

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - January 11th— January 18th

The Baptism of Our Lord

Setting: Divine Service, Setting 4 beginning on page 203

Hymns: 590 405 594

Readings: *Isaiah 42:1-9 Romans 6:1-11 Matthew 3:13-17*

Sermon: "Christ, Baptized for You" - Matthew 3:13-17

Praying for: Allen Anderson, Brad Birtell, Dick Block, Elaine Schoening, David Edens, Andrew Gisel, Vicki Thomas, Jack Hartmann, Derek Hartmann, Terry Shelton, Todd Telin, and Steve McWilliams.

We lift up Rev. Beltz, his family, and the congregation of St. John's Lutheran, as he prayerfully considers his two Calls. We pray that both congregations take comfort in knowing the God has a plan for us all.

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 1/4/2026
To fully fund our church budget we need \$7,778.00 per week.

	Amount
Simply Giving	\$ 1,217.00
Tithes & Offering	\$ 5,740.00
Total	\$ 6,957.01

Weekly Shortage \$821.00

Attendance for the week of 1/4/2025

Sunday Worship

8:00 am	49
10:30 am	<u>57</u>
Total	106

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th

8:00 a.m. Service

Pastor James Batchelor

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Duane Hansen

Acolyte: Gavin Birth

10:30 a.m. Service

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Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Jon Betz

Acolyte: Cade Converse &
Kitt Converse

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18th

8:00 a.m. Service

Pastor Kent Umbarger

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Duane Hansen

Acolyte: Brady Dies

10:30 a.m. Service

Pastor Kent Umbarger

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Scott Steffens

Acolyte: Leo Hill

CALENDAR

1/11/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship
1/12/2026	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
1/14/2026	7:00 AM	Board of Finance Meeting
	9:00 AM	Sewing Ladies
	5:30 PM	Confirmation
	7:00 PM	High School Bible Study
1/15/2026		Newsletter Deadline
		Preschool Yoga in Grace Hall
	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
	4:00 PM	Victory Center Service Event
1/16/2026	7:00 PM	LOCK-IN
1/18/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion

*Women
Wine
and the
Word*

Thursday January 22nd
6:30pm
The Varsity Tap
Upstairs Lounge

Join us for an evening
of fellowship with
other women!



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Victory Center

Our next service event meal at the Victory Center in Clinton will be held on January 15th. We still need someone to volunteer to provide a dessert, side dish, and someone to help deliver and serve the meal. Please see the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center.

Grace Lutheran Church
6th-8th Grade

LOCK-IN

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS FOR AN AWESOME NIGHT OF FUN, GAMES, FOOD, MOVIES AND GOD'S WORD. WE ASK THAT EACH PARTICIPANT PLEASE BRING \$5 AND A SNACK FOR THE SNACK TABLE. SOMETHING SWEET OR SALTY, ETC. PIZZA AND DRINKS WILL BE SERVED FRIDAY NIGHT, AND WE WILL HAVE DONUTS FOR BREAKFAST SATURDAY MORNING BEFORE HEADING HOME. CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

SIGN-UP BY JANUARY 11TH BY EMAILING
MR. SPERRY AT MSPERRY@GRACEDEWITT.ORG

**JANUARY 16, 2026 @ 7PM
TO JANUARY 17TH @ 7AM**

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GRACE LUTHERAN SKI TRIP—Make plans to join us on Sunday, January 25th for an evening of fun on the slopes. We're heading to Sundown in Dubuque. **This is open to all Grace members.** Costs are: \$65 for ski rental, lift ticket & lesson; \$70 for Snowboard rental, lift ticket & lesson; or \$45 for lift ticket only. To register go to <https://undownmtn.com> and navigate to the "More" Tab across the top of the page. Next select "Store" on the top bar of options. From there at the bottom of the next page will be a tile that says "EZ Groups", click on that. You will need the following code to register as part of our group: GLY26. All registrations and payment must be submitted by Sunday, January 18th. After that date the site will close and no further registrations will be accepted.

Event Registration Deadlines

6th-8th Grade Lock In
Register by January 11th

Family Ski Trip
Register by January 18th

THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE for Grace Lutheran Church will be accepting grant applications starting January 11th through March 15, 2026. Applications for projects which provide support to missions, education, youth, worship, and music and/or capital projects will be considered.

Dear Saints of Grace Lutheran Church,

From my family to you all: Thank you! Your generosity towards us over the last several months has been a great encouragement to us. I count it a great joy and privilege to serve your homebound members with Christ's Word and Sacraments. We are particularly grateful for the recent outpouring of gifts and cards to us to commemorate the birth of Christ-- Though I must say that even more heartening are the many occasions in which I have gotten to see your love and care for one another in Christ. You look out for one another (especially for the weak and needy among you) and have in mind the souls of your fellow saints above all. That is a great encouragement to me in my work and life. God's peace be with you, in the Name of Christ who was born, died and rose for you.

-Pastor Dolde

The 2026 Altar Flower calendar is on the Welcome Center. Bouquets can be donated in honor of or in memory of persons or events. Each bouquet is \$30 and there are two bouquets available each week. Please sign up for your preferred dates and place your payment in the secretary's door. You may purchase one or both bouquets.

We hope that we have flowers every week, but we know that there are Sundays when the arrangements have not been spoken for. It is these Sundays when you will not see arrangements on the altar. To assist the church in having arrangements every Sunday there is another way you can help. Donate money to our flower fund. We will then use the money in the flower fund, to cover the cost of flowers when they have not been spoken for.

Sanctity of Life

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG & DIAPER DRIVE

To Bring awareness to the Sanctity of Human Life, Grace is holding a Baby Bottle Boomerang during the month of January. All donations will go to the Clinton Crisis Pregnancy Center.



Baby Bottle Boomerang

- 1.) Take an empty baby bottle.
- 2.) Fill it up with coins, bills or checks (made payable to Crisis Pregnancy Center).
- 3.) Return bottle to the display at Church by January 25th.

If you don't want to take a bottle you can place donations in the large baby bottle or take an envelope and place it in the secretary's mail slot with your donation.

January 4th—January 25th

Diaper Drive

We are collecting the following items:

- ♦ Diapers & Pullups
 - ♦ Baby Wipes
 - ♦ Baby Shampoo
 - ♦ Baby Lotion
 - ♦ Baby Wash
 - ♦ Baby Bottles
- ♦ Comb and Bush Set
 - ♦ Formula
- ♦ Kid's Toothpaste

Place your donations in the pack-n-play in the foyer.



To bring awareness to the Sanctity of Human Life, Grace is holding a Baby Bottle Boomerang and Diaper Drive during the month of January. Each family is encouraged to pick up an empty baby bottle from the church and fill it with change, bills or checks during the month of January. All bottles (full or empty) need to be returned to the church on January 25. We will also hold a diaper drive throughout January for donations to the Clinton Crisis Pregnancy Center boutique. All donations can be placed in the pack and play in the church foyer.

GRACE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL



TRIVIA NIGHT & RAFFLE

SATURDAY
MARCH 28TH

MURPHY'S EVENT CENTER
2430 12TH ST COURT, DE WITT

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM TRIVIA STARTS AT 6:30 PM
\$80 PER TABLE / TABLES OF 8 PLAYERS
BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS/CASH BAR AVAILABLE

Reserved for teams of 8 players (18+ YEARS)
Contact KERRY: phone 563-659-9153 / preschool@gracedewitt.org

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