

# Glenwood Lutheran Church 2020 Narrative Budget

*A thriving church spreading the gospel and deepening faith for all.*

- Worshipping
- Learning
- Caring
- Reaching Out



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## Faith Formation

God's Spirit calls us to faith. God's Spirit uses all kinds of ways to shape and form us so that we might become the Christ Followers God has made us to be.

Faith is formed through faith practices, people who God uses to touch and teach us, Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Studies - the possibilities are endless.

## Faith Practices

We are a church that is energized by lively engagement in our faith and life. *"Our faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing,"* said Martin Luther. As we share our stories we will discover ways we might grow deeper and wider in the faith and love we know in Jesus Christ. As disciples we are called to: *pray, study, worship, invite, encourage, serve, and give.* Faith practices are ways to live out our faith as we grow in our discipleship.



## Ways to Give

We offer several convenient ways to give financially and of your time and talents. To learn more, contact our church office at 320-634-4514 or visit our website at:

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## Worshipping

**44% of our budget or \$214,394, supports the Ministry of Worship**

*We are a church whose unity is in Jesus Christ, who gathers us around word and water, wine and bread.*

The Ministry of Worship goes beyond the Sunday morning worship service. It involves:

- Pastor's text study in preparation for the sermon, prayers, liturgy, hymns/songs for the Traditional and Praise Band worship services.
- Staff meets every Wednesday for devotion and to pray for the needs of the congregation. The Parish Caller is proofed along with the Church calendar. Ministry needs are discussed; including worship, funerals, weddings, baptisms, scheduled events, hospital and home visits, youth education, and Bible study opportunities, for more info, e-mail staff at: [office@glenwoodlutheran.com](mailto:office@glenwoodlutheran.com)
- Praise Band Service worships at 11:00am during the school year and 10:30am in the City Park June through Labor Day weekend.
- Holy Communion is brought to Senior living facilities on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.
- A lively music ministry, including Praise Band, Adult Choir, SonShine (children's) Choir, JuBELLate Ringers and (children's) Chimers.
- Radio broadcast of every Sunday and mid-week service, live-stream (on Facebook) of some musical events. Visit our web page to listen to past radio broadcasts.



## Learning

### 29% of our budget or \$141,330, supports the Ministry of Learning

We are blessed with around 340 young members from ages 1-19! This is the largest age group in our congregation. The next large group consists of the ages 30-39! Christian education is at the very heart of the church. In the educational process, the Spirit of God encounters people of all ages so that they are nurtured in faith, grow in knowledge and experience, and are inspired and empowered to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

There are numerous educational opportunities at and through GLC:

- **Splash!** Mailings (0 – 3 years)
- **Sunday School** (pre-K - Grade 4)
- **Zones** (Grades 5 to 7)
- **Confirmation** (Grade 8 & 9)
- **Young Adult** (Grades 10-12 )
- **Camping** Ministry through Luther Crest Bible Camp
- **Day Camp** at GLC with Luther Crest Counselors
- **Adult** – Women’s Bible study, Men’s Bible study, Sarah Circle (evening) Bible study, and large group Bible studies
- **Book Club** – meets second Tuesday of every month in the library

***Our education team is always looking for talented individuals to help with our Sunday school, day camps or assist with youth outings.***

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## Caring

### 10% of our budget or \$ 49,533, supports the Ministry of Caring

We have a number of opportunities that our members can request or participate in as part of our Ministry of Caring.



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- If you winter elsewhere, we can have alternative address and contact numbers for “snow birds.”
- We provide weekly bulletin delivery to assisted living facilities and nursing homes.
- **Splash! Mailing** – Sent to new parents. This is monthly newsletter of information about the growth of a child from birth to 3 years, including a CD of age appropriate songs for each year.
- Special Chapel services and Holy Communion Transportation.
- Hospital visits for those who request it, including visitors to our community who are hospitalized or have no church home.
- Work with Pope County Hospice, nursing homes and Ridgewood Villa providing spiritual care.
- Meal Ministry including Meals on Wheels, Lenten Soup suppers, Easter Continental breakfast, Steak by the Lake and Stewardship breakfast.

Prayer Ministry is provided by GLC staff on a weekly basis for people that have requested prayers, those on our public prayer list and ten families of GLC.

## Reaching Out

### 16% of our budget or \$ 76,897, supports the Ministry of Reaching Out

There are several ways that our congregation goes beyond our church walls to share the news of Jesus Christ.

Outreach Ministry includes, but not limited to:

- Worship in the City Park during the summer months.
- Do Day Quilting, Meals on Wheels, Red Cross blood drive, Youth Mission Trips, Visitation ministry to residents in Glenwood Retirement Village.
- Backpack Attack through our elementary school, Health Kits, Lutheran World Relief, World Hunger donations, Local Food Shelf, Our GLC Helps Fund, Lutheran Campus Ministry–Morris, Pope County Hospice Donations.



- Radio broadcast of our church services.
- Endowment Fund donations to ministry needs in the church and community.
- We are an active part of Southwest Minnesota Synod of the ELCA, the Glacial Ridge Conference of our Synod and WELCA Conference.

Our facility is the meeting site for community organizations, luncheons, blood drives, Christmas gift gathering as well as several fundraising benefits.