelutheran@rushmore.com.



First Holy Communion

Alex Weingartner, Kwynnlee Meland, Pate Gunderson and Willow Nikkila





The Sturgis Area Arts Council
Presents
The 14th Sturgis-Area
Easter Cantata
Palm Sunday, April 2
and Tuesday, April 4
7:00 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church
Receptions follow each performance

Cross Walk

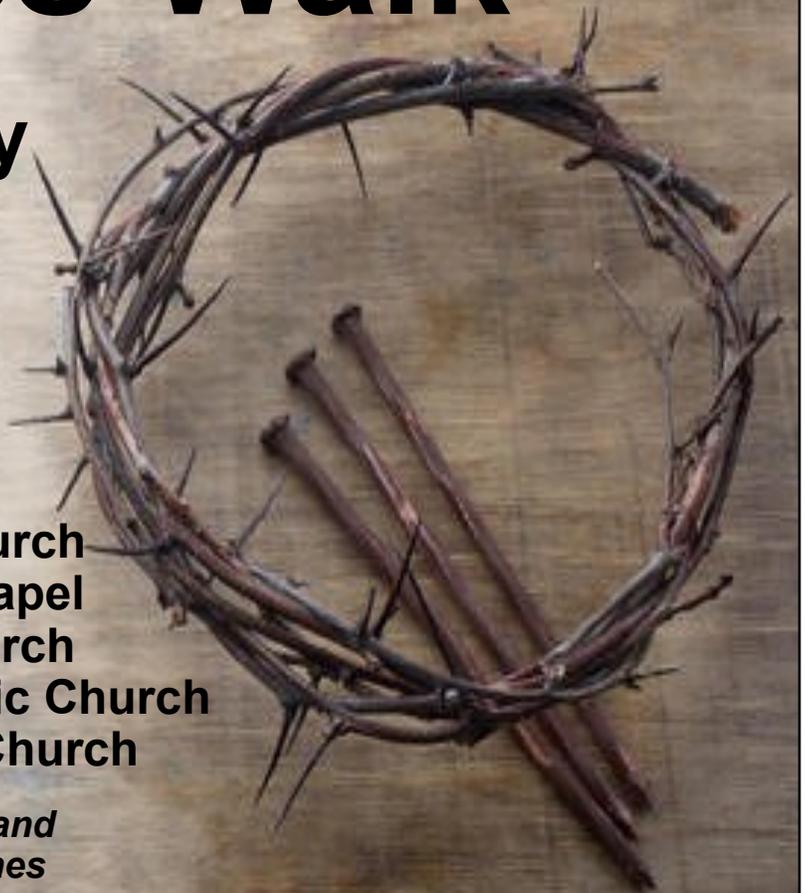
**Good Friday
April 7
12 - 1 pm**

**Five Stations
Begin at:**

**First Presbyterian Church
Kinkade's Funeral Chapel
Sturgis Christian Church**

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
End at Grace Lutheran Church**

*Presented by local clergy and
Sturgis Alliance of Churches*

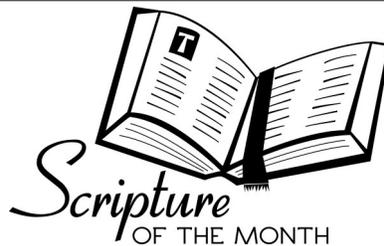


Holland Ever Rohde

Sponsor:
DeLayne Chowen



April 2
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14 -- 27:66



April 23
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

April 9
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

April 16
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 30
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

9 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

The radio broadcast calendar for 2023 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.

April 2 - In memory of Ellen Schick.

April 9 - Pastor Carla and Pastor Kevin, in memory of Harold C. Nelson.

April 16 - Tim and Stacy Cleveland and family, in honor of Connie Cleveland's birthday April 19th.

April 23 -

April 30 -

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.



The Red Bucket Ministry For the 2nd Quarter

Pine Ridge Ministry Center

Leave a donation in the Red Bucket located in the back of the church and your donation will help their Day Center provide a safe warm place with food, coffee, showers and laundry for their local residents in need.



Please tune-in to KBHB 810 AM Radio at 9 am Sundays.
If you prefer to live stream – the link is: www.kbhbradio.com.
Access previous sermons at: www.sturgisglc.org/sermons

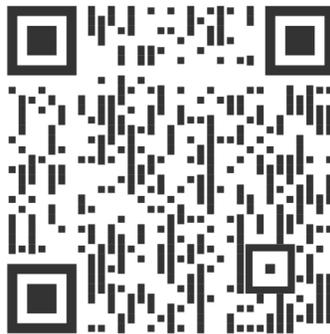


SOUTH DAKOTA  CARES

April 10-14, 2023

LSS Tours, Giving Matches & Social Events

Scan the QR code below with your phone's camera to sign up to tour an LSS facility or RSVP to a social event.



Visit www.SouthDakotaCARES.org today to take advantage of match and challenge opportunities! Your donation can go even further during our day of giving, South Dakota CARES.





April BIRTHDAYS

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|---|--|--|
| 1 JoAnn Jewell | 11 Maddison Shoun | 19 Peyton Wilcox |
| 2 Lee Hansen
Dick Jewell
Erika Sjomeling | 12 Mike Tysdal
Kaitlyn Hoppe | 20 Christopher Meland
Ron Wiedmann
Debra Rasch |
| 3 Danica Dschaak
Joanne Keeton
Taylor Kreutz
Levi McPherson
Landry Wilson
Riley Rafftevoid | 13 Darlene Schulz
Madison Pankratz | 21 Christine Lee |
| 5 Angi Bergman
Sonja Halverson | 15 Bryan Hencke | 22 Rhonda Albrecht |
| 10 Matt Kreutz
Morgan Myers | 16 Sharon Assmus
Donna Ivers | 23 David Gibson |
| | 17 Amanda Karrels
Willow Nikkila
Sharon Rank | 28 Larry Schemmel
Dalyn Dschaak |
| | 18 Cheryl Weisz | 29 Norma Lore
Claire Aldren |



April ANNIVERSARIES

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|-------------------------|--|
| 6 Larry & Ann Weitzel | 23 Mike & Darleen Tysdal |
| 19 Brian & Angi Bergman | 27 Brandon & Laura Caneva |
| 20 Bud & Sharon Rank | 29 DeWayne & Diana Hayes
Jerry & Lorayne Schaefer |

Grace Lutheran News and Events

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
2 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship (HC) Children's Choir 10:00 am Coffee Hour/ Journey With Jesus 7:00 pm Cantata	3 Pastor's Day Off	4 7:00 pm Cantata	5 8:30 am Quilting NO WNL ACTIVITIES 5:30 Council Mtg.	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Last Supper Service hosted by the GLC Confirmation Students	7 GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 pm - Alliance Crosswalk 6:30 pm Reverse Advent Service Presented by GLC High School Youth Group	8
9 EASTER 6:30 am Sunrise Service @Lions Club Pavilion 7:30 am Easter Breakfast @ GLC 9:00 am Worship (HC) 	10 Pastor's Day Off OFFICE CLOSED	11 6:30 pm GLCW Executive Meeting 7:00 pm GLCW Meeting	12 8:30 am Quilting 5 pm Kids Alive 5:30pm WNL Supper 6:30pm WNL Service 6:30 pm HS Youth	13	14	15 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
16 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour Journey with Jesus 10:30 Choir	17 Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline	18 5:30 pm Worship Meeting and Stewardship Mtg.	19 8:30 am Quilting 5 pm Kids Alive 5:30pm WNL Supper 6:30pm WNL Service 6:30 pm HS Youth	20 9:30 am Bible Study	21 	22 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
23 First Communion 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour Journey with Jesus 10:30 Choir <hr style="width: 100%;"/>	24 Pastor's Day Off 	25 GLCW Circles 1:30 pm Martha/ Rachel Circle 5 pm Mary Circle	26 8:30 am Quilting 5 pm Kids Alive 5:30pm WNL Supper 6:30pm WNL Service 6:30 pm HS Youth	27 9:30 am Bible Study	28	29 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
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