

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE – March 15th – March 22nd

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Setting: Divine Service, Setting 4, beginning on page 203

Hymns: 841 571 440 617 744

Small Group directed by Julie Matzen - "Poor, Wayfaring Stranger"

Readings: *Isaiah 42:14-21* *Ephesians 5:8-14* *John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39*

Sermon: "Karma or Grace"

Praying For: Allen Anderson, Brad Birtell, Dick Block, Elaine Schoening, David Edens, Andrew Gisel, Vicki Thomas, and Betsy Henningsen.

We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Terri Shelton, who the Lord called to Himself this past week.

CALENDAR

3/15/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
3/16/2026	1:00 PM	500 Card Club
	7:00 PM	Youth Board Meeting
3/18/2026	11:00 AM	Lent Worship
		Lenten Meal - Turkey & Dressing
	5:30 PM	Sandwiches
	7:00 PM	Lent Worship
	7:45 PM	Choir Practice
3/19/2026	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	9:30 AM	Stay Active Senior Exercise Group
	4:00 PM	Victory Center Service Event
3/20/2026		Church Office Closed
3/22/2026	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship

Trivia Night Fundraiser - Join Us!!

Please join us for a fun night of Trivia on March 28th at 6:30 pm. You still have time to get a table for the Preschool Trivia Night Fundraiser. \$80 per table of 8 players. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

Call the church office at 563-659-9153 or email preschool@gracedewitt.org to reserve your table.

The deadline to submit articles for the April Newsletter is today, March 15th.

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 3/8/2026. To fully fund the church budget, we need \$7,929.00 per week.

	Amount
Simply Giving	\$ 1,553.00
Lenten Services	\$ 1,810.00
Tithes & Offerings	<u>\$ 3,954.00</u>
Total	\$ 7,317.00

Weekly Shortage \$612.00

Attendance for the week of 3/1/2026

Wednesday

11:00 am 49

7:00 pm 31

Sunday Worship

8:00 am 82

10:30 am 64

Total 226

Sunday, March 15th

8:00 a.m. Service

Pastor Kent Umbarger

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Paul Kirby

Acolyte: Zanyel Barys

10:30 a.m. Service

Pastor Kent Umbarger

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Jon Betz

Acolyte: Emmett Rickertsen

Wednesday, March 18th

11:00 a.m. Service

Pastor James Batchelor

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Duane Hansen & Allen Rugeberg

7:00 p.m. Service

Pastor Kent Umbarger

Organist: Christine Boudro

Elder: Lucas Rickertsen

Acolyte: Cade Converse & Kitt Converse

Sunday, March 22nd

8:00 a.m. Service

Pastor James Batchelor

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Paul Kirby

Acolyte: Brady Dies

10:30 a.m. Service

Pastor James Batchelor

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Jon Betz

Acolyte: Leo Hill

Join us during Lent for worship on Wednesdays at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

We invite you to share in fellowship over a Lenten meal. The Youth Board will be preparing turkey and dressing sandwiches.

Come, worship, and prepare your heart for the journey to Easter. All are welcome!



Peace Beyond Measure

A Christian Women's Retreat

Saturday, April 25

9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Doors open at 9:00 AM

Grace Camp at the Peter Retreat Center
2675 242nd Street • DeWitt, Iowa

Cost: \$20

Lunch & Beverages Included

*Join us for a day of renewal, encouragement,
and Christ-centered connection.*

Open to all women.

Organized by the Women of Grace.

To register, call or text Kristy
563-210-2462



Speaker:
Michelle Diercks
Author/Christian
Life Coach

Sunday, March 15th is the last day to submit an endowment application!

The Endowment Committee for Grace Lutheran Church is accepting grant applications through March 15th. Applications for projects which provide support to missions, education, youth, worship, music and/or capital projects will be considered. Fill out the application, located on the Welcome Center, and drop it into the office mail slot.

Women's Bible Study

Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m.
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
MEETING ROOM ONE

Join us for coffee, fellowship & our continued study of "Promised Hope" with author Michelle Diercks.

Please Join Us

- ◆ Sunday, March 15, 2026
- ◆ Sunday, April 12, 2026
- ◆ Sunday, April 19, 2026
- ◆ Sunday, April 26, 2026
- ◆ Sunday, May 10, 2026

Women Wine and the Word



Thursday March 26th
6:30pm

The Varsity Tap
Upstairs Lounge

Join us for an evening
of fellowship with
other women!



Referral Center Donations

We continue to collect monthly donations for the Referral Center as the need is great. The referral center can always use pasta, Hamburger Helper, kid-friendly cereal, condiments, and toothpaste. All donations can be left in the shopping cart located in the foyer.

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Note: This space is upstairs. If this type of event interests you but accessibility is an issue, please contact Rachael at 563-593-2393 so we can plan with that in mind for future events.