

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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Office Hours: M-TH 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 F 8:00 a.m. - Noon

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - December 13th - December 20th

Third Sunday in Advent

Setting: Divine Service Setting 4, pg 203

Hymns: 338 343 332

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sermon: "Overcoming Darkness"



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

THOSE IN SERVICE -

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
 Elder: Clint Albrecht
 Acolyte: Emma Pillers

10:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
 Elder: Scott Havener
 Acolyte: Caitlin Proctor

Wed - 7:00 p.m. Service

Elder: Scott Steffens
 Acolyte: Remi Ruggeberg

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20th

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
 Elder: Clint Albrecht
 Acolyte: Lauren Walker

10:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
 Elder: Scott Havener
 Acolyte: Jackson Butler

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th

4:00 p.m. Service

Organist: Tasha Becker
 Acolyte: Kinley Birt

7:00 p.m. Service

Organist: Tasha Becker
 Acolyte: Hudson Krukow

10:00 p.m. Service

Organist: Tasha Becker
 Acolyte: Mallory McMahan

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 12/6/2020

*To fully fund our church budget
 we need \$6,000.00 per week.*

	<i>Amount</i>
Tithes & Offering	\$ 7,106.00
Weekly Surplus	1,106.00
YTD Shortfall	(13,208.54)

Attendance for the week of 12/6/2020

	Attendance
Sunday Service	
8:00 a.m.	65
10:30 a.m.	37
Wednesday Service	
11:00 a.m.	24
7:00 p.m.	<u>38</u>
Total	164

Christmas Cards have arrived! There is a variety of Christmas, sympathy, thinking of you, get well, birthday cards and much more available for purchase upstairs in the foyer. Please take a moment to see the wide assortment of cards and napkins displayed.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our Faithful Church Friends from The Pregnancy Center in Clinton.

Thank you so much to everyone who has given, prayed, and supported The Pregnancy Center in Clinton over this past year! And what a year it was. Despite everything that has gone on in the past year, 2020 has been fruitful in ways that are only feasible because it is the Lord's work we are doing! As we approach the year-end we are asking you to consider giving a year-end gift? To find out more information on our Center or to give a gift please visit our website: www.pregnancycenterclinton.org

*All gifts given by December 31st
 at 11:59pm will be tax deductible.*



The DeWitt Referral Center needs children size coats, boots, and snow pants. These are items the children need to have to go outside for recess. If you would like to assist them with these donations, they can be dropped off at the Referral Center. They would like you to call ahead at 563-659-9612 as they have a limit to the number of people that can be in their center.

Calendar

12/13/2020	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship
	4:30 PM	Youth Caroling & Pizza Party
12/14/2020	6:00 PM	Board of Discipleship Meeting
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
12/15/2020		Newsletter Deadline
	6:30 PM	Camp Board Meeting
12/16/2020	11:00 AM	Advent Worship
	5:30 PM	Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Advent Worship
12/17/2020	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study
12/19/2020		Hall Rental
12/20/2020	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship/Comm
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship/Communion

Expression of Gratitude

The Elders will be collecting contributions for a Christmas Offering for Pastor Eric and DCE Mark Sperry as an expression of congregational gratitude for their dedicated service to the Lord and His church. The gifts will be presented to them during the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

The wooden collection box will be available in the narthex from December 13th—December 20th. for everyone wishing to contribute or for your own personal Christmas greetings.

Proceeds will be equally shared by the Pastor and DCE, unless anyone wishes to designate specific amounts to each. If so, please place your gifts in separate envelopes marked for "Pastor Eric" or Mr. Sperry.

If you would like to mail your Christmas greetings they can be mailed to: Grace Lutheran Church, "name of individual", PO BOX 156, DeWitt, IA 52742.



Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Communion Service
December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

10:00 p.m. Communion Service
December 24th

Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Communion Service
December 25th

New Year's Eve LOCK-IN

Attention all High School and college-aged students. Join us Thursday, December 31st for a New Year's Eve LOCK-IN here at church. It won't be the same as being at Winter Camp, but we have a night full of fun activities and food planned, so don't miss out. To register please go to: www.gracedewitt.org and click on the New Year's Eve LOCK-IN link. There is no cost for this event, but we ask that everyone bring a sweet or salty treat for the Snack Table.

Registration Deadline: December 20th.

REFERRAL CENTER COLLECTION

We are collecting items for the Referral Center. Donations can be left in the display in the foyer.

CHRISTMAS TREES are available for sale at the Grace Camp Christmas Tree Farm. The Tree Farm will be open every Saturday and Sunday through, December 20th. Camp Board Members will be available to assist you with tree purchases. If no one is there to help you, you can slide your cash or check in the mail slot by the door at the tree shed.