



Grace Lutheran Church Sioux Falls Hilltop Lights



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Making Believers, Growing Disciples, Developing Leaders

WORSHIP IN MAY

9:00 am on Sundays both in person and livestreamed.

May 5

6th Sunday of Easter
Appointed to Go
Setting 4

Kindergarten Lord's Prayer Milestone

May 12

7th Sunday of Easter
Whoever Has the Son Has Life
Setting 10

1st & 2nd Grade Ten Commandments Milestone
Children and Youth Music
Sunday

May 19

Day of Pentecost
When the Spirit Comes
Setting 6

Wear **RED** to remember that we are clothed with power.

Celebrant Choir and Adult Chimes

Graduation Milestone

Last Day of Sunday School –
Sunday School Awards

May 26

Trinity Sunday
Holy, Holy, Holy
Setting 8

Facebook Live devotions are held each Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9:00 am. Watch the video later if you are unable to be on live at 9:00 am.

FROM THE PASTOR

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

As you read that phrase, you might think I'm off a month. We celebrated Easter on March 31. But...it's still Easter which is a season we celebrate for seven weeks. Actually, Easter is an event we celebrate every Sunday morning when we gather to proclaim the good news of the gospel that Christ is risen and gives resurrection life to all. Easter is not a celebration for one day, but a way of life given to those who believe. Our Easter life begins in baptism where our sins are forgiven, we are made children of God, and filled with the Holy Spirit. We live each day in the grace of God given in baptism. Each day we rise to live as Easter people. We have the assurance of life in Christ and we are free to serve God with our gifts and abilities.

There is a call to witnessing that comes from Jesus after he is raised from the dead. He says, "Go and tell;" and "You are witnesses." Easter is an event that is meant to be shared and lived. Each of us is empowered to do this. We will celebrate Pentecost during this month of May. On that day we remember that God's Spirit is poured out on us all – young & old, women & men; and rich & poor. Each of us has the gift of the Spirit. The Spirit makes us into witness of Christ. God uses us so that others come to know his grace and life.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! May this proclamation shape your days and your life.

Blessings on your May,

Pastor Siri

Pastoral Acts: Funeral for Marge Olawsky, Baptisms of Kane Robert Dulaney and Ashton Hayes Vander Poel. Wedding of Madison Mahlmeister and Zach Bennett.

FINANCIAL UPDATE AND ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Celebrating Gifts and Givers

March 3: \$3684.00

March 10: \$2422.00

March 17: \$2287.00

March 24: \$1447.00

March 31: \$2749.00

Simply Giving: \$13486.00

Treasurer's Report

Payroll Taxes and benevolences are up to date.
Paid down \$5,000 on HVAC project on April 1.
Borrowed \$4,850 from Berg Fund this month. All Payroll taxes and benevolences are paid to date as of end of March.

SIMPLY GIVING is a great way to give your offering on a regular basis. If you would like help setting up an account, please see Becky in the office. Gifts can be given weekly, monthly, or as a one-time donation. You can also sign up on your own by visiting our website.

The old choir robes have been donated to the Orpheum Theater.

The Prayer Chain

To pray for members' requests and concerns. Contact Sharon Dierks with your request or to be a member of the prayer chain. Phone: 605-759-7009 or email: dsdierks2@gmail.com.

Grief Support Group

Tuesday, May 14th
10 am in the meeting room
This group provides support for those who have suffered a loss of any kind.

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:

April 28-May 4: Shepherding District 18, Zone B:

Curt Brandenburg; Matthew Geistfeld; Chelsie (Huff) & Christian Schmidt, Bodhi; Darlene Nipp; Deanna Rollag; Aaron Stoterau, Kylie; Jim & Elaine Tatge

May 5-11: Shepherding District 19, Zone A:

Robin Erdmann; Wes & Robin Hofkamp; Stephanie Miller, Paige, Chloe; Pat Strand

May 12-18: Shepherding District 19, Zone B:

Miriam Garner; Jackie Sletten; Jim & Karen Thorson; Nancy & Terry Watters

May 19-25: Shepherding District 20, Zone A:

Jerrold Atkinson, Cole, Landon; Gail Dybdahl; Greg & Chelsea Koch, Violet; Judy Nearman; Cheri & Roger Schumacher

May 26-June 1: Shepherding District 20, Zone B:

Pastor Woody & Kathy Clauson; Marie Daniel; Glenyce DeGeest; Delores Mueller; Olivia Mueller; Roland & Susan Schmit

NOW COLLECTING

Tuna Fish and Tuna Helper

The great Tuna Fish and Tuna Helper roundup will kick off from May 1st to June 12th, with a grand handout at the Food to You event on June 13th at Messiah New Hope. And hey, don't forget, you can tune a piano but you can't tuna fish!



Parish Nurse News

WELCOME BACK, RITA. Rita Blake is returning to the staff as our Parish Nurse. She will be working quarter time (instead of half-time) doing the Parish Nurse weekly mailing to homebound members, checking the hospitals for patients, arranging for the foot-care clinic and blood pressure checks, making home communion visits as available, and promoting health and wellness resources.

REMEMBER!

There are free blood pressure and blood sugar checks on the first of Sunday of the month after our 9:00 worship service.



FOOT CARE CLINIC

Tuesday, May 21



Appointments start at 9:00 am, if you are interested talk to Rita Blake, Parish Nurse.

HOME COMMUNION VISITORS

Home communion visitors take communion out monthly to those who cannot attend in person. Communion kits, which have been consecrated during worship, are provided. If you would be interested in being a home communion server or learning more about it, talk to Pastor Siri who would provide an orientation.

Thank you notes

Thank you for all the anniversary cards and good wishes for our 60th wedding anniversary. We are thankful for all of you at Grace Lutheran. Woody & Kathy Clauson

The April showers of Socks and Undies was once again a success. Thank you all for your contributions!

Grace Lutheran- Thank you so much for the generous gift of \$1500.00 towards unpaid lunch balances for our kids at Cleveland. We appreciate your partnership with us so very much!! Stacy Stefani, Principal

Sharon and I can't begin to adequately thank everyone for the outpouring of cards, prayers, visits, and good wishes we received for my hospital stay and also my birthday. It is truly a blessing to be part of such a caring community, and your kindnesses will not be forgotten. May God continue to bless our Grace community! Again, Thank You! Gene & Sharon Hetland

Thank you to everyone who purchased Easter Lilies to beautify the sanctuary. -The Worship Committee

Thank you for all the cards, calls, texts, emails, and prayers. I have finished my 28 radiation treatments and now on to healing from them, it is very painful. I have Dr appointments in Texas and waiting to get released. Barb Daily

THANK YOU TEACHERS!



Our Sunday school teachers: Robin & Keith Nipp, Katie Archer, Tammi Soutar, Lisa Jasmer, Darrell Griggs, John Archer, Brian Penn, Pastor Woody Clauson.

Our Music Leaders: Lisa Jasmer, Jess Griggs, Alicia Peterson.

Our substitutes Nathan Beyer, Robin Hofkamp, and Kari Sorensen

Upcoming Events and Small Groups

Aging Gracefully May 2nd | 9:30 am



Jeff Eckhoff, the Director of Planning and Development for the city and a member of Grace, will present on the growth in Sioux Falls. All are welcome to attend this presentation.

Milestone Sundays

May 5th: Kindergarten Lord's Prayer Milestone

May 12th: 1st & 2nd Grade Ten Commandments Milestone & Children and Youth Music Sunday

May 19th: Graduation Milestone & Adult Music Sunday



SPRING YARD CLEAN-UP

Wednesday, May 8

Swing by anytime from 4:00-7:30 pm for some tree trimming, garden TLC, parking lot crack-filling, and raking fun! Don't forget your trusty rakes and trimmers. And guess what? Pizza party included!

CONFIRMATION AND MILESTONE CLASSES

8th & 9th Graders and Mentors meet Wednesday, May 8 (note the date change) at 6:30 pm for their first or last mentor conversation. If you need a service project, you can participate in the spring clean-up

Let's Bake

Saturday, May 18th

9:00 am

Meet in the Fellowship Hall



This small group is open to anyone interested in baking treats for our Sunday morning coffee hour. All necessary supplies and recipes will be provided.

Novel Idea

May 19th

10:30 In the Meeting Room

Books are available in the office to check out.

All are welcome to join!



All Church Bowling Party!



Save the date! May 19th at 11:30am, we're hitting up Eastway Bowl for a year-end bash. Roll in straight after Sunday School for some striking fun! It's just \$6.00 + Tax per bowler, with shoes and two games included. We've got pizza, soda, and good times for everyone! See you there!

Save the date for our fabulous summer shindigs!



Summer Picnics

**June 9
July 14
August 4**



**Vacation Bible School
July 28-Aug 1**

**Campfire Worships
7:30pm in the West parking lot.
June 19: Theme is Grace: It's Amazing
Other Dates: July 24 & August 14**



**Women of Grace Breakfast
August 1**



The 37th Annual Convention of the Women of ELCA South Dakota Synod is scheduled for June 19-21, 2024, at First Lutheran Church in Mitchell, SD. The theme for this year is "Just Peace."

- Early bird registration fee is \$50 before May 15th and \$65 for registrations made on or after May 16th.
- Details and registration forms will be accessible on the Women's bulletin board in the narthex.
- Sherry Archer, our Co-President, will be leading a breakout session.
- All women are welcome to join the event.

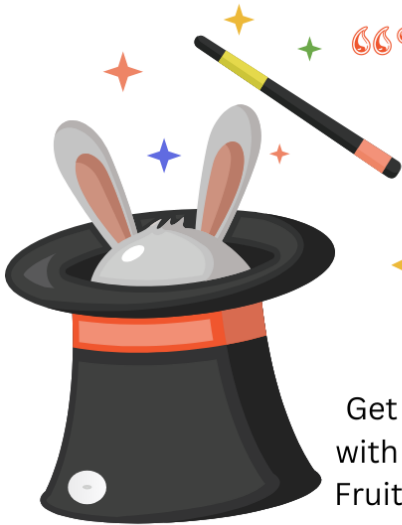
"THE MAGIC OF SPRING"

Daughters of All Ages Luncheon

Saturday, May 11th, 2024

11:30 AM

In the Fellowship Hall.



Get ready for a magical Spring extravaganza! Magician Travis Nye will dazzle you with "The Magic of Spring." Feast on scrumptious Chicken Salad Croissants, Fresh Fruit, Chips, all catered by Tony's Catering. Heavenly desserts will be provided by Hannah Circle. Tickets are a steal at \$10 for Adults, while kiddos 4 and under get in free. Snag your tickets on April 21st, 28th, and May 5th - see you there!

Magician Travis Nye has been performing for over 17 years across the country. Born and raised in south east Iowa, he now calls Sioux Falls home. He creates moments of wonder and true magic. With this idea magic is no longer just for kids, and has proven to be something for everyone to truly enjoy. He says "When you invite me to your event you're not getting a product, but instead a relationship built on years of experience, trust, and commitment for your audience, brand, and reputation."

WOG Bible Study

May 16th

Martha @ 9:30am

Hannah @ 2:00pm

Both circles meet in the Fellowship Hall.

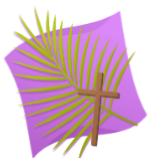
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May 2024 Devotional
Mental Health and Wellness



As long as humans have existed, there has been mental illness. By some estimates, as many as 20% of all adults live with a mental health issue. In biblical times, mental illness was often misunderstood and thought to be caused by demonic possession. In modern times, we have learned much more about brain chemistry. Although the stigma around mental illnesses has decreased, we still have a long way to go, and our faith communities can help. Looking particularly at biblical people and passages that relate to living with mental illness, the May 2024 devotional reminds us of Jesus' compassionate care for those who struggle. Together, we'll learn how congregations can become "stigma-free" zones, welcome and support those with mental health issues and their loved ones and provide opportunities for all ages to learn more about a topic that affects us all.



2024 Lenten Supper Results: Total income after expenses - \$3,193.83.

Youth - \$500, Cleveland Elementary Lunch Fund - \$1,500,

Union Gospel Mission - \$1,000 and the WOG - \$193.83



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:15pm Adult Chimes 6:30pm Grace Kids 6:30pm MS Youth Group 7:00pm Celebrant Choir	2 National Day of Prayer 9:00am FB Devotions 9:30am Aging Gracefully	3	4 8:00am Let's Sweat
5 9:00am Worship: Lord's Prayer Milestone 10:15am SS & Adult Bible Study 1:00pm Girl Scouts 4:00pm Gea's Piano Recital 4:00pm High School Youth Group	6	7 9:00am FB Devotions 6:30pm Committee Meetings 7:00pm Hilltop Al-Anon 7:30pm Council Meeting	8 10:00am Staff Meeting 4:00pm Yard Clean up 6:15pm Adult Chimes 6:30pm 9th grade mentor meeting/service project 6:30pm MS Youth Group 7:00pm Celebrant Choir	9 9:00am FB Devotions	10	11 9:00am 4H 11:30am Daughters of All Ages
12 Mother's Day 9:00am Worship: 3yr-4th grade sing WITH 5th-8th grade chimes & 10 Commandments milestone 10:15am SS & Adult Bible Study 4:00pm High School Youth Group	13	14 9:00am FB Devotions 10:00am Grief Support 7:00pm Hilltop Al-Anon	15 6:15pm Adult Chimes 6:30pm Grace Kids 6:30pm MS Youth Group 7:00pm Celebrant Choir	16 9:00am FB Devotions 9:30am Martha Circle 2:00pm Hannah Circle	17	18 9:00am Let's Bake
19 Pentecost 9:00am Worship: Attendance Awards, Graduation Recognition, SS Teacher Appreciation 10:15am LAST DAY of SS & Bible Study 10:30am Novel Idea 11:30am All Church Bowling Party!	20	21 9:00am FB Devotions 9:00am Foot Care Clinic 7:00pm Hilltop Al-Anon	22 10:00am Staff Meeting	23 9:00am FB Devotions	24 Stotz/Harrington Rehearsal	25 Stotz/Harrington Wedding
26 Trinity Sunday 9:00am Bread Break Sunday 9:00am Worship	27 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	28 9:00am FB Devotions 7:00pm Hilltop Al-Anon	29	30 9:00am FB Devotions	31	1



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| 05/01 Jennifer Beyer | 05/21 Lucy Archer |
| 05/01 Chris Bowman | 05/21 Sherry Bathke |
| 05/01 Nathaniel Rohrbach | 05/21 Summer Schmitt |
| 05/02 Sharon Dierks | 05/25 Braden White |
| 05/06 Nicolle Rasmusson | 05/26 Ray Hanson |
| 05/06 Pat Strand | 05/27 Todd Egge |
| 05/06 Bill Wright | 05/27 Holly Jacobson |
| 05/07 Violet Koch | 05/28 Evelyn Friese |
| 05/11 Dave Daily | 05/28 Joan Olson |
| 05/11 Sharon Warren | 05/29 Britta Peterson |
| 05/14 Elaine Koch | 05/30 Sharon Malwitz |
| 05/14 Krista Veik | 05/31 Trevor Johnson |
| 05/17 Kamela Bathke | |
| 05/18 Kyle Warren | |
| 05/20 Donna Lange | |



CONVERSATION STARTERS FOR PARENTS & TEENS

- What would your perfect day consist of?
 - Which TV or movie character would you be friends with in real life?
 - What are some ways I can help you strengthen your relationship with Christ?
 - Who would you say is your best friend right now? Why?
- Little Things to do that have a BIG Impact on your Kids**
- Say, "I am proud of you".
 - Put your phone away during dinner/family time.
 - Let them choose the music/movie
 - Tell them "I love you" every day.



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"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...



and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8, NRSV

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