

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - January 1st—January 8th

First Sunday after Christmas

Setting: Divine Service Setting 4, pg. 203

Hymns: 670 733 365 392 383 725

Bell Choir directed by Laura Swanson - "Joy to the World"

Scripture: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:22-40

Sermon: "He Belongs to Me"

Praying for: Dick Broadfoot, Allen Anderson, and Tyler Stamp.

Calendar

1/1/2023	"Mites" Sunday NO Sunday School or Adult Bible Class
	9:00 AM Traditional Worship w/ Communion
1/2/2023	No Preschool - Office Closed
	6:00 PM Board of Discipleship
	6:30 PM Elders Meeting
1/3/2023	Church Office Open 8-Noon No Preschool - Christmas Break
1/4/2023	Church Office Open 8-Noon No Preschool - Christmas Break
	6:30 PM Cantata Performance at Fieldstone
	7:00 PM Worship
1/5/2023	9:00 AM Tops Meeting
1/6/2023	8:00 AM Trustees Board Meeting
1/8/2023	Fellowship Sunday
	8:00 AM Traditional Worship
	9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM Traditional Worship
	11:00 AM Take Down Christmas Decorations
	1:00 PM Cantata Performance at Grand Haven

Chancel Care Team Meeting

Please, mark your calendar for Monday, January 9th at 9:00 am. We will be having a meeting to review the yearly calendar and re-evaluate responsibilities.

THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE for Grace Lutheran Church will be accepting grant applications starting January 1 through March 15, 2023. Applications for projects which provide support to missions, education, youth, worship, and music and/or capital projects will be considered.

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 12/25/2022

To fully fund our church budget we need
\$6,426.00 per week.

	Amount
Tithes & Offering	\$ 1,770.00
Advent Offering	\$ 252.00
Christmas Eve	\$ 1,618.00
Christmas Day	\$ 2,428.00
New Years Eve	\$ 35.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,335.00
Total	\$ 7,438.00

Attendance for the week of 12/18/2022

Advent Service	
7:00 p.m.	50
Christmas Eve	
6:00 p.m.	90
10:00 p.m.	70
Christmas Day	
9:00 a.m.	64
Total	274

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st

9:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Alan Rugeberg
Acolyte: Ben Paarmann

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4th

7:00 p.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Scott Steffens

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8th

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Alan Rugeberg
Acolyte: Kyle Pillers

10:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Alan Rugeberg
Acolyte: Emeri Ralston

Church Voters Meeting

Monday, January 9th
@ 7:00 p.m.

Camp Annual Board Meeting

Monday, January 9th
following Church Voters Meeting
@ Grace Lutheran Church

Please come and support
the church and camp.

Key Record Keeping

The beginning of the year is always a great time to update records. Starting in January, if you have a key to the church, you are asked to bring it into the church office so that we can update our records. You will need to show your key to Kerry, so that she can obtain the information needed for our records. If you have a key and do not need it, we ask that you turn it into the church office. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Sunday, January 15th during worship services we will be installing officers. We ask all 2023 Board Members to participate.

Put Away Christmas

Please, join us around 11 am on Sunday, January 8th to help us take down our Christmas trees and displays.

All Board Meeting

All Board Members are asked to attend the All Board Meeting on Monday, January 30th at 6:00 p.m. We will be discussing the mission and vision of the church.

SR. HIGH

Our Midweek Bible study will resume on January 11th @ 7:00 pm at the Sperry's. I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you soon!

CLUB 345 - SAVE THE DATE!

Our next event will be **Sunday, January 29th from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm** at the G*Y*M Building out at Grace Camp. Look for more information coming soon.



We can hardly believe that it is already January. This month we will learn about Winter, snowmen, ice, and transportation. The 3's will also begin their study of shapes, while the 4's will continue their unit on letters.

We will be celebrating National Lutheran Schools week, January 23rd—17th. We look forward to fun dress up days!

As we look ahead to celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week we reflect on the changes that have taken place in the Preschool wing. We were excited to see the work the Trustees and the contractors have done. They removed the old flooring, ceiling tiles, and brick walls to allow for construction to begin.

As we look ahead to our expanding preschool program and the needs of that program, we have created a wish list. This is a list of items needed to provide a safe and educational environment for our students. During, January the "little white church" will be out to collect donations which will be used to purchase items off this list.

If you enjoy shopping and want to purchase items directly off the wish list, scan the QR Code. This code will allow you to look at the list. You can then purchase and send directly to the Preschool. We thank everyone for their continued support of the Preschool.



MIDDLE SCHOOL (6th-8th Grades) LOCK-IN

Attention all 6th – 8th graders. Join us **Friday, January 13th** for a LOCK-IN. The theme for this year's event is **NO FEAR!**

Invite your friends for an awesome night of fun, games, food, movies and God's Word. The deadline to sign-up is **Sunday, January 8th**. **To sign-up please write your name down on the sheet posted outside of Mr. Sperry's office.** We ask that each participant please bring 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.

SKI TRIP

Our annual Youth Ski Trip to Sundown Mountain in Dubuque is **January 22nd**. Please get a permission slip from the folder on the bulletin board outside of Mr. Sperry's office. Registration and payment is being done online at www.Sundownmtn.com. Click on the **Groups** tab and then click **EZGroupLink** and enter the following code: **Grace**. Please make sure to do your registration and payment by **January 15th**, as they will close the link on that date. We will need several more adults to help drive, so if you're willing and available, please contact Mark Sperry.