

Grace Lutheran Church

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To the Deadwood City Commission,

Grace Lutheran Church would respectfully like to request funds from your Social Programming Fund.

The Church is active in the community, offering funeral support and meals, support of local fundraising for ill community members as well as community members in financial need. Our goal is to assist the community throughout the year. We held a diaper drive at church from Advent through Epiphany and purchased additional diapers and wipes to support the Bella Pregnancy Center. We support the Boys and Girls Club several times a year and the Lord's cupboard along with many other community needs.

As you know 2024 has been another hard year and inflation has caused hardships for many local families. This year we filled 18 local Lead-Deadwood School children's requests through the Lead Deadwood School counselors' recommendations and many of their family needs from socks and underwear, volleyballs, books, warm clothes and outerwear, warm blankets and pillows, hygiene items to clothes soap, broom and dustpan and toilet paper for over \$2600 in funds.

We would like to request \$2000 to help us help others in the community by providing funds to allow us to continue providing funeral meals, help children and families with food and household insecurity, and help the community when a crisis occurs with our time and funds. We use our Community Outreach First Fruits fund to support many local individuals and groups in need.

Our focus is to help families and the community everyday all year, through Christian outreach, Faith and Grace and the word of God.

Thank you for your consideration in our request for funds.

Sincerely,

P. Jene Laison

René Larson Council Secretary Grace Lutheran Church

With God all things are possible.