

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 27th- January 3rd

First Sunday after Christmas

Setting: Divine Service Setting 4, pg 203

Hymns: 379 388 367 387

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

Sermon: "Jesus, Opening Hearts"



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

THOSE IN SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Clint Albrecht

Acolyte: Ashton Schneider

10:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Scott Havener

Acolyte: Ashlie Oronzio

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3rd

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Ray Ackerman

Acolyte: Noah Sunday

10:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Scott Havener

Acolyte: Landre Rugeberg

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6th

8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Scott Steffens

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 12/20/2020

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

	<i>Amount</i>
Tithes & Offering	\$ 12,779.00
Weekly Surplus	6,779.00
YTD Shortfall	(6,075.54)

Attendance for the week of 12/20/2020

	Attendance
Sunday Service	
8:00 a.m.	71
10:30 a.m.	51
Total	122

GRACE LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT — To make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our church, communities and world.

REFERRAL CENTER

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

Grace Endowment Fund - With December 31, 2020, approaching, it is a good time for everyone to review your financial position and make adjustments in preparation for Federal and State income taxes. Charitable contributions can reduce tax liabilities. The Endowment Committee is asking everyone to include the Endowment Fund in your year-end contributions. Each year the requests that the Endowment Committee receives for funds far exceed the amount available. If the Endowment Fund grows, more money becomes available for distribution. This fund will provide income year after year for projects supporting missions, education, youth, worship, music, and capital improvements that help our church-run and grow.

Church Voters Meeting

Monday, January 11th

@ 7:00 p.m.

Camp Annual Board Meeting

**Monday, January 11th following
Church Voters Meeting**

@ Grace Lutheran Church

Please come and support
the church and camp.

We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of John "Jack" Arey whom the Lord called to Himself this past week.

Calendar

12/27/2020	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship
1/2/2021		Hall Rental
1/3/2021		"Mites" Sunday
	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship/Comm
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship/Communion
1/4/2021	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
1/6/2021	8:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	5:30 PM	Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Worship
	7:00 PM	Senior High Bible Study

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.



**PLEASE REMEMBER
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GIVING TO YOUR**

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.



All of the Women of Grace are invited to join us for a new Bible Study starting on Thursday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. in Grace Fellowship Hall. The cost of the study will be \$15.00. Please let Michelle Diercks (563-357-4018) know by December 30, so she can order the books for our study.

Here is more about the Study:

Sure, we find joy in our triumphs, but not so much in the trials. Yet real joy, genuine joy, is always ours in the saving grace of Christ Jesus.

This close look at Paul's Letter to the Philippians, the "letter of joy," unpacks messages of contentment, confidence, humility, and hope—all found in Christ and infused with joy—in the mountaintop moments *and* in the mundane.



CLUB345 provides opportunities for our 3rd, 4th & 5th graders (and friends) to grow in their faith through activities, games, service projects, and more!

SAVE THE DATE!

Our first quarterly event will be held on **Sunday, January 31, 2021**, from 3pm-5pm at Grace Lutheran Camp (G*Y*M Building). ALL 3rd, 4th & 5th graders are welcome!

More details to follow. Please look for our group page, "Club345 at Grace Lutheran Church" on Facebook. For more information, contact Mark Sperry at the church office or reach out to Rachael Vopatek or Amy Meyers. Please help to spread the word!

"We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance."

2 Thessalonians 3:4-5 NIV