



*From
the
Pastor's*



Desk

Deep Thoughts in Deep Water

My first fishing foray this spring was to a stream near Deadwood in early April. It didn't dawn on me until I got up there that all the snow I'd been happily skiing on all winter at Terry Peak—was now melting and careening downhill!

I left without catching anything because the wily trout were in too deep and fast of water for my limited fishing skills. I actually said to myself that the stream looked like the big Poudre Canyon River in Colorado!

But as often happens on my fishing trips—I got to pondering theological questions—and this time it involved our streams of faith. Currently in America, we have four such streams—all with biblical grounding—but not all the same:

1. **Evangelical:** This faith stream has a lot to do with the heart. How it feels and what it means. We need Jesus in our hearts to strengthen, comfort and help us in life. Such faith helps keep us from being blinded by success and holds us up in times of failure.
2. **Mainline:** This stream focuses on justice. That means critiquing our capitalistic system and other modern concerns, and focusing on the common good.
3. **Reformed:** The water running in this stream comes out of Calvinism. No neutrality—everything we do has to represent a certain set of beliefs about human nature, God, right and wrong. What's important is we transform our work by coming at it from a Christian world view.
4. **Lutheran:** Our Lutheran stream's headwaters are in The Heidelberg Dispensation, which Martin Luther wrote at the beginning his career. In writing this, he tried to answer the questions of the church fathers who were asking about his progressive teachings. In paragraphs 1920 and 21 he wrote: "That person does not deserve to be called a theologian who looks upon the invisible things of God as though they were clearly perceptible in those things which have actually happened." Then Luther goes on to say: "He clearly deserves to be called a theologian, however, who comprehends the visible and manifested things of God seen through suffering and the cross. A theologian of glory calls evil good and good evil, a theologian of the cross calls the thing for what it actually is."

For Luther, and by extension us, the only way to understand what God's power really looks like is to look at the cross! Pretty deep thoughts for a simple fisherman—but it is a stream that I can fish in now—and forever!

Love them like Jesus,
><> Pastor Kevin

Welcome to the GLC Family



Pictured Top Left:
Michelle, Jesse and Myles Truth
Sponsor Marlene Kotab
(not pictured)

Pictured Below: Front Left Bryan
Mahoney with sponsor Brandon
Caneva behind him. Middle front
Megan, Bryce, Jenika and Jett
Leonhardt, with sponsors Jarred



Serving Grace May 2024

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 9:00 AM

Position	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Greeters (1)	Bonnie Lange	Mike & Darleen Tysdal	Terry Huntley	
Ushers (4)		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)	Tim Patmore			Bryan Mahoney
Serving Communion	Brandy Nikkila	Darlene Mullins		Brandy Nikkila
*Coffee Hosts (3)	Deb and Bob Haivala		Graduation Reception	
Sunday Acolytes	Tenlee and Talen Koontz	Lily Meunier and Pate Gunderson	Kaydence and Owen Aldren	Madeline Vliem and Braylee Blakeman

*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
 Bostrom, Dorothy
 Brunner, Mildred
 Bunkowske, Matt & Carrie
 Cammack, Calvin and Kristin
 Christians, Eldon and Kathy
 Erion, Linda
 Geppert, Dan and Dawn
 Hemmah, Allen and Linda
 Hultman, Rick
 Huntley, Terri
 Keeton, Michelle and Jennifer
 Konold, Gene and Audrey

Koontz, Chris and Shawn
 Lange, Clay and Cinthia
 Little, Rick and Kris
 McKay, Candy
 Mortenson, Einar and Gail
 Nohava, Randy and Brenda
 Raforth, John and Eileen
 Rasch, Deb
 Ritten, Marie
 Swenby, Donald and Cynthia
 Tysdal, Mike and Darleen
 Williams, Jared and Andria

Serving Grace June 2024

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 20th.

Position	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Greeters (2)	Mary Ann Stroschein		Gordon, Marlene and Christian Kotab		
Ushers (4)	Brandy Nikkila	Al Weidenbach and Brandon Caneva	Bonnie Lange and David Lyons	Boone and Caron Collins	
Assisting Ministers	Kim Webber	Tim Patmore	Tim Potts		JD Williams
Lesson Reader (1)	Bryan Mahoney	Mary Ann Stroschein		Mary Ann Stroschein	
Serving Communion	Bryan Mahoney				Brandy Nikkila
*Coffee Hosts (3)		Gordon, Marlene and Christian Kotab			
Sunday Acolytes	Danny Tedder and Levi McPherson	Kwynnlee Meland and Willow Nikkila	Torin Monahan and Christian Pankratz	Mason and Blain McGillivray	Lily and Landry Wilson

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

Kotab, Gordon & Marlene
 Kotab, Christian
 Lisko, Russell and Patsy
 Lyons, David
 Mechling, Ruth
 Mechling, Shawn
 Rasmuson, Dean
 Rossow, Bill

Schulz, Darlene
 Stroschein, Mary Ann
 Tesch, Bob
 Tucker, Lennie and Katina
 Weidenbach, Al and Pam
 Williams, Larry



PROJECTOR OPERATORS IN MAY

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

ALTAR GUILD IN MAY

Lynette Kvanvig and Joanne Keeton

2024 YEAR TO DATE

OFFERINGS

\$87,505.90

EXPENSES

\$84,802.70

BUDGET

\$85,266.68



APRIL ATTENDANCE

Sundays

Apr 7 - 79

Apr 14 - 109

Apr 21 - 105

Apr 28 - 118

Wednesdays

Apr 3 - 40

Apr 10 - 45

Apr 17 - 52

Apr 24 - 40



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Laurie Adkins-Heydon, Judy Siegford, Myles Hupp, Ron Monson, Paulette Walker and the families of Sharon Rank and James Blakeman.

On-going prayers: Roger Ivers, Bud Rank, Jody Wilke, Dale Kreutz, Morgan Myers, Ally Tedder, Marcia Potts, Larry Schemmel, Joy Conway, our homebound members and those serving in the military.
(Please notify the office of changes)



Deadline to submit items for the June newsletter is *Monday, May 20th.*

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?

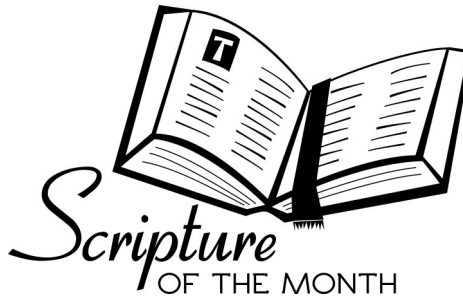
Please let Keri know at 605-347-2713 or e-mail us at gracelutheran@rushmore.com.

May 5

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 12

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
Luke 17:6-19



May 19

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27;16:4b-15

May 26

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

9 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

The radio broadcast calendar for 2024 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 5 - Darlyne Kopren, in memory of Wally Miller.

May 12 -Mike & Darleen Tysdal, in loving memory of their mothers.

May 19 -

May 26 -

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
LuMin Campus Ministries**

Leave a donation in the Red Bucket located in the back of the church and your donation will help the Campus Ministries at BH State and SD School of Mines for program expenses.





GLCW Program Tuesday, May 14th , 1:30 p.m.

All women are invited to a presentation
by The Sturgis Crisis Intervention
Shelter Service

The Grace Lutheran Women will be
collecting a Love Offering for the
women of the shelter.

Any personal care items are welcome, but
this month the shelter is in need of hair
conditioner and liquid laundry detergent.

Please bring your donations to the church
by Tuesday, May 14.

OUTLAW VOLKSMARCH

Outlaw Ranch along with the Black Hills Volkssport Club is sponsoring a volksmarch at Outlaw Ranch near Custer on Saturday, May 25th. Start time is from 8:00 until 11:00 and you must finish by 2:00. 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 new 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.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MISSION:

DEEP SEA

JUNE 24 - 27 / 9 am - 12 pm
Registration form is on the back of page
or at 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 24-27 / 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
37TH Annual Convention



June 19-21, 2024

“Just Peace”

*The Lord will give strength to His people;
The Lord will bless His people with peace. —Psalm 29:11*

Wednesday, June 19 4:30 and 5:00 pm Corn Palace Tours
6-9 pm Youth Fundraiser meal & Vespers Service
Thursday, June 20 8:00 am—7pm
Friday, June 21 8:00 am to noon
Registration: \$50 if paid by May 15; \$65 if paid May 16 or later
(one voting member per unit)

Sneak preview of the Speakers and Breakout Sessions:

Achut Deng	“Don’t Look Back” surviving Sudanese Civil War
Rev. Chris Matson	Church on the Street
TBD	Thrivent
Sherry Archer	Fall Prevention Exercises
Pin Cushion	Quilt presentation

BANQUET Program Dakota Daughters

LOVE OFFERINGS: Suave women's deodorant, baby lotion, 3-pack Crest toothpaste, coloring books, word find books, sudoku books, crew neck sweatshirts (without a hood) and sweat pants for residents at the Abbott House

SILENT AUCTION PROCEEDS Katies Fund (one item per Unit, please)

First Lutheran Church
Mitchell, SD 57301

Find the newsletter, registration, and more at sdsynod.org/ministries/welca

REGISTRATION FORM

SD Women of the ELCA 37th Synodical Convention

June 19-21, 2024

First Lutheran Church, 411 N. Duff, Mitchell, SD

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 before May 15, 2024 \$65 May 16 or later

includes Thursday noon meal and Thursday evening Banquet meal

Wednesday eve grilled hamburgers and hot dogs will be served by the youth at First Lutheran as a fundraiser for the ELCA Youth Gathering.—if yes, add \$10 by June 19

Register online at: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/8577338>

On-site registration starts at 3 pm Wednesday, June 21st

Direct any questions to Darla Toben 605-880-3506 dqtoben@itctel.com

Mail-in registration to Darla Toben 47906 171st St, Clear Lake SD 57226

Each unit is invited to bring an Offering, Love Offering, and/or ONE Silent Auction

OFFERING

Half to Churchwide

Half to SD Women of the ELCA

LOVE OFFERINGS

Suave women's deodorant, baby lotion, 3-pack Crest toothpaste, coloring books, word find books, sudoku books, crew neck sweatshirts (without a hood) and sweat pants for residents at the Abbott House

SILENT AUCTION PROCEEDS

Katie's Fund

You are responsible for your own lodging.

Blocks of rooms are available at these Mitchell hotels under the name: **SD Women of the ELCA**

All have 2 queen beds and all serve a hot breakfast. You must call by June 6th.

Super 8 Hotel – \$99 + tax – 2 queen beds/room
1700 S Burr St, Mitchell SD 57301
605-996-9678

Kelly Inn & Suites – \$135 + tax – 2 queen beds/room
\$159 + tax – Family room: 2 queens/double sofa bed
1010 Cabela Drive, Mitchell SD 57301
605-995-0500

Comfort Inn & Suites – \$175 + tax – 2 queens/room
2020 Highland Way, Mitchell SD 57301
605-990-2400



May BIRTHDAYS

1 Randy Hanson

2 Darlyne Kopren

3 Debbie Patmore
Alvin Bunkowske

6 Bob Kaufman
Ava Williams

7 Brandon Caneva
Kendra Jensen

9 Paulette Meland
Chris Pankratz
Kimberly Petersen
Arminas Curry

10 Kermit Johnson
Maranda McGillivray

15 Jeremy Pickar
Vance Shryock

16 Jacob DeKraai

17 Tera Potts

18 Sue Whitford

20 Karsey Meland

21 Makenna Rock

23 Laurie Aga
Korbin Meland

24 Cindy Mullen

26 Carter Williams

27 Mason McGillivray

29 Misty Myers

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

20 Roger & Donna Ivers

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 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30 am Quilting	2 9:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Council Meeting	3	4 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
5 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour	6 Pastor's Day Off	7	8 8:30 am Quilting 	9	10	11
12 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour 	13 Pastor's Day Off	14 1 pm GLCW Exec. Meeting 1:30 pm GLCW Meeting	15 8:30 am Quilting	16	17	18
19 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Graduation Reception 	20 Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline	21 5:30 pm Worship Meeting	22 8:30 am Quilting	23	24 	25
26 9:00 am Worship (HC) 10:00 am Coffee Hour	27 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED 	28	29	30	31	