



*From
the
Pastor's*



Desk

Generosity is Generational

St. Paul writes: *I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother*

Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you...for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline (2 Timothy 1:3-7).

This is just one of many examples in Scripture of how important it is to bring the generations together. It's how the early church learned to claim *a spirit of love and self-discipline*.

In my calling as the senior pastor at Grace, I spend a good chunk of my time on young people in confirmation and going to their sporting and other events. Why? Because youth are essential to our church! From the above passage we read that Lois and Eunice took that seriously.

How do we take that seriously here at Grace? It does not work to placate young people to just join what we've always done. We need to hand them the keys and co-create with them. That's part of what's really exciting about this generation--Gen Z and Gen Alpha; they want to co-create. They don't want to be spectators; they want to be participants.

This fall our Stewardship Annual Appeal will be focused on how we can **Inform, Inspire, Invite, and Impact** across generations. We will share our stories and how we grew in faith through our generosity!

That way our youth and young adults will feel empowered into faithful leadership—based on love. In 1 John 4:7 it says: *Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.*

I think that's what Lois and Eunice instilled in young Timothy. And hopefully we will instill in each other, and especially our youth, by faithfully responding to God's grace through our generous giving!

Love them like Jesus,
><> Pastor Kevin

VBS





THANKS FOR ATTENDING VBS!



Serving Grace July 2026

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 9:00 AM

Position	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Greeters (1)	Rich & Teresa Norwig	Char Wilson	Jack & Laurie Hanson	
Ushers (4)	Russell & Patsy Lisko	Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Boone and Caron Collins
Assisting Ministers	Kim Webber	Garland Dobler	Maddie Anderson	Garland Dobler
Lesson Reader (1)	Dick Ruby	Shirley Halverson	Bill Rossow	Kent Kreutz
Serving Communion	Terri Huntley &		Char Wilson	Darlene Mullins
*Coffee Hosts (3)	Rich & Teresa Norwig	Al & Pam Weidenbach	Evangelism Committee	Bonnie Lange, Janet Johnson, Darlene Mullins, Carol Auyer & Hope Reder
Sunday Acolytes	Kwynnlee and Kambria Meland	Landry and Layton Wilson	Pate and Rye Gunderson	JoLei Avery and Pate Gunderson

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



July Serving Grace Members

Aldren, Kelly and Jennifer
 Bahe, Peyton and Courtney
 Bertolotto, Jerry and Ann
 Carlson, Randy and
 Petrowske, Denise
 Curry, Jarred and Inga
 DeKraai, Jeff and Darla
 Hultman, Rick

Leonhardt, Bryce and Megan
 Malloux, Kathleen
 Meyer, Gary and Liane
 Morgan, Joan
 Nikkila, Doug
 Petersen, Kimberly
 Potts, Tim and Marcia

Reder, Hope
 Rush, Grant
 Selting, Robert and Carmen
 Tesch, Norma
 Tysdal, Mike and Darleen
 Ward, Jeff and Shellie
 Williams, J.D. and Michelle

Serving Grace August 2026

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 20th.

Position	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Greeters (1)	Lynette Kvanvig				
Ushers (4)	Russell & Patsy Lisko	Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Boone and Caron Collins	
Assisting Ministers	Tim Potts	Tim Patmore	Maddie Anderson	JD Williams	Garland Dobler
Lesson Reader (1)				Dick Ruby	
Serving Communion (1)	Terri Huntley			Lynette Kvanvig	
*Coffee Hosts (3)		Rally Breakfast			
Sunday Acolytes	Kwynnlee & Kambria Meland	Willow & Coral Nikkila	Christian Pankratz & Sawyer Shryock	Landry & Layton Wilson	Sawyer Shryock & Torin Monahan

Bisson, Paul and Mary
Blakeman, Jenna and Jesse
Calhoun, David & Webber,
Kim
Casteel, Clayton and Janice
Collins, Sharon
Gehring, David and Cindy
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 and
Luke
Myers, Tim and Misty

Ritten, Marie
Ruby, Dick
Ruff, Carolyn
Schaefer, Lorayne
Schummer, Kenya
Shuck, Denise
White, Lyla
Workentine, Doris



PROJECTOR OPERATORS IN JULY

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

ALTAR GUILD IN JULY

Connie Hurlburt & Ruth Smit

2026 YEAR TO DATE

OFFERINGS

\$132,446.66

EXPENSES

\$134,701.13

BUDGET

\$144,325.02



JUNE ATTENDANCE

Sundays

June 7 - 106

June 14 - 109

June 21 - 105

June 28 - 109

**PRAYER
REQUESTS**



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: John Lovald, Otto Magdanz, Allyson Hill, Denise Allen, Gina Adrian, and Charlotte Pauley.

On-going prayers: David Gibson, Ted Sigman, Ken Beug, Bree Mack, Boone Collins, Ruth Mechling, Danny Chapman, Dan Zeiner, Paulette Walker, Ron Monson, Jody Wilke, Ethan Dschaak, Bud Rank, Dale Kreutz, Morgan Myers, Ally Tedder, Marcia Potts, and Larry Schemmel, our homebound members and those serving in the military.



FROM THE
CHURCH
OFFICE

Deadline to submit items for the August, newsletter is *Monday, July 20th.*

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?

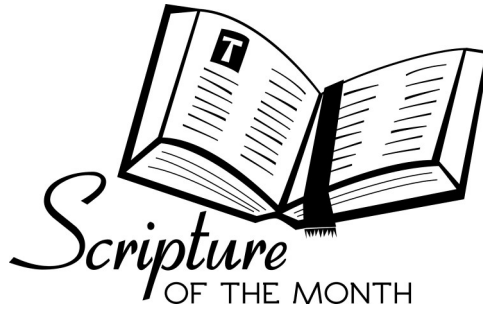
Please let Keri know at 605-347-2713 or e-mail us at gracelutheran@rushmore.com.

July 5

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:[1-8]9-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



July 19

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

9 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

The radio broadcast calendar for 2026 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 5 - Bob Tesch, in memory of Bob Tesch Sr.

July 12 - Diana Bauer and family, in memory of Win Bauer.

July 19 - Janet Johnson, Darlene Mullins and family, in memory of their brother Larry Knutson.

July 26 - Kotab's 51st anniversary and Christian's birthday.

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

Raise the Roof for Grace Lutheran

Leave a donation
in the Red Bucket
located in the back
of the church and
your donation will
help Grace Lutheran
replace our leaking
and aging roof.



Welcome to the GLC Family

Pictured Left to Right: Pastor Kevin Jensen, Sponsor Terri Huntley with Laurie Hanson, Teresa and Richard Norwig and Sponsors Jeff and Darla DeKraai, Pastor Carla Nelson, Jack Hanson (not pictured)



We would like to give a huge thank you to the following VBS volunteers who shared their time and talents in making VBS fun:
Pastor Carla, Pastor Kevin, Garland Dobler, Angie Bergman, Andria & Ava Williams, Tessa & Pate Gunderson, Maddie Anderson, Mikayla & Layton Wilson, Vicki, Taesha & Torin Monahan, Marlene Kotab, Linda Erion, Cathy Christians, Braylee Blakeman, JoLei Avery, Tenlee Koontz, Tillie Karrels, Casey & Heidi Raffevold, Hugo Estes, Willow Nikkila, Bennette Hopson, Debbie Patmore, Madison Bestgen, Khiana Oviatt and Kwynnlee Meland.



Lutheran Planned Generosity
of South Dakota

FEBRUARY 2026 – AUGUST 2026 PLANNED GENEROSITY

your life can make a difference

JULY 5: *Who Will Create Your Plan?* Have you made plans for your family and possessions after you're gone? Who will take care of your children? Who receives your assets? How will your faith story be told by the decisions you've made? If you ignore this job, the State of South Dakota will make those decisions for you. Lutheran Planned Generosity provides estate planning guidance at no cost or obligation – visit our website at www.lpgsd.org or call (605)274-5030 today for information about how you can create a will or trust that tells your story.

JULY 12: *The best gifts to the best places.* Did you know that some gifts are better made to individuals and others to ministry? Large income tax bills to your children when they inherit an annuity or IRA disappear when those gifts are made to your favorite ministry instead. However, life insurance and appreciated real estate and investments pass to children tax-free in most cases. For help in making choices in your legacy plan, contact Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota at 605.274.5030 or lpgsd@sdsynod.org

JULY 19: *A small act can create a lasting ripple.* In the quiet of your heart, even the smallest act of kindness can echo for years to come. You can take one meaningful step by creating your free will and help *[insert church/organization name here]* continue God's work for generations to come. Lutheran Planned Generosity provides estate planning guidance at no cost or obligation – visit our website at www.lpgsd.org or call (605)274-5030.

JULY 26: *Giving beyond the checkbook.* Writing a check might be the simplest way to make a gift. But it may also be the least tax-efficient. A charitable gift of stock, real estate, grain or from your IRA might be a better option. If you'd like to know more about these tax-saving strategies for generosity, contact Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota at 605.274.5030 or visit our website at www.lpgsd.org.

AUGUST 2: *Did you know August is National Make-A-Will Month?* By creating your will this month, you can get peace of mind for the future, protect your family, and even support the future of *(insert congregation name here)*. Nearly 67% of American adults don't have a will, and we're sharing this FREE, online will-writing tool from Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota so that 100% of our congregation can protect the people and causes they love. Visit www.lpgsd.org to create a private account and complete your will in just a few minutes.



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CHURCH COUNCIL

Grace Lutheran Council Meeting June 4, 2026

Present: Diana Bauer, Jarred Curry, Paul Haedt, Terri Huntley, Heather Kreutz, Kelly Magdanz, Chris Pankratz, Casey Raffevold, Bob Tesch, Jeremy Vliem, Pastor Kevin Jensen, Pastor Carla Nelson. Absent: Robin Baldwin, Jeff DeKraai, Debbie Patmore.

President Tesch called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Opening devotions given by Diana.

Motion to accept No Additions/Adoptions to the agenda by Pastor Kevin, 2nd by Jeremy. MP

Motion to approve Secretary's minutes by Jeremy, 2nd Pastor Kevin. MP

Council looked over the Treasure's report, no questions about the report.

Old Business:

Bob will check on the Church audit.

Low Roofing Bid for the Sanctuary only, with no design change, came in at \$165,910, includes a 10-year guarantee, 5 years can be added to that for an added \$1495.00. Bob and Pastor Kevin will get the bid to the insurance adjuster so we can move forward on getting more bids.

New Business:

Money Counters:

July 5 – Terri and Bob

July 12 – Heather and Diana

July 19 – Kelly and Paul

July 26 – Terri and Bob

August 2 – Paul and Casey (Terri back up).

July Devotions – Jarred

August – ?

September – Terri

October – Debbie

November – Heather

December – Paul

Pastor Kevin will work on a GLC Congregational Survey for Wednesday Night Live.

Next meeting will be August 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 6:43 p.m.

Secretary,
Diana Bauer



GLCW Minutes – June 9, 2026

The June 9, 2026, GLCW meeting was called to order in Jesus' name at the home of Deb Patmore with 5 in attendance. Marlene Kotab read a devotion. Lynette Kvanvig, Courtesy Chairman, sent 3 sympathy cards.

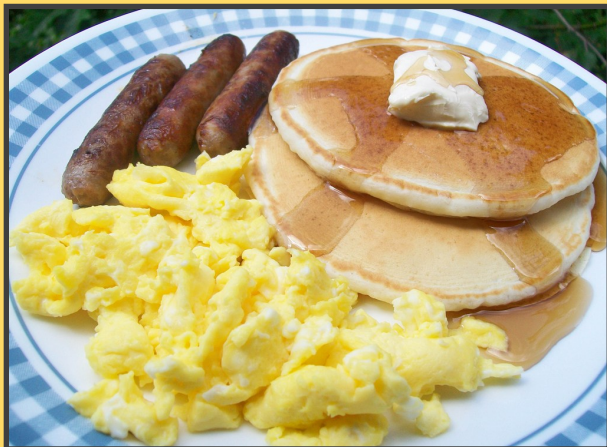
Old Business:

- 68 Personal Care Kits were sent to Lutheran World Relief. Combs and nail clippers are still needed to complete more kits.
- \$2,500 from GLCW and \$2,500 from the Mission Investment Fund were donated to the roof repair project.

New Business:

- Linda Morrison, Bear Butte Conference Director of Stewardship, sent a letter requesting input from all churches about changing the Outlaw Ranch Fall Retreat to a church site and changing it from a 2- day event to a Saturday event (no overnight stay). Opinions are needed.
 - The Rally Breakfast will be Aug. 7-14. Diana Bauer moved to change the meal price to \$12. Motion carried.
 - Plans are to clean the green room and the fans.
 - This fall, we will begin a collection of supplies for LWR School kits. All should be looking for sales on 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper (app. 8x10 ½), rulers (30-centimeter), blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well), #2 unsharpened pencils, ballpoint pens (no gel pens), 16-24 crayons, 2 ½" erasers, drawstring backpack-style cloth bags (14x17) with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks).
 - The next meeting is Tuesday, July 14, at 1:30 p.m. in the Rose Room. Lynette Kvanvig will host.
- Marlene Kotab, Secretary

\$12 Rally Breakfast



6:30 am - 11 am

Daily

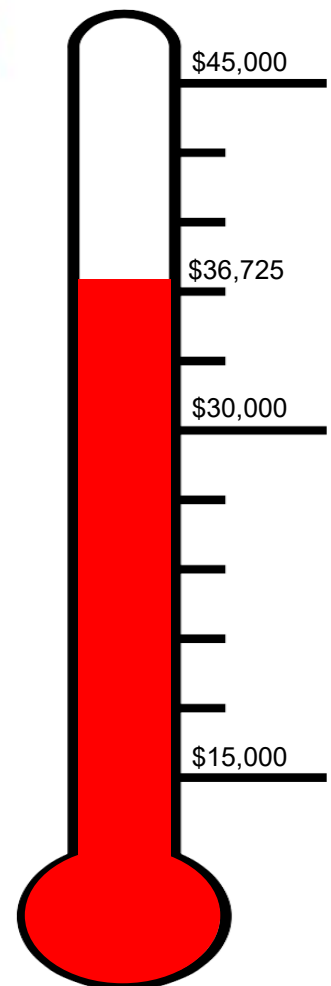
Aug. 8-14

**Just \$12 at Grace Lutheran Church
Downtown -1061 Sherman St, Sturgis**



Raise the Roof for Grace Lutheran

Leave a donation in the Red Bucket located in the back of the church and your donation will help Grace Lutheran replace our leaking and aging roof.





July

BIRTHDAYS

2 Ethan Dschaak
Myles Truth

3 Laine Karrels
Katina Tucker
Celena Sjomeling

6 Kerrigan Meland

9 Cassidee McPherson

11 Mary Ellen Kreutz

12 Jett Leonhardt

14 Willem Zylstra

15 Karmen Aga
John Lovald
JoLei Avery

19 Diana Bauer

20 Clayton Casteel

21 Bill Rossow

22 Audrey Konold

23 Christian Kotab

24 Amanda Kelly

25 Angela Zylstra

27 Russell Lisko

28 Kent Kreutz
Tim Potts

31 Paul Bisson



July

ANNIVERSARIES

1 Jeff & Darla DeKraai

7 Thomas & Kelly Magdanz
Jarred & Inga Curry

9 Gary & Liane Meyer

12 Rod & Shannon Heikes

18 Daniel & Dadra Avery

20 Todd & Brittany Battles

22 Bryce & Megan Leonhardt

23 Peyton & Courtney Bahe

24 Lynn & Karmen Aga

26 Gordon & Marlene Kotab
Kelly & Jennifer Aldren

30 Robert & Karen Jordan

Grace Lutheran News and Events

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30 am Quilting 5 pm Bible Study	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 
5 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour	6 Pastor's Day Off	7	8 8:30 am Quilting 5 pm Bible Study	9 5:30 pm Council Meeting	10	11
12 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour	13 Pastor's Day Off	14 1:30 pm GLCW Meeting	15 8:30 am Quilting 5 pm Bible Study	16	17 	18
19 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour	20 Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline	21	22 8:30 am Quilting 5 pm Bible Study	23	24	25
26 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour	27 Pastor's Day Off	28	29 8:30 am Quilting 5 pm Bible Study	30 	31	