



# Hilltop Lights

MAKING BELIEVERS, GROWING DISCIPLES, DEVELOPING LEADERS



YOUTH OUTING AT ARCHER'S CABIN

## FROM THE PASTOR

Thank you for your prayers and condolences on the death of my mother Solveig Beckmen. She trusted in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to life through Jesus. I know she is home, she is whole, she is who God created her to be. In all things, we all live in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to life through Jesus. We belong to him. He has forgiven us and claimed us. There is nothing in all creation that separates us from his love. So we are called to live boldly proclaiming life and love. We need not fear, but we step out in faith and trust to live the gifts we have been given. So many people need to know that they are loved, forgiven, and cared for by God. We are the means, the instruments, the hands that speak that good news.

Blessings on your August!

*Pastor Siri*

Pastoral Acts in July:

Funeral for Solveig Beckmen, 7/18



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



## FINANCIAL REPORT

### CELEBRATING GIFTS & GIVERS

June 1: \$2100.00  
June 8: \$11210.00  
June 15: \$2118.00  
June 22: \$857.00  
June 29: \$14,923.00  
Simply Giving: \$14,725.00

If you would like to sign up for Simply Giving please contact Becky in the church office.

### June 30, 2025

Total Contributions: \$39,141.76  
Total Expenses: \$31,238.76  
Loan Balance: 57,485.79

All payroll taxes and benevolences are paid to date as of end of June.

No outstanding bills at this time. We did not borrow from the Berg Fund in the month of June.

## Worship in August

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

### August 3

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Setting 8

*Stuff*

*Woodwind Sunday*

### August 10

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Setting 10

*Where Is Your Treasure?*

### August 17

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Setting 4

*Fire on the Earth*

*Blessing of the Backpacks*

### August 24

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Grace Alive

*You are Free*

### August 31

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Setting 10

*Move Up Higher*

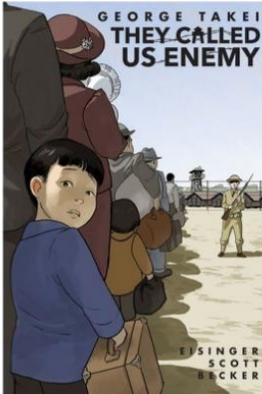
# facebook

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 13th**  
**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 10TH, 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 17th | Willow Run**

**\$50/ per person, includes 2 mulligans**  
**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 10.**

**To sign up Contact**

**Terry Finch 605-366-0462**

**or**

**Dave Dierks 605-261-9596**



**Coffee With A Purpose and**



**Bake Sale**



**August 24th**

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 5th**

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

## Foot Care Clinic

**Tuesday, September 16th**

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



**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 Rita Blake 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:

### July 27-Aug 2: Shepherding District 4, Zone B:

Deb Bowman; Joyce Cunningham; Marie Daniel; Jeff & Gea Eckhoff; Donna Lange; Ruth Lone; Nick & Diane Tieszen, Valerie

### August 3-9: Shepherding District 5, Zone A:

Mick & Joan Berry; Mark & Carol Conrad; Miriam Garner; Dallas & Cindy Hofer; Larry & Gloria Kindopp; Dorothy Sand; Dave & Mary Stoterau; Dawn & Gary Wulf

### August 10-16: Shepherding District 5, Zone B:

Tony Buscel, Sage; Larry & Laurie Eide; Carla Erickson; Maddie & Zach Bennett; Marianne Hieb; Judy Kock

### August 17-23: Shepherding District 5, Zone C:

Brian Conrad; Grace & Terry Finch; Sharon Stettinichs; Christine & Mike Verba; Nathan & Elizabeth White, Bonnie; Bill Wright

### August 24-30: Shepherding District 7, Zone A:

Chris Bauer; Ray & Rosella Hanson; Teri Hanson, Jazlyn, Katelyn; Jeff Malwitz; Jay & Julie Miller; Kay Schoppers

### August 31-Sept. 6: Shepherding District 7, Zone B:

Robin Erdmann; Kaye Henle; Alison & Brian Kringen; Judy McKittrick; Charlie & Sharon Pedersen; Scott & Nicholle Rasmusson, Lynn, Robert: Rose Sagness

## Service & Mission

# BACK TO SCHOOL

We will be collecting items to deliver to the students at Ideal until August 5<sup>th</sup>.

# 2 Pencils	Notebooks	Ruler
Folders	Red Pens	Mechanical Pencils
Large Glue Sticks	Highlighters	Black or Blue Pens
Pencil Box	Pencil Pouch	Dry Erase Markers
Crayons (24pk)	Colored Pencils	Scissors
Glue	Erasers	Headphones

Thank you to Sharon & Charlie Pedersen for volunteering to deliver the supplies to Ideal.



# Volunteers needed

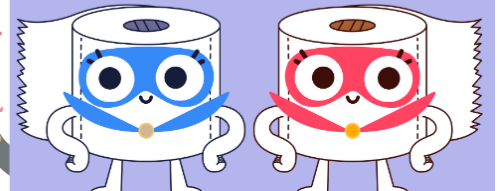
**GRACE WILL BE VOLUNTEERING AT NECESSITIES FOR NEIGHBORS ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH.**

**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.



# Women Of Grace News

## Bible Study Meeting Times

Thursday, August 21

Martha Bible Study @ 9:30am  
Hannah Bible Study @ 2:00pm

Both groups meet in the  
Fellowship Hall

**“Where two or more are gathered: Flourishing in relationships”**



(August) Session Three: Relationships that push us to grow: For such a time as this Relationships aren't always comfortable. There are times when we find ourselves navigating the painful work of growing and changing in our relationships. This session explores the story of Queen Esther and her uncle Mordecai. How can we draw on the stories of our faith when we face great challenges in our lives and relationships with others? We'll explore how vulnerability, trust and the power of faithful friendships help us to grow.

## Save the Date

Soup and Sweets Supper

Sunday, Oct. 5th from 4-7 PM.

There will be a free will offering. Sign up sheets will be available in September. We will need lots of soups, sweets, and volunteers. The proceeds this year will go to the Youth, Red Cross, Charis Ministry (Food to You and Necessities for Neighbors) and WOG.



## WOMEN OF GRACE Breakfast

Thursday, August 7th

9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Martha will do a devotion and Hannah will serve.  
All the women of the church are invited.



## RALLY DAY FESTIVITIES!

September 7<sup>th</sup>

### God's Work Our Hands Project

We are thrilled to announce our support for Mission Jamaica this year!

- Keep an eye out for the “Angel Palm Trees,” which will be displayed in the Narthex around mid-August.
- These trees will feature wish list items for the orphanage in Jamaica and JaBode (Habitat for Humanity in Jamaica).
- Feel free to take tags for items you'd like to purchase. On \*Rally Sunday,\* we will bring these items to the front of the church and pack them into suitcases that our Mission Team will take with them to Jamaica in February.

Additionally, we will be collecting a freewill offering for lunch, which will help offset travel costs for the eight travelers heading to Jamaica in February.

**Don't forget to wear your tropical shirts or 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

### Lunch Menu

Jamaican Jerk Chicken, Hot Dogs, Chips, Tropical Fruit, Jamaican Inspired Desserts, and Tropical Punch

## 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 the prayers, cards, and encouragement on the death of our mother, Solveig Beckmen. You are a blessing to us.*

Kari & Neil Sorensen  
Siri, Jeff, Anna, & Jorey Sorenson

To our Dear Grace Family,

Thank you so much for all your care and concern after David suffered a stroke. All the cards, visits, and especially all your prayers are appreciated so much. Thanks to Pastor Siri & Rita for your visits in the hospital and in rehab. Grace is truly an Amazing place!

Davic & Mary Stoterau

# YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS AUGUST 2025

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



I cannot believe that it is already August! Summer is a season that seems to go quickly, especially after the 4th of July. While I am sad that Fall is quickly approaching, I am excited about the youth and young adults group starting for the year. I pray that youth and young adults can understand “how wide, how long, and how deep His [God’s] love is” (Ephesians 3:18).

Blessings,  
Thomas Kenison

## YOUTH EVENTS

### NESODAK CAMP ADVENTURE

From August 3-8, I’m off to NeSoDak with five energetic youth! Send your good vibes and prayers our way for an epic camp experience where the kids connect with God in new and exciting ways.



### YOUTH GROUP ALERT!

Our kickoff night is happening on Wednesday, September 10. Middle schoolers, gear up for fun from 6-7:15. High schoolers, your adventure starts from 7:30-8:45. Don't miss it!



## RALLY SUNDAY

To kick off the school year, there will be a church-wide celebration on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be orientation sessions, lunch, and fun activities for all!



### BIBLE VERSE & DEVOTIONAL

And may you have the power to understand,  
as all God’s people should,

**HOW WIDE,  
HOW LONG,  
HOW HIGH,  
and  
HOW DEEP**

His love is.  
[Ephesians 3:18 NLT]

KLOVE

Go to <https://www.heartlight.org/togetherinchrist/> and search September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for the full devotion.

### CONFIRMATION

2025-26 Confirmation Schedule and Information for Middle Schoolers and 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Graders will be mailed mid-August. Please note the dates and activities for your students.

### CALENDAR

Did you know that you can subscribe to the youth calendar directly from our website? All youth events and confirmation dates will automatically be added to your iCal!



### EVENT HIGHLIGHT-FOOD PACKING



**Feeding South Dakota food packing event on July 14th.**

**We packed boxes for 450 families!**

### JOIN OUR GROUP CHAT!



Middle School High School



**FOLLOW US  
ON  
INSTAGRAM**



### thank you so much!

Huge thanks to John & Sherry Archer for the epic lake night at their cabin and a big shoutout to Jess & Darrell Griggs for giving the kiddos a wild ride on the tubes—it was a total blast!!

We have an app for that!!

## Our Church Directory is online!

### Your go-to destination for the latest addresses and phone numbers for our members.

To view the directory online, go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](http://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com) and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Please remember, **you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.** If the church does not have a current email for you please get it to us so we can enter you into the directory.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "Instant Church Directory" to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

**Please use this platform to edit your family information and upload a current picture.**

Need help or have questions?

Please contact: Becky Smith, [gracelutheransfsd@gmail.com](mailto:gracelutheransfsd@gmail.com) or 605-334-8625



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To get started, download the RaiseRight app on your phone or go to [RaiseRight.com](http://RaiseRight.com) on your computer. Our enrollment code is **GUF1T38MGTWA**. For step-by-step instructions, visit [RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning](http://RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning).

"It's all about eGift cards and reloadable cards. I purchase my eGift cards on my phone right at the checkout. I add money to my gas gift card right at the pump before gassing up. Teacher gift? Someone's birthday? Print right from home or send it as an email gift! I love the convenience, flexibility, and earnings gift card fundraising offers."

*Jessica V., earns for school tuition*

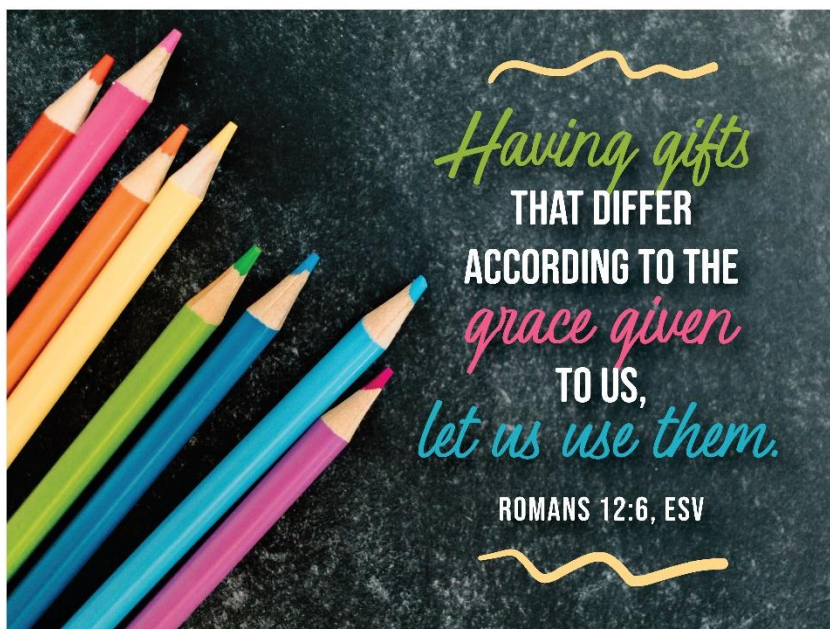


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00am Worship- Woodwind Sunday 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 42003	4	5 9:00am Facebook live Devotion 6:30pm Committee Meetings 7:00pm Hilltop Al-Anon & Alateen 7:30pm Council Meeting	6 10:00am Staff Meeting	7 9:00am Facebook live Devotion 9:00am Women of Grace Breakfast	8	9 9:00am 4H
10 9:00am Worship 11:00am Summer Picnic @ Archer's Lake Cabin	11	12 9:00am Facebook live Devotion 10:00am Grief Support 7:00pm Hilltop Al-Anon & Alateen	13 7:30pm Summer Campfire- All God's Creatures	14 9:00am Facebook live Devotion	15	16
17 9:00am Worship - Blessing of the Backpacks 11:00 Grace Golf Outing	18	19 9:00am Facebook live Devotion 5:00pm Necessities for Neighbors 7:00pm Hilltop Al-Anon & Alateen	20 10:00am Staff Meeting	21 9:00am Facebook live Devotion 9:30am Martha Bible Study 2:00pm Hannah Bible Study	22	23
24 Bread Break Sunday 9:00am Worship	25	26 9:00am Facebook live Devotion 7:00pm Hilltop Al-Anon & Alateen	27	28 9:00am Facebook live Devotion	29	30
31 9:00am Worship Coffee with a purpose to raise money for Cleveland Elementary Book-of-the- Month!!						



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	
08/01	Tyler Johnson
08/01	Aldon Meirose
08/04	Craig Berglin
08/04	Aaron Stoterau
08/06	Nicholas Rovang
08/07	Harold Hanson
08/07	Greg Jasmer
08/08	Gea Eckhoff
08/08	Kayla Jorgensen
08/14	Arley Smit
08/16	Brooke Bergan
08/16	Kathy Clauson
08/17	Deb Bowman
08/18	Julie Miller

08/18	Dorothy Smit
08/19	Shelby Marsh
08/20	Sharon Pedersen
08/20	Valerie Tieszen
08/23	Jessica Griggs
08/23	LaRae Zwart
08/24	Ryan Haase
08/25	Paul Berndt
08/26	Laura Eiesland
08/27	Bonnie White
08/28	Layton Beyer
08/28	Alison Kringstad
08/28	Ashlynn Rohrbach
08/28	Sara Waddell
08/29	Briella Gough
08/29	Addison Marsh
08/30	Diane Andresen
08/31	Jay Miller





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**LORD,**

help me to REST  
in Your presence,  
TRUST in Your timing,  
and find JOY in the simple,  
sacred moments.

Remind me that I don't  
need to have it all figured out—  
just to WALK WITH YOU,  
ONE STEP AT A TIME.

AMEN.



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