

Grace

For the moment

The Newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church

July 2025



July **Worship:**

Sundays:
9:00 am

Wednesday Worship
Will resume in September

2025 Church Camp



Please pray for the following youth from Grace Lutheran that have or will be attending camp this summer:

Brenna Bolte, Emma McKenney, Lily Anderson, Jade King, Sutton Phillips, Amara Berens, Lauren Patten, Shalya Even, Kyler Creegan, Julian Engel, Joe Patten, Carter Berens, Emmitt Rowe, Sofia Anderson, Olivia Anderson, Kyndall Walton, Jillian Schulte and Jaylea Miller.

If I missed someone-please let me know-
Deb Van Hove

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FROM THE PASTOR

Faith & Freedom

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." – 2 Corinthians 3:17

This weekend, we will come together in unity to celebrate our national pride. Fireworks will brighten the sky, and flags will wave in celebration of our nation's independence. We give God thanks and praise for the gift of freedom. We remember those who made it possible for us to celebrate this special day.

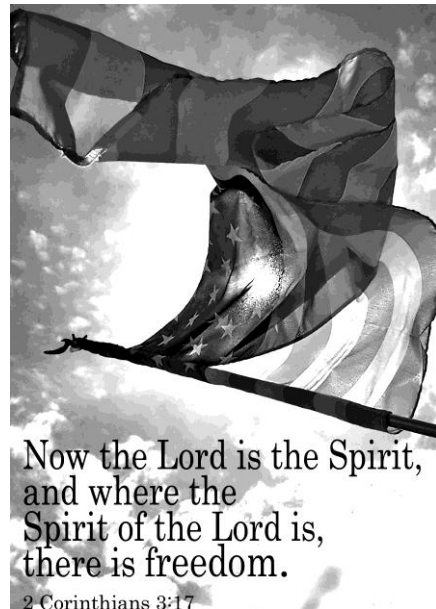
Let us rejoice not only in the earthly freedom we have received, but also in the infinite freedom given to us through Jesus Christ. We are no longer in bondage to fear, sins, and hopelessness. Christ's love broke those chains. Let's go in the name of Christ to free others from their bondage of fear, sins, and grief by living justly, showing mercy, and being humble in our community. When others see Christ's light in us, they will also experience the freedom of His love.

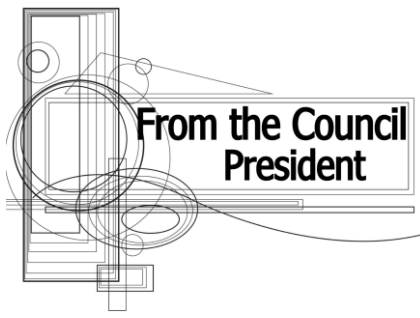
The language of fear, war, and destruction is understood well by this world. But you are God's people; you are not of the world. You, who were once of this world, became free in your baptism. Your freedom in Christ is a testimony of Christ's redemption for all people. For wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Corinthians 3:17).

As we gather with family and friends, let's reflect on the freedom we have through Christ Jesus. Let's pray together for freedom and peace in this world.

Join Us This Sunday!

Pastor Henrique





July Message

Well, here it is, my 6th monthly letter which means I am halfway and have 6 left to go. I found out a few weeks ago that there are actually some people who read what I have to say each month! Thanks to those of you who indulge with my attempt at coming up with something to inspire our congregation.

This month I would like to quote from Matthew 6: 8 "Remember, your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him". It continues to amaze me how God knows what we need and when and how to show us that He is always there for us. There have been many times that the message at our church service or one of the several that I try to catch each Sunday morning on television have provided a pick me up for whatever I am going through at that particular time.

At our monthly council meeting this past month, Pastor shared a devotional with us that really hit close to home with some of my concerns. After our meeting, I thanked him for the timely inspiration. The following Sunday morning he delivered a message that felt like it was directed directly at me! As we walked out of the sanctuary, I said to my wife, "I think that was meant for me". She responded with, "I was thinking the same thing."

So, remember to be patient in all situations. I hope that you can be patient with me as your congregational president and with our entire council. God has blessed me with a great group to work with and a great congregation to serve.

Before you know it the Best Four Days of Summer will be upon us again! I hope that everyone can fit it into their schedule to be a part of our effort to raise money for the many places that we support. In the meantime, have a safe and wonderful summer.

One of my other favorite lines that we sometimes recite is "In life, in death, and in life beyond death, God is with us, we are not alone." So, when things seem tough, remember this line and listen and watch for God's timely response to your needs.

As always, remember that your life may be the only Bible that some people read.

Joel

Mailing Address for Grace Lutheran Church

Please use **Box 667** if you are having anything mailed to the church.
Thank you.

Weekly Worship Helpers:

Please use the link below to check:

<https://gracelutheranparker.com/weekly-worship-helpers>

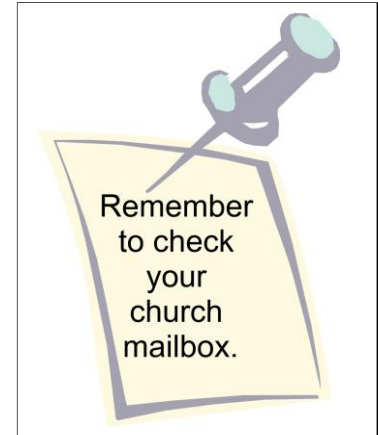
Thank you

Happening at Grace

Address for Jonas Sattler

Jonas will be at Basic Training until August 15.
Letters only-no packages

Pvt Sattler, Jonas
Golf BTRY, 1-22 FA BN
4th Platoon, C50-25
6007 Rothwell St
Fort Sill, OK 73503



AV Schedule

July 6 Chela	August 3 Chris
July 13 Chrystal	August 10 Erin
July 20 Kristin	August 17 Chela
July 27 Derek	August 24 Kerri
	August 31 Kristin



Fair Stand

Sign-up sheets for fair stand workers, potato salad makers, and pie cutters for the Turner County Fair (August 11-14) are now up on the bulletin board. Please take the time to sign up so you can work the shift(s) you prefer. Participation in the Grace Lutheran fair stand is encouraged for all church members, including children 3rd grade and up.

Why does Grace Lutheran Church have the fair stand?

- (1) Fellowship of church members**
- (2) Community Service**
- (3) Revenue**
- (4) Witness in Service**
- (5) A long-standing tradition of the congregation**
- (6) In Support of Missions**

The Fair Stand Committee does not want you to feel like working at the fair stand is an obligation, but an opportunity for fellowship and working with members of your church family to not only provide assistance to our church programs such as Luther League, Sunday School and FROGS/JR FROGS, but also to extend our love to services such as Turner County Food Pantry, the Ministerial Association and other worthy causes that provide help to those in need.

Liberia Mission School Summer 2025 Update

The students at the New Dawn Learning Center in Liberia are currently on summer break and will return in September for the second year in the new school. Enrollment for the 2025 – 2026 school year is estimated at between 75 – 100 students.

Your support, through donations of money and supplies, has made a significant impact in the lives of these children from low-income neighborhoods. They receive education, a meal, and a safe place to go each day in a Christ-centered environment. There is also time to have fun, as shown below during a national holiday, when they dressed in traditional clothing.

The current challenge is finding space for the 7th grade class, as funding was not sufficient to complete the roof on the new building section before the torrential rains that typically start in July. The good news is that the roof beams are now in place and ready when the roofing materials can be purchased and installed.

Please keep the students and staff at the New Dawn Learning Center in your prayers as they look forward to the new school year to begin.



Donations are welcomed for the school project. Checks can be made out to CLIM and given to Pastor or mailed to CLIM, Box 667, Parker SD 57053. Thank you



Church on the Street is a faith community with people experiencing poverty and homelessness. We build relationships as Jesus did through listening, being present and consistent, and showing compassion to all of God's people, housed or unhoused.

We encounter people daily who need the basics.

Thankfully, many have asked us how their group can help. Partner with us by signing up to worship with us or host a Laundry with Love - providing ministry support, a meal, and many other gifts in worship. Here are some options if you choose to do an in-house service project.

Canteen/Snack Packs

One way for you to help us is by making Canteen/Snack pack that we can hand out to members. These make great youth projects!

Choose a combination of 3 of the following:

- 1 bag of nuts, beef sticks, cheese sticks, crackers, water/juice, pop-tarts, chicken/ tuna salad with crackers snack kits. Pack in a quart baggie.
- Add a note with a prayer, kind words, or uplifting message.

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Current Needs List

Hygiene Items

- Antibiotic Ointment
- BandAids
- Bar Soap
- Body Wipes
- Comb
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene Items
- Foot Powder
- Hairties
- Lip Balm
- Lotion
- Nail Clippers
- Q-tips
- Razor
- Shampoo
- Shaving Cream
- Toothbrush (Adult and Child)

Food Pantry

- Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Non-perishable Food Items
- Grocery Bags
- Reusable Grocery Bags

Household Items

- Backpacks
- Dryer Sheets
- Garbage Bags
- Gently Used Shoes
- Household Cleaners
- Laundry Pods
- Multipurpose Spray
- Quilts
- Sleeping Bags
- Toilet Cleaner
- Towels
- Washcloth

Undercover Closet

- New Bras
- New Children's Underwear
- New Men's Underwear (boxers or boxer briefs only)
- New Socks (Men's, Women's, and Children's)
- New Women's Underwear

To make a financial donation, scan the QR Code or visit our website.



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Faith in Action

16 adults enjoyed a meal at the Parker ROCs site on June 24. Faith in Action paid for 10 meals eaten at the site on the 24th. BINGO followed and prizes were won. 12 adults stayed and played BINGO. Mark **Tuesday, July 22** on your calendar- Faith in Action will sponsor 10 meals eaten at the site and BINGO will follow.

Bring a friend and join us!!



Online Offering now available through PayPal for Business!


Note: New users will need to setup an account and associate preferred payment method

Using your mobile device:

1. Scan the QR code to donate to the General Offering Fund



2. Input your desired offering amount



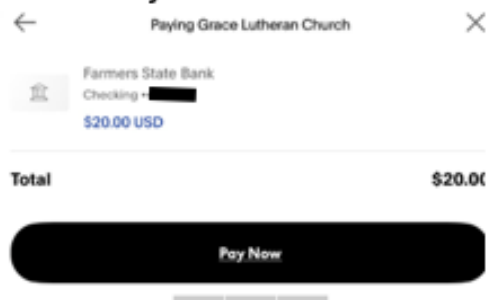
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\$20.00

Add a note (optional)

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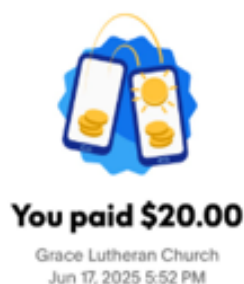
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Total \$20.00

Pay Now

4. Lastly you'll receive a confirmation message (and email depending on your user settings).



Done

- PayPal Offering transactions can occur any time
- Please note this is not replacing ACH (Electronic Fund Transfer) Reach out to Deb Van Hove for questions on ACH
- Receipts available through PayPal for tax/tracking purposes
- Reach out to Kristi Nogelmeier with questions

Vacation Bible School 2025

Vacation Bible School– “YeeHaw! God Gives Good Gifts!”

Yeehaw! What a joyful and energetic time we had at this year’s Vacation Bible School, held on **June 13th and 14th!** With the theme “**God Gives Good Gifts,**” our church was transformed into a western wonderland where **approximately 35 enthusiastic kids** gathered to learn, laugh, and grow in faith.

We had **five exciting stations** that kept the kids engaged and smiling throughout the two-day event:

🎨 Crafts

Creativity was in full swing at the Crafts Station, led by the talented **Jen** assisted by **Michele** and **Lexi**. The kids made a special **Father’s Day cowboy painting** using their feet to create cowboy chaps—what a fun and memorable keepsake for dads!

🍪 Snacks & Sack Lunches

Thanks to **Robin and her amazing team**, the kids stayed energized with delicious snacks throughout the day. On Saturday, each child also received a **sack lunch to take home**, a thoughtful touch that wrapped up the day with care and love.

🎵 Music

A definite crowd favorite, the Music Station led by **Chela** had everyone singing, dancing, and praising! The joyful noise echoed through the halls as kids learned songs that reinforced the message of God’s goodness.

🏃 Sports

Outdoors was the place to be with **Chrystal** leading the Sports Station! From **water games** to **tag** and a **scavenger hunt**, the kids had a blast staying active and building friendships under the summer sun.

📖 Lessons

At the heart of VBS was the Lesson Station, where **Missy and Sara** shared powerful stories and teachings about how **God gives good gifts**. Through engaging lessons and heartfelt discussions, the kids discovered the many ways God blesses our lives.

A Huge Thank You!

We are so grateful to all the volunteers, parents, and church members who made this event possible. Your time, energy, and prayers helped plant seeds of faith that will grow for years to come.

Until next year, keep riding strong in God’s love!



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT

5/1/2025-5/31/2025

INCOME:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
101 General Offering	\$10,156.00	\$55,516.00
102 Envelope Offering	\$1,360.00	\$6,575.00
103 Quarterly Offering	\$1,275.00	\$5,785.00
104 Lenten Offering	\$0.00	\$4,273.00
109 Camper Savings		
202 Use of Building		
203 Misc. Income		\$107.77
205 Thrivent		\$358.00
208 Amazon Smile		
219 Transfer from Building Fund	\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME:	\$12,791.00	\$72,614.77

SUMMARY GENERAL CHECKING:

Beginning Balance 1/1/2025	\$6,125.77
Total Income	\$72,614.77
Total Expenses	\$75,075.88
Ending Balance	\$3,664.66

Monthly Summary	<u>Offering Total</u>	<u>Misc Income</u>	<u>Monthly Expenses</u>
January	\$11,926.00	\$105.00	\$11,827.67
February	\$16,156.00	\$173.00	\$12,393.46
March	\$14,293.00	\$80.00	\$16,535.32
April	\$16,983.00	\$0.00	\$21,478.29
May	\$12,801.82	\$0.00	\$12,841.14
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
Total	\$72,159.82	\$358.00	\$75,075.88

SAVINGS / OTHER ACCOUNT BALANCES:

First Savings Campers Savings	\$5,562.06
First Savings Building Fund Savings	\$46,909.92
First Savings Bank Money Market	\$3,429.38
River's Edge Bank CD	\$42,849.95

River's Edge Bank Building Loan Approx. Balance \$0 - PAID IN FULL

Kristi Nogelmeier, Treasurer

EXPENSES: SALARIES/BENEFITS	Current	Year-to-Date	Proposed Budget
301 Pastor Salary/Benefits/Pension	\$4,589.69	\$21,765.39	\$54,000.00
302 Pastor Housing Allowance	\$1,575.00	\$7,875.00	\$18,900.00
303 Employer Paid Pension/Retirement	\$653.98	\$3,269.90	\$7,848.00
304 Pastor SECA Allowance	\$464.75	\$2,348.99	\$5,577.00
305 Pastor Car Allowance	\$128.10	\$430.78	\$2,000.00
307 Employer Paid Pastor Insurance - Health & Benefits	\$1,770.70	\$8,853.50	\$21,000.00
308 Pastor Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
320 Custodian	\$323.23	\$1,044.71	\$7,000.00
321 Organist	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,560.00
322 Secretary	\$842.23	\$4,654.44	\$12,000.00
323 Groundskeeper	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
325 Sub Pastor	\$0.00	\$705.52	\$2,000.00
326 FICA Expenses	\$268.40	\$474.68	\$2,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES-SALARIES/BENEFITS:	\$10,616.08	\$51,922.91	\$138,385.00
EXPENSES: BUILDING & GROUNDS	Current	Year-to-Date	Proposed Budget
401 Snow Removal	\$0.00	\$394.00	\$2,500.00
402B Natural Gas	\$166.80	\$1,915.01	\$3,000.00
405 Electricity and Water	\$368.51	\$1,829.69	\$4,750.00
407 Insurance	\$0.00	\$2,561.25	\$10,000.00
408 Misc. Bldg. & Grnd. Exp.	\$578.36	\$8,864.68	\$5,000.00
409 Piano Tuning	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
409A Organ Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
413 State Farm - Workmen's Comp.	\$0.00	\$208.49	\$700.00
415 Audio Visual Expenses	\$0.00	\$231.30	\$1,000.00
416 Building Loan Payments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES-BUILDING & GROUNDS:	\$1,113.67	\$16,004.42	\$32,325.00
EXPENSES: CHURCH PROGRAMS	Current	Year-to-Date	Proposed Budget
502 Bible Camp Sponsorships	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$1,100.00
503 Offering Envelopes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
504 Confirmation Expense	\$342.58	\$440.56	\$1,500.00
506 Synod Assembly	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$750.00
507 Books and Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
508 Misc. Program Expense	\$69.35	\$302.72	\$4,000.00
512 Bank Service Charges	\$17.95	\$89.75	\$250.00
517 Bibles for 3rd Graders	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
519 Postage	\$0.00	\$198.60	\$400.00
524 Lenton Meals	\$0.00	\$551.32	\$1,200.00
526 High School Graduate Gifts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES-CHURCH PROGRAMS:	\$1,029.88	\$2,432.95	\$10,200.00
EXPENSES: MISSIONS/BENEVOLENCES	Current	Year-to-Date	Proposed Budget
602 Augustana PACT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
603 ELCA Benevolence	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$6,000.00
604 Shetek Bible Camp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
605 Crossroads Conference Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
615 The Banquet	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
TOTAL EXPENSES-MISSIONS:	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$8,400.00
EXPENSES: OFFICE	Current	Year-to-Date	Proposed Budget
701 Copier Lease	\$164.23	\$1,011.59	\$2,000.00
702 Bulletins and Inserts	\$91.09	\$1,026.63	\$2,000.00
703 Church Office Phone/Internet	\$104.36	\$513.08	\$1,500.00
704 Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$164.30	\$900.00
TOTAL EXPENSES - OFFICE:	\$359.68	\$2,715.60	\$6,400.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$13,119.31	\$75,075.88	\$195,710.00

Grace Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
Date: May 14, 2025

Members Present:

Joel Plucker, Marci Leberman, Kristi Nogelmeier, Derrek Sattler, Jim Johnson, Kaylyn Andersen

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Joel Plucker.

2. Devotion

Led by Pastor.

3. Approval of Agenda

Kristi made a motion to approve the agenda. Marci seconded. Motion carried—All aye.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Section 218 money was transferred from the Building Fund (\$7410.00) to the General Fund to pay the assessment for curb and gutter.
- Offering has been trending downward.
- Snow removal cost was \$394.00
- Audio/Visual charge reflects the streaming service lease.

Motion: Jim made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Derrek seconded. Motion carried.

5. Secretary's Report

Motion: Kristi made the motion to approve the secretary's report, and Jim made the second. All aye.

6. Deacon Report

- Coffee will continue to be served before and after church. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board.
- TruPortal will be adjusted to allow doors to remain open from 6:00 AM – 9:00 PM.
- An updated pulpit supply list is needed.
- Compensation for a replacement pastor was discussed: \$225 for one service, \$150 for additional services, plus mileage.

7. Board of Education Report

- Mother's Day was the last day for Sunday School.
- Stations of the Cross event was well-received.
- VBS enrollments are coming in.
- Fishbowl donations will go to the Turner County Food Pantry.

. Trustees Report

- Rob Jensen is helping identify a location for the donated shed.
- Sanctuary fans: Derrek will talk to Rob Jensen and Ketwigs regarding fan replacements.
- Madison Avila has accepted the full-time custodial position.

9. Pastor's Report

- Recent baptism and Senior Recognition services.
- Adult Education concluded with a social event at the Pastor's home.
- Church on the Street will visit Grace for the Mission Moment on June 22.
- Lutheran Planned Generosity will meet with the council.

10. Old Business

- Dirt Pile: A special congregational meeting is needed. A two-week notice must be given in church.
- Church Clean-Out: Don Nolan has taken some stools.
- TruPortal, Joel, and Tristen are now linked.
- Mic and Speakers are ongoing discussion items.
- Outdoor Service scheduled for June 29.
- Topics Discussed: T-Shirts, Venmo.

11. New Business

- TV Connection upgrades.
- Live Streaming: Current system has the capability; further discussion needed.
- Sidewalk condition and repairs discussed.
- Motion Lights in Restrooms—potential update.
- Lawn Spraying: Check with Ron Nelson.
- Church Use During County Fair—logistics to be finalized.
- Snow Removal:
Motion made by Kaylyn to continue with Justin Smith for snow removal. Derrek seconded. All aye.
- Debit Card: Deb needs to be added to the church's debit card.
- Printer Lease: A printer representative will attend the next council meeting on June 11.

12. Adjournment

Kaylyn made the motion to adjourn. Jim seconded. All aye.