Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes



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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE – November 1st – November 8th

All Saints Sunday

Setting: Divine Service, Setting 3, beginning on page 184

Hymns: 677 563 594 618 617 917

Readings: *Revelations 7:9-17* *1 John 3:1-5* *Matthew 5:1-12*

Sermon: "Be-Attitudes" – Matthew 5:1-12

Praying For: Allan Anderson, Brad Birtell, Dick Block, David Edens, Betsy Henningsen, Mary Krapl, Matthew Soenksen, Maribeth Penningroth, Barb Billhorn, and Barb Wold.

CALENDAR

11/1/2026		"Mites" Sunday
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship/Communion
	2:00 PM	High School Youth Group
11/2/2026	1:00 PM	500 Card Club
	6:00 PM	Board of Discipleship
	6:00 PM	Elders Meeting
	7:00 PM	Voter's Call Meeting
11/4/2026	9:00 AM	Sewing Ladies
	5:30 PM	Confirmation
	6:30 PM	Grace Choir
	7:00 PM	Cantata Practice
	7:00 PM	High School Bible Study
11/5/2026	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
11/8/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 10/25/2026. To fully fund the church budget, we need $7,929.00 per week.

Weekly Offering $ 6,269.00

Weekly Shortage $ 1,660.00

Attendance for the week of 10/25/2026

Sunday Worship

8:00 am	68
10:30 am	68
Total	**136**

Sunday School Attendance - 10/25/2026 - 20

Those in Service

Sunday, November 1st

8:00 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Clint Albrecht
Acolyte: Adelynn Williams

10:30 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Scott Steffens
Acolyte: Brynlee Dies

Sunday, November 8th

8:00 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Clint Albrecht
Acolyte: James Gruntorad

10:30 a.m. Service
Pastor Merle Warnsholz
Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Scott Steffens
Acolyte: Ryleigh Spain



Altar flowers were given in memory of Elsie Soenksen on her heavenly birthday.

Voter's Meetings Announcement

We invite all voting members to join us for two important upcoming meetings:

- **Monday, November 2nd @ 7:00 pm** – The purpose of this meeting will be to prayerfully consider placing a Pastoral Call.
- **Monday, November 9th @ 7:00 pm** – This meeting will focus on approving the 2027 budget and electing Board Members. (Copies of the proposed budget are on the Welcome Center.)

Your participation is vital as we seek God's guidance and work together to serve His mission.



Join Us in Celebration

Please join us on Sunday, November 15, 2026 to honor Jean Passig's 90th birthday!

Stop by 1301 Maynard Way, DeWitt, IA anytime between 1:30 PM and 3:30 PM.

Your presence is the greatest gift — no gifts, please.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

send Good News and Great Joy

The Operation Christmas Child shoebox drive is still under-way. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

How can you help?

1) Monetary donations can be left in the "Little White Church" in the foyer through November 15th.

2) Fill a shoebox as full as possible with gifts for a boy or girl. A child only receives one OCC shoebox in their lifetime so make it great!

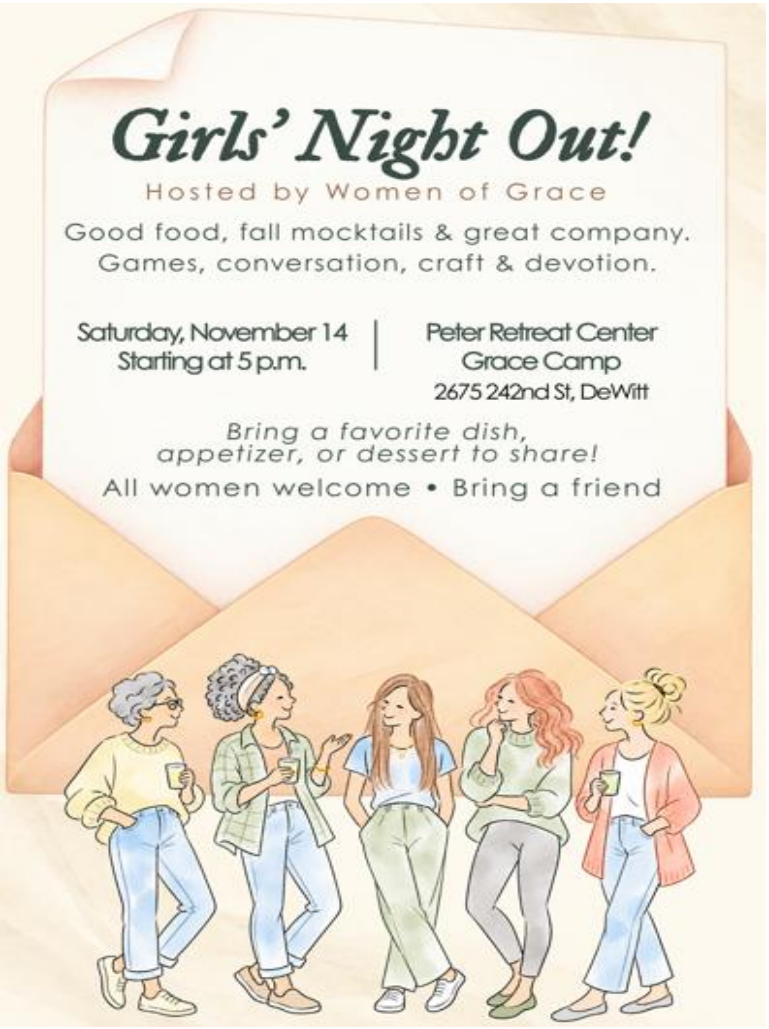
3) Build a shoebox online at the Grace Lutheran Church goal page on the Operation Christmas Child website

4) Pray for this mission, the children, churches and all those who share their love through this mission.



This year, we have the ability to **Build a Shoebox online** for those who are not able to get to the store or just don't have the time. With a $30 online donation, you can pick out items to build a shoebox, which will be sent to a child and give them the opportunity to hear the Gospel. To get started, visit the Grace Lutheran Church goal page on the Operation Christmas Child website by going to https://sampur.se/4y9hYmN or scanning the above QR code. Please contact Kristy Engelkes at 563-210-2462 if you need help or have any questions.

Please stop by the bulletin board in the church foyer for more information and to pick up a box to fill. **All shoeboxes need to be returned on or before November 15th**.



Victory Center Service Event Thursday, November 19th

We're excited to share that our next **Victory Center Service Event** is coming up on **Thursday, November 19th**! This time, we'll be serving comforting **soup** to our guests, along with delicious sides and desserts.

If you can contribute, whether by cooking, baking, or lending a hand, your generosity will make a big difference. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Be the First Smile They See!

Do you have a friendly smile and a heart for making people feel at home? We're looking for Greeters to welcome members and visitors before our worship services. Please arrive 20 minutes before the service to greet with a smile, a handshake, or a kind word.

Sign up today on the sheet located at the Welcome Center and help make someone's Sunday extra special!