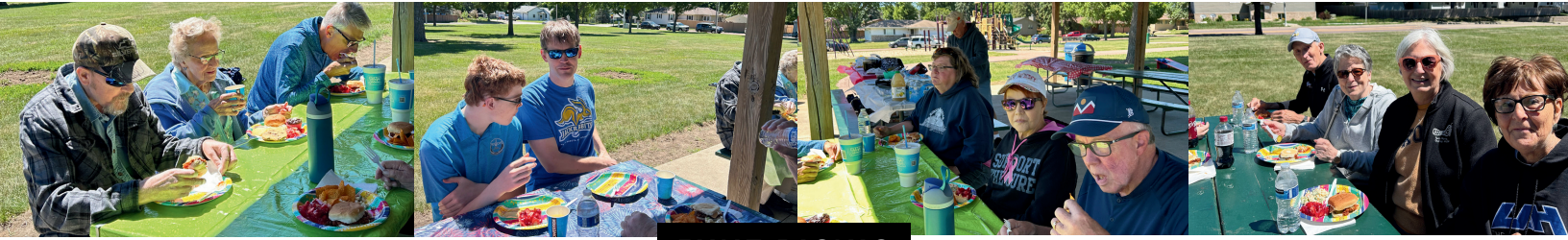




Hilltop Lights

MAKING BELIEVERS, GROWING DISCIPLES, DEVELOPING LEADERS



JUNE PICNIC

FROM THE PASTOR

This July, our nation turns 250 years old. We celebrate this grand experiment in constitutional democracy that has made the United States one of the strongest nations on earth. That happened with care and tending and each part of the government upholding their roles. Let us pray for our nation and our leaders that we continue to uphold the rights of all people and provide liberty and justice for all, that we continue to welcome people to these shores as our families and ancestor were welcomed, and that we continue to be blessings to other nations who strive for the same rights and freedoms we have.

As Christians we are called to seek our country's welfare. We are to "seek the welfare of the city in which we live" as Jeremiah 29 tells us. We are to pray for our leaders and give thanks for good government, which is a part of our daily bread. Luther talks about us living in two kingdoms. We live in the kingdom of God, but we also live in the kingdom of this world. Both belong to God, and both have their purposes. We are not to confuse one with the other. We are not to make one into the other.

Our strength comes from our diversity. People from all walks of life, from all places on earth have come together to strive for a government that enables all to live with peace, freedoms, liberty and justice. It is a difficult thing to hold this grand experiment in constitutional democracy together. But with prayer and each of us living out our duties as responsible citizens, our country will remain strong and vital.

As we celebrate 250 years, may we also commit to uplifting all of our neighbors in this land and may God bless us and keep us.

Blessings on your July!

FINANCIAL REPORT

May 31, 2025

- Total Contributions: \$32,030.00
- Total Expenses: \$34,257.71
- Operating Account: \$(6,430.88)
- Berg Fund: \$1,503.06
- Special Funds: \$38,317.25
- HVAC Loan: \$34,838.45
- Roof Project Loan: \$62,095.00

Treasurer's Summary

All payroll taxes and benevolences are paid to date as of end of May. All bills are paid as of May 31, 2026. Roof project figure is now correct on the books. Borrowed \$5,000 from Special Funds on May 28 to pay bills/benevolence and payroll - plan to pay back in June.

Council and Committees do not meet in July.

Worship in July

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

July 5

6th Sunday after Pentecost
Setting 6
Come to Me

July 12

7th Sunday after Pentecost
Setting 4
Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

July 19

8th Sunday after Pentecost
Setting 10
Weeds and Wheat

July 26

9th Sunday after Pentecost
Setting 8
A Little Goes a Long Way



If you would like to provide special music this summer, please let Pastor Siri know.



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

Church Picnic

July 12th
11am-1pm

July 12th will be a Walking Taco Potluck at Pioneer Park Picnic Shelter from approximately 11am-1pm. The Faith and Family Committee will provide bags of chips for the tacos, lemonade and water, plates, napkins, silverware, and cups. There is a sign up Genius for you to sign up to bring an item to share. Feel free to bring along your favorite lawn games and swimming suits if you want to enjoy the spray park.



Future Date

August 10th @ Archer's Lake Cabin

Grace Golf Outing

August 16th

\$40/per person

Last day to register is
Aug. 9th



Proceeds from the event go to the toilet paper fund. To register or if you have prizes to donate reach out to Terry Finch or Dave Dierks, the dynamic duo!

July Campfire Theme:

WALKING WET

July 22nd
7:30pm

Come enjoy music, fellowship, and S'more's! Bring a lawn chair and meet in the West parking lot.

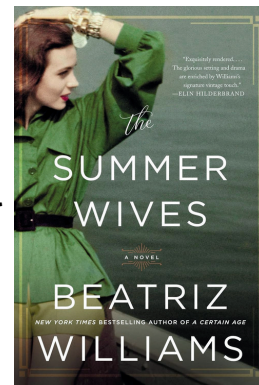


REMINDER

Aging Gracefully does not meet in July or August.

NOVEL IDEA

We will not have formal meetings during the summer. However, there will be a book each month to checkout and discuss informally during coffee fellowship on Sundays.



SAVE THE DATE

Rally Day will be on September 13th we will be supporting



We will collect travel-size hygiene items in August, so remember this if you're staying at hotels this summer!

COME JOIN THE PARTY!

3 Year Old through 5th Grade

August 2nd- 6th, 2026
6:00pm-8:00pm
(with the option to eat supper together at 5:30pm)

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AND ON THE INFORMATION DESK AT CHURCH. PLEASE REGISTER BY JULY 6TH

SURPRISE PARTY!

VBS

The Unexpected Grace of Jesus

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, July 14th

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:

June 28-July 4: Shepherding Disbriect 5, Zone A:

Carol & Mark Conrad; Miriam Garner; Cindy & Dallas Hofer; Gloria & Larry Kindopp; Dorothy Sand; David & Mary Stoterau; Dawn & Gary Wulf; LaRae Zwart

July 5-11: Shepherding District 5, Zone B:

Madison & Zach Bennet, Mac, Maisie; Tony Buxcel; Larry & Laurie Eide; Carla Erickson; Marianne Hieb; Judy Kock, Heather

July 12-18: Shepherding District 5, Zone C:

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

July 19-25: Shepherding District 7, Zone A:

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

July 26-Aug 1: Shepherding District 7, Zone B:

Robin Erdmann; Kaye Henle; Alison & Brian Kringstad; Judy McKittrick; Charles & Sharon Petersen; Scott & Nicholle Rasmusson, Lynn, Robert



Service & Mission



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

FOOD TO YOU UPDATE

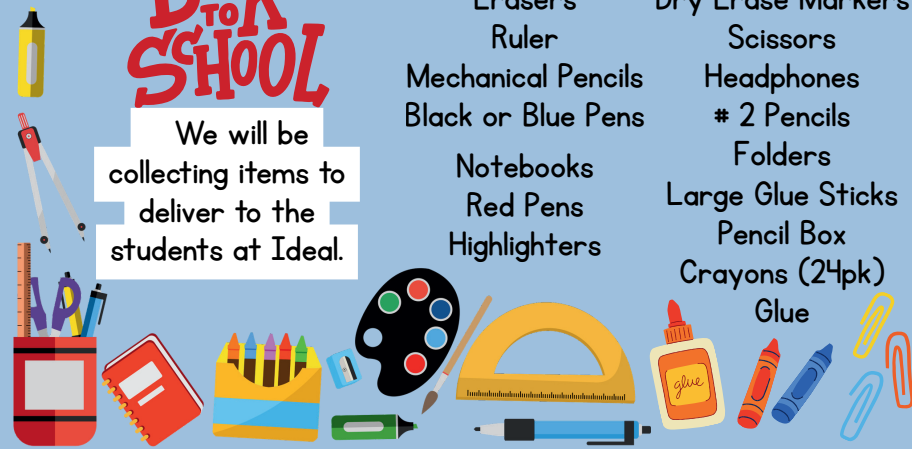
THANK YOU TO THE 21 VOLUNTEERS FROM GRACE LUTHERAN WHO SERVED AT THE FOOD TO YOU DISTRIBUTION AT MESSIAH NEW HOPE ON JUNE 11. THANK YOU ALSO FOR THE DONATIONS OF 79 BOXES OF TUNA HELPER AND 126 CANS OF TUNA. EIGHTY-FIVE HOUSEHOLDS WERE SERVED WITH EACH FAMILY RECEIVING 46 LBS OF FOOD.



BACK TO SCHOOL

We will be collecting items to deliver to the students at Ideal.

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

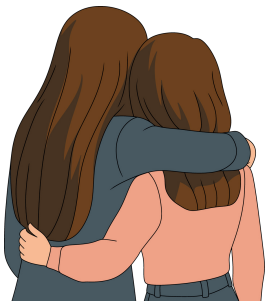


Bible Study Meeting Times

Thursday, July 16

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

Both groups meet in the Fellowship Hall



“I am more than one thing: Honoring our many identities.”

In her TED talk, “The Danger of a Single Story,” Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie names this truth: We are much more than one thing. All of us have intersecting identities, roles and responsibilities. Beyond our ethnicity, the color of our skin or our birthplace, we may also be a sister, a mother, a daughter, a friend. We have various vocations, hobbies and joys.

In this session, we’ll explore how the multiple identities of several women in Scripture shape their faithful living. Esther is not just a queen, but a niece, as well as part of an oppressed community of faith. Ruth is so much more than just a widow. Mary Magdalene has more identities than can fit within the allowed word count of this paragraph. So do you!

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!



WELCOME

New & Returning Members



We are pleased to welcome Tammy Gohl as a new member of our community, along with Brent Fode and Curt Nessean, who are returning members now back in Sioux Falls. You can find their addresses and phone numbers listed in our online directory.

YOUNG ADULTS

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

During the past 4 months, I have met with pastors from Gloria Dei, Peace, Our Savior’s, and Augustana Lutheran Church. We are all working on getting a Gather Network started in the Sioux Falls Area. The Gather Network focuses on local ELCA churches collaborating to start young adult groups in communities nationwide. Stay tuned for more information on any upcoming events or updates! You can reach out to Thomas Kenison with any questions about The Gather Network.



JOIN OUR GROUP CHAT!



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YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS JULY 2026

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



This month, we celebrate the 250th birthday of our nation. Every year, the 4th of July is also a good reminder of how God has set us free. Just as God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, Jesus has set us free from the power of sin through His death and resurrection. Yet, like the Israelites, our lives follow a cycle of obedience, disobedience, and repentance as we seek to follow Jesus. When we sin, we can remember Jesus' words in John 8:36, "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Because Christ has set us free from the penalty of sin, we are truly free—free to live as God's people and free to love and serve others as Jesus first loved and served us.

Blessings,
Thomas

YOUTH EVENTS

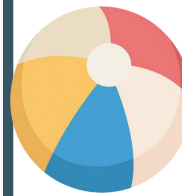
FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA

The youth group will be serving at Feeding South Dakota on Thursday, July 9, from 9:00–11:00 a.m. All participants must complete a volunteer waiver before the event. Please see the registration form for instructions on how to fill out the waiver.



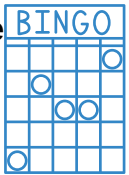
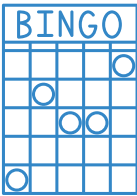
LAKE DAY

Youth are invited for an evening at the Archer's cabin on Monday, July 21, from 4-8pm. There will be boating, swimming, tubing, great food, and plenty of fun on the water. Location and carpooling details will be shared with registered participants at a later date.



BINGO FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars! The Bingo Fundraiser is on Sunday, July 19, from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$15 at the door, which includes all the Bingo games, snacks, and prizes for any Bingo winners. All the proceeds from this event support youth attending mission trips and the ELCA Youth Gathering. We hope you'll join us—and be sure to invite your family and friends!



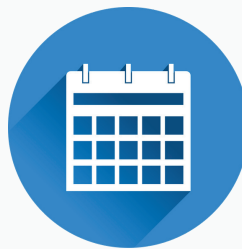
BIBLE VERSE & DEVOTIONAL

Who the SON Sets Free Is FREE Indeed!

John 8:36



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 calendar!

WILD WATER WEST



The youth group kicked off summer by going to Wild Water West on June 8. Everyone had fun going down the slides, going down the lazy river, and swimming in the wave pool!

JOIN OUR GROUP CHAT!



Middle School



High School



Youth Group Parents




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BIBLE READING PLAN:

Choose YOUR OWN JOURNEY



May God bless you
as you journey
through Scripture
& grow closer to him!



Head out on a month-long exploration through God's Word. Each day's quest comes with some options. Choose from a prayer, a parable, a gospel reading or an epistle reading. If you have more time or use this Bible Reading Plan more than once a day, read the rest of the passages too.

1. GRATITUDE

- Prayer: 1 Samuel 2:1-10
- Gospel: Luke 17:11-19
- Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

2. TRUST

- Prayer: Psalm 28:6-9
- Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

3. PRAISE

- Prayer: Exodus 15:1-18
- Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

4. LOVE

- Prayer: Philippians 1:9-11
- Gospel: Mark 12:28-33
- Epistle: 1 John 4:7-21

5. PRAYER

- Prayer: Matthew 6:9-13
- Parable: Luke 18:10-14
- Epistle: Ephesians 6:17-20

6. OBEDIENCE

- Parable: Matthew 21:28-32
- Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

7. PATIENCE

- Parable: James 5:7-11
- Epistle: Romans 8:22-25

8. WISDOM

- Prayer: 1 Kings 3:3-9
- Parable: Matthew 7:24-27
- Epistle: James 3:13-18

9. CALLING

- Prayer: Isaiah 6:1-8
- Epistle: 1 Peter 2:9-10

10. FORGIVENESS

- Prayer: 1 Kings 8:46-53
- Parable: Matthew 18:21-35
- Gospel: Luke 23:32-34

11. JOY

- Prayer: Psalm 16
- Parable: Luke 15:1-10
- Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

12. RESTORATION

- Prayer: Psalm 51:10-19
- Gospel: John 2:19-22

13. STEWARDSHIP

- Parable: Luke 12:16-21
- Gospel: Luke 21:1-4
- Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:17-19

14. HUMILITY

- Parable: Luke 14:7-14
- Epistle: Philippians 2:1-11

15. REFUGE

- Prayer: Psalm 121
- Gospel: John 17:11-19

16. MIRACLES

- Prayer: Matthew 14:13-21
- Gospel: Mark 9:14-24

17. FRUITFULNESS

- Parable: Matthew 25:14-30
- Gospel: John 15:1-8
- Epistle: James 2:14-24

18. UNITY

- Prayer: John 17:20-23
- Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

19. PROVISION

- Prayer: Deuteronomy 28:1-14
- Parable: John 10:1-18
- Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34

20. PEACE

- Prayer: Isaiah 26:1-13
- Epistle: 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

21. JUSTICE

- Prayer: 1 Kings 8:56-61
- Parable: Matthew 20:1-16

22. PERSISTENCE

- Prayer: James 5:13-18
- Parable: Luke 18:1-8

23. EVANGELISM

- Prayer: Acts 4:23-31
- Epistle: Romans 10:9-15

24. FAITHFULNESS

- Prayer: Nehemiah 8:1-13
- Parable: Matthew 21:18-22

25. SUFFERING

- Prayer: Job 19:21-27
- Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

26. GROWTH

- Prayer: Colossians 1:9-14
- Parable: Mark 4:26-29

27. MERCY

- Parable: Luke 10:30-37
- Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16

28. SALVATION

- Prayer: Acts 2:22-36
- Parable: Luke 16:19-31
- Gospel: John 3:16-17

29. READINESS

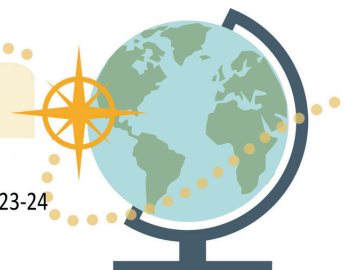
- Prayer: Luke 1:46-55
- Parable: Matthew 25:1-13

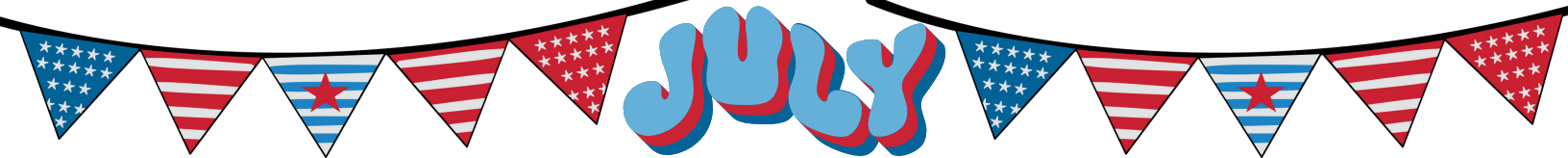
30. KINGDOM OF HEAVEN


- Parable: Matthew 13:31-33
- Gospel: John 14:1-4

31. BLESSING

- Prayer: Numbers 6:24-27
- Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 9:00am FB live Devotion 9:30am Aging Gracefully	3 OFFICE IS CLOSED	4 
5 9:00am Worship	6	7 9:00am FB live Devotion 7:00pm Hilltop Al-Anon & Alateen	8 10:00am Staff Meeting	9 9:00am FB live Devotion 9:00am Youth Service Event Feeding South Dakota	10	11 9:00am 4H
12 9:00am Worship 11:00am Church Picnic 5:30pm Girl Scouts	13	14 9:00am FB live Devotion 10:00am Grief Support 7:00pm Hilltop Al-Anon & Alateen	15	16 9:00am FB live Devotion 9:30am Martha Bible Study 2:00pm Hannah Bible Study	17	18
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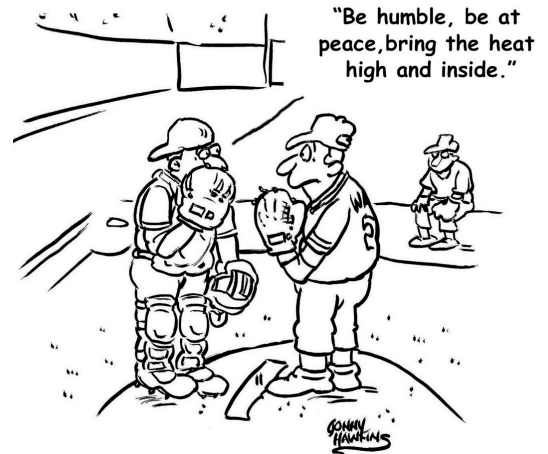
JULY BIRTHDAYS



7/3 Madison Bennett
7/3 Kaeleigh Jasmer
7/4 Greg Koch
7/5 Melanie Wagner
7/6 Kallie Bowman
7/6 Isabella Olson
7/6 Nick Tieszen
7/7 Sue Hooyer
7/9 Dianne Erdmann

7/10 Mac Hesser
7/10 Zoey Weber
7/12 Laurie Eide
7/13 Mollie Beckman
7/14 Kevin Lippert
7/15 Kian Jasmer
7/15 Ruth Lone
7/16 Lori Penn
7/17 Joanne Egge

7/17 Roland Smit
7/18 Dana Dahlquist
7/19 Don Eide
7/20 Parker Miles
7/20 Donald Qualseth
7/23 Thomas Kenison
7/24 Jackie Fuller
7/24 Cooper Miles
7/26 Lisa Jasmer
7/26 Charles Pedersen
7/26 Miller Soutar-Bishop
7/29 Crystal Beckman
7/30 David Stotz



Sermon on the Mound



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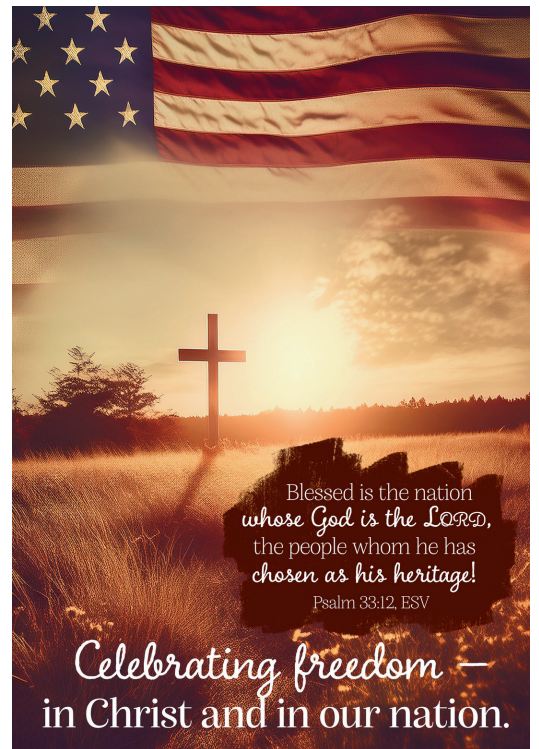
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