

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - January 24th - January 31st

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Setting: Divine Service Setting 4, pg 203

Hymns: 712 685 658

Scripture: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

Sermon: "The Reign"

Praying for:

Ron Jurgensen, Ronnie Peters,
Esther Schroeder, Loren Hass,
Carol Schunter, and Rev. Bob
Bartel

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 1/17/2020

*To fully fund our church budget
we need \$6,238.00 per week.*

	Amount
Tithes & Offering	\$ 5,411.00
Weekly Surplus	(827.00)
YTD Surplus	1,394.00

Attendance for the week of 1/17/2020

	Attendance
Sunday Service	
8:00 a.m.	75
10:30 a.m.	44
Wednesday Service	
7:00 p.m.	<u>14</u>
Total	133

THOSE IN SERVICE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24th

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Ray Ackerman
Acolyte: Adalyn Appleby

10:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Scott Havener

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27th

7:00 p.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Scott Steffens

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31st

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Ray Ackerman
Acolyte: Kamryn Albrecht

10:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Scott Havener
Acolyte: Hatti Rickertsen

Scripture Reflections:

Mark 1:14-15 – "... Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.'" To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith. Where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper faith?



PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTINUE
GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH
DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME

Remember the ways to give:

- 1.) Bill pay from your bank.
- 2.) Download the Give+ mobile app on your phone to make giving easy.
- 3.) Mail checks directly to Grace Church, PO Box 156, DeWitt, IA.
- 4.) Use the link on our website, www.gracedewitt.org, for online giving.

Special Voters Meeting Sunday, January 31st after the 8:00 AM Service

For the purpose of voting on the District & Synodical Convention Referendum.


Shall the Synod add a year to the current 2019-2022 triennium, allowing districts to hold their conventions in either 2021 or 2022, and moving the upcoming national Synod Convention from 2022 to 2023: [Thereafter, the triennium cycle will continue forward from 2023 in three-year increments, as before (i.e., with district conventions held in 2025, 2028, etc., and Synod Conventions held in 2026, 2029, etc.).]

Calendar

1/24/2021	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship
	2:00 PM	Youth Ski Trip
1/25/2021	6:30 PM	Board of Christian Education
1/27/2021	5:30 PM	Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Worship/Communion
	7:00 PM	Senior High Bible Study
1/28/2021	7:00 PM	Women of Grace Bible Study
1/31/2021	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship/Comm
	9:00 AM	Special Voter's Meeting
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship/Communion
2/1/2021	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
2/3/2021	8:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	5:30 PM	Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Senior High Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Wednesday Worship



We are going to postpone our first CLUB345 event for now. Once we feel we can do it safely, we'll be sure to share details.



Prayer Chain

Are you interested in being part of the prayer life here at Grace. Let the church office know, so that we can get a prayer chain started. As Pastor learns of needs, he will initiate the prayer and pass it on.

If you have missed receiving communion, you are invited to call the church office, 563-659-9153, to schedule a time for Pastor Eric to bring communion to you.

The 2021 Altar Flower calendar is now available. To sign-up, we are asking that you call the church office or stop in during the week and speak with Kerry. Bouquets can be donated in honor of or in memory of persons or events. Each bouquet is \$27 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.

SUPER SNACK SALE FUNDRAISER

The Jr. & Sr. High youth will be selling snacks on Sunday, February 7th between services to make your party complete. Please consider purchasing some snacks and supporting Grace Lutheran Youth Ministry plans.

THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE for Grace Lutheran Church will be accepting grant applications starting January 1 through March 15, 2021. Applications for projects which provide support to missions, education, youth, worship, and music and/or capital projects will be considered. Applications located on Welcome Center.

Chancel Care News:

The purchase of new Red and Purple Parament sets have been made and arrived in October. Now all sets have been updated with replacement sets for Green and White sets placed into service in the spring of 2019. The cost of these paraments was covered by some endowment funds and memorials received from families of Grace.

Part of Chancel Care involves caring for the altar, clothes, vases, and candles. The tapestry and curtain behind the altar are also in need of replacement. As history has proven, these drapes have changed about every 20 years. So in 2021, it will be about 20 years since the tapestry was added to the altar decor. We are looking at removing the curtain and updating the chancel area with a coat of paint and possibly a new cross. We hope the focus of the refreshed chancel area will be on the cross and all that it stands for....what Jesus did for us by dying on that cross so that we have eternal life with Him forever and ever.

Thank you to all Chancel Care volunteers and also those new persons who have agreed to join the group. Your devotion to the duties of caring for our chancel area is most appreciated by all members of Grace.