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Forward: Grace Lutheran seeks to provide many opportunities for ministry and worship in addition to regular Saturday or Sunday worship services. Within these pages, regardless if you are potential new member to Grace or a long term worshiper hopefully you will find opportunity for personal service and growth. All of the small group ministries invite you to select the activities that appeal to you. Please take this opportunity to look over these opportunities and become involved in and activity the appeals to your talent and interest.

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1. **Monday Bible Study 9:00 to 10:00 am - Donna Dahlen 283-2932 & Becky Kruger 283-8568**
This Bible Study meets in the Fireside Room on Monday mornings. Lessons from scripture, which we work through together is the focus. As a new topic begins, Grace Notes and Sunday Bulletins invite anyone interested to be part of the new study. Our most recent studies have been: "Living a Life of True Worship" about The Tabernacle from the book of Exodus and "Being a Disciple: Counting the Real Cost", based mostly on the Gospel of John. We thank the Lord who creates the desire within us to study His Word.
2. **First & Third Tuesday Bible Study Stampers , 1:00 pm Bible Study. Make Greeting Cards - Ardie Bowen 442-8151**
This group was started by people who attended classes on making cards and also interested in Bible study. We meet the first and third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm at Grace, Fireside Room. Each time we study the Bible for an hour and on the third Tuesday, we make sympathy, baby or get well cards to send to members of Grace. Staying to make cards is not a requirement for belonging to the group. Please come and join us.
3. **Wed. Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am - Ministers P. Dan 283-4431, Cell 605-759-3845**
Men's Bible Study meets Wednesday mornings at Grace. Fellowship and Bible Study is led by volunteers within the group. Normally the group has a January retreat. Come join us for fellowship and study.
4. **Wednesday Bible Study - Bible Basics - Donna Dahlen 283-2932 Jodi Rops 227-3801**
Meets Wednesdays at 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Fireside Room. This is a very informal gathering. Everyone is welcome. If you have felt intimidated in the past about Bible study, then THIS is for YOU!!! If you have questions, contact Jodi Rops at 227-3801
5. **Home Bible Study , meet monthly varying date - Dolly Talbert , Closed group, 10 members not seeking new members.**
supports and some are also donated to the Tuff Memorial Home for their annual fundraising bazaar. Most of these items are made from yarn that is donated by our church members, the exception is the yarn used for the prayer shawls. If you are a knitter or crocheter and would like to help with these projects, please come and join us. Please contact Dee Harner (283-8442), Gloria Juhl (283-4801) or Alice Bjerrum (449-3610).
6. **Thursday Book Study, 4:30 -5:30 pm - Sue Dammann 283-9737 & Dee Harner 283-8442**
This group meets once a week for approximately one hour for those

interested in study, discussion, and expanded knowledge of topics related to God and the Bible.

Some of our topics have been women of the Bible, different religions throughout the world. history's influence on the Bible and the Bible's influence on history. We meet at 4:30 pm every Thursday in the Fire Side Room at Grace. Please come and join us.

7. Adult Study - Various topics - Sunday morning, 9:30 - P. Dan 283-4431 Cell 605-759-3845

Beginning in September after Rally Day, meets in the Social Hall from September to May. It is a pastor lead group considering various topics or books of the Bible. Come and join us at 9:30 a.m. between worship services in the Social Hall.

8. Knitting and Crocheting Group - Work individually in homes, Meet occasionally for coffee- Alice Bjerrum 449-3610

The knitting and Crocheting women of Grace Lutheran are busy all year long making a variety of items. One of their major projects is the "Prayer Shawls" that are given to members of our church and the community when they are going through a difficult time. The "Prayer Shawl" is made of soft yarn that makes it perfect to wrap around oneself, giving the person using it a feeling like receiving warm hug from a loved one. They also make countless slippers, hats and mittens, baby sweaters and blankets. These items are given to different mission projects that the church supports and some are also donated to the Tuff Memorial Home for their annual fundraising bazaar. Most of these items are made from yarn that is donated by our church members, the exception is the yarn used for the prayer shawls. If you are a knitter or crocheter and would like to help with these projects, please come and join us. Please contact Dee Harner (283-8442), Gloria Juhl (283-4801) or Alice Bjerrum (449-3610).

9. GLCW - Meets eight times a year Donna Dahlen 283-2932

This organization for the women of Grace, plan programs that inform, instruct and inspire at various times throughout the year. The GLCW women commonly meet the second Thursday of the month. There are also other special events during the year that the GLCW women sponsor.

Nine Circles - Meet the fourth Tuesday or Thursday Donna Dahlen 283-2932

Currently there are nine Circles that come together once a month for Bible Study, usually the fourth week of the month. All of the women of the church are included in a Circle. Those that do not choose to attend Bible Study are still invited to participate in the fundraisers or other activities. A handbook is printed with complete information of policies and circle list of names and will be given to each new member when joining.

10. Caring Ministry, Meets every other month odd months last Thursday of the month - Elaine Hansen 669-2621

The Caring Ministry is a branch of the Parish Care Ministry. At present there is a team of five people that do homebound and nursing home visits. hose being Cheryl Mahaffay, Donna Dahlen, LaJean Lammert, Becky Kruger and Art Ehde. The Caring Ministry Team serves communion to the homebound. The Caring Ministry also does a card ministry whereby those names printed in the Worship Bulletin with the prayer concerns are sent a card. Elaine Hansen does the Card Ministry.

- 11. Funeral Serving Groups - Congregation is organized in to 10 groups for serving funeral meal or lunch. Glades Siebenhaler 283-8015.**
 Every congregation family has been assigned to a group. These groups are called upon in rotation when there is a funeral. The groups are organized by the GLCW Women, but encompass the entire congregation. Money for serving funerals is used to pay food expenses of the funeral meal. Any funds remaining are distributed equally to the Circles. The Circles use these funds together with their Sunshine funds to support worthy projects of Grace.
- 12. Heart-to-Heart Rhonda Olson 283-8827**
 Heart-to-Heart is the partnering of Grace Lutheran Church women in prayer. A connection uniting every woman member with a prayer partner. A phone call, exchanging of cards or e-mails for a birthday, anniversary or holiday and other events in our lives. Our goal is to inspire and to be inspired by our prayer partner. Reaching out and giving uplifting support and encouragement for them with prayer. Heart-to-Heart is a kindred spirit which is creating a bond through the Grace of Christ .
- 13. Day of Doing, First and Third Thursday, 9:00 a.m. -3:00 pm, Aagot Oldre 283-8969 & Ardie Bowen 442-8151**
 Action Activities Our mission is to do Mission Work for the church. We do different projects such as quilting, school kits, health kits, layettes, sweaters, receiving blankets and diapers. We also collect postage stamps, labels from Sure Fine and Campbell's products, greeting card fronts which are recycled by Mary Jane Brown Home. We collect soap(new bars in wrappers) which are sent to Lutheran World Relief. We also sponsor a yearly rummage sale to raise funds to support our other activities. We meet the first, third and fifth Thursday of the month. Please come and join us.
- 14, Bone Builders - Peggy Adams - 283-4605 Or 283-2647**
 Bone builders is a program for older women and men to reduce their osteoporosis risk through proper exercise and nutrition to maintain their independence and quality of life The goal is reached through controlled movements, with or without small weights. Additional goals of the programs include having healthier bones, reducing the risk of falling, increasing strength, improving balance, feeling better, having more energy and the opportunity to socialize.
- 15, Bell Choirs - Dolly Talbert - 283-2991**
 Grace Lutheran has two Bell Choirs. We perform special music for Sunday Worship and special events at Grace and around the community. Each choir performs once a month at Sunday worship. Rehearsals are Monday evening 6:30 and 7:45. Some knowledge of music and strong arms to ring the big bells is required. Please come and join us. Contact Dolly Talbert or any Bell Choir member.

16. Choirs - Jennifer Bakken - 283-4240

Chancel Choir The Chancel Choir consists of a group of people dedicated to praising God and sharing their faith through the ministry of choral music. We welcome all who are interested and willing to sing in a group in front of the congregation. It is helpful to be able to read music, but not required. The Chancel Choir sings at one of the services two times per month with three rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please come and join us. Contact Jennifer Bakken or any Chancel Choir member.

Bread of Life Worship Team The Bread of Life Worship Team assists in worship leadership on the third Sunday of every month. There is only one rehearsal per month on the Wednesday evening prior to worship. The team sings at both worship services and must prepare gathering music, special music and music for offering in addition to hymns and service music. The ability to sing independently and in parts is helpful. Please join us. Contact Jennifer Bakken.

17. "Making Children Mind Without Without Losing Yours" - Naomi Graves - 855-2474 or Jill Wagner - 283-1771

Parents, please join us for the Bible study "Making Children Mind without Losing Yours" by Kevin Leman. We will meet at Grace at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month beginning January 20, 2009. Childcare will be provided (advance notice required). For more information contact the people listed above.