



*From
the
Pastor's*



Desk

A Different Face of Courage

This Memorial Day, I want to share a Facebook post from an old college buddy, Tom Lawrence, who is still in the news business. He thinks it should be made into a movie. I couldn't agree more!

He was 20 years old. A farm boy from Clark, South Dakota. It was April 1967. Doug Hegdahl was a young Navy Seaman aboard the USS Canberra, anchored in the Gulf of Tonkin. During a nighttime gun operation, the massive concussion from the ship's own cannons launched him off the deck—no warning, no chance to call for help—straight into the dark water below. By the time anyone noticed he was missing, the current had already taken him.

North Vietnamese fishermen pulled him from the water and within days he was in the Hanoi Hilton. American prisoners in there were broken down through torture, starvation, and isolation, so Doug chose to become invisible.

When interrogators questioned him, he stared blankly. He fumbled with words. He claimed he couldn't read. He said he'd been "kidnapped" by the Navy. His bewilderment convinced his captors to laugh at him. They soon handed him a broom to sweep the courtyards. He hauled water. He emptied buckets. He moved through the camp like a harmless shadow, watched by guards who had no idea he was running one of the best intelligence operations ever.

Every day, as he swept and shuffled, he gained information on the prisoners. But he couldn't write any of it down. Notes could be found. Paper could be searched. Everything had to live inside his memory—and there were hundreds of men. So he took the melody of a simple children's song—and wove each prisoner's details into the verses. For two years he memorized the names, ranks, and personal details of more than 250 American prisoners of war.

In 1969, North Vietnam announced it would release three American prisoners as a goodwill gesture. They selected Doug without hesitation. He was useless to them. But senior American officers inside the prison gave him a direct order: Accept the release. He walked out in August 1969.

Then he sat down with U.S. military intelligence and began to speak. His captors thought they were releasing a fool who knew nothing. And while they laughed, he was building something inside a children's melody that would outlast the prison, the war, and bring news to families who needed it most.

Beloved in Christ, may all who gave faithful service to our country be given special thanks on this Memorial Day. And may Doug Hegahl's feat for our country and our military families—go down as one for the ages. Jesus does indeed love you, me, and all his dear children!

Love them like Jesus,
><> Pastor Kevin

Serving Grace May 2026

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 9:00 AM

Position	May 3	May 10	May 17 Graduation	May 24	May 31
Greeters (1)	Al & Pam Weidenbach		Jared and Andria Williams	Linda Erion	Bob & Deb Haivala
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	Tim Patmore		JD Williams
Lesson Reader (1)	Rick Little	Paul Haedt	Carolyn Ruff		Kent Kreutz
Serving Communion	Connie Hurlburt	Terri Huntley and		Diana Bauer	Darlene Mullins
*Coffee Hosts (3)	Rick & Kris Little and Otto & Kelly Magdanz	Eldon & Kathy Christians and Linda Erion	GLC Council Graduation Reception	Sue, Karen, Deanna and Lyla	
Sunday Acolytes	Pate and Rye Gunderson	Kwynnlee and Kambria Meland	Braylee Blakeman and Ava Williams	Blain McGillivray and Christian Pankratz	Landry and Layton Wilson

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



May Serving Grace Members

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

Haedt, Paul
 Hemmah, Allen and Linda
 Hultman, Rick
 Huntley, Terri
 Konold, Gene and Audrey
 Koontz, Chris and Shawn
 Lange, Clay and Cinthia

Little, Rick and Kris
 McKay, Candy
 Mortenson, Einar and Gail
 Rasch, Deb
 Ritten, Marie
 Tysdal, Mike and Darleen
 Williams, Jared and Andria

Serving Grace June 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 June before May 25th.

Position	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Greeters (1)	Greg and Cherie Huiner	Robyn Fischer & Janet Johnson		
Ushers (4)	Russell & Patsy Lisko	Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Boone and Caron Collins
Assisting Ministers	Tim Patmore	Tim Potts	Kim Webber	Garland Dobler
Lesson Reader (1)	Bill Rossow		Sandy Molitor	
Serving Communion (1)				
*Coffee Hosts (3)				
Sunday Acolytes	Christian Pankratz and Eekiah Beug	JoLei Avery and Sawyer Shryock	Blain McGillivray and Brennan Aldren	Christian Pankratz and Torin Monahan

Baldwin, Pat and Robin
 Boy, Dan and Sheri
 Chowen, Dennis
 Collins, Dan and Caron
 Crawford, Larry and Bonnie
 Goergen, Kaylynn
 Jewell, Dick and JoAnn
 Jost, Brian and Aimee

Kotab, Gordon and Marlene
 Kotab, Christian
 Lisko, Russell and Patsy
 Lyons, David
 Mechling, Ruth
 Mechling, Shawn
 Meland, Chris and Tessa

Rasmuson, Dean
 Rossow, Bill
 Stroschein, Mary Ann
 Tebben, Jameson and Stevie
 Tesch, Bob
 Tucker, Lennie and Katina
 Weidenbach, Al and Pam



PROJECTOR OPERATORS IN MAY

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

ALTAR GUILD IN MAY

Joanne Keeton and Lynette Kvanvig

Our Church Directory is Online!

You can now view our church directory online or through the **FREE** mobile app.

To access the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and enter your email address as listed in the directory. Click on "Send Secure Sign-In Link." Then check your email and click on the "Log in to Instant Church Directory" button found in your email.

A free mobile app is also available in the Apple® App Store and the Google Play™ Store. Just search for "[Instant Church Directory](#)" to download.

Important: Your email address must be listed in the directory before you can log in.

Need help or have questions?

Please contact Keri 605-347-2713



Our Church Directory is powered by *Instant Church Directory*.

2026 YEAR TO DATE

OFFERINGS

\$91,087.28

EXPENSES

\$89,799.54

BUDGET

\$96,216.68



APRIL ATTENDANCE

Sundays

April 5 - 265
April 12 -130
April 19 -127
April 26 - 137

Wednesdays

April 2 - 105
April 3 -63
April 8 -28
April 15 -36
April 22 - 31
April 29 -34

PRAYER REQUESTS

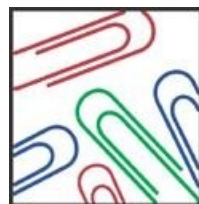


PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Barb Haivala, Ron Huntley, Donzetta Strandjord, Addisyn Harmon, Ken Lehmann, Baeleigh Polsfut, Jessica Magdanz, Thane and Tim Tetrault, Kaylynn Goergen, Myles Hupp, George Lisko, and Laurie Adkins-Heydon.

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 home-bound members and those serving In the military.

ON-GOING PRAYER POLICY:

Beginning in June, those needing special prayers will remain on the list in the bulletin and be read on Sundays for one month. If an individual or their loved one wants the name to remain, they should call the office to add them for an additional month.



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

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

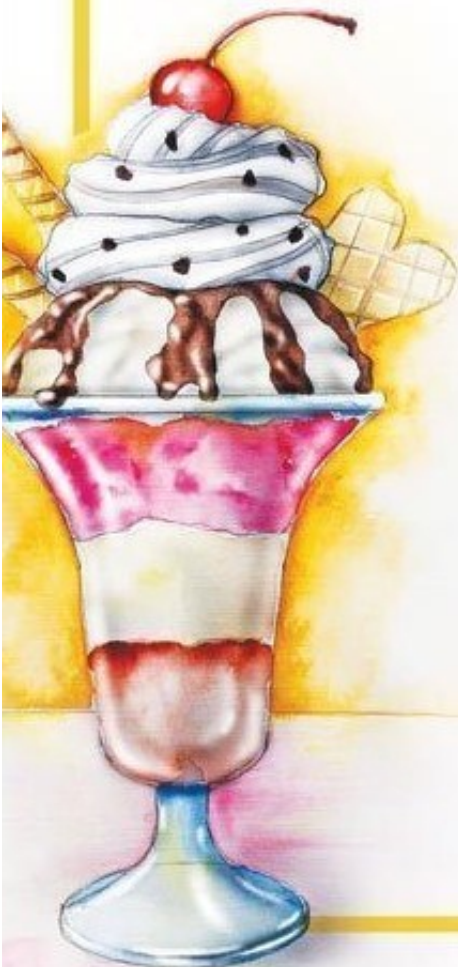
Grace Lutheran Church Outdoor Worship and Ice Cream Social

Sunday June 7, 6:30 PM
On the church lawn

6:30 PM - Worship
7:00 PM - Ice Cream Social

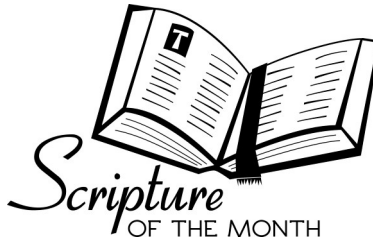
Bring a Friend!!

Please bring your lawn chair



May 3

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14



May 24

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

May 10

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 17

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

May 31

Genesis 1:1--2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

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.

May 3 - Pastor Kevin & Carla, in honor of Kendra Jensen's birthday and graduation from PT school.

May 10 -Lynn and Karmen Aga

May 17 -

May 24 -

May 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.

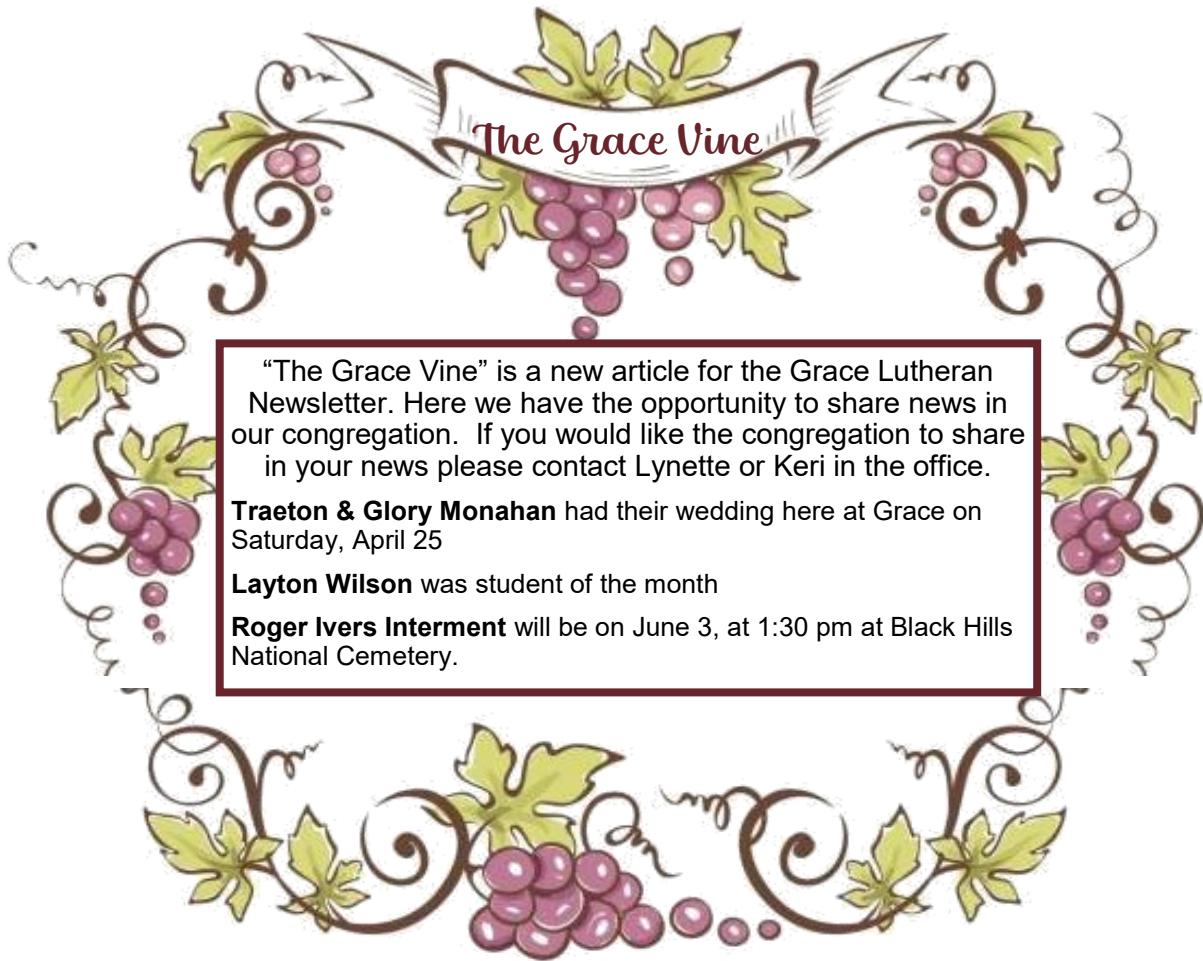


**The Red Bucket Ministry
For the 2nd Quarter**

**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.





“The Grace Vine” is a new article for the Grace Lutheran Newsletter. Here we have the opportunity to share news in our congregation. If you would like the congregation to share in your news please contact Lynette or Keri in the office.

Traeton & Glory Monahan had their wedding here at Grace on Saturday, April 25

Layton Wilson was student of the month

Roger Ivers Interment will be on June 3, at 1:30 pm at Black Hills National Cemetery.



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Hayden Rock

Parents: Brice Rock & Melissa Kohle



Blake Williams

Parents: JD & Michelle Williams

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**Grace Lutheran Church
Vacation Bible School
June 8 - 11 / 9 am - 12 pm
For all children in grades
Entering Kindergarten - Entering 6th**

Registration form is on the back of page
or at www.sturgisglc.org.

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 8-11 / 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 _____

SOUTH DAKOTA
SYNODICAL
39TH Annual Convention



June 17-19, 2026

“I Am Worthy”

I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14

Wednesday, June 17 1 pm Meet at Grace to consolidate rides to
1:15 Redlin Art Center
2:15 The Goss Opera House
3:15 Mother of God Monastery
4:30 Vespers at Monastery
5:15 – 6:00 – Registration back at Grace
6 pm – Dinner, visiting afterwards with coffee & cookies
Thursday, June 18 8:30 am—8 pm
Friday, June 19 8:30 am to noon

Registration: \$50 if paid by May 31; \$65 if paid June 1 or later
(one voting member per unit, must be paid by June 1)

Sneak preview of the Main and Breakout Sessions:

Stavig Letters	S. Barbara Younger
SD Synod Pasque learning	Glacial Lakes Suicide Line
“Where They Last Saw Her” book	Beacon House
Chair yoga by SALT Yoga Studio	
World Hunger/Disaster Relief by Pastor Erika Lehmann	

CONVENTION OFFERING: Split 50/50 between Churchwide and Synodical

LOVE OFFERINGS: Ziplock bags, detergent, paper towels, mini pads, shampoo, toilet paper, lotion for Beacon Center (domestic abuse shelter).
NO bar soap, NO hand sanitizer, NO food.

HOTEL: Quality Inn - \$107/night 605-886-3010. Has elevator, hot breakfast. Call before May 17, and tell whether you're staying for 1 or 2 nights. 20 rooms are available under the name WELCA

Grace Lutheran Church
202 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD

Register at <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/10938644>

Find our newsletters and more at sdsynod.org/ministries/welca

Registration form on back of page.

REGISTRATION FORM

SD Women of the ELCA 39th Synodical Convention

June 17-19, 2026

Grace Lutheran Church, 202 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD

Theme: I Am Worthy

Please **Circle** one: Voting Member Non-Voting Member (One voting member per unit)

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Congregation _____ Conference _____

Registration fee: \$50 by May 31 \$65 June 1 or later
includes Thursday noon meal and Thursday evening Banquet meal

Wednesday eve grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, baked beans and chips—
to join us for this meal, send an additional \$10 by June 13

Register online at: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/10938644> or

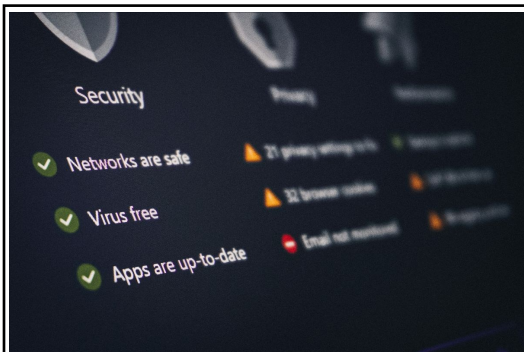
Mail to Kathy Otterby 1401 Firesteel Dr., Mitchell, SD 57301, 605-999-3453 otter@mit.midco.net

On-site registration starts at 5:15 pm Wednesday, June 17th

OUTLAW VOLKSMARCH

Outlaw Ranch along with the Black Hills Volkssport Club is sponsoring a volksmarch at Outlaw Ranch near Custer on Sunday, June 7th. Start time is from 6:30 until 9:30 and you must finish by 12:00. The cost to do the walk is \$4 for all participants. You will have the option to do a 5K (3 mile) or 10K (6 mile) hike. This is an opportunity to walk on the trail system that has been developed on Outlaws property and goes through parts of the property that is very seldom seen.

For more information you can contact Pastor Duane Neugebauer
at donman1948@gmail.com or 303-489-9313.



SCAM ALERT!

We have been made aware that several scam emails have been sent to Synod members by people pretending to be their pastors. Remember, when you receive emails that seem suspicious or out of the ordinary, check with your pastors and congregational leaders to make sure they are really from them especially when they ask for money or a gift card.



Lutheran Planned Generosity
of South Dakota

FEBRUARY 2026 – AUGUST 2026 PLANNED GENEROSITY

your life can make a difference

MAY 3: Skip the Tax! What if you could skip the tax on your required minimum distribution (RMD) and make a meaningful gift to support *name of church/ministry* instead? An IRA Charitable Rollover also reduces your taxable income without the need to itemize deductions. (Everyone over age 70 1/2 is eligible to make a tax-free gift from an IRA, even if you're not yet receiving RMDs.) Contact Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota at 605.274.5030 or www.lpgsd.org for information about this and more tax-efficient ideas.

MAY 10: Who is your generosity hero? Take a moment to think about someone whose life reflects their faith through a generous heart and giving spirit. What about their words and actions inspires you? Perhaps you are a generosity hero to others, or would like to be one. If your faith is calling you to lead by example with generosity, Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota can help. Call 605.274.5030 or email lpgsd@sdsynod.org to be someone's hero.

MAY 17: Can you imagine? It's a guessing game, and numbers vary, but many experts state that if everyone made a gift to their local congregation as a part of their legacy plan (anywhere between 2.5% and 10%), there would never be a need to pass an offering plate. Can you imagine? Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota is a free service provided by the SD Synod and ELCA ministry partners across the state to help you create an estate plan honoring your faith *and* supporting your family. Visit www.lpgsd.org for more information.

MAY 24: The Best Laid Plans! Have tax law changes thrown a wrench into your plans for an inherited IRA benefitting your children at your death? Contact Lutheran Planned Generosity of SD at 605.274.5030 or lpgsd@sdsynod.org for information about alternatives that allow you to spread the gift of your IRA over your children's or grandchildren's lifetimes **and** create a legacy gift to support your favorite ministries.

MAY 31: 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 lpgsd@sdsynod.org for more information.

JUNE 7: Putting stock in something that matters. A gift of appreciated investments could offer the opportunity to decrease taxes and 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. Contact Lutheran Planned Generosity of SD at 605.274.5030 or email lpgsd@sdsynod.org for more information.



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CHURCH COUNCIL



Grace Lutheran Council Meeting April 9, 2026

Present: Robin Baldwin, Diana Bauer, Jarred Curry, Jeff DeKraai, Paul Haedt, Heather Kreutz, Chris Pankratz, Debbie Patmore, Casey Raffevold, Bob Tesch, Jeremy Vliem.

Absent: Terri Huntley, Kelly Magdanz.

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

Opening devotion given by Jeremy Vliem.

Addition /Adoption of the Agenda. Add On Line Directory to Old Business. Motion by Debbie, 2nd by Jeff. Motion passed.

Approve Secretary's minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Jeff, 2nd Paul. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report presented by Robin.

Old Business:

- Add On Line Directory to Temple Talk and need for a new roof for the Church Sanctuary on April 19.

New Business:

- Money counters:
 - May 3 – Jarred and Diana
 - May 10 – Debbie and Paul
 - May 17 – Bob and Casey
 - May 24 – Bob and Paul
 - May 31 Heather and Jarred
 - June 7 – Debbie and Diana
- Changes to prayer request by The Worship Committee: Those needing special prayers will remain on the list in the bulletin and be read on Sunday for one month. If an individual or their loved one wants the name to remain, they should call the office to add them for an additional month. Motion by Paul, 2nd by Jarred to adopt the Worship Committee request for prayer. Motion passed.
- Replace piano: Motion by Pastor Kevin to support the Worship Committee to do a fundraiser for a new piano. 2nd by Debbie. Motion passed.
- Lowe Roofing will be contacted for a bid on a new roof.
- Credit cards:
 - Motion by Jeff to change Keri's credit card from \$1200 to \$2500. 2nd by Debbie, motion passed.
 - Motion by Heather to get a credit card for Pastor Carla, limit \$2500.00. 2nd by Chris. Motion passed.
- Talk about WNL Meals for next year at the April 19 Temple Talk.
 - Tabled forming a Fellowship Committee.
- Quilt Raffle.
 - Motion by Jeff to have a Silent Auction Bid on the two quilts donated by the quilters. 2nd by Chris.
 - Motion passed. Pastor Kevin will coordinate the Silent Auction.

Pastor Kevin closed meeting with prayer.

Motion by Debbie to adjourn, 2nd by Jarred.

President Tesch adjourned meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Next meeting will be May 7, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Devotion schedule:

May – Jeremy	June – Diana
July – Jarred	September - Terri
October – Debbie	November – Heather
December – Paul	

Secretary,
Diana Bauer



GLCW Minutes – April 14, 2026

With 10 in attendance, President Deb Patmore called the meeting to order in Jesus' name. Marlene Kotab led the devotions and opening song, The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report:

January

Income from offering and Aga funeral - \$259

Expenses for stamps, funerals and paper - \$293.79.

February

Income from Paulson funeral and memorial and Burnham funeral, offering and Ash Wednesday meal - \$1,189.25

Expenses for funerals and paper - \$333.86

March

Income from offering - \$40

Expenses for devotionals and Gather subscription - \$175.75

Balances in GLCW account – March 31 - \$22,326 and Mission Investment - \$26,327.43

Lynette Kvanvig, Courtesy Chairman sent 4 cards.

Old Business:

- The Bear Butte Conference Spring Gathering is April 25 at Our Savior's. Registration (8:00-9:00 a.m.) is \$10. GLCW will meet at 8:00 a.m. to carpool to Spearfish. Event is from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Deb will set a work date to finish assembling the LWR personal care kits. Pastor Carla offered the help of the High School youth group to box the kits.

New Business:

- The South Dakota WELCA Conference is June 17-19 at Grace Lutheran in Watertown. Registration information is in the April Grace newsletter.
- The 2nd quarter funeral chairs are Lynette Kvanvig and Connie Hurlburt.
- Marlene Kotab moved to donate \$2,500 to the Grace roof repair fund. Motion carried.
- Cindy Gehringer moved to apply for \$2,500 from the Mission Investment Fund for the roof repair. Motion carried.
- There will be a sanctuary piano replacement drive. Decision on a donation was tabled.
- Cindy Gehringer and Pastor Carla Nelson will investigate replacement of the aprons in the kitchen.
- The next meeting is Tuesday, May 12, at 1:30 p.m. Debbie Patmore and Terri Huntley are the hostesses. A program is needed. Pastor will lead the Bible Study.

Marlene Kotab, Secretary



Grace Worship Committee Minutes – April 21, 2026

Pastor Kevin Jensen opened the meeting with a reading. In attendance were Marlene and Christian Kotab, Candy McKay, Ruth Mechling, Kris Little, Tim Patmore, and Pastor Kevin Jensen.

Old Business:

- Holy Week Services went well. The Palm Sunday palm procession and special music was enjoyed. The confirmation youth and high school youth led the Thursday and Friday services and both were very meaningful. Grateful thanks were expressed to Candy McKay, Dan Chapman, and Danilee Pudwill for their music for all three services. Bob Tesch helped with the 6:30 a.m. Easter service and Tim Patmore put the signs out. All the help at the services is a great gift to our church.
- Holy Humor Sunday was a fun service. Ideas for next year's theme were discussed. Pastor sent out other ideas after the meeting.
- The Faith Journey talks are continuing – speakers are Marlene Kotab, Gary Meyer, J.D. Williams, and Bob Haivala.
- The Pastors will attend their daughter's graduation from May 5-11. Pastor Bruce Thalacker will be the visiting pastor.
- Bible School is June 8-11. All children must be registered.
- The last WNL is April 29 with a visit from the Animal Shelter during the education hour.
- The council approved the new policy for the prayer list read on Sundays. It will be published in the bulletin and newsletter: *Those needing special prayers will remain on the list in the bulletin and be read on Sundays for one month. If an individual or their loved one wants the name to remain on the list, they should call the office to add them for an additional month.*

New Business:

- New Member Sunday may be conducted on May 3.
- Pictures of all committees should be sent to the office for the online registry.
- Funding is needed for roof repair and replacement of the sanctuary keyboard. All contributions should be designated for each project.
- The outdoor service is set for Sunday, June 8th.
- Altar Guild representative, Kris Little, requested notifications of the church weddings.
- We will furnish more red buckets for the children when they gather the Red Bucket offerings. They will take the offerings to the front of the church and deposit monies into the main bucket.
- Liturgies for **May 3**: Remembering the Promise, **May 10**: #10 with a Mother's Day Litany, **May 17**: Graduation Liturgy, **May 24**: Spoken with a Memorial Day/Patriotic Litany, **May 31**: #7.

The next meeting is May 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Marlene Kotab, Chairman





May

BIRTHDAYS

1 Randy Hanson
Jenika Leonhardt

2 Darlyne Kopren

3 Debbie Patmore
Alvin Bunkowske

6 Bob Kaufman
Ava Williams

7 Brandon Caneva
Kendra Jensen

9 Chris Pankratz
Kimberly Petersen
Arminas Curry

10 Kermit Johnson
Maranda McGillivray

15 Jeremy Pickar
Vance Shryock

18 Sue Whitford

20 Karsey Meland

21 Makenna Rock

23 Korbin Meland

26 Carter Williams

27 Mason McGillivray

29 Misty Myers
Carolyn Ruff

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

22 Ward & Garland Dobler

24 Russell & Patsy Lisko








25 John & Debra Rasch

26 Randy & Brenda Nohava

30 Luke & Elizabeth McPherson

Grace Lutheran News and Events

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
3 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour	4 Pastor's Day Off	5	6 8:30 am Quilting	7 5:30 pm Council Meeting	8 	9
10 9:00 am Worship (HC) w/ Pastor Thalacker 10:00 am Coffee Hour 	11 Pastor's Day Off	12 1:30 pm GLCW Meeting 5:30 pm Stewardship Mtg.	13 8:30 am Quilting 5 pm Bible Study	14	15	16
17 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Graduation Reception 	18 Pastor's Day Off	19 5:30 pm Worship Meeting	20 8:30 am Quilting 5 pm Bible Study	21 6 pm Evangelism Meeting	22 	23
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