



140 Years of  
Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

*Third Sunday in Lent ~ March 12, 2023*  
*Grace Lutheran Church      8:30 am Service*  
***Welcomes You to Worship***

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**PRELUDE**

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***Congregation responses in Bold Print***

**Welcome and Announcements**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God, **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG      "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"**

**ELW 658**

1 O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,  
the fount of life, the light of all:  
from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts  
we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.  
2 We taste you, ever-living bread,  
and long to feast upon you still;  
we drink of you, the fountainhead;  
our thirsting souls from you we fill.

3 For you our restless spirits yearn,  
where'er our changing lot is cast;  
glad, when your smile on us you turn,  
blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
4 O Jesus, ever with us stay!  
Make all our moments fair and bright!  
Oh, chase the night of sin away!  
Shed o'er the world your holy light.

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **KYRIE p 138**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray... Merciful God, **the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7**

## **Pew Bible 56**

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 95**

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship and bow down,**

**let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

<sup>8</sup>**"Harden not your hearts,**

**as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup>There your ancestors tested me,

they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup>**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,**

**'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

<sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.'"

**SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11**

**Pew Bible 917**

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**"Return to the Lord"**

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Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

**GOSPEL: John 4:5-42**

**Pew Bible p 864**

The Holy Gospel according to St John, the fourth chapter.

*Response: Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do

not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came

to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

**ELW 611**

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| 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,<br>"Come unto me and rest;<br>lay down, O weary one, lay down<br>your head upon my breast."<br>I came to Jesus as I was,<br>so weary, worn, and sad;<br>I found in him a resting-place,<br>and he has made me glad. | of that life-giving stream;<br>my thirst was quenched, my soul<br>revived,<br>and now I live in him.  |
| 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,<br>"Behold, I freely give<br>the living water, thirsty one;<br>stoop down and drink and live."<br>I came to Jesus, and I drank  | 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,<br>"I am this dark world's light;<br>look unto me, your morn shall rise,<br>and all your day be bright."<br>I looked to Jesus, and I found<br>in him my star, my sun;<br>and in that light of life I'll walk<br>till trav'ling days are done. |

### **APOSTLE'S CREED....**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE:** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.** *(Please share the peace with those around you.)*

**OFFERING FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY of Grace Lutheran Church**

**OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray... **God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel.**

**Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

**SONG of OFFERING:**

***“Create in Me”***

***ELW 186***

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Sustained by God’s abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

**PRAYER PETITIONS:**

We pray for your church on earth. Guide the daily work of pastors and congregational leaders for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Grant us a rich variety of gifts to use to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the universe and all creatures. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Dick, Judy, Sharlee, Sylvia, Janelle, Lavern, Elvira, Brenda, Rick, Patty, Roger, Bob, Tracy, Steve, Dorothy, Glen & LaRue, Raef, Caden, Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound.. Give them your living water always. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, especially those preparing for baptism and affirmation of their baptism. Nurture their faith and pour your love into their hearts. Inspire our community by their testimony to God’s grace in their lives. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the lives of all your saints. Their hope in you sustained lives of faith and service. Keep us in joyful communion with them until we join the saints of every people and nation gathered before your throne in your ceaseless praise. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day  
our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who  
trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION:** Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the  
wilderness.

## **THE COMMUNION:**

### **COMMUNION SONGS:**

***"Lamb of God"***

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

***"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"***

***ELW 461***

1 All who hunger gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.  
Here in truth we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

2 All who hunger, never strangers;  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here in joy we keep the feast.

3 All who hunger, sing together,  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here in peace we have been fed.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

***"I Come with Joy"***

***ELW 482***

1 I come with joy, a child of God,

forgiven, loved, and free,

the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,

and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here,  
alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

Let us Pray... **Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.**

### **COMMISSION AND BLESSING:** *(based on John 4: 13-15)*

Go now from this service of worship to the service of God's people near and far, refreshed by the living water that Jesus offers to you. Listen for the parched voices of the least of these; search out the dry places and the arid souls, and become for them a spring of living water.

And as you go, may the blessings of the God of life, the Christ of love, and the Spirit of grace be upon you this day and forevermore. **Amen**

### **SENDING SONG:**

#### ***"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"***

***ELW 618***

1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain  
where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.



**DISMISSAL:** Go in peace... Reconciled by Christ. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

***Thank you for worshiping with us today!***

**Announcements for March 12<sup>th</sup>**  
***Experience Grace Daily!***

***Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:***

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Dick Everson, Judy Everson, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Janelle Marx, Lavern McPeck, Elvira Moen, Brenda Norton, Rick Raml, Patty Rondeau, Roger Rust, Denton (Bob) Schaefer, Tracy Schaefer, Steve Schlenner, Dorothy Schooley, Glen & LeRue Sprouse, Raef Stolp, Caden Thompson, Robert Wittrock, those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or who are Homebound. Pray for members of the Armed Forces and their families, our Law Enforcement personal, Fire Fighters, EMT and all First Responders.

**On the CALENDAR - For the week of March 12<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>**

Today	8:30 am - Worship service w/communion 9:30 am - Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am - Sunday school 11 am - Worship service w/communion
Monday	9 am ELCA Executive Board meeting – conference room 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters 5:30 Banquet
Tuesday	Noon – Watertown Ministerial Association Meets at Hy-Vee
Wednesday	10:00 am – Service at TownView 10:30 am – Service at Jenkins NOON - Community Lenten services 12:05 12:30 pm – Community soup luncheon 6 pm - Prophets Bible Study NO Wednesday School 7 pm – Lenten services w/ confirmation students assisting 7:30 - pm Youth Group meets in Youth Room
Friday	Home Schoolers at Grace 8 am to Noon
Sunday	<i>Mission of the Month Lutheran's Outdoors Presentation at Worship</i> 8:30 am - Worship service 9:30 am - Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am - Sunday school 11 am - Worship service Baptism of Tripp William Barber

**Upcoming Events:**

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – First Communion Classes.

March 29<sup>th</sup> - Beth St Martin telling Ryan's Story - a drug addiction presentation  
April 16 – Country Gospel Jamboree 2-4 pm; noon meal; silent auction.

**Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex.** Offering envelopes are numbered weekly envelopes use for recording your regular donation so you can receive an annual report for your financial records at the end of the year. Please pick them up as it saves on the cost of mailing. If you can take one to someone, please do so.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:**

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**Community Lenten services on Wednesday:**

Holy Name and IC will conduct the worship service and luncheon this week for the Community Lenten services. The service will begin at 12:05 and held in the sanctuary at Grace Lutheran. Lunch follows in the Fellowship Hall.

**THANK YOU!**

"A big thank you to all the wonderful people who donated chili and/or cookies for the Community Lenten service on Mar 1st. A gigantic thank you to all who helped set up, serve, and clean up. It was fun to work with all of you! You rock!! Darlene Bresson

**Application made for Ukraine Refugee Family**

An application to sponsor Tokarev Igor Pavlovich, his wife Lyubov, and children Ramir and David, ages 7 and 10, has been made. The process can take a few weeks followed by travel arrangements. The process may take a month or more. Igor is a welder by profession and loves his job he says. The family is from the city of Zaporozhye and currently in Poland.

Sign-up sheets are in the office to donate household items and furniture; kitchen necessities and food to stock a kitchen; bedding, towels, and other needed items. Rides for the first week or two are also needed so they can make application for work and school, and a vehicle at a reasonable price.

If you would like to provide financial assistance for their flight or with any other financial needs there is a separate fund set up through Grace to help get them started.

**HELP CREATE A SPECIAL 140<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY QUILT**

To commemorate the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church, we invite the congregation to help make a quilt! The quilt will be approximately 60" X 80" and made of 7 ½" blocks, which we will provide. Each family can take 1 block and design it however you wish to memorialize your family and

Grace Lutheran. When finished, return to Darlene Bresson (or the church office) **no later than August 13<sup>th</sup>** so it can be sewn together and displayed for the 140<sup>th</sup> celebration. Blank quilt square are available at the church office.

### **Beth St Martin to speak on drug addiction on telling Ryan's Story**

Beth Koch St Martin of Milbank, SD will speak at Grace Lutheran at 7:30 pm, Wednesday evening, following Lenten worship on March 29th. Her talk is called Ryan's Story and tells the story of a family dealing with the addiction of a child and the pain and grief of dealing with the loss of a loved one. The goal of Ryan's Story is trying to "erase some of the stigma around drug addiction" and help people understand it can happen to anyone. St Martin tells the story from the non-addict view and then talks about grief, coping with grief, and "what I do to cope with grief" she said. Officer Alexis Buysse from the Watertown Police Department will be on hand to answer questions about what local law enforcement are dealing with.

St Martin was to speak during the Mini-Youth gathering in January, which was cancelled. Several expressed interest in hearing this story about addiction. With the increase in drugs in our community and upcoming events of prom and graduation, we are providing this opportunity to hear this story in hope it may save another family the pain and grieve of losing a child through the heartache of addiction Everyone is welcome.

### **Country Gospel Jamboree! April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Terry Foster and the Classic's will be the featured bank for this years Country Gospel Jamboree. Area musicians and singers are encouraged to come join in the fun with a number or two with the band sharing their musical talents. To sign up, Contact Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501.

There will be a noon meal served until 1:30 prior to the jamboree. The meal will consist of a Chef salad or hamburger or brat with mac salad, baked beans and chips for \$10.00. The meal will be eat in or take out. Denise Biller is in charge of the meal.

A silent auction will also be held from noon to 3:30 pm in the hallways around the fellowship hall. Donations to the silent auction are welcome. If you have items to donate to the silent auction, contact Darlene Bresson or drop the items off at the office.

All proceeds from the Jamboree activities go to the General Fund of Grace Lutheran Church. Thank you for your generous donations.

### ***Dinner for Two for a year Tickets available***

Tickets are now available for a chance to win *Dinner for Two* for each month for a year. The twelve dinners for two are at: Minervas, 2nd Street Station, Guadalajara, Dempseys, Mavericks, El tapatio, North Shore, Lone Pine Bar & Grill, Perkins, Harrys, Senor Max's, and the Watertown Brewing. Cost of the tickets are just \$5.00. The winner will be drawn during at the April 16<sup>th</sup> Jamboree at approximately 3:30 pm. All proceeds go to the General Fund of Grace Lutheran Church. 5

### **"Lutheran Outdoors" is the March Mission of the Month by the Missions Committee.**

This mission consist of three different camps offering a summer camp experience for children or for the whole family to get away or it may also be a winter retreat. It consists of Outlaw Ranch, NeSoDak and

Klein Ranch, all in South Dakota. Marti Knudsen, of NESODAK, will attend the March 19th worship services to talk about the camps.

**OUTLAW RANCH** - For all ages! Youth camps for K-12, Mission, leadership and adventures experiences for Middle School and High School youth, and Family Camp for all ages. Youth can hike, fish, canoe, and ride horses in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota while God is molding them into young leaders. Families can get away to experience an all-inclusive, faith-filled family vacation. Open year-round.

**NeSoDak** - Located on Lake Enemy Swim, in Northeast South Dakota, NeSoDak provides a safe place for youth to build relationships, develop new skills, and live in a grace-filled community. NeSoDak offers specialty waterfront camps for a variety of ages. NeSoDak also features a high comfort retreat center for retreat groups, family vacations, hunting, and fishing trips. Open only in the summer.

**KLEIN RANCH** - For youth who have completed grades 5-12 and adults. If you love horses you will love Klein Ranch. Programs at Klein are focused on small group experiences and riding the wide-open prairie. Klein Ranch is a unique camp that offers youth the opportunity to begin to stretch their boundaries, and abilities, as they ride horses on 2,300 acres of Wild West ranch. Open only in the summer.

Check out the Website for the 2023 Summer Camp Schedules. Your donations will help send a child that can't afford the cost of this adventurous camp. What a difference it can make in a child's life. A place where God's people can receive preparation for a life of faith, love, and living in the loving arms of God.

A RADIO BROADCAST of the Sunday morning worship service can be heard at 10:05 a.m. each Sunday on KWAT (95 AM). **The RADIO BROADCAST** today is giving from Janie Stianson in loving memory of Neil Stianson, Amanda Bauman. Altar Flowers are given from Diane Hanson in loving memory of her mom's heavenly birthday Irene Anderson from her children. Your gifts are an important part of the Mission and Ministry of Grace Lutheran. If you would like to help with these special weekly needs, please call the office or send your donation to ***Grace Lutheran, 202 Second Street SE, Watertown, South Dakota 57201***

**Volunteers** to help with ***Watertown Fruit by Grace*** are need for the following:

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Extension Vendor Fair – someone to sit at booth to sell

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Jamboree – someone to sit at booth and sell.

Proceeds from the Watertown Fruit by Grace go to the Grace Lutheran Church General Fund. Contact Darlene Bresson for more information or to sign up for these times of sharing.

**Check us out on our website at [glcwtn.org](http://glcwtn.org)  
And Grace Lutheran Watertown FaceBook.**