



Hilltop Lights

MAKING BELIEVERS, GROWING DISCIPLES, DEVELOPING LEADERS



JULY CAMPFIRE WORSHIP

FROM THE PASTOR

I know I have mentioned this before, but on my fridge I have a small poster that says, “God has given us five gifts for the journey: Water and Word, Bread and Wine, and One Another. In the readings for August, several of these gifts for the journey are emphasized. As we make our way through the Pentecost season – the “long green season” of the church year – these gifts are important.

As we remember our baptism, being washed in the water and word, we renew our faith and trust in God who has redeemed us through Jesus. We remember that we have been made a member of the community of faith. We remember that we are God’s beloved children who are forgiven. We remember that we have the promise of God’s presence with us always. As we remember these things, we are strengthened for the journey of faith and empowered to live as disciples in the world.

As we receive the gift of communion, we are fed by God himself with the body and blood of Jesus that we might have strength for the journey. In Holy Communion God gives us forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine – as he said, “This is my body. This is my blood.” – and we receive grace anew. That grace bring forgiveness, life, and salvation. We rise from the table to serve the Lord in all the ways and with all the gifts God has given us. We also have the gift of one another. We are created for community, and we sustain one another, bear one another’s burdens, celebrate one another’s joys. When the road gets long, we encourage one another on the way. God is present with us through one another.

These gifts of God convey the presence of God. No matter where we travel, we are never alone, never outside the reach of God’s love and mercy. Wherever you find yourself this August, know that God has given you gifts for the journey and that he travels with you.

Blessings on your August!

Pastor Siri

Pastoral Acts in July:

Pastoral Acts in July: Baptism of Bennett Huston
Miles, son of Clark and Laura Miles



**Aging Gracefully
does not meet in
August.**

Worship in August

Services at 9:00 am both in person
and livestreamed on Facebook.

August 2

10th Sunday after Pentecost
Setting 10

Bread

String Group will play

August 9

11th Sunday after Pentecost
Grace Alive

Water

August 16

12th Sunday after Pentecost
Service of the Word

Word

August 23

13th Sunday after Pentecost
Setting 6

Messiah

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 30

14th Sunday after Pentecost
Setting 10

Serve

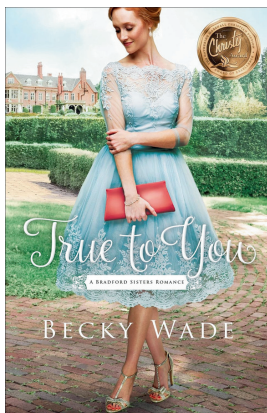
facebook

devotions occur on Tuesdays
and Thursdays at 9:00 am and
are available for later viewing
on Facebook.

Upcoming Events and Small Groups

NOVEL IDEA

There will be no formal meetings this summer, but a book will be available each month for informal discussion during Sunday coffee fellowship.



Campfire Worship

This is the annual All God's Creatures campfire. We will have a blessing of pets at this campfire. Bring your pets – live and stuffed – leashed or kenneled or caged for a special blessing.

August 12th

7:30pm

Meet in the upper parking lot. Bring a lawn chair.
For ALL Ages!



Church Picnic

**At Archer's Lake Cabin:
128 Swan Lake Drive | Viborg, SD**

**AUGUST 9TH, 2024
AFTER CHURCH**

**Everyone is welcome!
Please talk to Lisa
Jasmer if you would
like to
set up car pooling**



A FEW NOTES:

- Pulled pork sandwiches will be provided along with tableware, lemonade and water.
- There is a **sign up online** if you would like to bring something to share.
- There will be quite a few life jackets in all sizes so please don't buy one, but if you have one bring it.
- There will be opportunities to swim, boat, jet ski, and tube, so pack accordingly (water shoes are not necessary but, the bottom is rocky)
- People are welcome to bring lawn chairs and/or outdoor activities/toys but there will be plenty of things provided.
- Don't forget the sunscreen!

Grace Golf Outing

August 16th | Willow Run

\$40/ per person

Tee Times starting at 11:00.

All funds raised will support the Grace Lutheran Toilet Paper Fund.

Got cool prizes to contribute?

Give a shout to Terry or Dave.

Registration closes August 9.

To sign up Contact

Terry Finch 605-366-0462

or

Dave Dierks 605-261-9596



**Coffee With A Purpose and
Bake Sale**



August 30th

Novel Idea will be providing coffee and treats for fellowship time and hosting a bake sale for a free will donation.

**All proceeds will go to
sponsoring a classroom
at Cleveland
Elementary.**

**With the sponsorship
all students will receive
one free book every
month.**



CARING MINISTRIES

Prayer Chain

If you have a request for the email prayer chain, or would like to be a "pray-er" on it contact Sharon Dierks

Phone: 605-759-7009 or

email: dsdierks2@gmail.com.

Grief Support Group

Tuesday, August 11th

at 10:00 am in the meeting room. This is a group for people who have experienced grief of any kind.

There are free blood pressure and blood sugar checks on the first Sunday of the month after worship.

Hospital Visitation Note:

If you are hospitalized and do not receive a visit from Robin Hofkamp or Pastor Siri, it means you did not come up on our visitation list. Please let us know you are in the hospital, and we will be sure to visit. Often if someone goes in through the ER, we do not get notified that you have been admitted.

PRAY FOR THESE FAMILIES

You are invited to pray with Pastor Siri for a shepherding group of families from the congregation each week.

May God bless:

August 2-8: Shepherding District 8, Zone A:

Joyce Cunningham; Jeff & Gea Eckhoff; Kay Lee; Tim Meirose; Arley & Dorothy Smit; Brent Wiertzema, Garrett

August 9-15: Shepherding District 8, Zone B:

Joe & Svetlana Egge, Miliana, Mataja; Rian Haase, Ella, Emelia; Gary Johnson; Karen Shea; Ernie & Pam Smith; Sara & Justin Waddell

August 16-24: Shepherding District 8, Zone C:

John & Sherry Archer; Logan & Alison Eckhoff; Lynnea Eckhoff; Brian & Lori Ree; Kaven & Traci Rovang, Nick, Megan

August 23-29: Shepherding District 9, Zone A:

Mark & Carol Conrad; Dallas & Cindy Hofer; Brian & Samantha Rains, Annika, Noah; Anna Sorenson; Jorey Sorenson

August 30-Sept. 5: Shepherding District 9, Zone B:

Larry & Laurie Eide; Carla Erickson; Tammi Soutar, Coralee, Quinn; Olivia Mueller; Kelsey & Shasta Weston family

Service & Mission

We will be collecting items to deliver to the students at Ideal until August 2nd.

- # 2 Pencils
- Backpacks
- Folders
- Wide Ruled Paper
- Notebooks
- Highlighters
- Crayons (24pk)
- Erasers
- Black or Blue Pens
- Markers
- Scissors
- Glue

Thank you the Pedersen & Smith families for volunteering to deliver the supplies to Ideal.

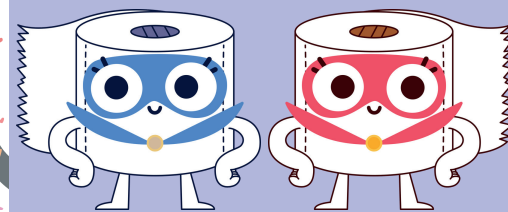
Volunteers needed

GRACE WILL BE VOLUNTEERING AT NECESSITIES FOR NEIGHBORS ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH.

A SIGN-UP SHEET FOR VOLUNTEERS IS AVAILABLE AT THE INFORMATION DESK.

Looking AHEAD

When we roll into September we will begin our annual toilet paper collection! Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate labeled "Toilet Paper" and the church will purchase pallets of toilet paper at a wholesale price.



Bible Study Meeting Times

Thursday, August 20

Martha Bible Study @ 9:30am

Hannah Bible Study @ 2:00pm

Both groups meet in the Fellowship Hall

"I am because you are: We need one another."

Our individual identities are always bound up in community. Jesus describes this vision using a vine and branches. Paul talks about a body with many parts. The prophets describe communities of liberative interdependence. Archbishop Desmond Tutu describes this way of mutual interconnectedness as "Ubuntu," where "my humanity is caught up and bound up inextricably with yours. I can only be fully me if you are fully you." In delving into Scripture, we learn how no one can flourish unless everyone does, and how our lives are bound up with

one

Save the Date

Soup and Sweets Supper

Sunday, Oct. 4th from 4-7 PM.

We will need lots of soups, sweets and volunteers. The proceeds this year will go to the Youth, Furniture Mission, Sleep in Heavenly Peace and the WOG. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is an organization that builds and delivers beds to kids who are sleeping on the floor or in undesirable conditions. For some children, it's the first bed they have ever had.



Patience



Women Of Grace Breakfast

Thursday, August 6, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

"Psalms of Joy"

(From the Fruit of the Spirit)

Interactive Devotions

Led by Hannah Bible Study

Martha Bible Study will serve our breakfast.

All women are invited to attend. Please join us for this fun, summer fellowship!



Kindness

Joy

Faithfulness



RALLY DAY FESTIVITIES!



September 13th

God's Work Our Hands Project

We are thrilled to announce our support for Midwest Street Medicine this year!

During August we will be collecting **travel size hygiene** products to assemble hygiene kits on Rally Day.



- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Bodywash or Small bars of soap
- Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Comb
- Deodorant

Don't forget to wear your vibrant Grace Lutheran apparel!

Schedule of Events

9:00am: Worship

10:15am: Sunday School & Bible Trivia

11:00am: Lunch

11:30am: Bouncy House/Lawn Games/Fellowship

FREE Lunch Provided by our Worship Committee

Pulled Chicken Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, & Chips.



Dessert Provided by

Let's Bake

Assorted Cupcakes



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

AUGUST 2026

A Note From Our Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry:



It is hard to believe that school starts again at the end of this month—the summer has certainly flown by! As summer comes to a close, students and teachers prepare to begin a new school year. Every new school year brings a fresh start filled with new opportunities and experiences. Whether you are starting a new school year or entering a different season of life, we can trust that God is continually at work, creating something new in and through us. In Isaiah 43:19, God declares, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" This promise reminds us of God's power to make a way and bring new life, even in situations that seem uncertain or impossible. As we step into this new season, may we trust that God is already at work—leading us, shaping us, and creating something new in our lives.

Blessings,
Thomas

YOUTH EVENTS

NESODAK BIBLE CAMP



Five middle school youth and Thomas will be attending NeSoDak's Voyagers Camp from August 2–7. Please keep us in your prayers as we grow in faith, build lasting friendships, and enjoy a fun-filled week on the water.

WATER SKI SHOW



Get ready for an exciting evening at Catfish Bay! Join us on Friday, August 21, from 6:00–9:00 p.m. to enjoy an action-packed performance by the H2O Water Ski Team. Tickets are \$17. You can pay by cash or check and drop your payment off at the church.

TRIVIA FUNDRAISER



Join us for an afternoon of fun at our Youth Group Trivia Fundraiser on Sunday, August 23, from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall! Gather a team of up to 8 people and test your knowledge across a variety of trivia categories. Admission is \$15 per person, and prizes will be awarded to the team with the highest score. All proceeds will help support Youth Group mission trips and the ELCA Youth Gathering.



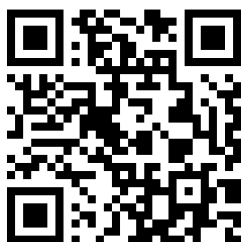
HEY, YOUTH GROUP PARENTS AND PARTICIPANTS!

We have a new, simple way to stay up to date on Youth Group events! Just scan the QR code below to access one convenient page with links to all of our communication platforms, including the church website, Facebook page, calendar, and more!

Instead of keeping track of multiple QR codes, everything you need is now gathered in one easy-to-access place.

Reach out to Thomas with any questions.

SCAN ME!



EVENT HIGHLIGHT: FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA



The youth group went to Feeding South Dakota on July 9 to help pack boxes with hash browns, sweet potato fries, and chicken for families in need. Together, we packed food for 1,125 families!

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

College Night at Peace

Thursday, Aug 6 • 6-8pm

Friends welcome!

Calling All Young Adults!

Join us for a Young Adult Bonfire hosted by Peace Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls! Young adults in their late teens, 20s, and early 30s are invited to gather for an evening of games, food, fellowship, and a bonfire.

The event will take place on Thursday, August 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. Come and connect with other young adults, enjoy great food, and relax around the fire.

**JOIN OUR
GROUP CHAT!**



**FOLLOW US ON
INSTAGRAM!**



thank you

Each month Grace Lutheran receives multiple thank you notes from the organizations that we support through our tithes and offerings.

Thank you for letting us use your meeting room for our Hilltop Alateen Meeting!

**Thank you for our \$450 donation sponsorship of June Food to You distribution. Thank you for supporting and caring for your neighbors!
Charis Ministry Partners**

Dear Members of Grace,

Thank you for the generous congregational gift of \$1,100 to support the children and families of Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota.

Your gift opens the door for campers to grow in faith and confidence, surrounded by the beauty of God's creation at places like Outlaw Ranch, Klein Ranch, and NeSoDak.

Because of your generosity, children are able to experience the joy of camp-hearing God's Word, building lasting friendships and creating memories that will shape their lives.

Your support makes a real and lasting impact, and we are deeply grateful.

Thank you for making camp possible for children!

With gratitude,

Trace F. Pardy

Dear Friends of Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your Congregation gift of \$1,100 to Shetek Lutheran Ministries. Without your generosity, Shetek simply could not continue its mission of providing year around opportunities for Christ centered renewal and learning for all ages. You are truly making a difference in the faith building experience for the youth and families coming to SLM.

Sincerely,

Marv Nysetvold

Dear Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift in support of using the Coliseum for the Multi-Cultural Center. Your contribution helps us build bridges across cultures and creates a welcoming, inclusive community where all people are seen, heard, and celebrated. Thank you for standing with us. Your generosity is a statement of belief in a community where everyone belongs.

With gratitude,

Rebecca Kiesow-Knudsen



S H E T E K
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES



Strengthening Individuals,
Families & Communities



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 SD Youth Conference
2 Middle School Youth @ NeSoDak VBS 9:00am Worship	3 Middle School Youth @ NeSoDak VBS	4 Middle School Youth @ NeSoDak VBS 9:00am FB live Devotion 6:30pm Committee Meetings 7:00pm Hilltop Al-Anon & Alateen 7:30pm Council Meeting	5 Middle School Youth @ NeSoDak VBS 10:00am Staff Meeting	6 Middle School Youth @ NeSoDak VBS 9:00am FB live Devotion 9:00am WOG Breakfast	7 Middle School Youth @ NeSoDak	8 9:00am 4H
9 9:00am Worship 11:00am Church Picnic	10	11 9:00am FB live Devotion 10:00am Grief Support 7:00pm Hilltop Al-Anon & Alateen	12 7:30pm Campfire Worship	13 9:00am FB live Devotion	14	15
16 Bread Break Sunday 9:00am Worship 12:00pm Grace Golf Outing	17	18 9:00am FB live Devotion 4:00pm Youth Fun Event 7:00pm Hilltop Al-Anon & Alateen	19 10:00am Staff Meeting	20 9:00am FB live Devotion 9:30am Martha Bible Study 2:00pm Hannah Bible Study	21 6:00pm Youth at Catfish Bay	22
23 9:00am Worship-Blessing of the Backpacks 2:00pm Youth Trivia Fundraiser	24	25 9:00am FB live Devotion 7:00pm Hilltop Al-Anon & Alateen	26	27 9:00am FB live Devotion	28	29
30 9:00am Worship-Coffee with a purpose (Novel Idea)	31					

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Tyler Johnson	8/16 Brooke Bergan	8/25 Paul Berndt
8/1 Aldon Meirose	8/16 Kathy Clauson	8/26 Laura Eiesland
8/4 Aaron Stoterau	8/18 Julie Miller	8/27 Bonnie White
8/5 Floyd Lehman	8/18 Dorothy Smit	8/28 Layton Beyer
8/7 Harold Hanson	8/20 Sharon Pedersen	8/28 Alison Kringstad
8/7 Greg Jasmer	8/20 Valerie Tieszen	8/28 Ashlynn Rohrbach
8/8 Gea Eckhoff	8/23 Jess Griggs	8/28 Sara Waddell
8/8 Kayla Jorgensen	8/23 LaRae Zwart	8/30 Diane Andresen
8/14 Arley Smit	8/24 Ryan Haase	8/31 Jay Miller



Find Your Way

Vine is a partnership of 17 ELCA congregations in the Sioux Falls area, united around one purpose—helping people find their way to faith, community, and ministry. Whether you're looking for a Bible study, a support group, a new interest, or an upcoming event in your area, Vine connects you to opportunities across our network of congregations. There's something here for every age and every stage of life.



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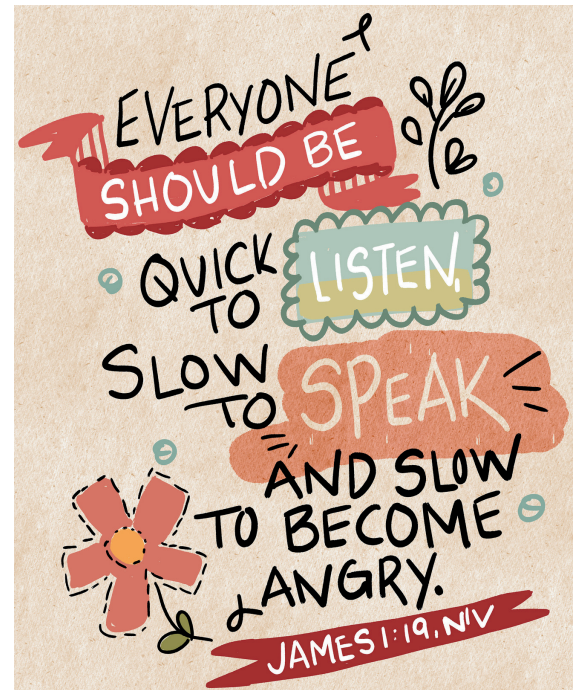
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